

Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EURUSD

EUR/USD strives to retrace its recent losses, trading slightly higher near 1.0850 during the Asian session on Wednesday. However, the Euro (EUR) encountered downward pressure following the preliminary Consumer Confidence released by the European Commission on Tuesday, indicating a decrease in consumer trust regarding economic activity.

GBPUSD

The GBP/USD pair recovers its recent losses during the early Asian trading hours on Wednesday. The major pair has flirted with four-day lows near around 1.2650 and rebounded to nearly the 1.2700 mark. Investors await the release of January's UK advanced Manufacturing and Services PMI for fresh impetus.

USDJPY

The (JPY) ticks higher on Wednesday and for now, seems to have stalled the overnight retracement slide from a one-week high, albeit lacks follow-through buying. The (BoJ) Governor comments during the conference suggested that conditions for phasing out huge stimulus and pulling short-term interest rates out of negative territory were falling into place. This, along with the risk of a further escalation of geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and the uncertain global outlook, turn out to be key factors underpinning the safe-haven JPY.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0864	1.0866	1.0848	0.09	-0.17	-1.59
GBP-USD	1.2702	1.2704	1.2677	0.12	0.21	-0.23
USD-JPY	147.92	148.40	147.76	-0.29	0.16	-4.65
USD-CHF	0.8691	0.8708	0.8690	-0.13	-0.54	-3.19
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	2025.37	2030.15	2022.89	-0.19	0.95	-1.82
Silver	22.46	22.47	22.34	0.06	-0.44	-5.62
Crude Oil	74.48	74.60	74.20	0.15	2.76	3.67
Bitcoin	39699.24	40226.91	39168.84	1.27	-4.57	-6.61
Etherium	2221.50	2254.28	2201.57	0.89	-10.67	-2.66
Period	1 M	3 M	12 M			
EURIBOR	3.86	3.95	3.67			
SOFR	5.34	5.32	4.83			
Notes/Bonds	2 Y	10 Y	30 Y			
US	4.33	4.12	4.35			
BTP - BUND	0.51	1.57	1.99			
GILTS	4.38	3.99	4.58			

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The S&P 500 climbed to a record high close on Tuesday as investors digested a mixed bag of early quarterly results and awaited a slew of additional reports from Tesla and other companies later this week. Verizon up after upbeat FY forecast.

EUROPE

European equities ended lower on Tuesday as investors refrained from making big bets ahead of the European Central Bank's policy meeting later this week, while advancing mining stocks helped limit losses. Swatch slips after 2023 results miss.

ASIA

Most Asian stocks retreated on Wednesday as mixed signals from the Bank of Japan spurred some profit-taking in Japanese markets, while Hong Kong stocks rebounded sharply on a tech-fueled rally led by Alibaba Group.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	37905.45	-0.25	1.39	0.57	38112.00	0.07
S&P	4864.60	0.29	2.31	1.99	4907.75	0.29
Nasdaq	15425.94	0.43	2.89	2.76	17615.00	0.50
DJ EuroStoxx50	4465.91	-0.32	-1.23	-1.23	4522.00	0.76
FTSE 100	7485.73	-0.03	-2.75	-3.20	7504.00	0.23
CAC 40	7388.04	-0.34	-2.39	-2.06	7361.10	N/A
DAX	16627.09	-0.34	-0.47	-0.74	16847.00	0.62
IBEX 35	9859.20	-1.09	-2.50	-2.40	9839.80	N/A
FTSE MIB	30077.46	-0.35	-0.91	-0.90	30239.00	N/A
Nikkei	36517.57	-0.80	9.22	8.25	36230.00	-0.79
Hang Seng	15353.98	1.68	-4.46	-8.42	15626.00	2.05
DFM General	4107.52	0.71	2.83	1.89	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	12105.33	-0.04	3.55	1.15	N/A	N/A
Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	74.85	76.90	73.05	0.81	-6.44	-15.99
Solidere B	74.00	74.00	74.00	-4.88	-7.38	-17.73

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Netflix subscribers surge as revenue beats estimates

Netflix said that its fourth-quarter subscriber additions surged, topping its own forecast and sending its stock more than 7% higher in after-hours trading. The subscriber additions of 13.12 million beat Netflix's own forecast of about 9 million with full-year 2023 net additions sitting at roughly 30 million. The company had added 7.67 million paying users in Q4 2022. Revenue beat Wall Street estimates of \$8.71 billion to hit \$8.83 billion in the quarter, an increase of 12.5% compared to the same period last year, as the streamer leaned on revenue initiatives like its crackdown on password sharing and ad-supported tier, in addition to the recent price hikes on certain subscription plans. Netflix guided to first quarter revenue of \$9.24 billion, roughly on par with consensus expectations of \$9.28 billion. (EPS) slightly missed estimates in the quarter with the company reporting EPS of \$2.11, below consensus expectations of \$2.20. The company reported EPS of \$0.12 in the year-ago period. Still, Netflix guided to first quarter EPS of \$4.49, ahead of consensus calls for \$4.09. Profitability metrics also came in strong with operating margins sitting at 16.9% for the fourth quarter and 21% for full-year 2023, ahead of the company's 20% target. The company increased its free cash flow to \$6.9 billion for full-year 2023, ahead of Netflix's guidance of \$6.5 billion amid the impact of last year's double Hollywood strikes.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Tesla, Inc.	TSLA US	\$663.7 B	24-Jan-23	After-mkt	0.60	1.07
ASML Holding	ASML US	\$302.5 B	24-Jan-23	Pre-mkt	5.12	4.70
Abbot Laboratorie	ABT US	\$198.2 B	24-Jan-23	Pre-mkt	1.19	1.03
International Busi	IBM US	\$157.8 B	24-Jan-23	After-mkt	3.76	3.60
AT&T Inc.	T US	\$120.1 B	24-Jan-23	Pre-mkt	0.55	0.61

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(24-01-23) JP- Imports YoY DEC; Exports YoY DEC
(24-01-23) FR- HCOB Composite, Services, Manufacturing PMI JAN preliminar
(24-01-23) DE- HCOB Composite, Services, Manufacturing PMI JAN preliminar
(24-01-23) EA- HCOB Manufacturing, Services, Compoiste PMI JAN preliminar
(24-01-23) GB- S&P Global/CIPS Composite, Services, Manufacturing PMI JAN
(24-01-23) US- S&P Global Services, Manufacturing PMI JAN preliminar
(24-01-23) CA- BoC Monetary Policy Statement

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