Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS (Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD
EUR/USD depreciates after registering around 1% gains in the previous session, trading around 1.1700 during the Asian hours on Monday. However, the downside of the pair could be limited as the US Dollar (USD) may continue to lose ground amid rising likelihood of a Federal Reserve (Fed) interest rate cut in September, driven by the comments from Fed Chair Jerome Powell at the Jackson Hole symposium on Friday.

GBP/USD
The GBP/USD pair faces some selling pressure around 1.3500 during the Asian session on Monday. The major pair edges lower amid the renewed US Dollar (USD) demand. However, dovish remarks from the Federal Reserve (Fed) Chair Jerome Powell might cap the GBP/USD's downside. Later on Monday, the US New Home Sales and Chicago Fed National Activity Index data will be published.

USD/JPY
USD/JPY appreciates after registering around 1% losses in the previous session, trading around 147.40 during the Asian hours on Monday. However, the upside of the pair could be limited as the Japanese Yen (JPY) may regain ground after hawkish comments from the Bank of Japan (BoJ) Governor Kazuo Ueda at the Jackson Hole symposium on Saturday.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1702	1.1734	1.1694	-0.14	0.35	13.02
GBP-USD	1.3509	1.3533	1.3490	-0.12	0.04	7.93
USD-JPY	147.34	147.53	146.80	0.27	0.37	6.69
USD-CHF	0.8032	0.8035	0.8005	0.21	0.54	12.97

Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	3364.46	3371.31	3359.87	-0.22	0.95	28.19
Silver	38.83	39.00	38.76	-0.16	2.12	34.34
Crude Oil	63.70	63.89	63.53	0.06	1.59	-7.43
Bitcoin	112527.72	113682.22	112167.00	-0.22	-1.63	20.08
Etherium	4725.40	4824.74	4671.75	-1.29	8.47	41.20

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.33	4.22	4.08	3.86
ESTR (€)	1.84	1.92	1.89	1.84
SONIA (£)	3.97	3.98	3.95	3.88
SARON (₣)	-0.05	-0.07	-0.09	-0.13
TONAR (¥)	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.37

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	4.50
ECB Main Refinancing Operation Announcement Rate	2.15
ECB Deposit Facility Announcement Rate	2.00
ECB Marginal Lending Facility Announcement Rate	2.40
BOE Official Bank Rate	4.00

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS (Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
The Dow Jones Industrial Average rallied to an all-time high Friday after Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell signaled the central bank could begin easing monetary policy next month. The Dow 1.89%, the S&P 500 rose 1.52% , and the Nasdaq Composite also gained 1.88% after shares of megacap technology stocks soared on Powell's comments. Futures traded close to the flatline early Monday as investors looked ahead to Nvidia earnings.

EUROPE
European stock markets closed higher on Friday, as investors continued to assess the full scope of the European Union's trade deal with America and hopes rose for a U.S. interest rate cut in September.

ASIA
Asia markets climbed Monday, led by China and Hong Kong stocks, after Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell signaled that the central bank could begin easing monetary policy next month in his widely anticipated annual speech in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	45631.74	1.89	1.63	7.26	45674.00	-0.08
S&P	6466.91	1.52	1.23	9.95	6479.25	1.43
Nasdaq	21496.54	1.88	1.84	11.32	23556.00	1.46
DJ EuroStoxx50	5488.23	0.48	2.54	12.10	5486.00	0.31
FTSE 100	9321.40	0.13	2.20	14.05	9352.00	0.22
CAC 40	7969.69	0.40	1.72	7.98	7984.50	0.38
DAX	24363.09	0.29	0.60	22.37	24335.00	0.02
IBEX 35	15396.80	0.61	8.14	32.79	15433.30	0.84
FTSE MIB	43310.28	0.69	6.34	26.69	43390.00	0.69
Nikkei	42633.29	0.34	3.19	7.23	42780.00	0.33
Hang Seng	25339.14	2.00	1.80	28.84	25793.00	3.02
DFM General	6125.89	-0.03	-0.40	18.75		
MSCI Tadawoul	10904.53	0.35	-0.38	-9.40		

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	79.60	81.00	78.15	1.53	-4.38	-33.67
Solidere B	80.00	80.00	80.00	0.00	-3.44	-33.05
EuroBonds	19.40 / 20.15					

MUST READ (Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Fed's Jackson Hole Points to a Hard Road Ahead for Powell
At the Federal Reserve's annual Jackson Hole symposium, Chair Jerome Powell signaled a possible interest rate cut at the upcoming September meeting, though policymakers remain divided on the move. Inflation remains above the Fed's 2% target, while the labor market shows signs of weakening, creating a complex and uncertain policy environment. Chicago Fed President Austan Goolsbee noted the difficulty of timing decisions during economic transitions. The conference was also marked by heightened political tensions, with President Trump applying pressure on the Fed, including calling for the resignation of Governor Lisa Cook over mortgage fraud allegations. Security was visibly intensified, underscoring the tense atmosphere. Powell's speech acknowledged mixed economic signals, such as rising prices linked to tariffs and an unusual labor market dynamic. Disagreements within the Fed over rate policy are growing, especially as Trump prepares to appoint new officials. Powell also unveiled a revised policy framework, refocusing the Fed's priorities on inflation and employment. His defense of the Fed's independence received international support, emphasizing the global implications of U.S. monetary policy. The euro strengthened following his remarks, signaling the worldwide impact of potential U.S. rate cuts. Overall, the symposium highlighted both internal divisions and mounting external pressures on the central bank.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
PDD HOLDINGS IN	PDD	$ 180.45 B	25-Aug-25	Bef-Mkt	2.16	3.21
HEICO CORP	HEI US	$ 37.52 B	25-Aug-25	Aft-Mkt	1.14	0.97
BANK OF MONTR	BMO	$ 82.42 B	26-Aug-25	Bef-Mkt	2.14	1.93
OKTA INC	OKTA US	$ 16.12 B	26-Aug-25	Aft-Mkt	0.84	0.72
NVIDIA CORP	NVDA US	$ 4342.96 B	27-Aug-25	Aft-Mkt	1.01	0.68

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(25-08-25) US - New Home Sales
(26-08-25) US - Durable Goods Orders
(26-08-25) US - Conference Board Consumer Confidence
(27-08-25) US - MBA Mortgage Applicartions
(28-08-25) EC - M3 Money Supply YoY
(28-08-25) US - GDP Annualized QoQ
(28-08-25) US - Initial Jobless Claims

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