Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD

EUR/USD extends its gains for the second successive session, trading around 1.1400 during the Asian hours on Monday. The Euro (EUR) gains ground as Bloomberg reported that US President Donald Trump agreed to extend the 50% tariff deadline on the European Union (EU) until July 9. On Sunday. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen posted on social media that the EU was ready to move quickly in trade talks with the United States (US) but requires more time to reach a deal.

GBP/USD

The British Pound (GBP) continues with its relative outperformance on the back of the upbeat UK Retail Sales figures released on Friday, which suggest that consumer spending remains a bright spot despite a gloomy economic outlook. This, along with higher-than-expected inflation in April, fueled speculations that the Bank of England (BoE) would pause at its next meeting on June 18 and take its time before lowering borrowing costs further.

USD/JPY

The Japanese Yen (JPY) hit a fresh monthly high against its American counterpart following an Asian session slide on Monday and seems poised to appreciate further. Hopes that Japan will strike a trade deal with the US soon and the growing acceptance that the Bank of Japan (BoJ) will continue raising interest rates turn out to be key factors acting as a tailwind for the JPY.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1408	1.1419	1.1359	0.40	1.49	10.18
GBP-USD	1.3580	1.3593	1.3509	0.32	1.64	8.50
USD-JPY	142.69	143.08	142.23	0.09	1.52	10.17
USD-CHF	0.8208	0.8320	0.8193	-0.04	1.66	10.55

Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	3347.71	3356.80	3331.63	-0.29	3.66	27.56
Silver	33.52	33.57	33.36	0.12	3.57	15.97
Crude Oil	61.76	62.14	61.51	0.37	-0.61	-11.57
Bitcoin	109673.64	109875.51	107386.58	1.83	1.28	17.03
Etherium	2570.51	2577.52	2508.68	1.85	2.43	-23.19

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.33	4.33	4.27	4.07
ESTR (€)	1.73	1.94	1.85	1.73
SONIA (£)	4.22	4.21	4.15	4.02
SARON (₣)	0.11	-0.06	-0.14	-0.24
TONAR (¥)	0.47	0.47	0.39	0.28

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	4.50
ECB Main Refinancing Operation Announcement Rate	2.4
ECB Deposit Facility Announcement Rate	2.25
ECB Marginal Lending Facility Announcement Rate	2.65
BOE Official Bank Rate	4.25

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Stocks declined Friday after President Donald Trump raised trade fears again, warning Apple and recommending stiffer duties on the European Union.The president said trade discussions with the EU "are going nowhere" and recommended "a straight 50% tariff on the European Union, starting on June 1, 2025." He later agreed to extend the deadline until July 9. U.S. futures ticked up in early Asia trade. U.S. markets will be closed on Monday for Memorial Day.

EUROPE

European stock markets appear to have shrugged off President Donald Trump's tariff threat. The pan-European Stoxx Europe 600 index closed down 1%. Regionally, the U.K.'s FTSE 100 declined by 0.2% while Germany's DAX and France's CAC 40 fell by 1.6%.

ASIA

Asia-Pacific markets traded mixed Monday as investors assessed U.S. President Donald Trump's postponement of 50% tariffs on European Union imports.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	41603.07	-0.61	3.71	-2.21	42043.00	0.89
S&P	5802.82	-0.67	5.02	-1.34	5876.50	0.34
Nasdaq	18737.21	-1.00	7.79	-2.97	21209.50	0.15
DJ EuroStoxx50	5326.31	-1.81	3.34	8.79	5411.00	-0.29
FTSE 100	8717.97	-0.24	3.60	6.67	8714.00	-0.30
CAC 40	7734.40	-1.65	2.63	4.79	7714.50	-1.67
DAX	23629.58	-1.54	6.24	18.69	24009.00	-0.21
IBEX 35	14104.10	-1.18	5.61	21.64	14085.30	-1.30
FTSE MIB	39475.36	-1.94	5.69	15.47	39532.00	-1.96
Nikkei	37160.47	0.92	5.03	-6.00	37510.00	1.32
Hang Seng	23601.26	-1.23	6.05	16.20	23276.00	-0.97
DFM General	5464.16	0.21	5.84	5.92	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	10999.78	-1.69	-6.50	-8.61	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	81.80	83.00	81.00	-0.18	-4.33	-31.83
Solidere B	81.00	81.00	81.00	-2.82	-3.57	-32.22

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

NVIDIA Earnings and Trump Tariffs Take Center Stage in the Week Ahead

Markets paused last week as renewed tariff threats and rising Treasury yields rattled investor sentiment. President Trump proposed a 25% tariff on Apple products made outside the U.S. and a 50% tariff on EU goods starting in June. These developments, along with concerns about a ballooning fiscal deficit, pushed the 10-year Treasury yield above 4.6% and the 30-year above 5.1%, levels not seen since 2007. The result: a market pullback, with the S&P 500 falling 2.6%, the Nasdaq 2.4%, and the Russell 2000 nearly 4%—reflecting heightened sensitivity in rate-exposed sectors. All eyes this week are on Nvidia, which reports quarterly results Wednesday after market close. As the leading supplier of AI chips and a key driver of the 2023–2024 tech rally, Nvidia's earnings are highly anticipated. Analysts expect adjusted EPS of $0.88 on revenue of $43.3 billion, up significantly from $0.61 and $26 billion a year ago. The results will not only reflect AI chip demand but could also influence sentiment across the tech sector and broader market. With Nvidia responsible for roughly 17% of the S&P 500's gains since the launch of ChatGPT, a strong or weak report could move markets substantially and set the tone for AI-related investments.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
OKTA INC	OKTA	$ 21.66 B	27-May-25	Aft-mkt	0.78	0.65
NVIDIA CORP	NVDA	$ 3201.84 B	28-May-25	Aft-mkt	0.88	0.61
SALESFORCE INC	CRM	$ 262.06 B	28-May-25	Aft-mkt	2.55	2.44
HP INC	HPQ	$ 26.38 B	28-May-25	Aft-mkt	0.81	0.82
MARVELL TECHN(	MRVL	$ 52.43 B	29-May-25	Aft-mkt	0.61	0.24

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(27-05-25) US - Durable Goods Orders
(27-05-25) US - Conference Board Consumer Comfidence
(28-05-25) DE - Unemployment Rate SA
(28-05-25) US - MBA Mortgage Applications
(29-05-25) JP - Japan Buying Foreigm Bonds/Stocks
(29-05-25) US - GDP Annualized QoQ
(29-05-25) US - Initial Jobless Claims

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