

Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD
The EUR/USD pair edges higher to around 1.1655 during the early Asian session on Thursday. A hawkish stance of the European Central Bank (ECB) provides some support to the Euro (EUR) against the US Dollar (USD). Traders will closely monitor the Jackson Hole Symposium event later on Friday for fresh impetus. The ECB is anticipated to raise the key interest rates in September, after tightening in June to contain price pressures amid ongoing geopolitical tensions. Markets are now pricing in nearly a 25% odds of the ECB deposit rate reaching 3.0% by March 2027 and about a 60% chance by September, according to Reuters.

GBP/USD
The GBP/USD pair is seen consolidating near the lower end of its weekly range, below the 1.3600 mark, during the Asian session on Thursday. The downside, however, remains cushioned as traders look for more cues about the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) interest rate path before placing fresh directional bets. Data released on Wednesday showed that the US Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Price Index rose 3.7% over the 12 months through July, unchanged from the previous month and slightly above consensus estimates. This pointed to still-sticky US inflation and backs the case for at least one Fed rate hike by the end of this year. The outlook, in turn, helps the US Dollar (USD) preserve the overnight gains and acts as a headwind for the GBP/USD pair.

USD/JPY
The USD/JPY pair turns positive for the fourth consecutive day following an intraday dip to the 159.00 neighborhood during the Asian session on Thursday. Spot prices currently trade near the weekly high, though the uptick lacks bullish conviction ahead of Tokyo consumer inflation figures and US Federal Reserve (Fed) Kevin Warsh's speech on Friday. The slightly hot US inflation data released on Wednesday reaffirmed market bets for at least one Fed rate hike in 2026, which is seen as acting as a tailwind for the US Dollar (USD). The Japanese Yen (JPY), on the other hand, struggles to lure buyers amid the wide US-Japan rate gap and concerns about Japan's worsening fiscal condition, which lends additional support to the USD/JPY pair.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1656	1.1659	1.1650	0.04	-0.19	-0.77
GBP-USD	1.3590	1.3598	1.3586	-0.04	-0.30	0.85
USD-JPY	159.32	159.40	159.12	0.01	-0.17	-1.64
USD-CHF	0.8054	0.8056	0.8048	0.00	-0.62	-1.59
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	4607.70	4643.10	4591.07	0.36	2.02	6.68
Silver	68.70	69.63	67.86	0.85	0.90	-4.13
Crude Oil	81.59	82.17	81.44	-0.78	-6.03	43.27
Bitcoin	78687.76	79168.43	78405.93	0.31	1.77	-10.22
Etherium	2486.61	2515.11	2470.25	0.59	2.25	-16.49
Period	1M	3M	6M	12M		
SOFR (\$)	3.69	3.77	3.88	4.03		
ESTR (€)	2.65	2.40	2.50	2.65		
SONIA (£)	3.75	3.80	3.92	4.14		
SARON (F)	-0.06	-0.06	-0.04	0.02		
TONAR (¥)	0.96	0.91	0.82	0.69		

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	3.75
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	3.75

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
The S&P 500 was relatively unchanged on Wednesday after the latest personal consumption expenditures price index reading revealed that inflation remains elevated. The broad market index closed around the flatline at 7,675.70, while the Nasdaq Composite declined 0.08% to settle at 26,130.20. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 113.52 points, or 0.21%, to finish at 53,463.88. Meta reached a settlement with state attorneys general over a lawsuit alleging that its social media apps harmed young users. Shares were 1% higher on the day.

EUROPE
European shares were muted on Wednesday, as investors assessed talks involving Iran and Oman over the Strait of Hormuz, while sticky U.S. inflation data marginally increased expectations of a Federal Reserve rate hike next month. A senior Iranian source said that Tehran and Oman were still working on the details of an agreement on the Strait of Hormuz - the waterway that handled one-fifth of global oil and gas shipments before the U.S.-Iran conflict began.

Asia
Asia-Pacific markets traded broadly higher early Thursday. Japan's Nikkei 225 added 0.49% while the Topix rose 0.15%. The Kospi rose 2.48% at open, while the small-cap Kosdaq gained 1.06%. Australia's benchmark S&P/ASX 200 was marginally lower.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	53463.88	-0.21	2.40	11.24	53624.00	0.16
S&P	7675.70	-0.02	3.54	12.13	7711.00	0.26
Nasdaq	26130.20	-0.08	4.81	12.43	29427.00	0.51
DJ EuroStoxx50	6470.74	0.23	3.00	11.73	6511.00	0.42
FTSE 100	10878.12	-0.07	0.89	9.53	10871.50	-0.40
CAC 40	8462.39	0.27	0.67	3.84	8489.00	0.26
DAX	26285.96	0.08	3.65	7.33	26414.00	0.15
IBEX 35	20067.30	0.05	1.65	15.94	20119.10	-0.03
FTSE MIB	52882.99	0.31	1.59	17.66	52985.00	0.31
Nikkei	66262.16	-0.23	1.82	31.33	66110.00	-0.47
Hang Seng	25652.97	-0.32	1.44	-0.24	25611.00	-0.31
DFM General	5866.79	0.55	0.39	-2.98		
MSCI Tadawoul	11259.90	0.25	4.56	7.33		
Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	70.30	70.30	70.30	0.00	-4.55	-16.31
Solidere B	72.00	72.50	72.00	0.00	0.28	-12.94
EuroBonds	27.375 / 28.375					

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/Forexlive)

Nvidia Predicts AI-Fueled Sales Surge Will Extend Into 2028

Nvidia is signaling that the artificial-intelligence boom will continue driving exceptionally strong growth through fiscal 2028, easing concerns that AI spending could be losing momentum. CFO Colette Kress said Nvidia expects revenue to grow by approximately 70% in fiscal 2028, significantly above analysts' forecast of about 45%. CEO Jensen Huang also said AI infrastructure development remains "at full steam," highlighting strong demand for Nvidia's latest Vera Rubin chips. Nvidia reported \$96.2 billion in second-quarter revenue, more than double the previous year and above analysts' expectations. Data-center revenue reached \$89 billion, driven largely by major technology companies and hyperscalers. The company expects current-quarter revenue of about \$108 billion, also ahead of forecasts. Investors responded positively to the outlook, with Nvidia shares surging more than 4% in late trading following Kress' comments, reflecting renewed confidence in the company's growth prospects and the strength of AI demand. However, Nvidia faces rising memory costs caused by industry-wide shortages, putting pressure on profit margins. Gross margins are expected to fall to 71%–72% before stabilizing around 72%–73% in fiscal 2028 as Nvidia raises prices. Despite strong demand, Nvidia faces increasing competition and customers developing their own chips, while concerns remain about its investment deals with AI companies and whether they could contribute to artificial demand.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
WORKDAY INC-CL	WDAY	\$ 47.12 B	27-Aug-26	Aft-mkt	2.61	2.21
MARVELL TECHNC	MRVL	\$ 214.42 B	27-Aug-26	Aft-mkt	0.93	0.67
DELL TECHNOLOG	DELL	\$ 299.69 B	1-Sep-26	Aft-mkt	4.92	2.32
PALO ALTO NETW	PANW	\$ 276.54 B	1-Sep-26	Aft-mkt	0.98	0.95
MONGODB INC	MDB	\$ 32.66 B	1-Sep-26	Aft-mkt	1.61	1.00

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(27-08-26) US - Wholesale Inventories MoM
(27-08-26) US - Initial Jobless Claims
(28-08-26) JN - Tokyo CPI Ex-Fresh Food YoY
(28-08-26) JN - Jobless Rate
(28-08-26) JN - Job-To-Applicant Ratio
(28-08-26) CA - Quarterly GDP Annualized / DGP MoM
(28-08-26) US - MNI Chicago PMI

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