Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS *(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)*

EUR/USD
EUR/USD continues to decline for the third consecutive day, pressured by US-EU trade tensions and the risk-sensitive Euro facing selling pressure. Meanwhile, the US Dollar strengthens after positive US GDP data and a surge in durable goods orders, further adding to downward pressure on the EUR/USD pair.

GBP/USD
The GBP/USD pair drops to near 1.2580 as tariff uncertainty from US President Trump undermines the Pound, with potential US-UK trade tensions looming. Investors await the release of the US PCE Price Index for January, which could influence expectations for the Federal Reserve's future monetary policy.

USD/JPY
The Japanese Yen (JPY) loses its intraday gains against the stronger US Dollar (USD) after Japan's government cuts its FY25/26 budget, with the USD/JPY pair rising back to the 149.00 level. Despite softer CPI data, expectations for further interest rate hikes by the Bank of Japan (BoJ) help limit significant JPY depreciation, while investors await the US PCE Price Index for more direction.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0387	1.0404	1.0381	-0.11	-0.68	0.32
GBP-USD	1.2579	1.2610	1.2573	-0.17	-0.42	0.50
USD-JPY	150.06	150.15	149.10	0.17	-0.53	4.76
USD-CHF	0.8998	0.9001	0.8983	0.01	-0.17	0.84

Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	2864.15	2885.10	2856.98	-0.46	-2.45	9.13
Silver	31.22	31.40	31.15	-0.19	-3.82	8.01
Crude Oil	69.80	70.17	69.79	-0.78	-0.85	-1.50
Bitcoin	79357.28	84844.76	78956.32	-5.85	-17.14	-15.32
Etherium	2106.67	2311.87	2080.90	-7.59	-24.98	-37.05

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.32	4.32	4.26	4.13
ESTR (€)	2.05	2.37	2.22	2.05
SONIA (£)	4.46	4.42	4.33	4.19
SARON (F)	0.33	0.24	0.17	0.11
TONAR (¥)	0.47	0.31	0.27	0.18

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	4.50
ECB Main Refinancing Operation Announcement Rate	2.9
ECB Deposit Facility Announcement Rate	2.75
ECB Marginal Lending Facility Announcement Rate	3.15
BOE Official Bank Rate	4.50

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS *(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
The S&P 500 fell during a volatile session, after President Donald Trump's declaration that tariffs on Canada and Mexico would proceed as planned, as well as a negative reversal in bellwether stock Nvidia following earnings. Traders are now looking ahead to Friday's personal consumption expenditures price index — the Federal Reserve's preferred inflation gauge.

EUROPE
European markets were broadly lower Thursday after U.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday once again threatened to impose 25% tariffs on imports from the European Union.

ASIA
Asia-Pacific markets fell on Friday after U.S. President Donald Trump confirmed that tariffs on imports from Mexico and Canada will be going ahead and taking effect next week.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	43239.50	-0.45	-2.93	1.63	43284.00	-0.51
S&P	5861.57	-1.59	-2.96	-0.34	5876.00	-1.58
Nasdaq	18544.42	-2.78	-5.52	-3.97	20597.75	-2.78
DJ EuroStoxx50	5472.56	-1.00	3.51	11.78	5409.00	-2.31
FTSE 100	8756.21	0.28	0.95	7.14	8688.00	-0.37
CAC 40	8102.52	-0.51	1.92	9.78	8116.00	-0.54
DAX	22550.89	-1.07	3.77	13.27	22316.00	-2.31
IBEX 35	13270.60	-0.46	7.29	14.45	13274.40	-0.70
FTSE MIB	38622.84	-1.53	5.90	12.98	38688.00	-1.55
Nikkei	38256.17	-2.88	-6.11	-6.87	37130.00	-2.85
Hang Seng	23718.29	-3.05	13.70	14.63	23687.00	-0.25
DFM General	5361.10	-0.19	3.29	3.73	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	12111.90	-0.99	-2.40	0.63	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	104.60	105.50	104.00	-0.29	-4.04	-12.83
Solidere B	104.10	104.10	104.10	-0.86	-2.89	-12.89

MUST READ *(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)*

Bitcoin hits over 3-month low, reversing gains post Trump election

Bitcoin's price experienced a significant decline last week, reaching a three-month low of around $80,500, marking a nearly 25% drop from its mid-December all-time high. This fall reversed the gains seen after Donald Trump's election victory, as many had anticipated his pro-crypto stance would benefit the market. However, investor sentiment weakened amid global market instability, uncertainty over Trump's tariff policies, and ongoing international conflicts like Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Gaza. Additionally, a major hack at cryptocurrency exchange Bybit, costing $1.5 billion, further dampened confidence in the sector. Despite these challenges, some remain optimistic about Bitcoin's future, pointing to regulatory developments under Trump's administration, which has taken steps to promote cryptocurrencies, including signing an executive order to advance digital assets. Furthermore, the U.S. government has appointed a "crypto czar" to create a clear regulatory framework. Analysts, like Geoffrey Kendrick from Standard Chartered, believe Bitcoin could surpass $200,000 this year, citing increased institutional adoption and regulatory clarity as factors that could reduce volatility and foster long-term growth in the crypto market.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Recursion Pharma	RXRX US	$ 2.99B	28-Feb-25	Pre-mkt	-0.43	-0.42
Okta Inc	OKTA US	$ 15.28B	03-Mar-25	Aft-mkt	0.74	0.63
Target	TGT US	$ 56.13B	04-Mar-25	Pre-mkt	2.26	2.98
On Holding AG	ONON US	$ 15.10B	04-Mar-25	Pre-mkt	0.18	-0.05
Crowdstrike Hold	CRWD US	$ 93.66B	04-Mar-25	Aft-mkt	0.86	0.95

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(28-02-25) JP - Tokyo CPI YoY
(28-02-25) DE - Unemployment Rate SA
(28-02-25) US - PCE Price Index MoM / YoY
(28-02-25) US - MNI Chicago PMI
(28-02-25) CA - GDP MoM / YoY
(28-02-25) US - Personal Income / Personal Spending
(03-03-25) EC - CPI MoM / CPI Core YoY

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