Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD

EUR/USD continues to weaken for a second consecutive session, trading around 1.1360 during Asian hours on Monday. The pair is under pressure as the US Dollar (USD) strengthens amid signs of easing tensions between the US and China. Dovish expectations for the ECB are rising as concerns grow that Eurozone inflation may remain below its 2% target.

GBP/USD

The GBP/USD pair kicks off the new week on a subdued note and oscillates in a narrow band around the 1.3300 round-figure mark during the Asian session.
The US Dollar (USD) preserves last week's recovery gains from a multi-year low amid the uncertainty over US-China trade talks. The British Pound (GBP), on the other hand, draws some support from the upbeat domestic data released on Friday and hopes that the UK will strike a trade deal with the US soon.

USD/JPY

USD/JPY kicks off the week on a subdued note and consolidates above mid-143.00s amid mixed cues. Investors push back expectations for an immediate BoJ rate hike amid rising economic risks from US tariffs, which acts as a headwind for the Japanese Yen and supprorts the pair amid a modest US Dollar uptick.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1376	1.1384	1.1340	0.10	-1.21	9.87
GBP-USD	1.3316	1.3322	1.3280	0.01	-0.47	6.39
USD-JPY	143.45	143.88	143.30	-0.15	-1.81	9.59
USD-CHF	0.8271	0.8302	0.8269	-0.16	-2.18	9.71
Commodities	**Last**	**High**	**Low**	**% Daily**	**% Weekly**	**% YTD**
Gold	3296.83	3337.20	3268.23	-0.69	-3.71	25.62
Silver	32.89	33.15	32.66	-0.66	0.60	13.81
Crude Oil	63.33	63.92	62.88	0.49	1.47	-9.75
Bitcoin	94140.70	94559.40	92853.79	-0.17	0.49	0.46
Etherium	1790.37	1807.73	1753.72	-0.70	-0.33	-46.50

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.32	4.28	4.13	3.86
ESTR (€)	1.72	2.04	1.88	1.72
SONIA (£)	4.31	4.20	4.05	3.86
SARON (₣)	0.14	0.04	-0.03	-0.10
TONAR (¥)	0.47	0.47	0.35	0.25

	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	4.50

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Markets ended the week on a high note, boosted by tech stocks and cautious optimism amid shifting trade dynamics. President Trump gave conflicting signals, praising high tariffs while also suggesting trade deals may be near, but insisted China must make concessions before the U.S. drops tariffs. Meanwhile, China's move to exempt some U.S. goods from steep tariffs sparked hope for progress in resolving the trade war.

EUROPE

European stocks closed higher on Friday as earnings reports from the region were well-received despite ongoing trade uncertainty. This takes the markets to four sessions winning streak.

ASIA

Asia-Pacific markets were muted Monday as investors assessed China's promises to support domestic businesses as well as developments in trade negotiations between the U.S. and countries in the region.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	40113.50	0.05	-3.54	-5.71	40062.00	-0.40
S&P	5525.21	0.74	-1.00	-6.06	5519.50	0.18
Nasdaq	17382.94	1.26	0.35	-9.98	19414.50	0.50
DJ EuroStoxx50	5154.12	0.77	-3.33	5.27	5108.00	1.07
FTSE 100	8415.25	0.09	-2.81	2.96	8412.50	0.09
CAC 40	7536.26	0.45	-4.80	2.11	7477.00	0.59
DAX	22242.45	0.81	-0.98	11.72	22399.00	0.92
IBEX 35	13355.30	1.33	0.35	15.18	13311.80	1.38
FTSE MIB	37348.38	1.47	-3.59	9.25	36833.00	1.50
Nikkei	35705.74	0.38	-3.45	-10.16	35830.00	2.40
Hang Seng	21980.74	0.07	-6.10	9.66	22021.00	0.40
DFM General	5162.61	-0.64	1.30	0.08	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	11756.21	-0.07	-2.24	-2.33	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	89.50	90.00	85.00	0.56	-0.56	-25.42
Solidere B	84.75	85.00	80.00	0.36	-6.87	-29.08

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Treasury Market's 'New World Order' Brings Fear of the Long Bond

The recent "Sell America" sentiment in financial markets has shaken investor confidence in long-term U.S. Treasury bonds, traditionally seen as a safe haven. As President Trump nears his 100th day in office, uncertainties surrounding his trade policies, tax plans, and erratic decision-making have elevated perceived risks. Major bond managers like BlackRock, Vanguard, and Brandywine Global have expressed concerns over these uncertainties, pushing term premiums—the extra yield demanded for holding long-term debt—to their highest levels since 2014. Even with some signs of demand, such as a well-received 30-year. Treasury auction, overall sentiment remains fragile. The fear is that persistent fiscal deficits, political unpredictability, and inflation will keep yields elevated, even in a slowdown. Some firms like JPMorgan and PIMCO are still buying Treasuries but prefer shorter maturities. Meanwhile, Vanguard anticipates sub-1% growth in the U.S. economy this year, raising further concerns over federal borrowing needs. Upcoming Treasury issuance plans are expected to remain steady, but with the government paying over $1 trillion annually in interest, even small yield increases matter. Experts suggest the term premium might ease if trade and fiscal policies stabilize, but not to the historically low levels seen in the past decade, due to enduring fiscal pressures.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
DOMINO'S PIZZA	DPZ	$ 16.72 B	28-Apr-25	Pre-mkt	4.05	3.58
GENERAL MOTOR	GM	$ 45.52 B	29-Apr-25	Pre-mkt	2.72	2.62
COCA-COLA CO/T	KO	$ 309.47 B	29-Apr-25	Pre-mkt	0.72	0.72
BP PLC-SPONS AD	BP	$ 77.79 B	29-Apr-25	Pre-mkt	0.60	0.97
UNITED PARCEL S	UPS	$ 82.98 B	29-Apr-25	Pre-mkt	1.40	1.43

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(29-04-25) US - Wholesale Inventories MoM
(29-04-25) US - Conference Board Consumer Confidence
(30-04-25) JP - Retail Sales / Industrial Production YoY/MoM
(30-04-25) AU - CPI YoY/QoQ
(30-04-25) AU - Nationwide House PX YoY/MoM
(30-04-25) DE - Unemployment Rate SA
(30-04-25) US - MBA Mortgage Applications

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