Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD

The EUR/USD extends its winning streak for the fifth trading day on Tuesday. The major currency pair posts a fresh weekly high near 1.1670 as the US Dollar (USD) underperforms its peers ahead of the monetary policy announcement by the Federal Reserve (Fed) on Wednesday. In the Fed's policy, traders expect the United States (US) central bank to deliver another interest rate cut as the tariff impact on prices is proving to be temporary, slower job growth continues to be a cause of concern and the federal government remains shut down.

GBP/USD

The GBP/USD pair gains ground to near 1.3365 during the early European session on Tuesday. The US Dollar (USD) weakens against the Pound Sterling (GBP) amid the expectation that the Federal Reserve (Fed) will cut interest rates in the monetary policy announcement on Wednesday. The recent softer-than-expected US Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation data released on Friday has fueled rate cut bets, which weighs on the Greenback.

USD/JPY

The Japanese Yen (JPY) gets a strong lift during the Asian session on Tuesday as comments from Japan's Economics Minister Minoru Kiuchi fueled speculations about a possible government intervention to stem further falls in the domestic currency. This, along with some repositioning trade ahead of the crucial Federal Reserve (Fed) and the Bank of Japan (BoJ) rate decisions this week, assists the JPY to recover sharply from an over two-week low touched against its American counterpart the previous day.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1663	1.1668	1.1645	0.15	0.54	12.64
GBP-USD	1.3366	1.3370	1.3336	0.23	-0.04	6.79
USD-JPY	151.99	152.88	151.76	-0.59	-0.04	3.43
USD-CHF	0.7936	0.7957	0.7931	-0.24	0.35	14.34

Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	3952.58	4019.68	3951.71	-0.74	-4.18	50.60
Silver	46.63	47.23	46.49	-0.47	-4.26	61.35
Crude Oil	61.26	61.50	61.08	-0.08	7.02	-10.16
Bitcoin	113816.23	114613.51	113516.39	-0.57	3.88	21.45
Etherium	4083.80	4144.75	4067.00	-1.10	6.60	22.03

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	3.99	3.86	3.70	3.48
ESTR (€)	1.88	1.93	1.91	1.88
SONIA (£)	3.94	3.89	3.80	3.66
SARON (₣)	-0.05	-0.06	-0.07	-0.10
TONAR (¥)	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.41

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	4.25
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

Stocks jumped to new records on Monday after U.S. and China officials cooled tensions over the weekend, laying the groundwork for President Donald Trump and China President Xi Jinping to clinch a trade deal this week. The framework potentially includes a delay of China's rare earth export restrictions that caused the latest trade flare-up, the withdrawal of Trump's threatened 100% tariffs on China that were set to start Nov. 1 and a resumption of Chinese purchases of American soybeans.

EUROPE

European stocks were higher on Monday as traders look ahead to the U.S. Federal Reserve's meeting, more earnings and signs of a rapprochement between Washington and Beijing.

ASIA

Asia markets fell across the board on Tuesday as investors in the region look toward a meeting between U.S. President Donald Trump and newly minted Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	47544.59	0.71	2.81	11.75	47708.00	-0.01
S&P	6875.16	1.23	3.48	16.89	6906.25	1.17
Nasdaq	23637.46	1.86	5.13	22.41	25969.25	1.80
DJ EuroStoxx50	5711.06	0.64	3.84	16.65	5707.00	0.44
FTSE 100	9653.82	0.09	3.97	18.12	9687.00	0.13
CAC 40	8239.18	0.16	4.68	11.63	8253.50	0.16
DAX	24308.78	0.28	2.40	22.10	24355.00	0.05
IBEX 35	16000.20	0.87	4.23	37.99	15952.00	0.88
FTSE MIB	42911.57	1.00	0.62	25.52	42665.00	1.01
Nikkei	50512.32	-0.64	10.66	25.80	50260.00	1.85
Hang Seng	26433.70	-0.38	0.79	31.27	26357.00	0.73
DFM General	6041.09	0.32	3.50	17.48		
MSCI Tadawoul	11619.82	0.23	3.48	-3.46		

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	78.55	78.55	78.55	-3.26	-0.57	-34.54
Solidere B	78.80	78.80	78.80	0.90	-0.25	-34.06
EuroBonds	22.25 / 23.25					

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

HSBC Boosts 2025 Profit Outlook Despite $1.1 Billion Madoff-Related Hit

HSBC Holdings Plc raised its 2025 profitability outlook despite a major earnings setback from a $1.1 billion provision linked to the Bernard Madoff fraud case. Third-quarter pretax profit dropped 14% to $7.3 billion as litigation costs offset gains in wealth management, though revenue exceeded expectations. The bank now targets a "mid-teens or better" return on tangible equity and higher-than-anticipated net interest income. CEO Georges Elhedery emphasized that HSBC is becoming a "simpler, more agile, focused bank," executing its transformation strategy despite historical legal issues. The announcement came shortly after HSBC disclosed the Madoff-related provision and followed Elhedery's $14 billion plan to acquire minority shareholders in Hang Seng Bank—strengthening its concentration on Hong Kong, which generated an 11% rise in pretax profit to $2.5 billion. In contrast, the UK division's profit declined 5% to $1.6 billion amid higher operating expenses and job cuts tied to the closure of M&A and equity underwriting operations in Western markets. Expected credit losses held steady at $1 billion, including charges tied to Hong Kong real estate, the Middle East, and the UK. HSBC also reserved $300 million for a French tax investigation. Despite geopolitical risks surrounding Hong Kong, Elhedery remains bullish, projecting it will surpass Switzerland as the leading global cross-border wealth hub.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
VISA INC-CLASS A	V	$ 685.05 B	28-Oct-25	Aft-mkt	2.97	2.71
PAYPAL HOLDING	PYPL	$ 67.12 B	28-Oct-25	Bef-mkt	1.20	1.20
UNITEDHEALTH G	UNH	$ 331.46 B	28-Oct-25	Bef-mkt	2.85	7.15
UNITED PARCEL S	UPS	$ 75.62 B	28-Oct-25	Bef-mkt	1.32	1.76
CATERPILLAR INC	CAT	$ 246.92 B	29-Oct-25	Bef-mkt	4.50	5.17

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(28-10-25) US - Conference Board Consumer Confidence
(29-10-25) UK - Mortgage Approvals
(29-10-25) US - MBA Mortgage Applications
(29-10-25) US - Wholesale Inventories MoM
(29-10-25) CA - Bank of Canada Rate Decision
(29-10-25) US - FOMC Rate Decision
(30-10-25) SW - Retail Sales MoM

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