

Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD

The US Dollar started the week with a firm footing, posting gains against most major rivals. The pair held rangebound through Asian trading hours despite the market mood being mostly optimistic. The US Fed, the BoJ and the BoE will announce their decisions on monetary policy in the upcoming days, while multiple tech-related companies will announce quarterly results.

GBP/USD

GBP/USD pulled into the midrange on Monday as Cable traders brace for a double-header of rate calls from both the Fed and the BoE later in the week. The Fed is broadly expected to hold steady on rates one more time on Wednesday, while markets are hoping for a first quarter-point rate cut from the BoE on Thursday. US NFP jobs report looms ahead on Friday.

USD/JPY

The USD/JPY pair trades on a weaker note near 153.90 during the early Asian session on Tuesday. The pair trims gains after retreating from 153.35 amid the risk-off mood and rising speculation of a rate hike by the BoJ. The BoJ and Fed Interest Rate Decision on Wednesday will take center stage ahead of US employment data on Friday.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0821	1.0825	1.0814	0.00	-0.30	-1.97
GBP-USD	1.2849	1.2866	1.2845	-0.10	-0.46	0.93
USD-JPY	154.69	154.76	153.62	0.43	0.58	-8.82
USD-CHF	0.8872	0.8874	0.8858	0.12	0.46	-5.16
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	2388.36	2389.88	2376.56	0.17	-0.88	15.77
Silver	27.91	27.99	27.63	0.16	-4.57	17.28
Crude Oil	75.50	75.91	75.36	-0.41	-1.90	5.83
Bitcoin	66502.51	67547.73	65875.23	-1.28	1.88	56.45
Etherium	3311.02	3337.45	3282.15	-0.31	4.99	45.07
Period	1 M		3 M		12 M	
EURIBOR	3.62		3.66		3.43	
SOFR	5.34		5.25		4.75	
US Fed Fund Rate (Indicator)			5.31			
Notes/Bonds	2 Y		10 Y		30 Y	
US	4.40		4.18		4.43	
BTP - BUND	0.57		1.35		1.75	
GILTS	3.88		4.05		4.62	

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The S&P 500 ticked higher Monday as Wall Street geared up for a busy week of corporate earnings and looked ahead to a key policy announcement from the U.S. central bank. This week's earnings slate will help determine whether tech stocks can bounce back from last week's declines. Another key event this week will be the Federal Reserve meeting, with the central bank set to release a new policy statement on Wednesday.

EUROPE

European shares ended a touch lower on Monday as investors remained risk averse at the start of an earnings-packed week, while global risk events such as the upcoming Federal Reserve policy meeting added to market caution. Autos were the biggest decliner among major sectors, down 1.3%.

ASIA

Asian markets started lower as investors reduced their positions ahead of significant upcoming events like central bank decisions and major economic data. Equities in Japan and Australia dropped, with futures in Hong Kong indicating a similar trend.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	1W % Change
DJIA	40539.93	-0.12	3.63	7.56	40773.00	0.39
S&P	5463.54	0.08	0.06	14.54	5503.75	-1.71
Nasdaq	17370.20	0.07	-2.04	15.71	19204.75	-3.61
DJ EuroStoxx50	4815.39	-0.97	-1.61	6.50	4851.00	-1.88
FTSE 100	8292.35	0.08	1.57	7.23	8295.50	1.55
CAC 40	7443.84	-0.98	-0.48	-1.32	7460.00	-2.10
DAX	18320.67	-0.53	0.47	9.37	18441.00	-1.23
IBEX 35	11117.80	-0.43	1.59	10.05	11143.00	-0.88
FTSE MIB	33640.83	-0.51	1.47	10.84	33839.00	-2.94
Nikkei	38468.63	-0.18	-2.99	14.74	38400.00	-2.91
Hang Seng	17238.34	-1.26	-3.94	-0.16	17040.00	-2.65
DFM General	4308.49	0.66	6.91	6.13	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	12121.40	-0.44	3.78	1.29	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	81.50	81.50	78.15	2.00	5.84	-8.53
Solidere B	81.90	82.00	81.50	2.38	5.61	-8.95

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Credit card delinquency rates hit worst level since 2012 in new Fed study

A growing number of Americans are falling behind on their monthly credit card payments as they continue to battle high inflation and interest rates. New data published by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia shows that credit card delinquency rates in the first quarter of 2024 rose to the highest level since 2012, when the Fed began tracking the data. All stages of credit card delinquency — 30, 60 and 90 days past due — rose during the first three months of the year. The proportion of card balances that were more than 60 days past due at the end of March climbed above 2.5%, more than double the lows seen during the COVID-19 pandemic when huge amounts of government stimulus helped keep Americans afloat. The number of total credit cards dipped during the first quarter, in line with seasonal trends, but total revolving balances hit a record \$628.6 billion. Revolved balances as a share of total outstanding balances are now at 71%, the highest level since 2021. The rise in credit card usage and debt is particularly concerning because interest rates are astronomically high right now. The average credit card annual percentage rate, or APR, has been holding steady at 20.71% this week, according to a Bankrate database that dates back to 1985. The rise in delinquencies comes after the Federal Reserve raised interest rates sharply in 2022 and 2023 to a two-decade high in order to crush inflation and cool the economy. Although inflation has cooled considerably in recent months, it remains up 3% compared with the same time one year ago, according to the most recent Labor Department data.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Procter & Gamble	PG US	\$ 401.06B	30-Jul-24	Pre-mkt	1.37	1.37
Microsoft Corp	MSFT US	\$ 3.17T	30-Jul-24	Aft-mkt	2.94	2.69
Starbucks Corp	SBUX US	\$ 85.18B	30-Jul-24	Aft-mkt	0.92	1.00
Advanced Micro Devices	AMD US	\$ 225.88B	30-Jul-24	Aft-mkt	0.68	0.58
Paypal Holdings C	PYPL US	\$ 61.65B	30-Jul-24	Pre-mkt	1.00	1.16

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(30-07-24) FR - GDP QoQ
(30-07-24) DE - GDP SA QoQ
(30-07-24) DE - CPI YoY / MoM
(30-07-24) US - JOLTS Job Openings
(30-07-24) US - Conf. Board Consumer Confidence
(31-07-24) JP - Retail Sales YoY
(31-07-24) FR - CPI MoM / YoY

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