Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS (Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD

The EUR/USD prolong its loses for the third straight day, collapses over 1.20% as the Federal Reserve hold rates and Jerome Powell, tilts hawkish. Also strong growth figures in the United States (US) and a scarce economic docket in the Eurozone, pushed the pair below 1.1430, down so far in the week over 2.71%. The currency extended its fall as the Fed Chair Powell adopted a cautious stance, without providing forward guidance, in regard to the September meeting.

GBP/USD

GBP/USD sank for a fifth straight session on Wednesday, falling as the US Dollar (USD) catches a broad-market bid after the Federal Reserve (Fed) held rates steady and stuck to its stubborn wait-and-see stance, trimming hopes for a September rate cut. With odds of a rate cut on September 17 flying out the window, newfound market pressure will be on a hefty raft of economic data coming out of the United States (US) throughout the back half of the trading week.

USD/JPY

The Japanese Yen (JPY) edges higher against a softer US Dollar (USD) during the Asian session on Thursday and recovers a part of the previous day's slide to its lowest level since early April. Data released from Japan earlier today showed that Industrial Production unexpectedly grew in June, while strong Retail Sales pointed to resilience in consumer spending.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1437	1.1443	1.1404	0.28	-2.66	10.46
GBP-USD	1.3264	1.3272	1.3234	0.20	-1.82	5.98
USD-JPY	148.79	149.51	148.59	-0.48	-1.20	5.65
USD-CHF	0.8126	0.8150	0.8122	-0.27	-2.13	11.67
Commodities	**Last**	**High**	**Low**	**% Daily**	**% Weekly**	**% YTD**
Gold	3299.80	3301.69	3274.11	0.75	-2.04	25.73
Silver	37.22	37.28	36.98	0.25	-4.72	28.80
Crude Oil	69.99	70.41	69.80	-0.01	6.00	1.21
Bitcoin	118353.72	118601.98	116965.11	1.03	0.30	26.29
Etherium	3858.88	3870.97	3742.72	2.37	2.99	15.31

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.36	4.31	4.20	4.00
ESTR (€)	1.83	1.92	1.87	1.83
SONIA (£)	4.06	4.01	3.94	3.82
SARON (₣)	-0.06	-0.07	-0.09	-0.12
TONAR (¥)	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.35

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	4.50
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	4.25

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS (Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The S&P 500 gave up earlier gains and closed lower on Wednesday after Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell signaled the central bank isn't ready to cut rates, as it assesses the impact of President Donald Trump's higher tariffs on the inflation picture. Futures, however, rise in the US as upbeat earnings from megacap technology companies bolstered optimism over resilient corporate profits.

EUROPE

The euro zone economy grew by 0.1% in the second quarter, surpassing expectations of no growth, according to the EU's statistics agency. Meanwhile, Novo Nordisk shares continued to decline following a sharp drop on Tuesday, and the Stoxx 600 index ended slightly below flat as earnings season progressed.

ASIA

Asia-Pacific markets mostly declined on Thursday as investors reacted to the Bank of Japan's decision to maintain short-term interest rates at 0.5% for the fourth consecutive time, aligning with forecasts. Markets were also influenced by U.S. tariffs, including a 15% blanket duty on South Korean imports, 25% on Indian imports.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	44461.28	-0.38	0.83	4.51	44770.00	0.32
S&P	6362.90	-0.12	2.55	8.18	6456.75	0.80
Nasdaq	21129.67	0.15	3.73	9.42	23798.50	1.48
DJ EuroStoxx50	5393.18	0.26	1.70	10.16	5420.00	0.54
FTSE 100	9136.94	0.01	4.29	11.79	9120.50	-0.13
CAC 40	7861.96	0.06	2.56	6.52	7871.50	0.06
DAX	24262.22	0.19	1.47	21.86	24369.00	0.37
IBEX 35	14380.60	0.23	2.78	24.02	14398.00	0.33
FTSE MIB	41637.73	0.98	4.64	21.80	41774.00	0.99
Nikkei	40654.70	1.03	1.45	2.96	41080.00	0.66
Hang Seng	25176.93	-1.48	3.04	23.66	25308.00	-0.63
DFM General	6208.41	0.50	8.81	20.35		
MSCI Tadawoul	10914.38	0.84	-2.24	-9.32		

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	84.25	84.30	84.00	-0.30	-1.75	-29.79
Solidere B	83.95	84.00	82.25	0.00	-1.81	-29.75
EuroBonds	18.00 / 18.75					

MUST READ (Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Meta and Microsoft Surge on Strong Earnings and AI-Driven Growth

Meta shares jumped over 10% after reporting stronger-than-expected Q2 results, with revenue hitting $47.52 billion and earnings per share at $7.14—both surpassing analyst forecasts. Advertising revenue reached $46.56 billion, boosted by advancements in Meta's AI systems. The company projects Q3 revenue between $47.5 billion and $50.5 billion, exceeding Wall Street estimates. Net income rose 36% to $18.34 billion, while daily active users across Meta's apps grew to 3.48 billion. Capital expenditures were revised upward to a range of $66–72 billion. Meta continues aggressive investment in AI, including a $14.3 billion stake in Scale AI, and CEO Mark Zuckerberg outlined a long-term vision of "personal superintelligence" as a future growth driver. Microsoft also beat expectations in its fiscal Q4, reporting revenue of $76.4 billion and earnings per share of $3.65, driven by robust growth in its Intelligent Cloud segment, particularly Azure, which saw annual revenue reach $75 billion. CEO Satya Nadella highlighted AI and cloud as the foundation of digital transformation across industries. Microsoft is expanding its AI investments to $85 billion this year. Analysts expect fiscal 2026 to mark a major acceleration in AI growth, especially as products like Microsoft Copilot gain traction and enterprise adoption of AI ramps up.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
ABBVIE INC	ABBV US	$ 334.40 B	31-Jul-25	Bef-Mkt	2.86	2.65
APPLE INC	AAPL US	$ 3122.33 B	31-Jul-25	Aft-Mkt	1.43	1.40
AMAZON.COM IN	AMZN US	$ 2443.78 B	31-Jul-25	Aft-Mkt	1.80	1.76
MICROSTRATEGY	MSTR US	$ 110.35 B	31-Jul-25	Aft-Mkt	0.02	-0.76
COINBASE GLOBA	COIN US	$ 96.15 B	31-Jul-25	Aft-Mkt	1.30	0.14

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(31-07-25) JN - Industrial Production YoY/MoM
(31-07-25) JN - BOJ Target Rate
(31-07-25) EC - Unemployment Rate
(31-07-25) US - Personal Income / Spending
(31-07-25) CA - GDP YoY/MoM
(31-07-25) US - Initial Jobless Claims
(31-07-25) US - Market News International Chicago PMI

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