Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD

Another downturn in the USD prompted a decent upward surge in EUR/USD, once again revisiting the 1.0860 region at the beginning of the week. both the Fed and the ECB are expected to embark on easing cycles, potentially starting in June. However, the pace of subsequent interest rate cuts may differ, potentially leading to divergent strategies between the two central banks. Nevertheless, it is anticipated that the ECB will not significantly lag behind the Fed.

GBP/USD

GBP/USD holds ground in the positive territory, hovering around 1.2650 during the Asian session on Tuesday. The pair gained ground on improved risk appetite ahead of CPI data scheduled on Wednesday. BRC Like-For-Like Retail Sales in the UK surged by 3.2% year-over-year in March, against the expected increase of 1.8% and 1.0% prior. BoE Governor Andrew Bailey is expected to appear on Tuesday.

USD/JPY

The US Dollar remains bid, crawling towards the key 152.00 level. The upbeat US Nonfarm Payrolls report and Fed officials' recent hawkish comments underpin the USD. The interest rate differential between the BoJ and the rest of the world's major central banks limits Yen's recovery attempts.

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS (Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Stocks were little changed Monday as another uptick in interest rates kept investors from making big purchases or sales ahead of key U.S. inflation data. Tesla shares were up more than 5% after CEO Elon Musk said the company's robotaxi will be unveiled in early August. For further clarity on how successful the Fed reserve's fight against inflation has been, investors are eagerly waiting for readings for March consumer and producer price indexes later this week.

EUROPE

European stocks closed higher Monday at the start of a busy a week of key data releases and central bank decisions. The ECB meets Thursday for its latest monetary policy decision. No movement in rates is expected, but June has been fully priced in by markets as the time for the first cut even as the timeline for the Fed is pushed back.

ASIA

MUST READ

Asian stocks were a mixed bag on Monday as Japanese markets rebounded from sharp losses seen last week, while Chinese stocks fell amid renewed concerns over the country's property market. Nikkei 225 rebounds from steep weekly losses.

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

TSMC stock jumps on Biden's \$11.6 billion funding to boost US chip manufacturir Shares of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company rose as much as 3.2%

on Monday as President Joe Biden's administration approved nearly \$12 billion in grants and loans for the world's leading semiconductor company to boost manufacturing operations in the US. In a press release, TSMC unveiled plans for a third production facility at its planned Phoenix site by 2028 to meet rising US semiconductor demand. With an investment exceeding \$65 billion, the plan marks the largest foreign direct investment in Arizona and the biggest greenfield project in US history. In a separate release on Monday, the US Department of Commerce said the chip-fabrication facilities in Arizona will power big tech firms like AMD, Apple, Nvidia, and Qualcomm. Combined with the previous two fab facilities on track to begin production, the three plants are slated to add 6,000 high-tech jobs and 20,000 construction jobs, the Commerce Department said. The cooperation with Taiwan's largest chipmaker reinforces the US's goal to produce 20% of the world's leading-edge chips by 2030 and to reduce reliance on China's high-tech manufacturing as tensions between the superpowers rise. Last Wednesday, a powerful 7.4-magnitude earthquake rocked Taiwan's east coast, temporarily halting TMSC's operations at some sites.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD	
EUR-USD	1.0857	1.0864	1.0854	-0.02	0.81	-1.65	
GBP-USD	1.2657	1.2662	1.2648	0.02	0.63	-0.58	
USD-JPY	151.89	151.92	151.78	0.05	-0.22	-7.14	
USD-CHF	0.9046	0.9059	0.9046	-0.09	0.38	-6.99	
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD	
Gold	2346.94	2348.49	2337.30	0.34	2.91	13.76	
Silver	27.99	28.14	27.75	0.50	7.07	17.62	
Crude Oil	86.57	86.94	86.49	0.16	1.67	20.02	
Bitcoin	71057.51	71990.79	70863.23	-0.90	4.58	67.16	
Etherium	3688.15	3725.54	3666.30	-0.03	10.89	61.60	
Period	1 M		3 M		12 M		
EURIBOR	3.89		3.89		3.66		
SOFR	5.32		5.30		5.05		
Notes/Bonds	2 Y		10 Y		30 Y		
US	4.79		4.41		4.54		
BTP - BUND	0.54		1.39		1.75		
GILTS	4.23		4.09	4.09		4.59	

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	38892.80	-0.03	0.44	3.19	39217.00	-0.01
S&P	5202.39	-0.04	1.54	9.07	5257.25	0.08
Nasdaq	16253.96	0.03	1.05	8.28	18317.50	0.12
DJ EuroStoxx50	5046.05	0.62	1.71	11.60	4991.00	-0.18
FTSE 100	7943.47	0.41	3.70	2.72	7957.00	-0.03
CAC 40	8119.30	0.72	1.14	7.64	8127.50	0.00
DAX	18318.97	0.79	2.83	9.36	18533.00	-0.16
IBEX 35	10911.80	-0.04	5.88	8.02	10924.70	0.00
FTSE MIB	34315.96	0.90	2.73	13.06	33717.00	0.00
Nikkei	39347.04	0.89	0.02	18.63	39720.00	0.84
Hang Seng	16732.85	0.57	2.90	-1.29	16873.00	0.58
DFM General	4244.15	-0.06	-0.21	4.54	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	12705.42	0.66	1.01	6.17	N/A	N/A
Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	74.00	74.90	73.20	0.68	1.16	-16.95
Solidere B	73.45	73.50	71.00	2.01	-1.01	-18.34

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago	
Delta Airlines	DAL US	\$ 30.24B	10-Apr-24	Pre-mkt	0.35	0.25	
Blackrock Inc	BLK US	\$ 120.28B	12-Apr-24	Pre-mkt	9.23	7.93	
Wells Fargo & co	WFC US	\$ 204.60B	12-Apr-24	Pre-mkt	1.07	1.23	
JPMorgan Chase 8	JPM US	\$ 570.05B	12-Apr-24	Pre-mkt	4.15	4.10	
State Street	STT US	\$ 23.07B	12-Apr-24	Pre-mkt	1.50	1.52	
ECONOMIC CALENDAR							

10-04-24) JP - PPI YoY 10-04-24) US - MBA Mortgage Applications 10-04-24) US - CPI MoM / YoY 10-04-24) US - FOMC Meeting Minutes 10-04-24) US - FOMC Meeting Minutes 10-04-24) IT - Industrial Production MoM 11-04-24) IT - Industrial Production MoM

(11-04-24) EA - ECB Main Refinancing Rate

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