

Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Forexlive)

EURUSD

EUR/USD initiates the week by extending its gains, trading at higher levels around 1.0670 during the Asian session on Monday. The pair is receiving upward support, likely a result of the downbeat consumer sentiment data from the United States (US) released on Friday. The preliminary US Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index recorded a reading of 67.7, indicating a decline from the previous figure of 69.5. This reading also fell below the expected figure of 69.1 for the month of September.

GBPUSD

The GBP/USD pair remains on the defensive below the 1.2400 mark during the early Asian trading hours on Monday. The major pair currently trades near 1.2390, up 0.06% on the day. Market players prefer to wait on the sidelines ahead of the key event from this week. On Wednesday, the Federal Reserve (Fed) interest rate decision and the UK Consumer Price Index for August will be due. These events could trigger the volatility in the pair.

USDJPY

The USD/JPY pair consolidates in a narrow range after retracing from the 147.95 area during the early European session on Monday. Markets turn cautious ahead of the key event from both the (Fed) and Bank of Japan (BoJ) this week.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0671	1.0674	1.0660	0.13	-0.73	-0.32
GBP-USD	1.2396	1.2404	1.2380	0.11	-0.90	2.59
USD-JPY	147.66	147.88	147.64	-0.13	-0.72	-11.20
USD-CHF	0.8968	0.8977	0.8959	-0.01	-0.67	3.09
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	1929.09	1929.53	1922.63	0.27	0.35	5.76
Silver	23.19	23.20	23.03	0.68	0.50	-3.18
Crude Oil	91.48	91.59	90.86	0.78	4.80	16.80
Bitcoin	26670.50	26752.71	26409.13	0.85	1.70	61.25
Etherium	1635.14	1636.58	1606.96	1.07	1.94	36.33
Period	1 M	3 M	12 M			
USD LIBOR *	5.44	5.66	6.04			
EURIBOR	3.76	3.88	4.17			
SOFR	5.33	5.40	5.42			
Notes/Bonds	2 Y	10 Y	30 Y			
US	5.03	4.33	4.42			
BTP - BUND	0.67	1.79	2.15			
GILTS	5.02	4.36	4.70			

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

U.S. stocks ended sharply lower on Friday as chipmakers dropped on concerns about weak consumer demand, while rising Treasury yields pressured Amazon and other megacap growth companies. Arm extends gains after blockbuster debut.

EUROPE

European shares marked weekly gains on Friday, as better-than-expected Chinese data lifted luxury firms while investors took comfort from signs that the European Central Bank (ECB) is nearly done raising interest rates. H&M's quarterly sales lag expectations, shares fall.

ASIA

China shares rose slightly on Monday amid signs of stabilisation in the world's second largest economy, while property and technology stocks dragged down the Hong Kong market.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	34618.24	-0.83	0.34	4.44	34985.00	0.17
S&P	4450.32	-1.22	1.84	15.91	4506.25	0.19
Nasdaq	13708.33	-1.56	3.14	30.97	15413.75	0.15
DJ EuroStoxx50	4295.05	0.36	1.95	13.22	4319.00	-0.14
FTSE 100	7711.38	0.50	6.18	3.48	7770.50	-0.27
CAC 40	7378.82	0.96	3.00	13.98	7401.00	N/A
DAX	15893.53	0.56	2.05	14.15	16043.00	-0.09
IBEX 35	9549.70	0.01	3.04	16.05	9566.60	N/A
FTSE MIB	28895.39	0.08	4.08	21.89	28942.00	N/A
Nikkei	33533.09	1.10	6.62	28.51	33040.00	-0.72
Hang Seng	18182.89	-1.03	0.25	-9.03	17982.00	-1.00
DFM General	4043.40	0.23	-0.18	21.20	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	11104.15	-0.45	-3.03	5.97	N/A	N/A
Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	76.95	78.95	75.00	1.45	-0.58	26.35
Solidere B	77.40	78.00	75.20	3.20	-0.26	28.25

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

What Moved Markets

Stocks fell sharply on Friday, with risks rising from the UAW auto strike, the first time in the union's 88-year history that all three major automakers were targeted simultaneously. Chip equipment makers Applied Materials, Lam Research and KLA Corp. all fell more than 4% following a report that Taiwan Semiconductor was delaying deliveries, raising concerns about weak consumer demand. Adding to the gloom was rising oil prices, which have pushed past \$90 per barrel to year-to-date highs. Meanwhile, rising Treasury yields continue to weigh on stocks, with the benchmark 10-year yield climbing to 4.32%. The Dow Jones average eked out a positive week, up 0.1%, but the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite closed their second straight week of losses, down by a respective 0.2% and 0.4%.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Autozone, Inc.	AZO US	\$47.3 B	19-Sep-23	Pre-mkt	44.69	40.51
Endava pc	DAVA US	\$2.9 B	19-Sep-23	Pre-mkt	0.35	0.59
Apogee Entrepris	APOG US	\$1.1 B	19-Sep-23	Pre-mkt	1.01	1.06
Steelcase, Inc.	SCS US	\$982.3 M	19-Sep-23	After-mkt	0.17	0.21
FedEx Corporatio	FDX US	\$63.1 B	20-Sep-23	After-mkt	3.68	3.44

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(19-09-23) EA- Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices AUG
(19-09-23) US- Housing Starts AUG; Building Permits AUG
(19-09-23) CA- Consumer Price Index AUG; BoC Consumer Price Index Core AUG
(20-09-23) DE- Producer Price Index AUG
(20-09-23) GB- PPI Core Output AUG; Consumer Price Index AUG
(20-09-23) US- Interest Rate Projections; FOMC Economic Projections
(20-09-23) US- Fed's Monetary Policy Statement; Fed Interest Rate Decision

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