

Foreign Exchange Developments:

The dollar hovered near multi-month lows with lofty commodity prices lending support to exporters' currencies, though caution about U.S. inflation bringing forward rate rises kept the greenback from sliding.

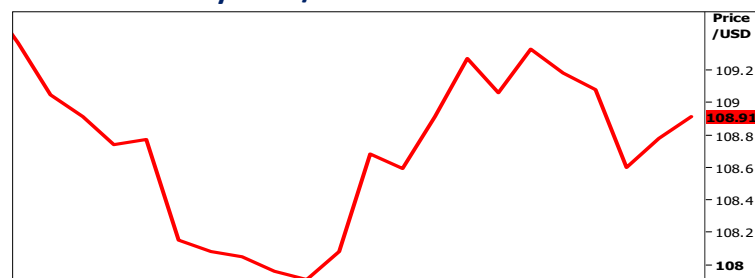
The pound rose to as high as \$1.4158, its strongest in more than two months, fuelled by a mix of dollar weakness, improved economic forecasts, lockdown easing measures, and market relief about the outcome of the Scottish election.

USD/JPY is likely to fly at a lower altitude than was the case in March. Given current levels of U.S. Treasury yields and Japan-U.S. interest rate differentials, many players in Tokyo are expecting a tentative 108.50-109.50 or slightly lower core range for now.

Commodities:

Gold prices inched up as a weaker dollar and a pullback in Treasury yields boosted the metal's appeal.

Oil prices fell as fears of prolonged outage of the largest U.S. fuel pipeline system, Colonial Pipeline, faded, while some U.S. Gulf Coast refiners cut output.

Chart of the Day: USD/JPY - 1 Month**Economic Updates:**

The biggest U.S. gasoline pipeline will not resume full operations for several more days due to a ransomware cyberattack blamed on a shadowy criminal network called DarkSide.

China's factory gate prices rose at the fastest rate in three and a half years in April as the world's second-largest economy gathers momentum after strong first-quarter growth, but economists downplayed the risks to inflation.

Local & GCC news:

Shamal Az-zour Al-Oula power and water company, Q1 net profit attributable 2.8 million dinars versus 2.7 million dinar year ago.

Q1 total operating revenue 11.7 million dinars versus 12.4 million dinars year ago.

Qatar on Sunday decided on gradually lifting coronavirus-related measures in four phases starting the first phase on May 28 and the fourth on July 30.

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
11May	Germany	ZEW Economic Sentiment	70.7	70.89
11May	Germany	ZEW Current Conditions	-48.8	-42.53
12May	Germany	HICP Final YY	2.1	2.1
12May	United Kingdom	GDP Estimate YY	-7.8	-0.84
12May	United Kingdom	GDP Prelim YY	-7.3%	-5.71
13May	United States	Initial Jobless Clm	498000	501800
14May	United States	Retail Sales MM	9.8	1.21

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg

Currency	Price	MTD %	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.2137	0.97	0.05	-0.65
GBP/USD	1.4121	2.22	2.21	3.27
AUD/USD	0.7836	1.48	1.02	1.77
USD/CHF	0.9024	-1.23	1.36	1.92
USD/JPY	108.9	-0.35	3.77	5.54
USD/CAD	1.2107	-1.49	-4.69	-4.90

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	34,742.82	-34.94	2.56	13.51
FTSE 100	7,123.68	-6.03	2.21	10.26
DAX	15,400.41	0.76	1.75	12.26
KUWAIT ALL	6,259.86	-8.24	2.39	12.87

Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
LIBOR	0.0981	0.1675	0.1925	0.2670
EURIBOR	-0.5530	-0.5290	-0.5140	-0.4830
KIBOR	1.2500	1.5000	1.7500	2.0000
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US Treasuries	0.033	0.297	0.787	1.606
US Index	90.320			

Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent	WTI
1835.15	27.37	67.23	68.27	64.97

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