

Daily Market Commentary

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CBK USD/KWD

0.30660

0.30670

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Foreign Exchange Development

The U.S. dollar edged lower on Wednesday, extending a two-day slide against major peers, as President Donald Trump failed to convince Republican holdouts to back his sweeping tax bill.

Traders were also wary of U.S. officials potentially angling for a weaker dollar at Group of Seven finance minister meetings currently underway in Canada.

The euro rose 0.07% to \$1.1291, while sterling added 0.1% to \$1.3405. The dollar index edged down 0.03% to 99.938, following a 1.3% two-day decline.

The dollar declined 0.14% to 144.31 yen early in Asia's day, and slipped 0.22% to 0.8264 Swiss franc.

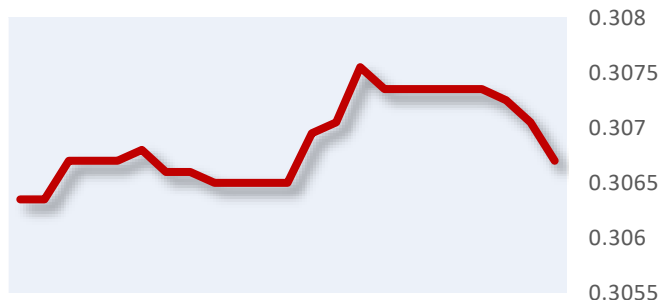
Oil prices jumped more than 1% on Wednesday after reports Israel is preparing a strike on Iranian nuclear facilities, raising fears that a conflict could upset supply availability in the key Middle East producing region.

Gold prices rose on Wednesday to their highest in more than a week as the dollar weakened and investors sought safety amid U.S. fiscal uncertainty, with Congress debating a sweeping tax bill.

Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.1330	0.02	8.33	9.43
GBP/USD	1.3432	0.77	6.32	7.33
USD/CHF	0.823	-0.40	-8.37	-9.33
USD/JPY	143.75	0.44	-3.74	-8.37
AUD/USD	0.6452	0.77	1.51	4.27
USD/CAD	1.389	0.65	-2.34	-3.43
USD INDEX	99.62	0.16	-7.04	-8.17
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent	
3300.10	33.10	65.69	65.60	

USD/KWD - 1 Month



Economic Updates

Some market players urged the Bank of Japan to increase buying of super-long bonds, or terminate tapering for that maturity, in the wake of sharp rises in their yields, the central bank said on Tuesday.

Japan's export growth slowed in April, weighed by a decline in shipments to the U.S. as businesses in the world's fourth-largest economy braced for the hit to a fragile economic recovery from Trump's tariffs.

Trump's tax cut and spending bill faces a critical stress test on Wednesday as Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives try to overcome internal divisions about cuts to the Medicaid health program and tax breaks in high-cost coastal states.

Qatar's sovereign wealth fund is planning to at least double its annual U.S. investments in the next decade after the fund has already pledged to invest \$500 billion in the U.S. economy over the next 10 years.

Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	42,677.24	-114.83	4.94	0.31
FTSE 100	8,781.12	81.81	3.37	7.44
KUWAIT ALL	8,043.13	-8.74	1.05	9.24
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
TERM SOFR	4.32744	4.32626	4.26976	4.07734
EURIBOR	2.1010	2.0750	2.1200	2.0940
KIBOR	3.6875	3.9375	4.1875	4.3750
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US TRSY	4.097	3.967	4.095	4.513
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
CBK BOND	-	4.125	4.250	4.375
KONIA	1.950			
SOFR	4.290			
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK
INT. RATES	4.000	4.500	2.25	4.250

Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
21May	United Kingdom	Core CPI YY	3.40	3.67
21May	United Kingdom	CPI YY	2.6	3.27
21May	Japan	Machinery Orders YY	1.50	-2.2
22May	Germany	HCOB Mfg Flash PMI	48.40	48.77
22May	Germany	HCOB Services Flash PMI	49.00	49.45
22May	Euro Zone	HCOB Mfg Flash PMI	49.00	49.3
22May	Euro Zone	HCOB Services Flash PMI	50.10	50.26

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg

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