

Foreign Exchange Development

The dollar steadied on Thursday ahead of interest rate decisions from the European Central Bank and the Bank of England, both of which are expected to keep rates on hold later in the global day.

The euro was steady at \$1.1800 ahead of the European Central Bank decision, where it is expected to keep rates on hold.

The British pound was flat at \$1.3650 ahead of the Bank of England's policy decision, at which it is also expected to remain on hold.

Against the yen, the U.S. dollar was fetching 156.92 yen, keeping steady as Japan's election campaign enters its final stretch ahead of Sunday's poll.

Oil prices fell about 2% after the U.S. and Iran agreed to hold talks in Oman on Friday, easing concerns that a potential military conflict between them could disrupt supply from the key Middle East-producing region.

Gold climbed more than 1% on Thursday, hovering near one-week highs, as geopolitical and economic tensions continued to bolster prices, while silver and palladium also posted gains.

Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.1788	-0.51	2.58	0.36
GBP/USD	1.3630	-0.48	4.39	1.11
USD/CHF	0.7786	0.69	-3.95	-1.78
USD/JPY	156.88	1.34	1.76	0.28
AUD/USD	0.6970	0.13	7.15	4.44
USD/CAD	1.3688	0.52	-2.98	-0.29
USD INDEX	97.76	0.80	-1.97	-0.57
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent	
4870.97	76.91	65.18	68.95	

GBP/USD - 1 Month



Economic Updates

The Bank of England is expected to keep interest rates on hold on Thursday and leave its options open about when it will cut them again as it waits to be sure that a weakening jobs market will push down on inflation pressures.

The BoE will keep its benchmark Bank Rate at 3.75% at the February meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee, according to the overwhelming majority of economists.

European Union lawmakers decided on Wednesday to resume work on enacting the EU's trade deal with the United States, which they had suspended in protest against President Donald Trump's demands to acquire Greenland and his threats of related tariffs.

Most Gulf stock markets rose on Wednesday, tracking firmer oil prices and upbeat corporate earnings, while investors assessed the potential market fallout from escalating Middle East tensions.

Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	49,407.66	93.64	1.25	2.99
FTSE 100	10,402.34	87.75	1.75	4.74
KUWAIT ALL	8,731.65	58.14	1.94	-1.98
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
TERM SOFR	3.67306	3.66580	3.62691	3.50560
EURIBOR	1.9560	2.0290	2.1610	2.2250
KIBOR	3.3750	3.5625	3.7500	3.8750
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US TRSY	3.450	3.622	3.818	4.264
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
CBK BOND	-	3.625	3.750	3.875
KONIA	1.830			
SOFR	3.690			
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK
INT. RATES	3.500	3.750	2.00	3.750

Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
05Feb	United Kingdom	BOE Bank Rate	4	3.74
05Feb	Euro Zone	ECB Refinancing Rate	2.15	2.15
05Feb	Euro Zone	ECB Deposit Rate	2.00	2
05Feb	United States	Initial Jobless Clm	209.0	210.1
06Feb	United States	Non-Farm Payrolls	50.00	60.7
06Feb	Germany	Industrial Output MM	0.80	-0.03
13Feb	United States	CPI MM, SA	0.30	0.24

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg

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