

Foreign Exchange Development

The dollar slipped at the start of Asian trading on Monday as hopes of a deal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz pushed oil prices below \$100 per barrel, even as the Trump administration played down the chances of reaching an agreement with Iran soon.

Against the yen, the U.S. dollar was down 0.2% at 158.87 yen, while the euro rose 0.3% to \$1.1642 and the British pound gained 0.4% to \$1.3485.

The Australian dollar advanced 0.4% to \$0.7160, while its kiwi counterpart tacked on 0.5% to \$0.5877.

Oil prices fell 6% to two-week lows on Monday, as optimism grew that the United States and Iran were moving closer to a peace deal, even though they remain at odds over key issues, such as blockades on the Strait of Hormuz.

Gold prices rose more than 1% on Monday, supported by a weaker dollar and easing oil prices, as investors weighed prospects of a breakthrough in U.S.-Iran peace negotiations.

Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.1644	-0.74	-1.41	-0.87
GBP/USD	1.3488	-0.85	-0.53	0.08
USD/CHF	0.782	0.06	1.20	-1.35
USD/JPY	158.89	1.45	1.61	1.40
AUD/USD	0.7171	-0.42	0.65	7.45
USD/CAD	1.3808	1.66	0.95	0.58
USD INDEX	98.98	0.94	1.30	0.67
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent	
4558.93	77.66	123.30	104.19	

Gold - 1 Month



Economic Updates

British retail sales fell by the most in nearly a year in April as fuel sales plummeted, according to official figures that added to signs of waning consumer spending against the backdrop of the Iran war and rising energy costs.

Britain's public finances showed the biggest shortfall since the COVID-19 pandemic in April in what could be an early taste of the budget hit facing finance minister Rachel Reeves caused by the Iran war.

German business morale unexpectedly improved in May, but economists warn that the outlook for Europe's biggest economy remains fragile despite separate data confirming first-quarter growth of 0.3%.

Most Gulf stock markets closed sharply higher on Sunday as geopolitical risk premiums eased on news that Washington and Iran were nearing a peace deal that would also reopen the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	50,579.70	294.04	1.87	5.24
FTSE 100	10,466.26	22.79	0.84	5.39
KUWAIT ALL	8,866.33	154.28	0.07	-0.46
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
TERM SOFR	3.60833	3.65621	3.72783	3.87603
EURIBOR	1.9530	2.2040	2.5470	2.7800
KIBOR	3.4375	3.6250	3.8125	4.0000
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US TRSY	3.838	4.168	4.254	4.556
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
CBK BOND	-	3.625	3.750	3.875
KONIA	2.690			
SOFR	3.510			
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK
INT. RATES	3.500	3.750	2.00	3.750

Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
28May	Euro Zone	Consumer Confid. Final	-19	-19
28May	United States	Durable Goods	0.8	4.19
28May	United States	GDP 2nd Estimate	2	2.03
28May	United States	Initial Jobless Clm	209K	210K
29May	France	CPI (EU Norm) Prelim YY	2.5	2.78
29May	Germany	CPI Prelim YY	2.9	2.916

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg