

Foreign Exchange Development

The dollar inched higher to hold near a two-month high, as the US-Iran standoff continued to push up oil prices while investors looked ahead to a data-packed week for more clues on inflation and central banks' moves.

The euro and sterling were both 0.1% weaker against the dollar, last at \$1.1379 and \$1.3232, respectively, hovering near multi-month lows against the greenback.

The yen was last down 0.3% at 157.7 per dollar. It gained on Friday after Japan's Finance Minister and US Treasury Secretary held a call and reaffirmed that yen undervaluation is a matter of concern.

The Australian dollar fetched \$0.7017, down 0.07%, and the kiwi traded flat at \$0.5661.

Oil prices rebounded more than 1% after US President Donald Trump rejected a peace deal from Iran to resolve their conflict and reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

Gold prices fell more than 2% as a rise in oil prices heightened inflation concerns and reinforced expectations of further Fed interest-rate hikes.

Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.1388	-1.98	-0.30	-3.06
GBP/USD	1.3247	-2.17	-0.12	-1.73
USD/CHF	0.8299	2.64	2.71	4.68
USD/JPY	157.79	-1.23	-2.58	0.71
AUD/USD	0.7030	-1.95	2.03	5.31
USD/CAD	1.4152	2.11	-0.42	3.08
USD INDEX	101.10	1.68	-0.01	2.82
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent	
4198.21	62.01	123.91	104.72	

USD/JPY - 1 Month



Economic Updates

Many Bank of Japan policymakers saw the need to focus on mounting inflation risks, with some calling for faster interest rate increases, minutes of their July meeting showed, cementing the case for further hikes to still-low borrowing costs.

China said today a two-month extension of a trade truce with the United States would provide room for both sides to evaluate the implementation of their arrangement to resolve economic and trade issues, while considering how to advance on those fronts.

Crude oil exports from key Middle East producers rebounded in September to 12.8 million barrels per day, the highest since the US-Israeli war with Iran started in February, data from Kpler showed, as Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates boosted exports.

Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	51,828.62	478.64	-2.55	7.83
FTSE 100	10,695.25	15.26	-1.19	7.69
KUWAIT ALL	8,844.78	7.77	-0.59	-0.71
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
TERM SOFR	3.89824	4.07525	4.25859	4.56981
EURIBOR	2.4600	2.6070	3.0700	3.3790
KIBOR	3.5000	3.6875	3.8750	4.0625
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US TRSY	4.454	4.984	5.038	5.203
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
CBK BOND	-	3.625	3.750	3.875
KONIA	3.280			
SOFR	3.880			
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK
INT. RATES	3.500	4.000	2.25	3.750

Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
29Sep	United States	Consumer Confidence	89.4	89.95
30Sep	Germany	CPI Prelim YY	2.90	3.209
30Sep	United States	PCE Price Index YY	3.70	3.65
30Sep	United States	GDP Final	1.5	1.61
01Oct	Euro Zone	S&P MFG Final PMI	52.70	52.7
02Oct	United States	Non-Farm Payrolls	162	79.1

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg