

Foreign Exchange Development

The yen extended gains on Thursday after a sudden burst higher in the previous session, though traders stopped short of attributing the move to Japanese authorities and instead pointed to a hawkish repricing of domestic rate expectations.

The euro up marginally to \$1.1593. Sterling bounced from a three-week low and last bought \$1.3489.

The New Zealand dollar rose 0.13% to \$0.5860, having slid 0.67% on Wednesday following a dovish hike from the country's central bank, while the Aussie held near a more than three-month high at \$0.7166.

Oil prices edged lower on Thursday as investors weighed the uncertainty of renewed military strikes between the U.S. and Iran that risk disrupting supplies from the Middle East.

Gold rose more than 1% on Thursday as the U.S. dollar and Treasury yields eased, while investors strapped in for U.S. nonfarm payrolls data that could help shape expectations for the Federal Reserve's next policy move.

Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.1595	-0.19	-0.31	-1.29
GBP/USD	1.3494	-0.34	0.28	0.11
USD/CHF	0.812	0.42	3.18	2.42
USD/JPY	157.75	-1.26	-1.21	0.68
AUD/USD	0.7167	-0.03	0.13	7.37
USD/CAD	1.3834	-0.17	-0.05	0.77
USD INDEX	99.42	-0.01	0.01	1.12
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent	
4429.50	65.92	109.15	95.39	

Gold - 1 Month



Economic Updates

U.S. economic activity increased modestly, employment rose slightly and prices increased moderately in recent weeks, according to a mixed report published on Wednesday by the Federal Reserve that may do little to convince central bank policymakers one way or another as they weigh whether to raise interest rates at their September 15-16 meeting.

Governor Kazuo Ueda hinted that a rate hike is likely when the board convenes for a meeting later this month, saying that officials will decide on policy with upside price risks in mind.

The UAE's non-oil private sector accelerated in August to its strongest growth rate since December 2024, helped by sharper gains in output and new business.

Gulf stock markets fell on Wednesday after the U.S. and Iran exchanged strikes overnight, dimming hopes for a swift easing of tensions in the Middle East.

Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	53,061.95	295.07	-0.23	10.40
FTSE 100	10,756.45	-32.83	-0.63	8.31
KUWAIT ALL	8,866.65	-37.07	-0.35	-0.46
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
TERM SOFR	3.74444	3.83656	3.97623	4.17408
EURIBOR	2.2260	2.6080	2.7790	3.0290
KIBOR	3.3750	3.5625	3.7500	3.9375
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US TRSY	4.126	4.432	4.529	4.772
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
CBK BOND	-	3.625	3.750	3.875
KONIA	2.830			
SOFR	3.660			
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK
INT. RATES	3.500	3.750	2.25	3.750

Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
03Sep	United States	Productivity Revised	1.4	1.41
03Sep	Euro Zone	S&P Services Final PMI	51.70	51.7
03Sep	United States	Initial Jobless Clm	203k	205k
03Sep	United States	ISM N-Mfg PMI	54.1	54.17
04Sep	United States	Non-Farm Payrolls	-23000.00	56300
04Sep	United States	Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.13

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg