

Foreign Exchange Development

The dollar held near its strongest level in 18 months in subdued trading in Asia on Thursday, after hawkish minutes from the US Federal Open Market Committee signalled policymakers viewed inflation as the biggest risk to their outlook.

The euro was up 0.1% at \$1.1202, while the British pound was unchanged at \$1.3212.

The dollar index, which measures its strength against a basket of six currencies, was steady at 102.25 after rising 0.3%. The greenback remains within a few pips of its strongest levels since April 9, 2025, following the market turmoil that accompanied the so-called Liberation Day tariff announcement the previous week.

Oil prices rose on persistent worries about supply from the key Middle East producing region amid an increase in attacks on shipping in the Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz.

Gold prices climbed as the dollar eased from an 18-month peak, helping bullion recover from a two-month low, while traders weighed the prospect of another US Federal Reserve rate hike this year.

Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.1207	-1.08	-1.82	-4.59
GBP/USD	1.3214	-0.44	-1.34	-1.98
USD/CHF	0.833	-0.34	3.08	5.12
USD/JPY	158.21	0.50	-2.71	0.97
AUD/USD	0.6958	0.20	0.42	4.27
USD/CAD	1.4264	0.51	0.63	3.91
USD INDEX	102.24	0.78	1.32	3.98
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent	
4132.15	59.98	112.58	101.20	

GBP/USD - 1 Month



Economic Updates

Federal Reserve policymakers were divided last month over the rationale for raising interest rates, with "some participants" seeing a hike as needed to keep the impact of energy and other price shocks at bay, but a more hawkish core viewing it as necessary to guard against emerging demand-driven inflation.

The number of vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz fell to the lowest in more than two months after attacks on tankers in the key waterway reached their highest last week since the start of the US-Israeli war with Iran.

Saudi Arabia's structural shift toward non-oil revenue is strengthening the kingdom's long-term economic resilience, while rapid growth in its digital economy is supporting efforts to diversify beyond hydrocarbons.

Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	51,179.87	-341.41	0.54	6.48
FTSE 100	10,458.50	-83.19	-1.39	5.31
KUWAIT ALL	8,667.50	13.46	-1.27	-2.70
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
TERM SOFR	3.91666	4.02975	4.18252	4.47606
EURIBOR	2.4240	2.6020	2.9540	3.1770
KIBOR	3.5000	3.6250	3.8750	4.0625
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US TRSY	4.396	4.922	5.037	5.303
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
CBK BOND	-	3.625	3.750	3.875
KONIA	3.050			
SOFR	3.900			
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK
INT. RATES	3.500	4.000	2.25	3.750

Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
08Oct	Germany	Imports MM SA	-5.7	2.65
08Oct	United States	Initial Jobless Clm	197K	1968K
09Oct	United States	U Mich Sentiment Prelim	48.10	47.25
14Oct	United States	Core CPI YY, NSA	2.4	2.44
16Oct	Euro Zone	HICP Final YY	3.80	0
16Oct	United States	Industrial Production MM	0	0.39

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg