

Foreign Exchange Development

The U.S. dollar edged to its highest levels in a week in Asian trade on Wednesday as the U.S. renewed strikes on Iran, while New Zealand's currency jumped after the country's central bank lifted interest rates and flagged further tightening.

The greenback strengthened 0.2% to 162.46 yen, advancing for a fourth day to reach the strongest level since July 2. The euro slipped 0.1% to \$1.1405, while the British pound nudged 0.1% lower to \$1.3351.

The kiwi dollar jumped 0.5% to highs of \$0.5705 after the Reserve Bank of New Zealand hiked rates by 25 basis points to 2.5% to curb inflation pressures.

Oil prices gained more than 2% on Wednesday after the U.S. military launched airstrikes against Iran and reimposed crude sales sanctions, raising fears their fragile truce was unravelling and Middle East supplies could be disrupted again.

Gold prices swung between gains and losses on Wednesday, as concerns around inflation and higher interest rates rose after fresh U.S. strikes on Iran.

Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.1417	-0.05	-2.12	-2.81
GBP/USD	1.3358	0.71	-0.28	-0.88
USD/CHF	0.8085	0.01	2.15	2.01
USD/JPY	162.39	-0.12	2.37	3.63
AUD/USD	0.6943	0.32	-1.45	4.03
USD/CAD	1.4189	-0.06	2.46	3.37
USD INDEX	101.09	-0.09	1.98	2.82
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent	
4127.44	60.53	71.32	75.94	

GBP/USD - 1 Month



Economic Updates

U.S. consumers grew more concerned about near-term inflation pressures in June even as their worries about gasoline prices eased and were more upbeat about current and future personal finances, a New York Federal Reserve report showed on Tuesday. Inflation a year from now was expected to be 3.7% in June, which would mark the highest reading since September 2023, the regional Fed bank said in its latest Survey of Consumer Expectations. The figure for May was 3.5%.

The Bank of England said on Tuesday that artificial intelligence poses a growing threat to financial stability, as investors bet heavily it will prove a success while the technology increases banks' vulnerability to cyberattacks.

Most Gulf bourses ended higher on Tuesday as investors weighed upcoming corporate earnings, lower oil prices and renewed U.S.-Iran tensions.

Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	52,925.15	-130.76	1.16	10.12
FTSE 100	10,665.88	14.11	1.61	7.40
KUWAIT ALL	8,733.72	-5.26	0.31	-1.95
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
TERM SOFR	3.66876	3.73752	3.84530	3.98569
EURIBOR	2.2240	2.3210	2.5470	2.6930
KIBOR	3.4375	3.5625	3.7500	4.0000
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US TRSY	4.021	4.212	4.280	4.551
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
CBK BOND	-	3.625	3.750	3.875
KONIA	2.680			
SOFR	3.630			
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK
INT. RATES	3.500	3.750	2.25	3.750

Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
09Jul	United States	Initial Jobless Clm	215	216.3
09Jul	United States	Existing Home Sales	4.17	4.201
09Jul	Japan	Corp Goods Price MM	0.90	0.37
10Jul	Germany	HICP Final YY	2.4	2.4
14Jul	United States	Core CPI MM, SA	0.20	0.27
17Jul	Euro Zone	HICP Final YY	2.8	2.82

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg