

Foreign Exchange Development

The dollar was supported by rising U.S. yields and the blowtorch was on low-yielding currencies such as China's yuan and Japan's yen, which was pinned to its lowest since 1986.

The euro handed back part of a small rally as the first round of France's election turned out more or less in line with polling. The currency last bought \$1.0735.

The yen sank to 161.72 per dollar, extending a downward slide driven mainly by a wide gap in interest rates between the U.S. and Japan.

The New Zealand dollar slipped 0.3% in early trade and at \$0.6075 was testing support at its 200-day moving average. Sterling was steady at \$1.2641.

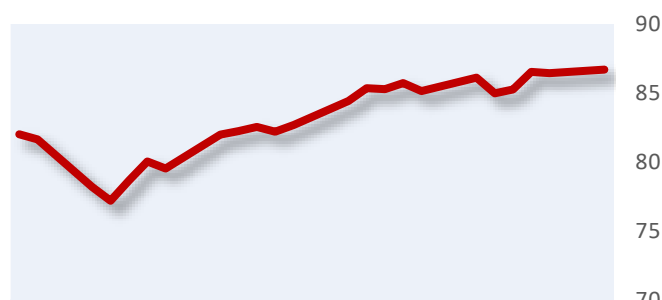
Oil prices were little changed, on expectations for rising fuel demand from the summer travel season and possible U.S. interest rate cuts that could boost economic growth.

Gold prices were flat, as investors awaited comments from Federal Reserve Chair and jobs data for further insight about the U.S. central bank's interest rate outlook.

Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.0731	0.16	-0.35	-2.77
GBP/USD	1.2637	-0.07	0.45	-0.75
USD/CHF	0.9042	0.55	-0.46	7.38
USD/JPY	161.66	0.51	6.66	14.60
AUD/USD	0.6647	-0.33	1.96	-2.42
USD/CAD	1.3751	0.53	1.37	3.81
USD INDEX	105.94	0.07	1.08	4.55
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent	WTI
2329.65	29.36	89.19	86.69	84.70

Brent - 1 Month



Economic Updates

Japanese authorities will remain vigilant to currency market moves, finance minister Shunichi Suzuki said, as the yen continued its downturn to fresh 38-year lows.

The European Central Bank needs more time to conclude that inflation is firmly on a path to 2% and benign economic developments indicate that rate cuts are not urgent, ECB President Christine Lagarde said.

U.S. manufacturing contracted for a third straight month in June as demand remained subdued, while a drop in a measure of prices paid by factories for inputs to a six-month low suggested that inflation could continue to subside.

Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund PIF swung to a profit of 138.1 billion riyals (\$36.81 billion) in 2023, it said, after posting a loss of \$15.6 billion a year earlier.

Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	39,169.52	50.66	0.13	3.93
FTSE 100	8,166.76	2.64	0.03	5.61
KUWAIT ALL	6,943.01	6.03	0.09	1.84
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
TERM SOFR	5.33420	5.32089	5.24805	5.02575
EURIBOR	3.6320	3.7110	3.6820	3.5780
KIBOR	4.0625	4.3125	4.5000	4.6875
SAIBOR	5.82109	6.22504	6.00978	5.87108
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US TRSY	5.085	4.560	4.403	4.438
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
CBK BOND	-	4.375	4.500	4.625
SOFR	5.330			
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK
INT. RATES	4.250	5.500	3.75	5.250

Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
03Jul	Germany	HCOB Services PMI	53.50	53.51
03Jul	Germany	HCOB Comp. Final PMI	50.60	50.61
03Jul	United States	International Trade \$	-74.60	-76.33
03Jul	United States	Initial Jobless Clm	233.00	234.5
05Jul	United States	Non-Farm Payrolls	272.00	198.5
05Jul	United States	Unemployment Rate	4.00	3.99
11Jul	United States	CPI MM, SA	0.00	0.08

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg