

Daily Market Commentary

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Foreign Exchange Development

The U.S. dollar rallied on Thursday in knee-jerk reaction to a court blocking President Donald Trump from imposing his import tariffs on other countries, providing some relief for the currency that has struggled this year due to trade uncertainty.

On Thursday, the dollar reversed some of those moves and rose 0.72% against the yen to 145.86 and 0.63% against the Swiss franc to 0.8326.

The euro slid 0.42% to \$1.1245 and sterling fell 0.30% to \$1.3432. That left the dollar index, which measures the U.S. currency against six major peers, back above 100 for the first time in a week.

The index, though, is down 8% this year and analysts remain sceptical of a sustained dollar rally and expect a long court battle over tariffs.

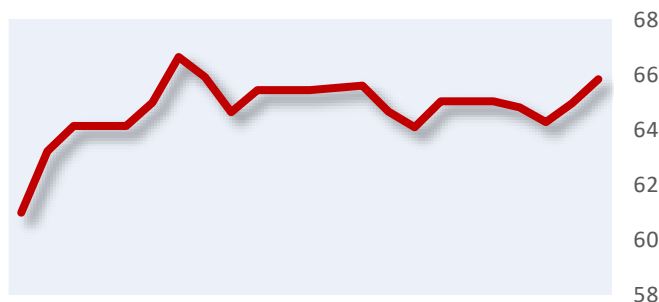
Oil prices rose on Thursday after a U.S. court blocked most of President Donald Trump's tariffs from taking effect.

Gold was down 0.5% at \$3,273.37 an ounce after hitting its lowest since May 20.

Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.1250	-0.69	8.42	8.65
GBP/USD	1.3439	0.84	6.85	7.41
USD/CHF	0.8323	0.71	-7.91	-8.31
USD/JPY	145.76	1.87	-3.22	-7.06
AUD/USD	0.6427	0.34	3.50	3.83
USD/CAD	1.3846	0.31	-4.31	-3.75
USD INDEX	100.27	0.80	-6.51	-7.58
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent	
3271.28	33.26	64.74	64.96	

Brent - 1 Month



Economic Updates

U.S. Federal Reserve officials at their last meeting acknowledged they could face "difficult tradeoffs" in coming months in the form of rising inflation alongside rising unemployment, an outlook buttressed by concerns about financial market volatility and Fed staff warnings of increasing recession risk, according to minutes of the May 6-7 session.

Business confidence in Britain's services sector hit a two-and-a-half-year low in the quarter to May and cost pressures are ramping up partly as a result of employment tax rises.

Kuwaiti Minister Tariq Suleiman Al-Roumi affirmed on Wednesday the Gulf country's support to ongoing efforts to bolster the stability of global oil markets.

China approached the United Arab Emirates for a possible bilateral free trade deal, UAE's trade minister Thani Al Zeyoudi said on Wednesday.

Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	42,098.70	-244.95	3.51	-1.05
FTSE 100	8,726.01	-52.04	2.72	6.77
KUWAIT ALL	8,119.30	49.32	2.01	10.28
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
TERM SOFR	4.32681	4.33269	4.28505	4.08780
EURIBOR	2.0630	2.0210	2.0560	2.0560
KIBOR	3.6875	3.9375	4.1875	4.3750
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US TRSY	4.084	3.990	4.091	4.501
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
CBK BOND	-	4.125	4.250	4.375
KONIA	2.030			
SOFR	4.310			
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK
INT. RATES	4.000	4.500	2.25	4.250

Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
29May	United States	GDP 2nd Estimate	-0.30	-0.31
30May	Germany	CPI Prelim YY	2.10	2.06
30May	United States	Core PCE Price Index YY	2.60	2.54
30May	United States	PCE Price Index YY	2.30	2.18
02Jun	United States	ISM Manufacturing PMI	48.70	48.95
03Jun	Euro Zone	HICP Flash YY	2.20	2.05
04Jun	United States	ISM N-Mfg PMI	51.60	51.99

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg

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