

Bank Dhofar Morning Market Update



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Global Update

A sharp global sell-off in technology stocks spread into Asian markets, as growing concerns over inflated valuations and heavy AI-related spending prompted investors to reduce risk exposure. The MSCI Asia Tech Index declined for the fifth time in six sessions, with major names such as Samsung Electronics and SoftBank Group among the biggest drags. South Korea's KOSPI, often seen as a benchmark for AI-linked investments, led the downturn with a 4% drop, while consumer and health-care shares provided some offset by posting gains. The broader MSCI Asia equities index slipped 1.5%. The slump followed a weak performance in the US, where the Nasdaq fell sharply and sentiment deteriorated further after Alphabet, Qualcomm, and Arm Holdings slipped in after-hours trading on disappointing earnings. US equity futures erased early advances to trade 0.2% lower, and European markets were on track for a softer open ahead of key central bank decisions. Beyond equities, investors turned their attention to precious metals, which also faced intense pressure. Silver tumbled as much as 17%, while gold retreated up to 3.5%, both struggling to stabilize following a dramatic sell-off.

GBP/USD is trading around 1.3620 in Thursday's Asian session, extending its decline for a second consecutive day as investors turn cautious ahead of the Bank of England's interest rate decision later today. Market sentiment remains soft, but key technical levels continue to provide underlying support. 100-hour SMA at 1.3759 continues to trend higher and provides important dynamic support.

MACD sits slightly below the Signal line with a small negative histogram, indicating easing but still subdued momentum.

RSI at 43 reflects a neutral-to-soft bias; a move above 50 would signal improving strength.



Source: Reuters, Bloomberg

Currencies				Rates		
	Open	High	Low		Last Price	Previous Day Close
EURUSD	1.1807	1.1808	1.1783	O/N SOFR	3.690	0.000
GBPUKD	1.3655	1.3663	1.3619	1 month SOFR	3.671	3.671
USDJPY	156.86	156.9800	156.69	3 month SOFR	3.663	3.663
USDINR	90.52	90.52	90.38	6 months SOFR	3.621	3.621
USDCNY	6.9450	6.9493	6.9430	12 month SOFR	3.495	3.495
USDCHF	0.7774	0.7782	0.7766	3 years IRS	3.414	3.425
AUDUSD	0.6998	0.7007	0.6959	5 years IRS	3.539	3.553

NZDUSD	0.6003	0.6010	0.5977
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The pound and euro were steady ahead of interest rate decisions due later Thursday. The European Central Bank and Bank of England are expected to leave rates unchanged. The euro fell 0.2% to \$1.1788. The Japanese yen was little changed at 156.84 per dollar. The offshore yuan was little changed at 6.9441 per dollar

US 2-year yields fall 1bp to 3.55% while 10-year yields edge down 2bps to 4.26%. Japan's 10-year yield declined two basis points to 2.230%. Australia's 10-year yield declined one basis point to 4.85%. Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook said it's essential the central bank maintain its credibility by returning inflation to target in the near future

Current Levels	
CBO Repo Rate	4.25
O/N OMIBOR	4
*Bank Deposit Rates for 1 years	3.75
Bank Deposit Rates for 5 years	3.75

*Amount>500k OMR

Calendar			
Key Data Watch	Time (GST)	Expected	Prior
Challenger Job Cuts YoY	16:30		-8.3%
Initial Jobless Claims	17:30	212k	209k

Global Markets			
	Level	1-Day Change (%)	YTD (%)
S&P 500	6883	-0.507	0.54
Euro Stoxx 600	618	0.031	4.38
ShanghaiComposite Index	4060	-1.031	2.29
MSX-30	6381	0.934	8.76
NIFTY-50	25627	-0.579	-1.92
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	67.99	-2.116	12.40
Gold (\$/oz.)	4883	-1.645	13.05
DXY	98	0.151	-0.57
Silver(\$/oz.)	77	-12.494	7.67

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