

Bank Dhofar Morning Market Update



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Global Update

MSCI gauge of regional shares rose as much as 1.1% as benchmark indexes in South Korea, Japan and mainland China gained. The moves were fueled in part by a return to bets on tech stocks, after Wednesday’s earnings from Dutch chip-machine maker ASML Holding NV added to optimism the artificial intelligence boom can still power corporate earnings. Gold soared to as high as \$4,242 an ounce, taking gains this year to more than 60% as trade frictions and expectations for further Federal Reserve interest-rate cuts lured buyers. The broad rally in Asian shares showed investors remain optimistic about the region even as renewed trade tensions between China and the US cast a shadow. Asian stocks have been a big winner for investors this year, with the MSCI regional gauge outpacing US benchmarks with a 23% gain. Markets were whipsawed in US trading by comments from President Donald Trump that the US was locked in a trade war with China, and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent’s suggestion of a longer-term truce. After several months of relative calm, tensions between Washington and Beijing have flared up again, with stocks fluctuating after Friday’s selloff as dip buyers stepped in.

USD/JPY is still staying in consolidations below 153.26 and intraday bias remains neutral. Downside should be contained by 149.95 resistance turned support. Break of 153.26 will target 100% projection of 142.66 to 150.90 from 145.47 at 153.71. Firm break there will pave the way to 161.8% projection at 158.80. However, decisive break of 149.95 will bring deeper pullback to 55 D EMA (now at 148.58) instead. In the bigger picture, current development suggests that corrective pattern from 161.94 (2024 high) has completed with three waves at 139.87.



Source: Reuters, Bloomberg

Currencies				Rates		
	Open	High	Low		Last Price	Previous Day Close
EURUSD	1.1647	1.1675	1.1643	O/N SOFR	4.190	4.190
GBPUSD	1.3403	1.3442	1.3394	1 month SOFR	4.032	4.032
USDJPY	151.05	151.2000	150.51	3 month SOFR	3.894	3.894
USDINR	87.82	87.88	87.70	6 months SOFR	3.751	3.751
USDCNY	7.1225	7.1265	7.1197	12 month SOFR	3.547	3.547
USDCHF	0.7967	0.7974	0.7933	3 years IRS	3.215	3.223
AUDUSD	0.6513	0.6516	0.6480	5 years IRS	3.270	3.276

NZDUSD	0.5724	0.5756	0.5712
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The euro was little changed at \$1.1657.The Japanese yen was little changed at 150.97 per dollar.The offshore yuan was little changed at 7.1295 per dollar.AUD/NZD’s dive lower today, inspired by the weak Australian jobs report is likely a confirmation that its six-month long uptrend is complete, which will cap the recent upswing for implied volatility

Bank of Japan Governor Kazuo Ueda kept his policy options open by reiterating the bank’s long-held stance on interest rates, avoiding sending any clear signals about the prospects for a rate hike when the board meets later this month.Japan’s 10-year yield advanced one basis point to 1.660%.The yield on 10-year Treasuries was little changed at 4.02%.Australia’s 10-year yield declined five basis points to 4.17%.

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			Current Levels		Level	1-Day Change (%)	YTD (%)
CBO Repo Rate			4.75				
O/N OMIBOR			4	S&P 500	6671	0.403	13.42
*Bank Deposit Rates for 1 years			4.00	Euro Stoxx 600	568	0.572	11.85
				ShanghaiComposite Index	3916	0.100	16.84
Bank Deposit Rates for 5 years			4.00	MSX-30	5252	0.230	14.76
*Amount>500k OMR				NIFTY-50	25452	0.508	7.64
Calendar				Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	62.46	0.905	-13.01
Key Data Watch	Time (GST)	Expected	Prior	Gold (\$/oz.)	4231	0.552	61.20
Retail Sales Advance MoM	16:30	0.4%	0.6%			-0.189	
				DXY	99		-9.11
Retail Sales Ex Auto MoM	16:30	0.3%	0.7%	Silver(\$/oz.)	53	0.015	83.51

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