

# Bank Dhofar Morning Market Update



Date: 04/02/26

## Global Update

Asian equities pared earlier losses after a decline in US tech shares, as investors rotated into more economically sensitive sectors such as financials and industrials. MSCI's Asia-Pacific equity gauge, which initially fell as much as 0.6%, trimmed the drop as traders bet that Asian companies' more diversified business models could offer resilience against the tech-led downturn.

The weakness originated in the US market, where concerns have intensified that the rapid adoption of artificial intelligence could disrupt traditional software-as-a-service (SaaS) models. Sentiment worsened after AI startup Anthropic launched a new productivity tool for in-house legal teams, signaling direct competition with established legal-tech and data-services providers. This triggered a slide in software shares across the US, which then spread into Asian markets as regional software names tracked the losses.

The selloff broadened further to include alternative investment firms, notably Blue Owl Capital Inc., amid speculation that AI-driven disruptions could lead to losses on their portfolios. Market analysts noted that Wall Street's skepticism toward software companies has been building for some time, with traders increasingly pricing in the potential for AI to reshape — and in some cases undermine — traditional software business models. Gold builds on the recovery from four-week lows beyond \$5,000 early Wednesday. The US Dollar struggles for traction amid data delay and uncertainty over the Fed's rate outlook under Warsh.

Gold recaptures 21-day SMA, while RSI holds firmly above the midline on the daily chart. The 21-day Simple Moving Average (SMA) rises above the 50- and 100-day readings, while price holds over all key SMAs to keep a bullish tone. The 50- and 100-day SMAs also advance, reinforcing buyers' control. The Relative Strength Index (14) prints at 58.61, above the 50 line and supporting positive momentum. Initial dynamic support aligns with the 21-day SMA at \$4,813.31, followed by the 50-day SMA at \$4,520.99; staying above these levels would preserve the upside bias. The broader trend backdrop remains firm as the 100- and 200-day SMAs extend their ascent with shorter averages stacked above them, underscoring a well-established bullish structure. Pullbacks would be expected to find deeper demand at the 100-day SMA at \$4,260.29, while the 200-day SMA at \$3,814.47 underpins the longer-term trend. Holding above the rising short-term average would keep the advance on track, whereas a close beneath \$4,260.29 could shift focus toward \$3,814.47 and signal a broader consolidation phase.



Source: Reuters, Bloomberg

Currencies				Rates		
	Open	High	Low		Last Price	Previous Day Close
EURUSD	1.1819	1.1832	1.1809	O/N SOFR	3.690	0.000
GBPUSD	1.3697	1.3713	1.3691	1 month SOFR	3.671	3.671

<b>USDJPY</b>	155.75	156.3900	155.70	<b>3 month SOFR</b>	3.661	3.661
<b>USDINR</b>	90.42	90.56	90.36	<b>6 months SOFR</b>	3.612	3.612
<b>USDCNY</b>	6.9342	6.9383	6.9341	<b>12 month SOFR</b>	3.479	3.479
<b>USDCHF</b>	0.7753	0.7766	0.7750	<b>3 years IRS</b>	3.438	3.436
<b>AUDUSD</b>	0.7021	0.7036	0.7013	<b>5 years IRS</b>	3.558	3.556

USD/JPY rises toward mid 156-157 while EUR/USD consolidates above 1.18 ahead of eurozone inflation data. GBP/USD hovers around 1.37 while AUD/USD is steady to hold above 0.70. NZD/USD declined toward 0.60 after New Zealand's unemployment rate unexpectedly rose in 4Q.

US 2-year yields are steady at 3.57% while 10-year yields gain 1bp to 4.27%. The yield on 10-year Treasuries was little changed at 4.27%. Japan's 10-year yield was unchanged at 2.250%. RBA Raises Cash Rate Target by 25bps to 3.85%; Est. 3.85% Australia's 10-year yield advanced three basis points to 4.87%.

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

\*Amount>500k OMR

Global Markets				
	Level	1-Day Change (%)	YTD (%)	
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	6918	-0.840	1.06	
<b>Euro Stoxx 600</b>	618	0.100	4.35	
<b>ShanghaiComposite Index</b>	4068	-0.002	2.49	
<b>MSX-30</b>	6322	1.103	7.75	
<b>NIFTY-50</b>	25779	0.201	-1.34	
<b>Brent Crude (\$/bbl)</b>	67.88	0.832	12.23	
<b>Gold (\$/oz.)</b>	5076	2.618	17.52	
		-0.081		
<b>DXY</b>	97		-0.98	
<b>Silver(\$/oz.)</b>	88	3.468	22.96	

**For any Treasury related requirement, please contact:**

**Telephone: +968 2265 2721/2722/2731/2716**

Disclaimer: Any information contained in this document should not be construed as an offer, invitation, solicitation, or advice of any kind to buy or sell any financial products or services offered by Bank Dhofar S.A.O.G ("Bank Dhofar S.A.O.G"), unless specifically stated so. Foreign exchange and derivative transactions involve numerous risks including among others, market, counterparty default and illiquidity risk. Before entering into any transaction you should take steps to ensure that you understand the transaction and have made an independent assessment of the appropriateness of the transaction in the light of your own objectives and circumstances, including the possible risks and benefits of entering into such transaction. You may consider asking advice from your advisers in making this assessment. No part of this report/document may be copied or redistributed by any recipient for any purpose without Bank Dhofar S.A.O.G's prior written consent. All information contained in this document has been obtained from official sources believed to be accurate and reliable and Bank Dhofar S.A.O.G makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the accuracy, timeliness or completeness of any such information. Opinions, estimates and projections constitute the current judgment of the author as of the date of this report. They do not necessarily reflect the opinion of Bank Dhofar S.A.O.G and are subject to change without notice.