

Bank Dhofar Morning Market Update



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Global Update

Asian equities climbed to a new all-time high as investors added to bets on technology shares, extending last year’s rally in artificial-intelligence-linked companies. MSCI’s benchmark stock index for the region jumped as much as 1.7%, with chipmakers such as Samsung Electronics Co. and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. among the winners. A gauge of emerging markets also advanced to a record, while equity-index futures for the US and Europe rallied. Bitcoin led gains among cryptocurrencies. Silver surged as much as 4.8% and gold jumped as much as 2% to above \$4,400 an ounce after the US move to oust Venezuela’s president Nicolás Maduro over the weekend. Copper rallied toward an all-time high amid speculation about tightening supply. Oil fluctuated amid concerns about global crude supply. The buoyant mood in Asian equities comes after regional stocks posted their strongest start to a year since 2012 on optimism that heavy corporate investment in tech will bolster earnings growth. For now, the risk-on sentiment is shrugging off concern that geopolitical tensions will curtail a rally that propelled global equities to their biggest annual gain in eight years.

The EUR/USD pair attracts heavy selling for the second straight day and dives to a nearly four-week trough, around the 1.1670 region, during the Asian session on Monday. Bearish traders now await a sustained break below the 100-day Simple Moving Average (SMA) before positioning for an extension of the recent pullback from a three-month top, or levels just above the 1.1800 mark touched on December 24. Rising geopolitical tensions assist the safe-haven US Dollar (USD) to capitalize on its recent recovery from its lowest level since early October, which, in turn, exerts pressure on the EUR/USD pair. That said, dovish US Federal Reserve (Fed) expectations might cap gains for the USD. Furthermore, the growing acceptance that the European Central Bank (ECB) is done cutting rates could support the shared currency and the currency pair.



Source: Reuters, Bloomberg

Currencies				Rates		
	Open	High	Low		Last Price	Previous Day Close
EURUSD	1.1724	1.1728	1.1672	O/N SOFR	3.870	0.000
GBPUSD	1.3474	1.3477	1.3414	1 month SOFR	3.682	3.682
USDJPY	156.79	157.3000	156.66	3 month SOFR	3.650	3.650
USDINR	90.19	90.29	90.19	6 months SOFR	3.578	3.578
USDCNY	6.9836	6.9836	6.9808	12 month SOFR	3.426	3.426

USDCHF	0.7922	0.7951	0.7916
AUDUSD	0.6691	0.6696	0.6665
NZDUSD	0.5762	0.5772	0.5743

The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index rose 0.3%. The euro fell 0.3% to \$1.1682. The Japanese yen fell 0.3% to 157.28 per dollar. The offshore yuan fell 0.1% to 6.9776 per dollar. Bitcoin rose 1.5% to \$92,574.01. Ether rose 0.7% to \$3,164.26. West Texas Intermediate crude fell 0.5% to \$57.03 a barrel. Spot gold rose 1.7% to \$4,405.77 an ounce.

		Current Levels
CBO Repo Rate		4.5
O/N OMIBOR		4
*Bank Deposit Rates for 1 years		4.00
Bank Deposit Rates for 5 years		4.00

*Amount>500k OMR

Calendar			
Key Data Watch	Time (GST)	Expected	Prior
ISM Manufacturing (US)	19:00	49.0	48.7
Mortgage Approvals (UK)	13:30	64.5k	65.9k

3 years IRS	3.337	3.346
5 years IRS	3.460	3.475

S&P 500 futures rose 0.2% as of 2:05 p.m. Tokyo time. Japan's Topix rose 2.1%. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 rose 0.1%. Hong Kong's Hang Seng was little changed. The Shanghai Composite rose 1.1%. Euro Stoxx 50 futures rose 0.6%. The yield on 10-year Treasuries was little changed at 4.18%. Japan's 10-year yield advanced six basis points to 2.120%. Australia's 10-year yield declined three basis points to 4.81%

Global Markets			
	Level	1-Day Change (%)	YTD (%)
S&P 500	6858	0.190	0.19
Euro Stoxx 600	596	0.667	0.67
ShanghaiComposite Index	4023	1.358	1.36
MSX-30	5952	0.212	1.45
NIFTY-50	26336	0.027	0.79
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	60.46	-0.461	-0.62
Gold (\$/oz.)	4426	2.165	2.47
		0.287	
DX-Y	99		0.39
Silver(\$/oz.)	75	3.690	5.36

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