

# Bank Dhofar Morning Market Update



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## Global Update

Stocks in Asia rose, following a US tech rally and fresh economic data that rekindled hopes for US interest rate cuts. The MSCI Asia Pacific Index gained the most in a month, with benchmarks from Hong Kong to Japan and South Korea recording gains. The region's chip-related stocks tracked the strength in their American peers. US futures also advanced. In addition to the strong performance of the US tech giants, weakness in measures of business activity in the world's largest economy also helped keep alive forecasts for Federal Reserve policy easing this year. Like on Wall Street, the focus is also on tech earnings in Asia as the region has entered its busiest week for corporate results. The S&P 500 notched its best back-to-back rally in two months. Nvidia Corp., the poster child of the artificial-intelligence boom, led a surge in chipmakers. Texas Instruments Inc. gave a bullish revenue forecast — a good sign for the chip industry that may help lift Asian producers on Wednesday. Oil held a gain as an industry report showed shrinking US crude stockpiles and traders tracked progress toward fresh sanctions against Iran. Gold edged lower.

Intraday bias in USD/JPY remains mildly on the upside as up trend is extending. However, considering bearish divergence condition in 4H MACD, strong resistance should be seen from 155.20 fibonacci level to bring correction on first attempt. On the downside, break of 153.58 support will turn bias to the downside, for deeper pull back to 55 D EMA (now at 151.10).



Source: Reuters, Bloomberg

Currencies				Rates		
	Open	High	Low		08-00 GST	Previous Day Close
EURUSD	1.0702	1.0714	1.0700	O/N SOFR	5.310	5.310
GBPUSD	1.2449	1.2465	1.2445	1 month SOFR	5.317	5.316
USDJPY	154.83	154.88	154.73	3 month SOFR	5.324	5.323

USDINR	83.31	83.32	83.27	6 months SOFR	5.298	5.298
USDCNY	7.2443	7.2457	7.2434	12 month SOFR	5.211	5.216
USDCHF	0.9120	0.9123	0.9114	3 years IRS	4.616	4.616
AUDUSD	0.6487	0.6530	0.6481	5 years IRS	4.379	4.379
NZDUSD	0.5932	0.5952	0.5931			

The Australian dollar climbed 0.5% versus a broadly weaker greenback after a hot inflation print pointed to sticky local price pressures and reinforced the case for the central bank to hold rates at a 12-year high. The yen remained below 155 level to the dollar. The euro was little changed at \$1.0710. The Japanese yen was little changed at 154.80 per dollar. The offshore yuan was little changed at 7.2569 per dollar.

Treasuries were largely steady. Australia's inflation came in faster than expected in the first three months of 2024, suggesting price pressures are proving sticky and bolstering the case for the Reserve Bank to hold interest rates at a 12-year high. The consumer price index advanced 3.6% from a year earlier. The yield on 10-year Treasuries advanced two basis points to 4.62%. Japan's 10-year yield was unchanged at 0.890%. Australia's 10-year yield advanced 13 basis points to 4.40%.

OMR Money Markets	
	Current Levels
CBO Repo Rate	6
O/N OMIBOR	5.438
*Bank Deposit Rates for 1 years	5.25
Bank Deposit Rates for 5 years	5.00

\*Amount>500k OMR

Calendar			
Key Data Watch	Time (GST)	Expected	Prior
Durable Goods Orders	15:00		3.3%
Durables Ex Transportation	16:30	2.5%	1.3%

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg

Global Markets			
	Level	1-Day Change (%)	YTD (%)
S&P 500	5071	1.196	6.30
Euro Stoxx 600	508	1.091	6.01
Shanghai Composite Index	3032	0.330	1.92
MSX-30	4696	-0.033	4.04
NIFTY-50	22440	0.321	3.26
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	88.48	0.068	15.45
Gold (\$/oz.)	2326	0.174	12.75
DXY	106	-0.010	4.27
Silver(\$/oz.)	27	0.353	15.16

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