

Bank Dhofar Morning Market Update



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Global Update

Asian stocks gained as AI optimism boosted tech shares in Hong Kong and China, while other investors remained cautious due to tensions between the US and European Union over tariffs and the war in Ukraine. Tencent Holdings Ltd. jumped as much as 7.8% in Hong Kong, extending a winning run that's gotten a boost from DeepSeek's debut. A gauge of Asian shares rose to its highest level since November, helped by technology companies. The dollar was little changed, while Treasury futures edged lower with cash trading closed globally due to Presidents' Day in the US. Goldman Sachs Group Inc. strategists raised their MSCI China index target on optimism over the country's technological advancements. Meanwhile, investor Michael Burry had rolled back on some of his investments in Chinese tech stocks just before DeepSeek's breakthrough. Markets remained volatile during Asian trade, with the MSCI Asia Pacific gauge trimming some gains from its earlier highs. Elsewhere in Asia, Westpac Banking Corp.'s shares declined as much as 6.2% after profit and margins slipped. Japan's economy expanded for a third straight quarter as companies boosted investment and net exports improved. In commodities, oil extended its loss to a fourth day on the prospect of increased flows from Iraq and Russia. West Texas Intermediate crude was little changed. Spot gold rose 0.6% to \$2,900.48 an ounce.

The yen strengthened against all its Group-of-10 peers after better-than-expected gross domestic product data bolstered expectations of interest-rate hikes from the Bank of Japan. USD/JPY fell as much as 0.3% to 151.91 after Japan's economy grew at 2.8% in the three months through December, beating the 1.1% consensus estimate.



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Currencies				Rates		
	Open	High	Low		Last Price	Previous Day Close
EURUSD	1.0493	1.0506	1.0478	O/N SOFR	4.330	4.330
GBPUSD	1.2583	1.2609	1.2578	1 month SOFR	4.314	4.314
USDJPY	152.23	152.3900	151.51	3 month SOFR	4.323	4.323
USDINR	86.69	86.78	86.68	6 months SOFR	4.311	4.311
USDCNY	7.2478	7.2551	7.2442	12 month SOFR	4.275	4.275
USDCHF	0.8992	0.9006	0.8979	3 years IRS	4.070	4.070

AUDUSD	0.6355	0.6372	0.6345	5 years IRS	4.043	4.043
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Yen rose after GDP data show Japan's economy beat forecasts and marked a third straight quarter of expansion. The dollar eased against most major currency peers. The euro was little changed at \$1.0499. The Japanese yen rose 0.5% to 151.62 per dollar. The offshore yuan rose 0.1% to 7.2494 per dollar. AUD/USD rose 0.2% to 0.6365, NZD/USD up 0.3% to 0.5742. Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index fell 0.1%. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said the European Union is strong enough to counter any US tariff threats but that he hopes for a negotiated agreement that can avoid a trade war.

In New York Treasury 10-year yields closed down 5bps to 4.48%; while the 5s30s curve steepened 2bps to 36.7bps. Australia's 10-year yield advanced three basis points to 4.44%. S&P 500 futures rose 0.2% as of 12:21 p.m. Tokyo time. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 fell 0.5%. Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 0.2%. Euro Stoxx 50 futures were little changed. Japan's economy outperformed forecasts as business spending and net trade helped fuel a third straight quarter of growth that will keep the Bank of Japan on track for further interest rate hikes. The yen strengthened.

	Current Levels
CBO Repo Rate	5
O/N OMIBOR	4.25
*Bank Deposit Rates for 1 years	4.20
Bank Deposit Rates for 5 years	4.50

*Amount>500k OMR

Calendar			
Key Data Watch	Time (GST)	Expected	Prior
International Securities Transactions	17:30	-	21.55b
Eurozone Trade Balance NSA	14:00	-	6.8b

Global Markets			
	Level	1-Day Change (%)	YTD (%)
S&P 500	6115	-0.007	3.96
Euro Stoxx 600	552	-0.242	8.82
ShanghaiComposite Index	3349	0.064	-0.09
MSX-30	4479	0.017	-2.13
NIFTY-50	22769	-0.701	-3.71
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	74.80	0.094	0.77
Gold (\$/oz.)	2901	0.657	10.55
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DXY	107		-1.64
Silver(\$/oz.)	32	0.956	12.14

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