

# Bank Dhofar Morning Market Update



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## Global Update

Asian equities fell, pulling back after a five-day rally that pushed a regional gauge into overbought territory, as investors turned cautious amid increasing trade tensions and geopolitical uncertainty. The MSCI Asia Pacific Index dropped as much as 0.6% as stocks in Hong Kong and Japan declined after President Donald Trump threatened to impose tariffs on automobile, semiconductor and pharmaceutical imports of around 25%. A gauge of technology firms listed in Hong Kong fluctuated after Chinese mainland investors bought HK\$22.4 billion (\$2.9 billion) of the city's stocks on Tuesday. Bloomberg's gauge of the dollar edged lower. Shares in Baidu Inc. declined as much as 7.3% in Hong Kong after the company announced a drop in revenue. In Australia, National Australia Bank Ltd. slid more than 8% on a drop in earnings. In the US, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco President Mary Daly said policy needs to remain restrictive until there's more progress on inflation, which she expects will continue declining over time. In other markets, oil held advances on the possible postponement of OPEC+ supply increases and uncertainty around flows from Russia. West Texas Intermediate crude was little changed. Gold fluctuated and traded close to a new record high.

BofA Says EUR/USD to Rally to 1.10 by Year-End on Upside Risks. EUR/USD fell 0.3% to 1.0454 Tuesday; the pair gained about 1% this year. The median forecast for the pair is to reach 1.05 by the end of 2025.



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Currencies				Rates		
	Open	High	Low		Last Price	Previous Day Close
EURUSD	1.0446	1.0453	1.0441	O/N SOFR	4.330	4.330
GBPUSD	1.2613	1.2640	1.2608	1 month SOFR	4.312	4.312
USDJPY	152.06	152.3100	151.75	3 month SOFR	4.322	4.322
USDINR	86.93	86.99	86.90	6 months SOFR	4.296	4.296
USDCNY	7.2800	7.2852	7.2800	12 month SOFR	4.232	4.232
USDCHF	0.9033	0.9044	0.9023	3 years IRS	4.114	4.122

<b>AUDUSD</b>	0.6353	0.6366	0.6342	<b>5 years IRS</b>	4.104	4.112
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The New Zealand dollar weakened after the central bank cut interest rates by 50 basis points for the third straight meeting and signaled more easing in coming quarters. The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index was little changed. The euro was little changed at \$1.0449. The Japanese yen was little changed at 151.96 per dollar. The offshore yuan fell 0.1% to 7.2851 per dollar.

GBP/USD consolidates above 1.26. Australia's wage growth slowed further in the final three months of last year, reflecting an easing in price pressures across the economy.

The yield on 10-year Treasuries was little changed at 4.55. Australia's 10-year yield advanced one basis point to 4.52%. S&P 500 futures rose 0.2% as of 12:20 p.m. Tokyo time. Nikkei 225 futures (OSE) fell 0.5%. Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 0.5%. The Shanghai Composite rose 0.5%. Euro Stoxx 50 futures fell 0.1%. US 2-year yields are down 1bp to 4.30%. In Tuesday's US trading session 2-year yields ended up 5bps while 10-year rose 7bps. NZ Bonds See Modest Relief Rally on RBNZ Rate Cut Profile.

				<b>Global Markets</b>			
			<b>Current Levels</b>		<b>Level</b>	<b>1-Day Change (%)</b>	<b>YTD (%)</b>
<b>CBO Repo Rate</b>			5				
<b>O/N OMIBOR</b>			4.25	<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	6130	0.244	4.22
<b>*Bank Deposit Rates for 1 years</b>			4.20	<b>Euro Stoxx 600</b>	557	0.315	9.76
<b>Bank Deposit Rates for 5 years</b>			4.50	<b>ShanghaiComposite Index</b>	3342	0.541	-0.28
<small>*Amount&gt;500k OMR</small>				<b>MSX-30</b>	4469	0.069	-2.36
				<b>NIFTY-50</b>	22972	0.117	-2.84
<b>Calendar</b>				<b>Brent Crude (\$/bbl)</b>	75.87	0.053	2.21
<b>Key Data Watch</b>	<b>Time (GST)</b>	<b>Expected</b>	<b>Prior</b>	<b>Gold (\$/oz.)</b>	2928	-0.266	11.57
<b>New York Fed Services Business Activity</b>	17:30	-	-5.2	<b>DXY</b>	107	-0.051	-1.37
<b>UK Retail Price Index</b>	11:00	393.5	390.9	<b>Silver(\$/oz.)</b>	33	-0.728	12.94

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