

Markets Update

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Key news

- Britain's economy experienced its most rapid growth in a year during the first quarter of 2025, driven by a surge in homebuyers eager to meet a property purchase deadline and manufacturers accelerating production in anticipation of higher import tariffs imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump. According to the Office for National Statistics, output increased by 0.7%, matching the preliminary estimate and marking the fastest quarterly growth since the first quarter of 2024. However, this rebound is not expected to continue throughout the rest of 2025.
- The dollar is approaching its lowest level in almost four years against the euro, driven by market optimism regarding U.S. trade agreements, which has heightened expectations for earlier interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve. Additionally, the dollar remains near a four-year low against sterling and has declined to a more than decade-low against the Swiss franc, following advancements by the White House towards a deal with China and Canada's move to eliminate a digital services tax to restart stalled discussions.
- This morning, European shares saw a slight increase as investors kept a close watch on trade negotiation developments, with expectations of progress ahead of the July 9 deadline for lifting the halt on U.S. President Donald Trump's reciprocal tariffs. Last week, market optimism regarding U.S. trade deals received a boost due to easing trade tensions between the U.S. and China. On Sunday, Canada announced the withdrawal of its digital services tax to rekindle stalled negotiations with the U.S., further enhancing positive sentiment.

Market rates at opening	
GBP/USD	1.3700
GBP/EUR	1.1685
EUR/USD	1.1724
EUR/GBP	0.8557
GBP/AUD	2.0962
GBP/CAD	1.8737
GBP/CHF	1.0944
GBP/DKK	8.7198
GBP/HKD	10.7568
GBP/JPY	197.35
GBP/NOK	13.7948
GBP/NZD	2.2581
GBP/SEK	12.9923
USD/CNY	7.1641

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