

Markets Update

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Key news

Market rates at opening

- The slightly weaker euro theme continued yesterday on the currency markets as it failed to shake of the negativity around the recent US-EU trade deal.
- There was no surprise that the Federal Reserve opted to leave interest rates unchanged at their latest policy meeting despite pressure from President Trump to lower borrowing costs. The interest rate hold ensured that the US dollar has maintained its recent gains against a basket of currencies.
- Interestingly though, two members of the board voted to cut rates – an unusual move which could be an initial sign that support for lower rates may be broadening.
- Ahead of the announcement there was some upbeat news that the US economy grew at an annual rate of 3% over the second quarter. The bigger than expected rise was driven primarily by a sharp drop in imports as Trump's tariffs kicked in.
- Eurozone GDP for Q2 also beat expectations as it showed minimal growth of 0.1%.
- The focus remains on the US today with core-PCE inflation scheduled for release. Inflation data is also to the fore in the Eurozone with German, French and Italian flash estimates for July.

GBP/USD	1.3252
GBP/EUR	1.1582
EUR/USD	1.1441
EUR/GBP	0.8634
GBP/AUD	2.0504
GBP/CAD	1.8329
GBP/CHF	1.0773
GBP/DKK	8.6420
GBP/HKD	10.4018
GBP/JPY	198.18
GBP/NOK	13.6502
GBP/NZD	2.2388
GBP/SEK	12.9138
USD/CNY	7.1925

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