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## WORLD INDICES

INDICES	CURRENT	% CHG
DOW JONES	44,946.12	0.08
NASDAQ	21,622.98	-0.40
DAX	24,359.30	-0.07
FTSE	9,138.90	-0.42
NIKKEI	43,378.31	1.68

## WEEKLY SUPPORT AND RESISTANCE

CURRENCY	SUP.2	SUP.1	PIVOT POINT	RES.1	RES.2
EUR/USD	1.1580	1.1630	1.1700	1.1790	1.1840
GBP/USD	1.3400	1.3510	1.3550	1.3600	1.3680
USD/JPY	145.70	146.20	147.20	147.90	148.60
AUD/USD	0.6400	0.6460	0.6500	0.6570	0.6630
GBP/JPY	197.50	198.60	199.50	200	200.70

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### NEWS

United States (US) President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin concluded an initial face-to-face meeting in Alaska late Friday, with both parties delivering mutually inconclusive statements. Trump and Putin both delivered vague promises of "progress" on multiple fronts, but initial details remain light. Now, President Trump will be pivoting to hand-delivering Russia's peace proposals on Ukraine to both the Ukrainian and European Union government bodies.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) surged to record highs early on Friday, touching chart territory north of 45,250 for the first time ever. However, tepid consumer sentiment data and a looming meeting between United States (US) President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin are weighing on investor sentiment to wrap up the trading week.

The New Zealand Dollar (NZD) halted its rally and turned negative, poised to finish 0.49% down in the week, after failing to clear key resistance levels, which paved the way for a drop towards the weekly lows near 0.5900. NZD/USD trades at 0.5923, down 0.09%.

EUR/USD reverses its course, climbs on Friday, ignoring solid US Retail Sales data due to market participants still pricing in a Federal Reserve (Fed) rate cut in September. The pair trades at 1.1702, up 0.47%.

The market's attention turned to Anchorage, Alaska, for the summit of US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin, with analysts' expectations remaining low for achieving a ceasefire in Ukraine. Meanwhile, Trump said that he doesn't know what would make the reunion a success and that he would like to reach a truce before Washington and Moscow can talk about other issues.

Gold price (XAU/USD) holds firm during the North American session as market participants await the outcome of the meeting between US President Donald Trump and his counterpart, Russian President Vladimir Putin. Traders shrugged off in-line US Retail Sales figures, which failed to propel the US Dollar. The XAU/USD trades at \$3,340, up 0.17%.

The golden metal seems trapped within the \$3,330-\$3,350 range since late on Thursday and throughout Friday's session. Expectations of a positive result of the Trump-Putin summit in Alaska are not as high as expected. However, the White House expressed that something's going to come off and that the war needs to stop before talking about business.

The Japanese Yen (JPY) strengthens against the US Dollar (USD) on Friday, with USD/JPY extending its intraday decline during the American session, supported by stronger domestic growth data and signs of softening momentum in the US economy.

At the time of writing, the pair is trading near 147.00, retreating from a daily peak of 147.87 and down nearly 0.50% on the day, as safe-haven flows underpin the Yen amid a broad US Dollar pullback.

The British Pound (GBP) gains traction against the US Dollar (USD) on Friday as the Greenback came under pressure following mixed US economic data, with GBP/USD paring most of Thursday's losses. At the time of writing, the pair is trading near 1.1356 during the American trading hours.

The GBP/JPY cross is edging lower on Friday, with the cross weakening toward the 199.50 handle after briefly touching the 200.00 psychological level on Thursday. The move snaps a short-lived recovery from the previous day as investors react to surprisingly strong Japanese Gross Domestic Product (GDP) data and rising expectations that the Bank of Japan (BoJ) may shift toward policy tightening in the coming months, lending fresh support to the Yen.

At the same time, supply outside OPEC+ is expected to rise less strongly than previously anticipated. As a result, demand for Oil from OPEC+ will increase, which points to a tighter Oil market. Against this backdrop, OPEC+ would have scope to further increase production next year."

"However, OPEC's demand forecast is very optimistic, with expected increases of 1.3 million and 1.4 million barrels per day this year and next. OPEC also published figures on OPEC+ Oil production in July. According to these figures, production by countries bound by quotas was 187,000 barrels per day below the agreed level."

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### EURUSD:

Hot US Producer Price Index revived concerns about tariff-related inflationary pressures. Central banks' leaders will gather at Jackson Hole by the end of the week. EUR/USD resumed its advance and aims to revisit the year's peak at 1.1830.

The EUR/USD pair advanced for a second consecutive week, trading as high as 1.1730 and settling nearby, above the 1.1700 threshold. The US Dollar (USD) revolved around inflation-related data, spiced with US President Donald Trump's tariffs. As for the Euro (EUR), the shared currency showed few signs of life, with local data failing to impress market players.

From a technical point of view, the long-term picture for the EUR/USD pair is bullish, given technical readings in the weekly chart. The pair posted a higher high and a higher low while extending its advance above a firmly bullish 20 Simple Moving Average (SMA). The 100 and 200 SMAs lack directional strength, but remain far below the shorter one. Technical indicators, in the meantime, have resumed their advances within positive levels, in line with another leg north.

The daily chart shows that EUR/USD stands at the upper end of its latest range, also hinting at a bullish extension. A flat 20 SMA provides support at around 1.1630, while the longer moving averages retain their bullish slopes below the shorter one. At the same time, the Momentum indicator crossed its midline into positive levels almost vertically, while the Relative Strength Index (RSI) indicator ticked north and currently stands at around 56, supportive of a bullish breakout.

Beyond the mentioned 1.1730 weekly high, the pair could easily add 100 pips and revisit the year peak at 1.1830. Further gains expose the 1.1900 mark, en route to the 1.1960 region. Below the 1.1630 area, the pair may fall towards the weekly low at 1.1590. Additional losses could see the pair extending its slide towards 1.1470, a strong static support area.

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### GBPUSD:

The Pound Sterling clinched its second week in a row of gains, nearing 1.3600. The cautious stance from the Bank of England continues to support the currency. Investors' attention now gyrates to the release of crucial UK inflation figures.

The Pound Sterling (GBP) extended its multi-day march north against the US Dollar (USD) this week, lifting GBP/USD to levels just shy of the 1.3600 hurdle. The uptick in Cable was also underpinned by the equally strong recovery in 10-year gilt yields, which rose to levels last seen in early June, past 4.70% on Friday.

GBP/USD is expected to meet its next up barrier at its August top at 1.3594 (August 14). The surpassing of that level would pave the way for Cable to confront the weekly peak at 1.3588 (July 24), ahead of its 2025 ceiling at 1.3788 (July 1).

On the flip side, there is an interim support at the 100-day SMA at 1.3386, seconded by the August base of 1.3141 (August 1), which is closely followed by the May floor at 1.3139 (May 12). A breach below the latter would shift focus to the psychological 1.3000 threshold.

In the meantime, while above its 200-day SMA at 1.3003, GBP/USD should maintain its constructive outlook well in place.

Momentum indicators look mixed: The Relative Strength Index (RSI) near 60 keeps the door open to extra gains in the short-term horizon, although the Average Directional Index (ADX) below 20 is indicative that the trend lacks juice for now.

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## WEEKLY MAJOR ECONOMIC EVENT

PARTICULARS	TIME	FORECAST	PREVIOUS	CURREN-
<b>18 AUGUST 2025</b>				
NAHB Housing Market Index	7:30pm	34	33	USD
<b>19 AUGUST 2025</b>				
CPI m/m	6:00pm	0.4%	0.1%	CAD
Median CPI y/y	6:00pm	3.1%	3.1%	CAD
Trimmed CPI y/y	6:00pm	3.0%	3.0%	CAD
<b>20 AUGUST 2025</b>				
Official Cash Rate	7:30am	3.00%	3.25%	NZD
RBNZ Monetary Policy Statement	7:30am			NZD
RBNZ Rate Statement	7:30am			NZD
RBNZ Press Conference	8:30am			NZD
CPI y/y	11:30am	3.7%	3.6%	GBP
Crude Oil Inventories	8:00pm			USD
FOMC Meeting Minutes	11:30pm			USD
<b>21 AUGUST 2025</b>				
German Flash Manufacturing PMI	1:00pm	48.8	49.1	EUR
German Flash Services PMI	1:00pm	50.5	50.6	EUR
Flash Manufacturing PMI	2:00pm	48.2	48.0	GBP
Flash Services PMI	2:00pm	51.9	51.8	GBP
Unemployment Claims	6:00pm	227K	224K	USD
Philly Fed Manufacturing Index	7:15pm	49.9	49.8	USD
Flash Manufacturing PMI	7:15pm	53.3	55.7	USD
Flash Services PMI	7:30pm	3.92M	3.93M	USD
Jackson Hole Symposium	Day 1			ALL
<b>22 AUGUST 2025</b>				
Retail Sales m/m	11:30am	0.5%	0.9%	GBP
Core Retail Sales m/m	6:00pm	0.8%	-0.2%	CAD
Retail Sales m/m	6:00pm	1.0%	-1.1%	CAD
Fed Chair Powell Speaks	7:30pm			USD
Jackson Hole Symposium	Day 2			ALL

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