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# Market Commentary

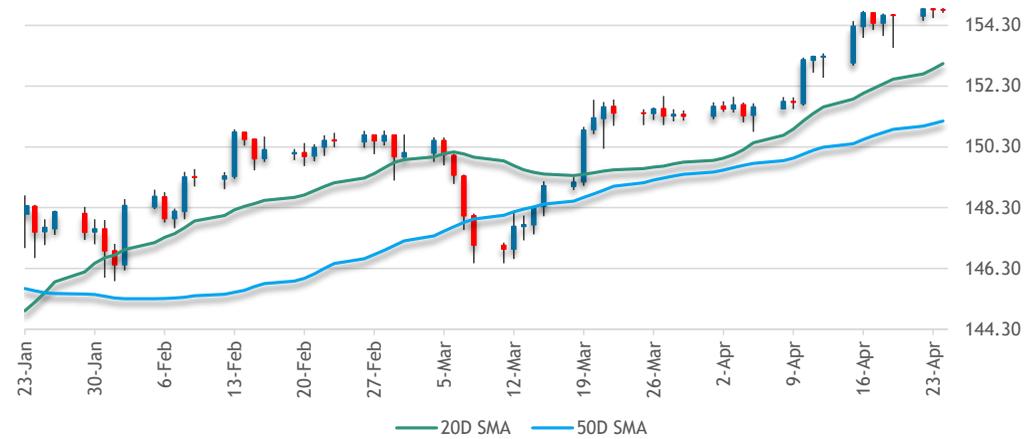
## KFH Treasury



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# Forex Market

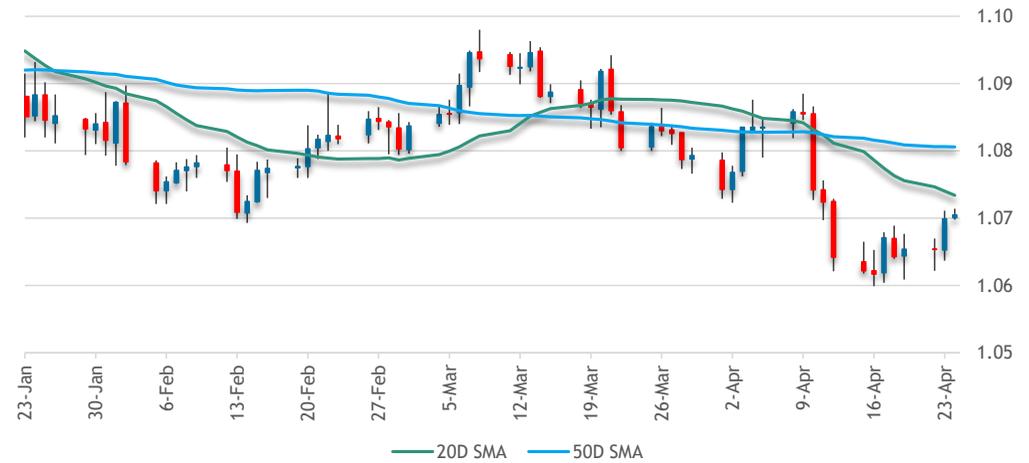
## JAPANESE YEN



CLOSE **154.82** 1M %chg **2.25%** 3M %chg **4.35%**

**USD/JPY tad easier with US yields, 155.00 still cap - Reuters**  
 24 Apr 2024 04:19:56 AM  
 \* USD/JPY still capped ahead of 155.00, tad easier with US yields  
 \* Asia 154.73-82 EBS so far, after rise to 154.88 fresh 30-yr high o/n  
 \* Rise to 154.88 marginal at best, follows 154.85 high Monday  
 \* Offers from Japanese exporters, longs, option players pre-155.00  
 \* Barriers still at 155.00, defense ahead, large stops above  
 \* Large vanilla expiries in area today 154.00 \$1.2 bln, 155.40 \$1 bln  
 \* Support from 154.22-73n hourly Ichi cloud, 55/100-HMAs 154.74/154.60  
 \* Ascending 200-HMA 154.30 below, daily Ichi tenkan 153.74

## EURO



CLOSE **1.0699** 1M %chg **-0.98%** 3M %chg **-1.40%**

**EUR/USD-PMI beats help drive threat to key resistance - Reuters**  
 23 Apr 2024 03:45:39 PM  
 \* EUR/USD rallied 1.06385-1.0695 on EBS overnight, threatened key resistance  
 \* Upbeat German, EZ April services & composite PMIs helped drive the gains  
 \* Equity gains likely weighed on US\$, helped to buoy EUR/USD  
 \* USD/CNH rally to 7.2665 (D3) may have helped limit EUR/USD's topside  
 \* Rally sellers near key 1.0695/1.0700 resistance also helped stem the rally  
 \* EUR/USD pulled back from the high, pair traded up only +0.11% in early NY  
 \* Pair neared the 10-DMA & daily doji formed; may concern recent longs

# Forex Market

## POUND STERLING



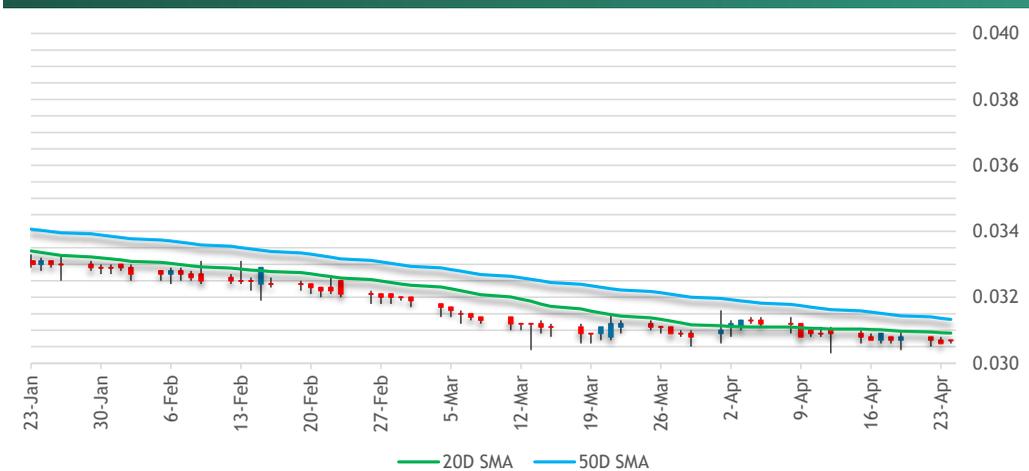
CLOSE **1.2448** 1M %chg **-1.21%** 3M %chg **-1.88%**

### GBP/USD rises towards Friday high on US PMI misses - Reuters

23 Apr 2024 06:29:46 PM

- \* Cable ascends to 1.2457 as dollar weakens on worse-than-expected US PMIs
- \* US services PMI 50.9 vs 52.0 forecast; manufacturing PMI 49.9 vs 52.0 f/c
- \* 1.2457 is highest level since Friday (1.2467 was high that day, pre-Ramsden)
- \* US PMI misses are boost for doves advocating summer Fed rate cut
- \* 1.2406 was early NY high, after pound rose on BoE's relatively hawkish Pill
- \* Ldn morning high was 1.2388, following better-than-expected UK services PMI

## TURKISH LIRA



CLOSE **0.0306** 1M %chg **-1.92%** 3M %chg **-7.27%**

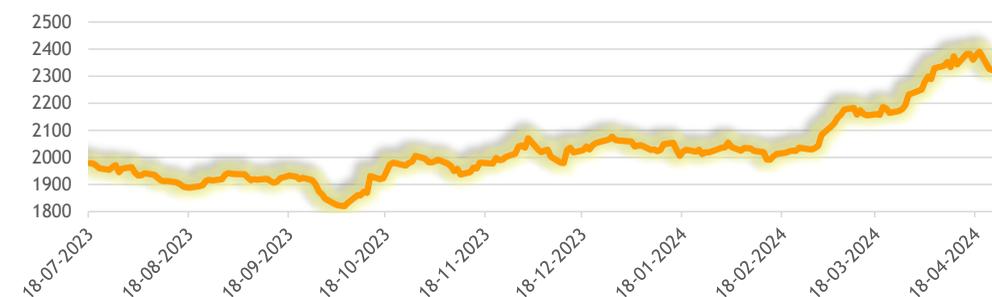
### Turkey - Factors To Watch

24 Apr 2024 08:22:30 AM

ISTANBUL, April 24 (Reuters) - The lira was quoted at 32.5265-32.5800 against the U.S. dollar, compared with a close of 32.5250 on Monday, before Tuesday's public holiday. The main BIST 100 share index closed 0.50% lower at 9,645.02 points on Monday.

# Gold, US Treasury & Dollar Index

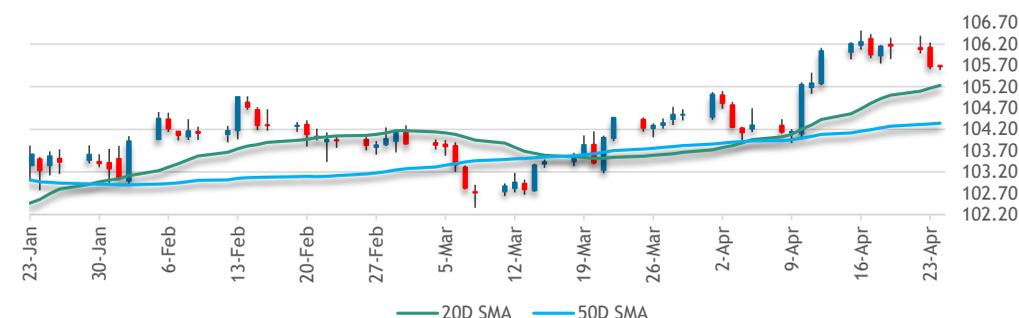
## GOLD



## 10Y US-TREASURY



## DOLLAR INDEX



US 10YT YIELD

**4.62**

1M %chg

**9.01%**

3M %chg

**11.01%**

### PRECIOUS-Gold prices rangebound as traders focus on US economic data - Reuters News

24 Apr 2024 09:07:06 AM

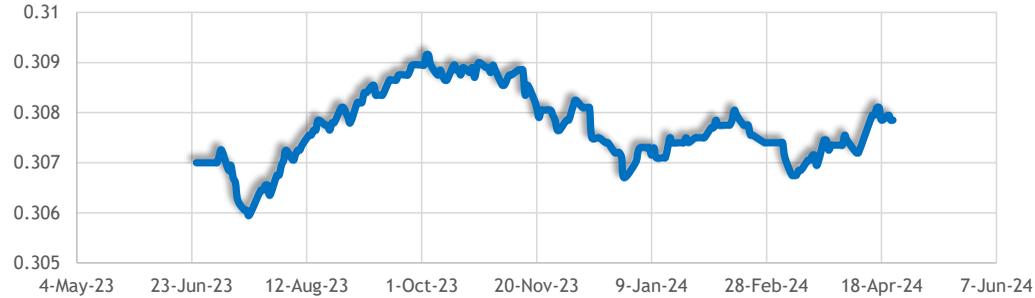
April 24 (Reuters) - Gold prices crept higher on Wednesday but were stuck in a narrow range as investors looked to U.S. economic data for further clarity on the Federal Reserve's interest rate path. Spot gold rose 0.2% to \$2,327.86 per ounce, after having hit its lowest since April 5 in the previous session. U.S. gold futures were steady at \$2,340.90. "A false break of \$2,300 on Tuesday likely means that gold prices will remain rangebound heading into US inflation data and the BOJ meeting... I expect gold to tread water between \$2,300 and \$2,350 unless a fresh catalyst arrives," City Index senior analyst Matt Simpson said. This week, investor focus will be on the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) data due on Thursday and the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) report due on Friday. Bullion prices hit an all-time high of \$2,431.29 on April 12, rising nearly \$400 from March start. Gold has declined more than 2% so far in the week. Among other precious metals, spot silver rose 0.6% to \$27.44 per ounce. Spot platinum rose about 1% to \$916.65 and palladium climbed 0.7% to \$1,026.23.

### UPCOMING KEY ECONOMIC INDICATOR RELEASES

INDICATOR	Ctry / Regn	Time	For	Prior	Consensus
Foreign Bond Investment	JP	24-Apr 05:20	w/e	-1005.9	
Foreign Invest JP Bonds*	JP	24-Apr 05:20	w/e	50.7	
Foreign Stock Investment*	JP	24-Apr 05:20	w/e	53.9	
Foreign Invest JP Stock	JP	24-Apr 05:20	w/e	1740.0	
CBI Trends - Orders	GB	24-Apr 15:30	Apr	-18	-16
CBI Business Optimism	GB	24-Apr 15:30	Q2	-3	
MBA 30-Yr Mortgage Rate	US	24-Apr 16:30	w/e	7.13	
MBA Mortgage Applications	US	24-Apr 16:30	w/e	3.3	
Mortgage Market Index	US	24-Apr 16:30	w/e	202.1	
MBA Purchase Index	US	24-Apr 16:30	w/e	145.6	
Mortgage Refinance Index	US	24-Apr 16:30	w/e	500.7	

# Daily Market Report

## KWD - CBK FIX



## MARKET SUMMARY

INSTRUMENT	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	%CHG 1D
EUR	1.0653	1.0711	1.0637	1.0699	0.42%
GBP	1.2347	1.2458	1.2329	1.2448	0.80%
JPY	154.84	154.87	154.54	154.82	-0.01%
TRY	0.0307	0.0308	0.0306	0.0306	-0.33%
Dollar Idx	106.124	106.241	105.614	105.675	-0.38%
Brent	87.2	88.51	86.03	88.42	1.63%
WTC	81.94	84.23	81.68	84.17	0.42%
Gold	2326.1201	2334.29	2291.19	2321.8145	-0.19%
KWSE Index	7071.45	7106.72	7056.77	7074.7	0.04%

## KIBOR RATES

Tenor	Value	Tenor	Value
ON	2.44	3M	4.31
SW	3.75	6M	4.50
1M	4.06	1Y	4.69

## CENTRAL BANK OF KUWAIT

KWD (CBK FIX) CLOSE

3M% CHG

**0.30785**

**0.15%**

POLICY RATES INDICATOR	As of	Value	Prior	Change
ON Repo Rate	27-Jul-'23	3.88	3.63	0.25
1W Repo Rate	27-Jul-'23	4.13	3.88	0.25
1M Repo Rate	27-Jul-'23	4.38	4.38	0.00
KWD ON Rate	27-Jul-'23	10.00	10.00	0.00
Discount Rate	27-Jul-'23	4.25	4.00	0.25

## LIBOR RATES

Tenor	Value	Tenor	Value
ON	0.00	3M	5.58
SW	0.00	6M	5.73
1M	5.43	1Y	0.00
2M	0.00		

## OTHER C-BANK RATES

INDICATOR	As of	Value	Prior	Change
FED Target Rate	26-Jul-'23	5.50	4.25	1.25
ECB Refinancing Rate	11-Apr-'24	4.50	4.50	0.00
BOE Bank Rate	21-Mar-'24	5.25	5.25	0.00
BOJ Prime Rate	08-Mar-'24	1.60	1.50	0.10
TRY ON Lending Rate	21-Mar-'24	53.00	46.50	6.50

## KEY INTERNATIONAL STORIES

### US new home sales rebound to six-month high; rising mortgage rates a concern

WASHINGTON, April 23 (Reuters) - Sales of new U.S. single-family homes rebounded in March from February's downwardly revised level, drawing support from a persistent shortage of previously owned houses on the market, but momentum could be curbed by a resurgence in mortgage rates. New home sales jumped 8.8% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 693,000 units last month, the highest level since September, the Commerce Department's Census Bureau said. The sales pace for February was revised down to 637,000 units from the previously reported 662,000 units. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast new home sales, which account for about 14% of U.S. home sales, would advance by a rate of 670,000 units.

### Bank of England's Haskel says looser labour market key for 2% inflation

LONDON, April 23 (Reuters) - More slack in Britain's labour market is needed to be confident that inflation will stay at 2%, Bank of England policymaker Jonathan Haskel said on Tuesday. Last month the BoE forecast inflation would fall below 2% in the second quarter of 2024, before rising towards 3% later in the year, but last week BoE Deputy Governor Dave Ramsden said he now thought inflation might now stay close to 2%. Consumer price inflation dropped to 3.2% in March from 3.4% in February, and unemployment rose to a six-month high of 4.2% in the three months to February. But wage growth of 6.0% remained roughly double the pace most BoE policymakers view as consistent with 2% inflation.

### German business activity returns to growth in April, PMI survey shows

BERLIN, April 23 (Reuters) - Germany's private sector unexpectedly returned to growth in April, driven by a solid rise in activity in the country's service sector, a preliminary survey showed on Tuesday. The HCOB German Flash Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global, rose to 50.5 this month from 47.7 in March. That was above a Reuters poll forecast of 48.5 and the first reading above the 50 mark that indicates expansion in 10 months. The composite PMI index tracks the services and manufacturing sectors that together account for more than two-thirds of the German economy.

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### Japan's corporate service inflation perks up in March

TOKYO, April 24 (Reuters) - Japan's annual business-to-business service inflation accelerated for the second month to hit 2.3% in March, data showed on Wednesday, suggesting firms continued to pass on rising labour costs thanks to prospects for sustained wage gains. The data underscores the Bank of Japan's view that rising service prices will replace cost-push inflation as a key driver of price gains, and help sustain inflation around its 2% target. The year-on-year rise in the services producer price index, which measures what companies charge each other for services, followed a 2.2% gain in February. Service price moves are closely watched by the BOJ as a key indicator of whether wages and inflation are rising in tandem, which it set as one of the prerequisites for raising interest rates.

### Mexico annual headline inflation seen higher in early April

MEXICO CITY, April 23 (Reuters) - Mexican headline inflation likely ticked up in the first half of April as core inflation eased, a Reuters poll showed on Tuesday, boosting expectations that Mexico's central bank will hold its benchmark interest rate at its next monetary policy meeting. A median forecast of 11 analysts predicts annual headline inflation of 4.48% for the first 15 days of the month, above the 4.37% recorded in the second half of March. The closely watched core index, which strips out highly volatile energy and food prices, is seen falling to 4.39% in early April, which would be its lowest since May 2021. Mexico's headline inflation rate has sped up after bottoming out at 4.25% at the end of October and remains above the Bank of Mexico's target of 3%, plus or minus a percentage point.

### Oil prices inch up as market weighs US stocks decline, Middle East conflict

April 24 (Reuters) - Oil prices were slightly higher on Wednesday after industry data showed a surprise drop in U.S. crude stocks last week, a positive sign for demand, though markets were also keeping a close eye on hostilities in the Middle East. Brent crude futures gained 5 cents, or 0.06%, to \$88.47 a barrel and U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures climbed 8 cents, or 0.1%, to \$83.44 a barrel. U.S. crude inventories fell 3.237 million barrels in the week ended April 19, according to market sources citing American Petroleum Institute figures. In contrast, six analysts polled by Reuters had expected a rise of 800,000 barrels.