

(1) FX Market News**The yuan steady as Beijing outlines 2025 goals.**

The yuan held steady against the dollar on Wednesday, as Beijing outlined a steady economic growth target and measured monetary easing for this year even as escalating trade tensions with the United States raised uncertainty about the outlook. China kept its economic growth target for this year unchanged at roughly 5% while committing more fiscal resources than last year and lowering its inflation target, as the National People's Congress, China's rubber-stamp parliament, began its annual meeting on Wednesday. The onshore yuan was 0.02% lower at 7.2625 per dollar, while its offshore counterpart also eased to 7.2658. Prior to the market opening, the People's Bank of China set the midpoint rate, around at 7.1714 per dollar, its strongest since February 21 and 861 pips firmer than a Reuters' estimate of 7.2575.

Gold edges up on weak US dollar, political uncertainty.

Dollar hits three-month lows. Gold prices edged higher on Wednesday, aided by a weaker U.S. dollar and political uncertainty following the latest import tariffs announced by U.S. President Donald Trump. Spot gold firmed 0.1% to \$2,918.83 an ounce. Prices hit a record high of \$2,956.15 on February 24 and have gained 11% so far this year. U.S. gold futures rose 0.3% to \$2,929.70. The dollar index dropped to a three-month low, making bullion more appealing to other currency holders. Meanwhile, top bullion consumer China unlocked more fiscal stimulus, promising greater efforts to support consumption and cushion the impact of an escalating trade war with the United States. Markets now await the ADP employment report and U.S. nonfarm payrolls on Friday for cues on the U.S. interest rate trajectory.

Euro rises to four-month high on optimism about Germany's infrastructure fund.

The euro hit four month highs on Wednesday against the U.S. dollar, as Europe's growth prospects improved after Germany's proposed 500-billion euro infrastructure fund, potentially offsetting global trade tensions. It rose to its highest since November 8 against the dollar was last up 1.3% at 1.0765. The euro also gained against other currencies, including the British pound, the Japanese yen and the Swiss franc. The dollar index, the reverse proxy for the euro being the largest component of the index, fell more than 1% at 104.45 and hit its lowest since November 8 as well. Also in the mix, the ECB is expected to cut interest rates on Thursday.

(2) Major Stock Indexes, PBOC fixing and XAU

	Last	Change	%Change
Hang Seng Index	23,594.21	652.44	2.84%
Dow Jones Index	43,006.59	485.60	1.14%
Nasdaq Composite	18,552.73	267.57	1.46%
S & P 500 Index	5,842.63	64.48	1.12%
FTSE100	8,755.84	-3.16	-0.04%
DAX	23,081.03	754.22	3.38%
CAC40	8,173.75	125.83	1.56%

Date	PBOC Fixing
5-Mar	7.1714
4-Mar	7.1739
3-Mar	7.1745
Date(close)	XAU
5-Mar	2918.84
Date(close)	USD Index
5-Mar	104.29

Source: Refinitiv

(3) Major Currencies Range

Currencies	Market Price	5-Mar		
		High	Low	US Close
EUR/USD	1.0795	1.0782/90	1.0600/08	1.0762/70
EUR remains firm and a break above 1.0840/45 would signal another upside test towards 1.0880/85. A break below 1.0740/45 would signal correction towards 1.0700/5.				
USD/JPY	149.15	150.15/23	148.36/44	148.82/90
USD still under pressure and a break below 148.60/65 would signal another downside test towards 148.10/15. A break above 149.60/65 would signal correction towards 150.10/15.				
GBP/USD	1.2890	1.2879/87	1.2765/73	1.2872/80
GBP remains firm and a break above 1.2950/55 would signal another upside test towards 1.2990/95. A break below 1.2830/35 would signal correction towards 1.2790/95.				
USD/CHF	0.8910	0.8908/16	0.8852/60	0.8902/10
USD falls and a break below 0.8860/65 would signal another downside test towards 0.8810/15. A break above 0.8950/55 would signal correction towards 0.9000/5.				
AUD/USD	0.6335	0.6310/18	0.6230/38	0.6310/18
AUD remains firm and a break above 0.6390/95 would signal another upside test towards 0.6430/35. A break below 0.6290/95 would signal correction towards 0.6250/55.				
NZD/USD	0.5725	0.5712/20	0.5635/43	0.5702/10
NZD remains firm and a break above 0.5770/75 would signal another upside test towards 0.5810/15. A break below 0.5680/85 would signal correction towards 0.5640/45.				
USD/CAD	1.4345	1.4445/53	1.4338/46	1.4365/73
USD still under pressure and a break below 1.4280/85 would signal another downside test towards 1.4240/45. A break above 1.4400/5 would signal correction towards 1.4440/45.				
USD/CNH	7.2380	7.2762/72	7.2327/37	7.2404/14
USD falls and a break below 7.2300/5 would signal another downside test towards 7.2200/5. A break above 7.2500/5 would signal correction towards 7.2600/5.				

(4) Economic Data

HK Time	Country	Economic Indicator	Period	Month	Forecast	Prior
21:15	EU	ECB rate decision(Refinancing)		(Mar)	2.65%	2.90%
21:30	US	Trade balance(USD)		(Jan)	-127.4B	-98.4B
21:30	US	Initial Jobless claims	last week	(Mar)	235k	242k

Source: Refinitiv

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