

Market Alert

Tuesday 26 May 2026

CURRENCIES	Spot	6mths
NZD/USD	0.5874	0.0030
NZD/AUD	0.8185	0.0074
NZD/JPY	93.340	-0.91
NZD/EUR	0.5045	-0.0013
NZD/GBP	0.4348	0.0026
NZD/CNH	3.9774	-0.0306
AUD/USD	0.7175	-0.0029
AUD/EUR	0.6162	-0.0073
EUR/USD	1.1641	0.0088
USD/CNH	6.7832	-0.0866
GBP/USD	1.3505	-0.0012
EUR/GBP	0.8617	0.0072

INT RATES	NZ	Australia
OCR/Cash	2.25%	4.35%
90 day bills	2.62%	4.49%
2 year swap	3.54%	4.60%
10 year Govt	4.69%	4.98%

I've started training for the 'Enhanced Games' ...

But I'm not sure I qualify after taking my multi-vitamin!

With most of the northern hemisphere enjoying soaring temperatures over a bank holiday weekend, financial markets were quiet. There was also a scaling back in rhetoric from the US and Iran as negotiations continued in Qatar, painting a positive picture, but as the Iranian Foreign Ministry cautioned, "It is true that a consensus has been reached on many of the topics discussed, but no one can claim that the signing of an agreement is imminent." While the blockade remains in place, with rumours that it could open in 30 days, both sides are stressing that it is worth taking the time to "get the deal right." On the tricky point of the enriched uranium, Al Arabiya claims Tehran is

demanding the uranium is transferred to China.

Unfortunately, despite the positive 'noises' coming from the US and Iran, reports are emerging that Israel is looking to launch a major strike against further Hezbollah targets in Lebanon.

With US Secretary of State Marco Rubio stating he's "very confident of reaching a deal," oil markets sold off 6.5%, with crude and Brent easing to two-week lows at USD90.40 and USD96.60 respectively... which means it could be a good time to fill up the car over the next couple of days given the fact a negative headline could send prices back above the USD100 level in the blink of an eye! European gas prices also fell 6.5% while silver was the main beneficiary, rallying 3.6%.

Bond and FX markets are unchanged from last night's closing levels, while European equity markets are closing in on their February highs on hopes that a US-Iran deal would restore energy exports from the Middle East.

Despite Pope Leo stating "AI needs to be disarmed"

I'm not sure he's going to part any seas what with the imminent SpaceX and Anthropic IPOs, as well as the FOMO impact.

There were also a couple of releases yesterday, but not anything too exciting ...

• Foreign direct investment inflows into China fell 10.3% to CNY287.7bn in the first four months of 2026 compared to 12 months ago.

• The Bank of Israel cut its benchmark interest rate by 25 bps to 3.75%, as was widely expected.

• The majority of NZIER Shadow Board members recommended the RBNZ hold the OCR at 2.25% in May, citing weak growth and Iran war uncertainty, although 3 members suggested the RBNZ should start the hiking cycle imminently. All members agreed rates must rise later in the year.

ECB President Christine Lagarde announced, "Our inflation projections will probably be revised higher at our June meeting."

Japan PM Sanae Takaichi announced an additional budget of more than JPY3trn to curb household utility and gas bills from July to September.

Huawei is targeting a 1.4nm chip density by 2031, with the new chip designed to beat US sanctions.



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Daily Rates

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FX	Spot	FECs (mid)				Spot Mid		
	Mid	1mth	3mths	6mths	12mths	NZD/...	AUD/...	
NZ TWI	66.70					CAD	0.8103	0.9902
NZD/USD	0.5874	0.0006	0.0017	0.0030	0.0045	CHF	0.4594	0.5616
NZD/AUD	0.8185	0.0014	0.0038	0.0074	0.0124	CNY	3.9825	4.8658
NZD/JPY	93.340	-0.16	-0.44	-0.9050	-1.98	DKK	3.7678	4.6038
NZD/EUR	0.5045	-0.0003	-0.0006	-0.0013	-0.0037	FJD	1.2757	1.5588
NZD/GBP	0.4348	0.0005	0.0013	0.0026	0.0045	HKD	4.6004	5.6212
						KRW	887.90	1084.92
AU TWI	66.60					MYR	2.3194	2.8341
AUD/USD	0.7175	-0.0005	-0.0014	-0.0029	-0.0059	NOK	5.4288	6.6334
AUD/NZD	1.2213	-0.0022	-0.0060	-0.0116	-0.0198	SEK	5.4534	6.6635
AUD/JPY	113.83	-0.39	-1.07	-2.15	-4.17	SGD	0.7494	0.9157
AUD/EUR	0.6162	-0.0013	-0.0036	-0.0073	-0.0142	TWD	18.44	22.53
AUD/GBP	0.5310	-0.0003	-0.0009	-0.0018	-0.0029	ZAR	9.56	11.69
USD Index	98.98					EQUITIES		
EUR/USD	1.1641	0.0017	0.0046	0.0088	0.0170		Index	
USD/JPY	158.89	-0.43	-1.19	-2.34	-4.57	NZX50	12,970	
GBP/USD	1.3505	-0.0001	-0.0004	-0.0012	-0.0037	ASX200	8,692	
EUR/GBP	0.8617	0.0013	0.0036	0.0072	0.0148	Dow Jones	50,580	
USD/CNY	6.7842	-0.0160	-0.0442	-0.0865	-0.1720	S&P 500	7,473	
						FTSE100	10,466	
INTEREST			New Zealand		Australia	DAX 40	25,389	
RATES			Mid		Mid	Nikkei	65,158	
30 day bank bills			2.46%		4.36%	COMMODITIES		
90 day bank bills			2.62%		4.49%		USD	
1 year swap			3.11%		4.61%	Brent Crude	96.30	
2 year swap			3.54%		4.60%	Gold	4,570.56	
3 year swap			3.72%		4.55%	Silver	78.08	
5 year swap			3.95%		4.53%	Iron Ore	109.67	
10 year swap			4.31%		4.75%	CRB Index	499.26	
3 year Govt bond			3.84%		4.57%		NZD	
5 year Govt bond			4.18%		4.64%	NZ Carbon	52.75	
10 year Govt bond			4.69%		4.98%			

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