Market Alert

Monday 10 August 2026

CURRENCIES	Spot	6mths
NZD/USD	0.5902	0.0028
NZD/AUD	0.8349	0.0063
NZD/JPY	93.075	-0.94
NZD/EUR	0.5104	-0.0014
NZD/GBP	0.4372	0.0020
NZD/CNH	3.9674	-0.0354
AUD/USD	0.7065	-0.0021
AUD/EUR	0.6109	-0.0063
EUR/USD	1.1562	0.0083
USD/CNH	6.7428	-0.0915
GBP/USD	1.3490	-0.0002
EUR/GBP	0.8564	0.0061

INT RATES	NZ	Australia
OCR/Cash	2.50%	4.35%
90 day bills	2.94%	4.56%
2 year swap	3.66%	4.54%
10 year Govt	4.78%	5.11%

The greatest rivalry

Started in fine style … but what about those Warriors!

Friday's non-farms payrolls data

Saw the US economy unexpectedly shed 23k jobs in July against forecasts for an 80k increase. The combined employment figures for May and June were also revised lower with the combined revisions showing employment was 103k lower than previously reported. Ultimately, the unemployment rate slipped to 4.1%, against expectations it would stay unchanged at 4.2%, while the participation rate fell to 61.4%, its lowest level in more than 5-years and down from 61.5% in June.

With the employment report highlighted a shrinking labour force, it puts the Federal Reserve's 2-tier mandate at odds given inflation remains elevated. Treasury yields gave up some of their recent gains on the hope it will delay any Fed rate hikes with the 2-years falling 5bps to 4.21% while the 10-year yield eased 3bps to 4.65%. The 30-year yield remains elevated at 5.20%.

The USD-index also fell against the major's, although it should be noted the biggest gainers were the AUD and NZD with AUD/USD and NZD/USD topping out at 0.7052 and 0.5906 respectively. NZD/AUD continues to flatline at 0.8345, or 1.1985. On a side note, according to the FT, the ECB was only informed of the US treasury's move last week to sell EURs to buy JPY rather than USD's during its JPY intervention only after the trade was executed.

Equity markets closed higher after the weaker-than-expected labour report with the US exchanges gaining 0.25%-1.25%. The European bourses had also closed higher by a similar amount.

Oil prices, and commodities in general, remain highly sensitive to developments surrounding a potential Iran-Oman agreement to restore shipping through the Strait of Hormuz. Oil prices will open the week with crude at USD78.15 and brent at USD83.55.

The latest China data's continued to highlight the 2-tier nature of the Chinese economy after annual inflation eased from 1.0% to 0.5% in July, falling short of forecasts of 0.8%. It was the lowest inflation print since January as food prices continued to decline while non-food inflation slowed further. Producer price inflation also eased, from 4.1% to 3.5%, it's softest level in 3-months. Finally, the Chinese trade surplus jumped higher again in July to record USD112.5bn, with exports surging 23.0% while imports gained 27.5%. In amongst the AI 'war,' semiconductor exports almost doubled in value terms from last year, while overall high-tech product exports soared 40.7%.

Chinese investors also poured USD1.2bn into gold ETFs over a 14-day period to record its longest streak since March. Meanwhile, the PBoC continued to stockpile gold in Hong Kong as the central bank accelerated its shift of reserves away from London.

The week ahead

Will see a continued focus on the negotiations between Iran, the US, and Gulf states on access to the Strait of Hormuz, but beyond that, the US will also post their latest updates on CPI, PPI, retail sales, business inventories, and the Michigan consumer confidence index. In Europe, the UK and Switzerland will post Q2 GDP figures, while the Eurozone will also publish industrial production, employment and the trade balance. In Asia, China will also provide their latest current account and monetary aggregate updates, Japan will release PPIs, the current account surplus, bank lending, the Reuters Tankan survey, and the BoJ's July Summary of Opinions. Also, on G10 monetary policy, rate decisions are due in Australia and Norway, while Australia will also release business sentiment and the wage price index. There's not much from NZ, just the RBNZ's survey of expectations and business PMIs.

Daily Rates

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FX	Spot Mid	FECs (mid) 1mth	3mths	6mths	12mths		Spot Mid NZD/...	AUD/...
NZ TWI	66.80					CAD	0.8223	0.9853
NZD/USD	0.5902	0.0005	0.0014	0.0028	0.0046	CHF	0.4764	0.5694
NZD/AUD	0.8349	0.0012	0.0034	0.0063	0.0106	CNY	3.9690	4.7609
NZD/JPY	93.075	-0.16	-0.43	-0.9383	-1.92	DKK	3.8133	4.5694
NZD/EUR	0.5104	-0.0002	-0.0005	-0.0014	-0.0037	FJD	1.2862	1.5412
NZD/GBP	0.4372	0.0004	0.0011	0.0020	0.0033	HKD	4.6249	5.5419
						KRW	829.85	994.38
AU TWI	65.30					MYR	2.4103	2.8882
AUD/USD	0.7065	-0.0004	-0.0011	-0.0021	-0.0036	NOK	5.5742	6.6794
AUD/NZD	1.1990	-0.0019	-0.0050	-0.0095	-0.0165	SEK	5.5806	6.6870
AUD/JPY	111.39	-0.35	-0.98	-1.97	-3.70	SGD	0.7534	0.9028
AUD/EUR	0.6109	-0.0011	-0.0032	-0.0063	-0.0122	TWD	18.99	22.75
AUD/GBP	0.5231	-0.0003	-0.0008	-0.0016	-0.0028	ZAR	9.51	11.39
USD Index	99.60							
EUR/USD	1.1561	0.0014	0.0041	0.0083	0.0163			
USD/JPY	157.63	-0.41	-1.15	-2.29	-4.38			
GBP/USD	1.3490	-0.0001	-0.0001	-0.0002	-0.0002			
EUR/GBP	0.8564	0.0011	0.0030	0.0061	0.0124			
USD/CNY	6.7472	-0.0147	-0.0447	-0.0921	-0.1827			

INTEREST RATES	New Zealand Mid	Australia Mid
30 day bank bills	2.73%	4.37%
90 day bank bills	2.94%	4.56%
1 year swap	3.36%	4.57%
2 year swap	3.66%	4.54%
3 year swap	3.81%	4.50%
5 year swap	4.00%	4.55%
10 year swap	4.38%	4.77%
3 year Govt bond	3.91%	4.59%
5 year Govt bond	4.23%	4.69%
10 year Govt bond	4.78%	5.11%

EQUITIES	Index
NZX50	13,824
ASX200	9,264
Dow Jones	54,037
S&P 500	7,757
FTSE100	10,901
DAX 40	26,319
Nikkei	65,607

COMMODITIES	USD
Brent Crude	83.55
Gold	4,341.71
Silver	63.55
Iron Ore	94.45
CRB Index	488.07

	NZD
NZ Carbon	55.25