



USA

Figures out today:

USD	Durable Goods Orders (JUN)	12:30	08:30	0.8%	-1.1%
USD	Fed Publishes Beige Book Economic Report	18:00	14:00		

- Dollar rises 1 percent on day vs Swiss franc: LONDON July 27 (Reuters) - The dollar rose 1 percent on the day versus the Swiss franc on Tuesday, as the Swiss currency came under pressure on a broad upturn in risk sentiment and traders targeted option structures at 1.0600 francs. Traders said the dollar rose to 1.0604 francs on dealing platform EBS, its highest level in nearly 2 weeks.

UK

- Sterling lifted by strong UK retail sales: LONDON, July 27 (Reuters) - Sterling extended gains to hit a five-month high against a broadly weaker dollar on Tuesday, lifted by robust UK retail sales and positive risk sentiment stemming from better-than-expected bank earnings results. A survey by the Confederation of British Industry showed retail sales rose at their fastest pace in three years in July, beating analysts' forecasts although helped by a reweighting of the survey. "Following on from last week's news that GDP growth had surprised sharply on the upside in the second quarter, (there was) some more very good news on the UK economy," said Howard Archer, chief European and UK economist at IHS Global Insight. "Nevertheless, the suspicion remains that further out consumers are likely to find life hard and will be constrained in their spending" given the government's looming fiscal squeeze, he added. Sterling rose as far as \$1.5578, its highest since mid-February, as stop-losses were triggered on the break of the 200-day moving average at \$1.5555.

Europe

Figures out today:

EUR	German Consumer Price Index (YoY) (JUL P)			1.2%	0.9%
EUR	German Consumer Price Index - EU Harmonised (YoY) (JUL			1.0%	0.8%
EUR	European Central Bank Publishes Bank Lending Survey	08:00	04:00		

- Euro rises to 11-week high vs dlr: LONDON July 27 (Reuters) - The euro rose to an 11-week high versus the dollar on Tuesday, as solid bank earnings lifted equities and encouraged investors to take on more risk. The euro rose to \$1.3036 according to Reuters data, its highest level since May 10. Technical analysts highlighted next resistance around \$1.3125, the 38.2 percent retracement of the euro's fall from November to June.

Australia and New Zealand

AUD	Consumer Prices Index (QoQ) (2Q)	01:30	21:30	1.0%	0.9%
AUD	Consumer Prices Index (YoY) (2Q)	01:30	21:30	3.4%	2.9%
NZD	Reserve Bank of New Zealand Interest Rate Decision	21:00	17:00	3.00%	2.75%
NZD	Trade Balance (New Zealand dollars) (JUN)	22:45	18:45	368M	814M

- Australian Dollar Drops After Second-Quarter Inflation Unexpectedly Slowed: The Australian dollar dropped by the most in more than a week as a government report showed consumer prices increased at a slower pace than economists had forecast, giving the central bank scope to keep rates unchanged in August. New Zealand's currency ended a four-day winning streak versus the yen as a private report showed business confidence declined in July. The Aussie slid against all 16 of its most-traded counterparts as swaps traders cut to zero the likelihood that Australia's central bank will increase its key rate when policy makers meet on Aug. 3. "There's very little pressure now on the Reserve Bank of Australia to raise next week though rate rises are still possible later in the year," said Joseph Capurso, a currency strategist in Sydney at Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Commodities

- Crude oil reversed earlier losses in New York as gains in Chinese equity markets raised expectations that fuel demand will rise in the world's largest energy user. Crude for September delivery was at \$77.56 a barrel, up 6 cents, in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange at 2:26 p.m. Singapore time.
- TOKYO, July 28 (Reuters) - Gold steadied on Wednesday after falling 2 percent to a near three-month low the day before, when a bigger-than-expected drop in U.S. consumer confidence and an option expiry prompted heavy selling. Spot gold was at \$1,163.45 an ounce as of 0238 GMT, up 0.3 percent from late New York levels of \$1,159.65 per ounce.

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