

CURRENCIES

Yen pares some of sharp rise after suspected intervention

THE yen fell slightly against the dollar on Thursday (May 2), reversing direction after a sudden surge late on Wednesday that traders and analysts were quick to attribute to intervention by Japanese authorities. The yen was 0.4 per cent lower at 155.18 per dollar as at 1055 GMT, retracing about half of its late Wednesday surge from around 157.55 to exactly 153 over a period of about 30 minutes.

came in a quiet period for markets after Wall Street had closed, and hours after the US Federal Reserve had wrapped up its policy meeting. The dollar was already on the back foot as Fed chair Jerome Powell confirmed the central bank's easing bias, even as he reiterated that sticky inflation meant interest rate cuts may be a while in coming. Japan's vice-finance-minister for international affairs, Masato Kanda, who oversees currency pol-

icy at the MOF, told Reuters he had no comment on whether Japan had intervened in the market. The dollar remains up more than 10 per cent against the yen this year, as traders push back expectations on the timing of a first Fed rate cut, while the Bank of Japan (BOJ) has signalled it will go slow with further policy tightening after raising rates in March for the first time since 2007. The gap between long-term go-

vernment bond yields in the two countries is 371 basis points. That helped lift the dollar to a 34-year peak of 160.245 yen on Monday and also spurred a sharp reversal, which official data suggested was because of Japanese intervention totalling about US\$35 billion. The BOJ's official data on Thursday indicated Japan may have spent a further US\$23.59 billion on Wednesday in its attempt to shore up the currency.

The dollar index was little changed at 105.72 on Thursday, following a 0.6 per cent retreat on Wednesday from near six-month highs. The euro was down 0.1 per cent at US\$1.0705, after climbing 0.5 per cent in the previous session. Sterling slipped 0.1 per cent to US\$1.2513, paring back some of Wednesday's 0.3 per cent rise. Hotter-than-forecast Swiss inflation in April drove the Swiss

franc higher against both the euro and dollar. "The probability of another cut (from the Swiss National Bank) in June is a little less likely but I think they will still be quite pleased with the inflation situation," said Niels Christensen, chief analyst at Norddea. "I would still expect another cut in June, especially if the European Central Bank also cuts rates next month." REUTERS

FOREX RATES

INTERBANK CROSS RATES

Table with columns for currency pairs (AS, CS, Rmb, Euro, HKS, Ind Rs, Rupiah, Yen, Won, MS, NZ\$, Pak Rs, Peso, SS, Rand, Sfr, NTS, Baht, Pound, USD) and their respective rates.

USD/SS FORWARD RATES

Table with columns for forward rates (Bid, Offer) for 1-month, 2-months, 3-months, and 6-months.

Source: OCBC

The figures are based on mid prices of currencies quoted by OCBC. For Rupiah, Yen and Won, the figures are in 100 units of the foreign currency indicated. Among the three currencies themselves, the exchange rate should read as it is.

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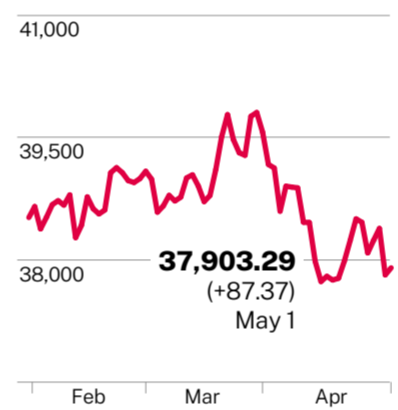
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INTERBANK CURRENCY RATES

Table showing currency rates against USD and SS for various currencies like Australian dollar, Canadian dollar, Euro, NZ dollar, Sterling pound, US dollar.

Table showing SS/USD to 100 units of foreign currency for Chinese renminbi, Danish kroner, Hong Kong dollar, Indian rupee, Indonesia rupiah, Japanese yen, Korean won, Malaysian ringgit, New Taiwan dollar, Norwegian krone, Philippine peso, Saudi riyal, Swedish krona, Swiss franc, Thai baht.

EQUITY BONDS WARRANTS FUTURES

SGX DERIVATIVES TRADING

Table listing SGX MSCI Singapore Index Futures, FTSE China ASO Index Futures, FTSE China H50 Index Futures, FTSE Taiwan Index Futures, FTSE Indonesia Index Futures, Blossom Japan Index Futures, Nikkei 225 Index Futures, SEA ADR Futures, GRAB Futures, TSMC ADR Futures, Mini 10-Year Japanese Government Bond Futures, USD/CNH (Full-Size) Futures, INR/USD Futures, KRW/USD (Mini) Futures, THB/USD Futures, USD/SGD (Full-Size) Futures, TSI Iron Ore CFR China (62% Fe Fines) Index Futures, Mysteel Shanghai Rebar (USD) Futures, SICOM TSR20 Rubber Futures, NZX Global Whole Milk Powder Futures, NZX Global Skim Milk Powder Futures.

BONDS, WARRANTS, PREFERENCE SHARES

Table listing most active bonds and warrants like DBS MB eCW240925, DBS MB ePW240925, NIO MB eCW241120, DBS 5xShortSG250226, OCBC Bk MB ePW240925, CityDev MB eCW241002, UOB MB eCW240925, OCBC Bk MB eCW240925, SIA MB eCW240925, Venture MB eCW240731, Dyna-Mac W241022, NIO MB eCW240821, Keppel 5xShortSG250716, ASL M W240723, CapitalM MB eCW241002.65, Semblind MB eCW241002, Semblind MB ePW240902, Wilmar MB eCW241002, Sembcorp 5xShortSG250709.

MSCI INDICES

Table listing MSCI indices like WORLD PRELIMINARY, EAFE PRELIMINARY, EUROPE PRELIMINARY, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA PRELIMINARY, BELGIUM PRELIMINARY, CANADA PRELIMINARY, DENMARK PRELIMINARY, FINLAND PRELIMINARY, FRANCE PRELIMINARY, GERMANY PRELIMINARY, GREECE PRELIMINARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRELAND PRELIMINARY, ISRAEL PRELIMINARY, ITALY PRELIMINARY, JAPAN, KOREA, MALAYSIA, NETHERLANDS PRELIMINARY, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY PRELIMINARY, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, PORTUGAL PRELIMINARY, SPAIN PRELIMINARY, SWEDEN PRELIMINARY, SWITZERLAND PRELIMINARY, TAIWAN, THAILAND, UK PRELIMINARY, USA PRELIMINARY, EM FAR EAST PRELIMINARY, HONG KONG PRELIMINARY, PACIFIC PRELIMINARY, FAR EAST PRELIMINARY.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Table listing government bonds with columns for Period, Issue code, Coupon rate, Maturity, Close Bid, High, Day's Low.

COMMODITY FUTURES

Table listing agricultural and metals commodity futures with columns for Price, Net Change, % Change.

LME 3-Mths Contracts (US\$/MT)

Table listing LME 3-month contracts for Aluminium, Copper, Lead, Nickel, Tin, Zinc.

Energy and Oil

Table listing energy and oil commodity futures like Crude Oil - Brent/blend, Crude Oil - WTI, Crude Oil - Dubai, Crude Oil - Tapis Blend, Crude Oil - Minas, Naphtha, Jet Kerosene, Opec Oil Basket Price, Naphtha (CFR Japan), Gas Oil EEC.

PALM OIL

Table listing KLCE Palm Futures (RM/MT) with columns for Delivery Month, Opening, Settle Price, High, Low, Vol Done, Open Position.

* Denotes an Opening Range Has Been Established Singapore Exchange Derivatives Clearing Ltd (Co Reg No 200005878M)

Source: Bloomberg

Source: Bursa Malaysia

