

CURRENCIES

US dollar surges after truce improves growth outlook

THE US dollar surged on Monday (May 12) as the United States and China struck a truce to reduce reciprocal tariffs temporarily, easing fears of carnage from a trade war between the world's two biggest economies.

The US will reduce extra tariffs it imposed on Chinese imports in April to 30 per cent from 145 per cent and Chinese duties on US imports will fall to 10 per cent from 125 per cent.

The de-escalation surpassed investor expectations and followed negotiations over the weekend.

The greenback's climb clobbered safe-haven currencies the most, rising 1.9 per cent to 148.16 yen and 1.5 per cent to 0.8443 Swiss francs.

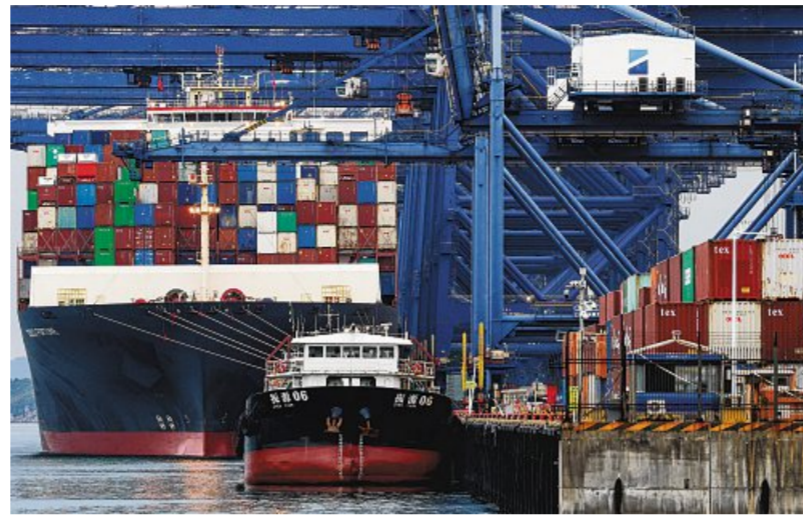
"(US President Donald) Trump has toned down his tariffs faster than anyone thought he could. It

seems that tariffs on China will fall to manageable levels, albeit temporarily," said Arne Petimezas, director of research at AFS Group in Amsterdam.

The dollar rose 1.1 per cent against a basket of currencies to hit a more than one-month high. It was still down 2.3 per cent from Trump's April 2 announcement of sweeping tariffs as his often chaotic rollout of policies shook confidence in US assets.

"Now the conditions are falling into place for a deeper adjustment and a bigger recovery of the dollar to catch up with US equities and bond yields," said Kenneth Broux, senior strategist at Societe Generale in London.

The euro tumbled 1.3 per cent against the dollar to US\$1.111, on track for its steepest one-day loss since 2008.



Sterling shed 1 per cent to US\$1.318. "We can see a bit more euro-dollar weakness as we're breaking some key technical levels," Broux said.

The focus this week will also be

on US Consumer Price Index figures on Tuesday and on April retail sales due on Thursday for indications of how the trade spat has impacted the economy and expectations for further interest

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be viewed as a particular victory for China," ING economist Lynn Song said.

"The reduction of tariffs on China is a sufficient enough reduction to allow for more or less a return of normal trade."

Meanwhile, geopolitical tensions also appeared to ease over the weekend, further supporting risk sentiment.

India and Pakistan announced a ceasefire following four days of fighting between the nuclear powers which had rattled markets.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he was ready to meet Russian leader Vladimir Putin in Turkey on Thursday for direct talks.

That would be the first negotiations between the two countries since the early months of Russia's 2022 invasion. REUTERS

FOREX RATES

INTERBANK CROSS RATES

	AS	CS	Rmb	Euro	HKS	Ind Rs	Rupiah	Yen	Won	MS	NZ\$	Pak Rs	Peso	SS	Rand	Sfr	NTS	Baht	Pound	US\$
Australia	-	0.891	4.642	0.569	4.982	54.768	105.812	0.930	8.984	2.759	1.086	180.437	35.542	0.832	11.648	0.532	19.380	21.175	0.483	0.641
Canada	1.122	-	5.208	0.639	5.590	61.442	118.706	1.043	10.079	3.095	1.218	202.426	39.873	0.933	13.068	0.597	21.742	23.756	0.542	0.719
China	0.215	0.192	-	0.123	1.073	11.798	22.793	0.200	1.935	0.594	0.234	38.868	7.656	0.179	2.509	0.115	4.175	4.561	0.104	0.138
Euro	1.756	1.565	8.152	-	8.750	96.180	185.819	1.633	15.777	4.845	1.907	316.870	62.416	1.461	20.455	0.934	34.034	37.186	0.848	1.125
Hong Kong	0.201	0.179	0.932	0.114	-	10.992	21.237	0.187	1.803	0.554	0.218	36.215	7.133	0.167	2.338	0.107	3.890	4.250	0.097	0.129
India	0.018	0.016	0.085	0.010	0.091	-	1.932	0.017	0.164	0.050	0.020	3.295	0.649	0.015	0.213	0.010	0.354	0.387	0.009	0.012
Indonesia	0.009	0.008	0.044	0.005	0.047	0.518	-	0.009	0.085	0.026	0.010	1.705	0.336	0.008	0.110	0.005	0.183	0.200	0.005	0.006
Japan	1.075	0.958	4.991	0.612	5.357	58.886	113.767	-	9.659	2.967	1.168	194.003	38.214	0.894	12.524	0.572	20.837	22.767	0.519	0.689
Korea	0.111	0.099	0.517	0.063	0.555	6.096	11.778	0.104	-	0.307	0.121	20.085	3.956	0.093	1.297	0.059	2.157	2.357	0.054	0.071
Malaysia	0.362	0.323	1.683	0.206	1.806	19.849	38.349	0.337	3.256	-	0.394	65.395	12.881	0.302	4.222	0.193	7.024	7.674	0.175	0.232
New Zealand	0.921	0.821	4.275	0.524	4.588	50.434	97.439	0.856	8.273	2.541	-	166.159	32.729	0.766	10.726	0.490	17.846	19.500	0.445	0.590
Pakistan	0.006	0.005	0.026	0.003	0.028	0.304	0.586	0.005	0.050	0.015	0.006	-	0.197	0.005	0.065	0.003	0.107	0.117	0.003	0.004
Philippines	0.028	0.025	0.131	0.016	0.140	1.541	2.977	0.026	0.253	0.078	0.031	5.077	-	0.023	0.328	0.015	0.545	0.596	0.014	0.018
Singapore	1.202	1.071	5.580	0.684	5.989	65.831	127.185	1.118	10.798	3.317	1.305	216.885	42.721	-	14.001	0.640	23.295	25.452	0.581	0.770
South Africa	0.086	0.077	0.399	0.049	0.428	4.702	9.084	0.080	0.771	0.237	0.093	15.491	3.051	0.071	-	0.046	1.664	1.818	0.041	0.055
Switzerland	1.880	1.675	8.726	1.070	9.365	102.940	198.880	1.748	16.886	5.186	2.041	339.144	66.803	1.564	21.893	-	36.426	39.800	0.908	1.204
Taiwan	0.052	0.046	0.240	0.029	0.257	2.826	5.460	0.048	0.464	0.142	0.056	9.311	1.834	0.043	0.601	0.027	-	1.093	0.025	0.033
Thailand	0.047	0.042	0.219	0.027	0.235	2.586	4.997	0.044	0.424	0.130	0.051	8.521	1.678	0.039	0.550	0.025	0.915	-	0.023	0.030
United Kingdom	2.070	1.845	9.610	1.179	10.314	113.700	219.030	1.925	18.596	5.711	2.248	373.505	73.572	1.722	24.111	1.101	40.116	43.833	-	1.326
United States	1.561	1.391	7.246	0.889	7.777	85.482	165.150	1.452	14.022	4.307	1.695	281.625	55.474	1.299	18.180	0.830	30.248	33.050	0.754	-

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.

EQUITY BONDS WARRANTS FUTURES

SGX DERIVATIVES TRADING

	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETT	VOL	May 9	OPINT
SGX MSCI Singapore Index Futures							
May25	392.15	397.65	391.10	396.80	16588	152614	
Jun25	393.20	394.45	393.05	397.50	7	57	
SGX FTSE China A50 Index Futures							
May25	13345.00	13425.00	13298.00	13425.00	203265	886111	
Jun25	13272.00	13353.00	13233.00	13341.00	1384	6838	
SGX FTSE China H50 Index Futures							
May25	15700.00	15777.50	15607.50	15712.50	3263	2949	
Jun25	-	-	-	15645.00	0	211	
SGX FTSE Taiwan Index Futures							
May25	1720.50	1738.50	1713.75	1735.25	54651	91950	
Jun25	1704.00	1723.50	1699.00	1718.50	222	172	
SGX FTSE Indonesia Index Futures							
May25	2944.000	2967.000	2942.000	2944.000	35	817	
Jun25	-	-	-	2938.000	0	290	
SGX FTSE Blossom Japan Index Futures							
Jun25	-	-	-	222.7750	0	1872	
Sep25	-	-	-	222.7500	0	377	
SGX Nikkei 225 Index Futures							
Jun25	37170.00	37685.00	37140.00	37510.00	21893	74713	
Sep25	37540.00	37555.00	37480.00	37480.00	8	386	
SEA ADR Futures							
May25	146.25	146.25	146.05	-	13	40	
Jun25	-	-	-	-	0	0	
GRAB Futures							
May25	4.9100	4.9100	4.9100	-	2	43	
Jun25	-	-	-	-	0	0	
TSMC ADR Futures							
May25	178.80	179.10	178.50	-	609	82	
Jun25	-	-	-	-	0	0	
SGX Mini 10-Year Japanese Government Bond Futures							
Jun25	140.460	140.600	140.080	140.300	1121	8774	
Sep25	140.000	140.000	139.800	139.860	2	8	
SGX USD/CNH (Full-Sized) Futures							
May25	7.2328	7.2478	7.2264	7.2361	31405	15701	
Jun25	7.2159	7.2312	7.2096	7.2190	118115	134959	
SGX INR/USD Futures							
May25	116.810	117.070	115.920	-	160287	159842	
Jun25	116.580	116.800	115.660	-	25924	10443	
SGX KRW/USD (Mini) Futures							
May25	7149	7170	7071	-	21959	17159	
Jun25	7162	7183	7084	-	5296	3705	
SGX THB/USD Futures							
May25	30.440	30.445	30.160	30.285	465	459	
Jun25	30.605	30.615	30.280	30.385	494	47	
SGX USD/SGD (Full-Sized) Futures							
May25	1.29585	1.30200	1.29585	-	113	260	
Jun25	1.29845	1.29845	1.29505	-	73	246	
SGX TSI Iron Ore CFR China (62% Fe Fines) Index Futures							
May25	98.10	98.75	97.80	-	8810	275738	
Jun25	96.70	97.65	96.35	-	73035	372221	
SGX Mysteel Shanghai Rebar (USD) Futures							
May25	-	-	-	-	0	80	
Jun25	-	-	-	-	0	150	
SGX SICOM TSR20 Rubber Futures							
Jun25	172.6	173.1	171.1	171.3	887	6244	
Jul25	171.3	171.4	169.4	169.6	3302	14598	
SGX-NZX Global Whole Milk Powder Futures							
May25	4425.0	4425.0	4425.0	4425.0	2	5329	
Jun25	4395.0	4395.0	4345.0	4360.0	208	4679	
SGX-NZX Global Skim Milk Powder Futures							
May25	3050.0	3050.0	3050.0	3050.0	11	6362	
Jun25	3030.0	3065.0	3030.0	3050.0	75	5640	

* Denotes an Opening Range has been established
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PALM OIL

	Delivery Month	Opening	Sett Price	High	Low	Vol Done	Open Position
	May 25	3800	3772.0	3805.0	3730.0	249	1962
	Jun 25	3791	3797.0	3852.0	3747.0	4607	23940
	Jul 25	3801	3801.0	3857.0	3745.0	44418	107803
	Aug 25	3817	3820.0	3868.0	3760.0	14836	47089

Source: Bursa Malaysia

BONDS, WARRANTS, PREFERENCE SHARES

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Company	Last Sale	+/-	Vol (000)	Conv Ratio	Exar Price	Prem Disc %	Gearing	Expiry Mths
DBS MB ePW250728	8.6	-1.3	8385	-	-	-	-	-
DBS MB eCW250930	9.3	0.7	5148	0.0	0	-	-	4
DBS MB ePW250930	12.9	-1.7	4068	0.0	0	-	-	4
UOB MB eCW25001	5.8	0.4	2650	0.0	0	-	-	4
OCBC BK MB eCW250930	3.4	0.1	2200	0.0	0	-	-	4
UOB MB ePW251103	5.3	-0.7	1950	0.0	0	-	-	6
UOB MB ePW250930	12.4							