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Economic calendar

Tuesday, May 13:

U.S.: Release of inflation data (Core and Overall Consumer Price Index) – Data that impacts interest rate expectations.

Wednesday, May 14:

Eurozone: Annual and core inflation data – Important for traders regarding European Central Bank's direction.

U.S.: Crude oil inventories – Direct impact on oil prices.

Thursday, May 15:

U.K.: GDP (quarterly) – Reflects economic performance and may affect the pound.

Eurozone: GDP (quarterly).

U.S.: Retail sales and unemployment claims – Key indicators of consumer strength and the labor market.
Fed Chair Powell's speech – May move the markets if it includes hints about interest rates.
Federal Reserve Balance Sheet release.

Friday, May 16:

Japan: GDP (quarterly) – Important for determining trends in the Japanese yen.

Gold Gains as U.S.-China Trade Talks Loom Despite U.S.-UK Agreement!

Gold prices rose on Friday after dropping to a session low of $3,274.38, as investors turned back to the safe-haven asset. The rebound came despite a preliminary trade deal announced Thursday between U.S. President Donald Trump and UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

Tim Waterer, Chief Market Analyst at KCM Trade, said: "Buying the dip in gold remains a trend, limiting downside moves despite reduced demand for safe havens following the U.S.-UK trade deal." He added that developments in this week's U.S.-China trade talks will be key to determining whether gold stabilizes around the $3,300 level.

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U.S.-China Trade Talks Set for This Weekend, With Low Expectations and Key Trade Policy Discussions!

Europe News

European stocks saw a slight rise on Friday, supported by the newly announced trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom, which sparked optimism about easing global trade tensions and opened the door to similar deals with other partners.

Germany's DAX index rose by 0.7%, France's CAC 40 gained 0.7%, and the UK's FTSE 100 was up 0.4%.

The agreement, announced on Thursday, included a reduction in U.S. tariffs on a limited number of British-made cars and allowed some steel and aluminum shipments to enter the U.S. market duty-free. However, a 10% tariff remains in place on most British goods. While partial, the move holds symbolic significance as a sign of renewed economic cooperation between Western allies.

In this context, Bank of England Governor Andrew Bailey called for rebuilding trade relations with the European Union, stressing that the UK's economy would be stronger if it were more open to the bloc. In an interview with the BBC, he said: "We must do everything we can to ensure that post-Brexit decisions do not harm long-term trade... I hope we can use these agreements to begin restoring that relationship."

Crypto Market

Bitcoin Surpasses $100,000 as Ethereum Soars 20% Amid Global Trade Optimism!

The cryptocurrency market witnessed strong upward momentum in the past hours, with Bitcoin breaking above the $100,000 mark for the first time since February. It is currently trading at $102,929.22, up 5.02% over the last 24 hours, fueled by optimism over easing global trade tensions.

Ethereum also posted remarkable gains, jumping 20.25% to $2,203. Meanwhile, the total market capitalization of cryptocurrencies surged to $3.22 trillion, marking a 3.66% increase during the same period.

US

U.S. trade relations are at a critical juncture as high-level talks with China are scheduled for this weekend in Switzerland, marking the first discussions in months and offering an opportunity to de-escalate the trade war, although expectations are low due to cautious Chinese rhetoric. U.S. Commerce Secretary Lutnick noted that deals with Japan and South Korea will take longer to finalize than with the U.K., and that countries with trade deficits may face higher tariffs, with a 10% rate seen as the best-case scenario. White House trade advisor Navarro reaffirmed that tariffs on steel and aluminum will remain, limiting hopes for full trade normalization. Treasury Secretary Bessent emphasized support for easing tensions with China but backed President Trump's plan to raise taxes on top earners, with Trump holding final authority over all trade deals, most of which remain unfinalized.

Oil

Oil prices edged up slightly during Asian trading on Friday, supported by optimism that U.S. President Donald Trump may ease tariffs, though gains were limited by a stronger dollar.

Markets were also impacted by rising tensions between India and Pakistan, and Trump's call for an immediate ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine, with a Russian-led truce expected to start this week.

Traders are watching for new U.S. trade deals, especially with China and India. Despite this week's gains, prices remain near four-year lows due to economic uncertainty and recent OPEC+ output increases.

Brent rose 0.2% to $62.95, and WTI climbed 0.1% to $59.57 per barrel.

Oil Gains on Trade Optimism
Friday's rise followed a 3% rally on Thursday after Trump announced a trade deal with the UK, boosting hopes for more agreements ahead.

"Investors are advised to closely monitor geopolitical and economic developments, as they could significantly impact market performance in the coming period."

Gulf market

In a statement on 9 May, Emirates Investment Bank reported a decline in net profit to AED 25.4 million by the end of Q1 2025, compared to AED 31.1 million in the same period of 2024, due to a 7% drop in operating income to AED 51.7 million, down from AED 55.5 million in Q1 2024. This followed a 9% year-on-year decline in Q1 2024 profits, which fell to AED 31.1 million from AED 34 million in Q1 2023. Additionally, general and administrative expenses rose by 18% to AED 21 million in Q1 2024, compared to AED 17.8 million in the same period of 2023.

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