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Eurozone Sentix investor confidence turns positive

Eurozone investor confidence returned to positive territory in Aug., driven by robust economic data, the behavioural research institute Sentix said on Monday [10/08]. The Sentix Economic Sentiment Index rose to 0.9 in Aug. from -3.1 in July. The score was expected to improve to -0.7. The indicator improved for the month in a row and reached its highest level since Feb. (www.rftnews.com 10/08/26)

US officials work to close supply chain gaps as foreign investment grows

US officials on Monday [10/08] said they are working closely with foreign investors to identify gaps in the US manufacturing supply chain and figure out how to help small, medium-sized and large businesses scale up to meet rising demand as foreign investments surge. (www.reuters.com 11/08/26)

BRICS nations discuss linking payment systems and CBDCs, RBI chief says

Members of the BRICS group of nations are discussing potential linkages between their respective fast payment systems and central bank digital currencies, Reserve Bank of India Governor Sanjay Malhotra said at an event on today. The BRICS organisation includes Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, among others. (www.reuters.com 11/08/26)

China's cross-border payment system launched in Namibia to facilitate bilateral trade

Standard Bank Namibia on Monday launched China's Cross-Border Interbank Payment System, becoming the first bank in the country to offer the service in a move to facilitate direct Chinese currency renminbi transactions and promote bilateral trade and investment. CIPS is a payment system that provides clearing and settlement services for cross-border RMB payments and trade. (www.xinhuanet.com 10/08/26)

China central bank reform plan targets high-level financial opening-up

The People's Bank of China has issued a reform and development plan for the 2026-2030 period, making work arrangements aimed at accelerating the building of a nation with a strong financial sector and improving the central banking system. The plan said measures will be taken to "prudently advance high-level financial opening-up" to expand global use of the renminbi in international trade. (www.xinhuanet.com 10/08/26)

Japan's growth Minister says investment plan will boost Yen

Japan's spending plans will provide a long-term boost for the yen, Japanese Growth Strategy Minister Minoru Kiuchi said, pushing back against market concerns over the nation's finances. "Japanese fiscal policy is not so expansionary as you think, because we put great importance on sustainability," Kiuchi said. (www.bloomberg.com 10/08/26)

Russia's foreign trade surplus up 14% in H1 2026

Russia's foreign trade surplus rose around 14 % year-on-year to \$73.4bn in the first half of 2026, according to data published by Russia's Federal Customs Service on Monday [10/08]. Russia's total foreign trade turnover reached \$365.6bn from Jan. to June 2026, with exports and imports increasing to \$219.5bn and \$146.1bn, respectively. (www.xinhuanet.com 10/08/26)

Bank of Russia urges lenders aid firms hurt by warehouse strikes

Russia's central bank urged lenders to support small- and medium-sized businesses impacted by drone attacks on warehouses and other commercial facilities. The Bank of Russia said lenders should approve restructuring of loans and not demand early repayment from companies, according to guidance sent to banks. (www.bloomberg.com 10/08/26)

EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.3521	(1.3499)	1.3522	(1.3500)
+USD/EUR	1.1550	(1.1564)	1.1551	(1.1564)
*GHS/USD	11.7641	(11.7556)	11.7759	(11.7674)
*GHS/GBP	15.9063	(15.8689)	15.9234	(15.8860)
*GHS/EUR	13.5893	(13.5945)	13.6016	(13.6080)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 11/08/26 (Rates for 10/08/26 in brackets)

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Australian business confidence drops on Middle East uncertainty

Australian business confidence snapped three months of gains as uncertainty over the Middle East conflict and persistent energy price strength weighed on the outlook. Business confidence slid 1 point to minus-6 points in July, a National Australia Bank Ltd. survey shows today. (www.bloomberg.com 11/08/26)

Turkey industrial output falls 1.4% in June

Turkey's industrial production decreased for the second straight month in June, the Turkish Statistical Institute stated. Industrial output declined 1.4% year-on-year in June, following a slight 0.1% fall in May. Among sectors, manufacturing output logged a fresh contraction of 1.5%, and mining and quarrying output continued to decrease by 1.6%. (www.rttnews.com 10/08/26)

Austria production index remains flat in June

Austria's production index remained unchanged for the second straight month in June, data from Statistics Austria showed on Monday [10/08]. The production index, which combines industry and construction, stalled in June, the same as in May. In April, the index showed a slight increase of 0.1%. (www.rttnews.com 10/08/26)

Denmark inflation eases to 1.7%

Denmark's consumer price inflation moderated in July to the lowest level in three months, data from Statistics Denmark showed on Monday [10/08]. The consumer price index rose 1.7% year-over-year in July, down from a 1.9% increase in June. On a monthly basis, consumer prices rose 1.3%, compared to a 0.2% gain in May. (www.rttnews.com 10/08/26)

Iceland trade gap narrows in July

Iceland's foreign trade deficit decreased in July from a year ago as exports grew much faster than imports, preliminary figures from Statistics Iceland showed on Monday [10/08]. The trade gap narrowed to ISK 40.6bn in July from ISK 44.0bn in the corresponding month last year. The deficit also declined from ISK 58.7bn in June. (www.rttnews.com 10/08/26)

Oil rises as Iran and US trade demands for reopening Strait of Hormuz

Oil prices rose more than 1% on Tuesday as hopes for a U.S.-Iran deal to end the war and reopen the Strait of Hormuz faded after President Donald Trump demanded compensation for damages from Tehran. Brent crude futures rose \$1.4, or 1.6%, to \$89.12 a barrel by 0701 GMT. (www.reuters.com 11/08/26)

Egypt's annual urban consumer price inflation quickens to 14.9% in July

Egypt's annual urban consumer inflation accelerated to 14.9% in July from 14.3% in June, state statistics agency CAPMAS said on Monday [10/08]. Nationwide annual inflation rose 13.0% in July compared with July 2025. Urban food and beverage prices fell 0.6% month-on-month in July but were 8.0% higher than a year earlier. (www.reuters.com 10/08/26)

Libya's central bank governor submits resignation, documents show

The governor of Libya's Central Bank, Naji Issa, has submitted his resignation to the country's rival legislative chambers, according to Reuters. In the documents, whose authenticity was confirmed by Issa, he said he could not continue in his post, but did not explain why, citing the sensitivity of the reasons. (www.reuters.com 10/08/26)

IMF urges Ghana to sustain quarterly electricity tariff adjustments

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has urged Ghana to sustain quarterly electricity tariff adjustments to reduce fiscal risks in the energy sector. The sector shortfall declined to US\$1.4bn in 2025 from US\$1.6bn in 2024 but remained a significant pressure on public finances. (www.myjoyonline.com 11/08/26)

BoG liquidity mop-up reaches GH¢12.998bn in latest 14-day bill auction

The Bank of Ghana (BoG) sold GH¢12.998bn in 14-day bills at its latest securities auction, maintaining an average interest rate close to 10.50% as the central bank continued to use short-term instruments to manage liquidity within the financial system. (www.norvanreports.com 11/08/26)

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