

The dollar slid from a 12-week peak on Monday as traders weighed U.S. and European central bankers' monetary options after last week's Jackson Hole meeting, while Beijing's decision to halve stamp duty on stock trading helped to lift the euro. Fed Chair Jerome Powell told the annual Jackson Hole Economic Policy Symposium the central bank may need to lift interest rates further to finish the job of lowering inflation on a sustained basis. The dollar index, which measures the U.S. currency against six peers, edged 0.08 lower to 104.08 after hitting its highest level since early June on Friday. A series of strong U.S. economic data releases has helped to ease worries of a recession, but with inflation still above the Fed's target, some investors worry the U.S. central bank will keep interest rates high for longer. The key focus is now on US manufacturing and services activity, US core PCE, and jobs data released later this week.

AUD: The Australian Dollar found firmer footing to start the week, with market sentiment improving after China took further measures to bolster the domestic equity market. China's Ministry of Finance announced that stamp duty on stock trades would be halved from 0.1% to 0.05%.

CAD: The Canadian Dollar is on a 5-week losing streak against the Greenback with a sixth week of losses. Canadian retail sales increased 0.1% in June and were led by increases at motor vehicle and parts dealers with an increase of 2.5%. Core retail sales, which exclude gasoline stations, fuel vendors, motor vehicles and parts dealers were down 0.9% in June. The core print came in well below market forecasts of 0.3% growth.

JPY: The yen edged 0.04 lower to 146.51 per dollar, just shy of the more than nine-month low of 146.64 it touched on Friday, as traders continue to watch out for any signs of intervention in the currency market from Japanese authorities. BoJ Governor Kazuo Ueda stated that inflation is below the BoJ's target and that it will stick with its currently monetary easing framework, which the markets took as a conservative comment.

EUR: The euro, which has fallen 1.7% so far in August, rose 0.13% to \$1.0808 after China halved the stamp duty on stock trading in its latest attempt to boost the struggling market in the world's second biggest economy. The single currency traded near an almost 11-week low hit on Friday after European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde said policy needed to be restrictive.

EXCHANGE RATE	
Currency	Rate
EUR/USD	1.0808
GBP/USD	1.2593
AUD/USD	0.6429
NZD/USD	0.5911
USD/CAD	1.3596
USD/MXN	16.7280
USD/CHF	0.8833
USD/JPY	146.46
USD/SGD	1.3554
USD/THB	35.2190
USD/CNY	7.2895

UPCOMING ECONOMIC RELEASES				
Date	Country	Economic Event	Prior	Forecast
08/29	EUR	German GfK Consumer Confidence (Sep)	-24.4	-24.3
	MXP	GDP Growth Rate YoY Prel (Q2)	3.7%	3.7%
	USD	CB Consumer Confidence (Aug)	117	116
08/30	CNY	NBS Manufacturing PMI (Aug)	49.3	49.4
	EUR	German Inflation Rate YoY Prel (Aug)	6.2%	6%
	USD	GDP Growth Rate QoQ 2 nd Est. (Q2)	2%	2.4%
8/31	EUR	ECB Monetary Policy Meeting		
	EUR	French, Italian Inflation rate YoY Prel (Aug)		
	EUR	German Unemployment Change	-4K	10K
	EUR	German Unemployment Rate (Aug)	5.6%	5.7%
	EUR	Euro Area Core Inflation Rate YoY Flash (Aug)	5.5%	5.3%
	INR	GDP Growth Rate YoY (Q2)	6.1%	7.7%
	USD	Core PCE Price Index YoY (Jul)	4.1%	4.2%
	USD	PCE Price Index YoY (Jul)	3%	3.3%
	09/01	CAD GDP Growth Rate Annualized (Q2)	3.1%	1.2%
		CAD GDP Growth Rate QoQ (Q2)	0.8%	
	EUR	Italian GDP Growth Rate YoY Final (Q2)	1.9%	0.6%
	USD	Non-Farm Payrolls (Aug)	187K	170K
	USD	Unemployment Rate (Aug)	3.5%	3.5%
	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI (Aug)	46.4	47