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	17/04/2026	10/04/2026	% Change
Euro / LP	105,565.25	104,885	0.65%
Euro / Dollar	1.1795	1.1719	0.65%
NEER Index	119.43	119.21	0.18%

\*Prices are as of the time of writing this report

The Nominal Effective Exchange Rate (NEER) of the Lebanese pound increased marginally by 0.18% this week, reaching 119.43 points on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, against a basket of 21 influential currencies – including the Euro and British pound.

## International Forex Market

	17/04/2026	10/04/2026	% Change	Status
Dollars index = DXY	98.09	98.65	-0.57%	Weakened
EUR/USD	1.1794	1.1719	0.64%	Strengthened
GBP/USD	1.3532	1.3458	0.55%	Strengthened
USD/CHF	0.7820	0.7891	-0.90%	Strengthened
USD/CNY	6.823	6.8278	-0.07%	Strengthened
USD/JPY	159.05	159.29	-0.15%	Strengthened
AUD/USD	0.7173	0.706	1.60%	Strengthened
USD/CAD	1.3677	1.3838	-1.16%	Strengthened

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In international currency markets this week, the **US Dollar Index** – a measure of the US currency's strength against a basket of six rivals – dropped by 0.57% and dropped to 98.09 points. Optimism regarding US-Iran negotiations is rising to reach a peace deal following US full closure of the strait especially against Iranian

vessels. In case of peace agreement, oil prices are expected to decrease to pre-war levels resulting in decrease in inflation, thus continuation of rate cuts by Federal Reserve.

As US Dollar weakens, other currencies strengthen against it.

Across the Atlantic, Euro and British Pound strengthened against the dollar by 0.64% and 0.55% respectively to record 1.1794 and 1.3532. The optimism regarding a peace deal led investors to direct investments to riskier assets. Additionally, inflationary pressures resulting from increased oil prices since war beginning, the result of which markets are pricing two rate hikes this year by European Central Bank (ECB) and Bank of England (BoE).

As for Asian currencies, they also appreciated with respect to the US Dollar. Japanese Yen and Chinese Yuan rose by 0.15% and 0.07% respectively to record 159.05 (close to the 160 critical level) and 6.823 as of April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Commodities**

	<b>17/04/2026</b>	<b>10/04/2026</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Gold</b>	4,795.41	4,747.49	1.01%
<b>Silver</b>	78.95	75.88	4.05%
<b>Brent Crude Oil</b>	96.75	95.2	1.63%
<b>WTI Crude Oil</b>	91.49	96.57	-5.26%

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Metals benefitted this week from the increased optimism of peace deal across the Middle East. Prospects of a peace deal after the announcement of another round of negotiations in Pakistan and the positive comments from the two parties (US and Iran) will reduce tension related to Hormoz strait. As such, oil prices could decrease to pre-war levels and thus persistent inflation pressure decrease. Thus, major Central Banks could return to rate cuts, hence traders would be directed to non-income generating assets such as gold and silver. Having said that, Gold and Silver are heading for a weekly gain of 1.01% and 4.05% respectively to reach \$4,795.41/ounce and \$78.95/ounce.

As for Brent and West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil, they witnessed mixed performance this week. Brent crude oil increased by 1.63% to record \$96.75/barrel while WTI prices decreased by 5.26% to reach \$91.49/barrel.

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