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European Forex Technicals: EUR/USD To Extend Gains
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LONDON (Dow Jones)--Rolling 24-hour chart levels:

Forex spot:	EUR/USD	USD/JPY	GBP/USD	USD/CHF
Spot 0435 GMT	1.3253	94.06	1.5340	1.0824
3 Day Trend	Bullish	Bullish	Range	Bearish
Weekly Trend	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish
200 day ma	1.3958	92.11	1.5778	1.0603
3rd Resistance	1.3350	94.78	1.5498	1.0949
2nd Resistance	1.3305	94.37	1.5432	1.0925
1st Resistance	1.3279	94.27	1.5380	1.0869
Pivot*	1.3232	94.05	1.5269	1.0839
1st Support	1.3225	93.85	1.5283	1.0808
2nd Support	1.3193	93.49	1.5205	1.0785
3rd Support	1.3114	93.37	1.5144	1.0755

Intraday EUR/USD: Consolidates the recovery off Wednesday's low at 1.3114 within a symmetrical triangle, and is set to push higher towards Thursday's high at 1.3279. The EUR is attracting good support, and threatens further strength towards 1.3305 and the 1.3350 upside target. Only below 1.3225 would question the near-term bullish outlook, exposing 1.3193 and leaving the 1.3114 vulnerable.

Weekly chart EUR/USD trend: Bearish.

Intraday USD/JPY: Consolidates beneath significant resistance at 94.37, but is within striking distance as bull momentum builds for a 94.37 retest. A successful break above there would prompt strength towards the 2010 high at 94.78, extending the wider recovery off the key Apr. 19 reaction low at 91.60 to threaten gains to the 97.10 area longer-term. Failure to break 94.37 would extend lateral consolidation below 93.85 towards the support cluster between 93.37 and 93.49.

Weekly chart USD/JPY trend: Bullish.

Intraday GBP/USD: Extends the recovery off Wednesday's low at 1.5128 following Thursday's push above 1.5283, and resistance at 1.5380 is set to come under pressure. The 61.8% retracement level of the 1.5524/1.5128 decline also lies in this area, and a fresh wave of bull pressure is required to force a break through there towards 1.5432. Only a break back below 1.5283 would prompt weakness back to the 1.5205 area.

Weekly chart GBP/USD trend: Bearish.

Intraday USD/CHF: Weakens sharply off Wednesday's 9-month high at 1.0925 to leave a bull trap, and Thursday's low at 1.0808 is set for a retest. This represents 50% retracement of the advance off Tuesday's low at 1.0700, but weakness is regarded as corrective, and is likely to be contained above the 1.0755 area. Regaining ground above 1.0869 is required to lift the tone and prompt further gains towards the 1.0925 peak.

Weekly chart USD/CHF trend: Bullish.

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Forex spot:	EUR/GBP	EUR/JPY	EUR/CHF	AUD/USD
Spot 0507 GMT	0.8639	124.57	1.4349	0.9296
3 Day Trend	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish
Weekly Trend	Bearish	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish
200 day ma	0.8851	128.52	1.4784	0.8850
3rd Resistance	0.8733	125.66	1.4367	0.9364
2nd Resistance	0.8700	125.52	1.4357	0.9337
1st Resistance	0.8678	124.92	1.4352	0.9312
Pivot*	0.8668	124.36	1.4342	0.9265
1st Support	0.8622	124.08	1.4334	0.9250
2nd Support	0.8603	123.75	1.4323	0.9225
3rd Support	0.8545	123.27	1.4291	0.9202

Intraday EUR/GBP: Thursday's sharp setback off 0.8733 probes below 0.8630, and suggests the significant support level at 0.8603 is set for a retest. With bear momentum building, a break below there would prompt fresh 8 to 9-month lows towards 0.8545. Corrective gains should be limited to the 0.8700 area.

Weekly chart EUR/GBP trend: Bearish.

Intraday EUR/JPY: Consolidates beneath Wednesday's high at 124.92 following the strong recovery off the near-term low at 122.37, and is poised to put renewed bull pressure on 124.92. A successful break through there would open key projected resistance at 125.52, which lies close to a 1.618 extension target at 125.66. Only a break below 123.75 would question the near-term bullish outlook, exposing 123.27.

Weekly chart EUR/JPY trend: Bearish.

Intraday EUR/CHF: Recovers off Wednesday's low at 1.4323 to tackle resistance at 1.4352, but Tuesday's bearish outside day reversal off 1.4367 still dominates the short-term. Bears are expected to cap gains and renew pressure on the 1.4323 low, and a break through there would increase bear momentum to expose the key Apr. 21 spike low at 1.4291. Only above 1.4357 would suggest a return to the 1.4367 high.

Weekly chart EUR/CHF trend: Bearish.

Intraday AUD/USD: Extends the strong recovery off Tuesday's low at 0.9136 to meet a key upside target shy of the Apr. 26 lower high at 0.9312. There is room for further strength towards the April 21 lower high at 0.9337, but a cap is likely in this area to prevent the 0.9136 low from being confirmed as a bear failure. Corrective weakness will attract support while above 0.9250, with backup support at 0.9225.

Weekly chart AUD/USD trend: Bullish.

* The pivot is the sum of the high, low and close divided by 3.

For more technical analysis see: Dow Jones Newsires, N/DJTA; Bloomberg, N/DJTA; and Reuters key word search "INSI-DJN"

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