

# DAILY ANALYSIS

18 February 2026



## Economic Calendar

Time	Cur.	Event	Forecast	Previous
All Day	CNY	China – Chinese New Year	-	-
10:00	GBP	CPI (YoY) (Jan)	3.0%	3.4%
16:30	USD	Durable Goods Orders (MoM) (Dec)	-1.7%	5.3%
22:00	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes	-	-

### Strategic US Projects Announced

Gold moved back toward \$4,900 per ounce on Wednesday, trimming part of its recent two-day slide as fresh buying interest emerged and the Federal Reserve's policy path came back into focus.

Bitcoin held near 67,267, showing limited direction as broader risk appetite remained measured.

President Donald Trump confirmed that three strategic projects in Texas, Ohio, and Georgia will move forward under the investment framework tied to the US–Japan trade agreement.

The US 100 Tech Index stood at 24,706, easing 31 points, or 0.13%, from the prior session.

Silver climbed to around \$74 per ounce, pushing a two-day decline as buyers stepped in before the release of the Fed's January meeting minutes.

## Financial Markets Daily Performance

SYMBOLS	PRICE	DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	YTD
<b>CURRENCIES</b>					
EURUSD	1.18432	-0.10%	-0.24%	1.69%	0.87%
GBPUSD	1.35564	-0.08%	-0.52%	0.98%	0.72%
AUDUSD	0.70693	-0.24%	-0.81%	5.29%	5.94%
NZDUSD	0.59991	-0.84%	-0.82%	3.43%	4.22%
USDJPY	153.554	0.14%	0.19%	-2.89%	-2.04%
USDCAD	1.36529	0.12%	0.57%	-1.55%	-0.49%
<b>METALS</b>					
XAUUSD	4935.84	1.16%	-2.93%	5.52%	14.26%
SILVER	75.599	0.71%	-10.32%	-20.15%	6.09%
PLATIN	2062.9	2.21%	-3.86%	-13.16%	-0.34%
<b>INDICES</b>					
S&P 500	6862.58	0.28%	-1.14%	0.97%	0.25%
DOW JONES	49605	0.15%	-1.03%	2.30%	3.21%
NASDAQ	24785	0.34%	-1.65%	-0.81%	-1.84%
NIKKEI	57334	1.36%	-0.53%	7.00%	13.89%
DAX	25106	0.43%	1.01%	0.59%	2.52%
<b>ENERGY</b>					
CRUDE OIL	62.49	0.26%	-3.31%	3.53%	8.83%
BRENT OIL	67.622	0.30%	-2.56%	4.16%	11.13%
NATURAL GAS	3.0096	-0.71%	-4.73%	-22.97%	-18.35%
<b>BONDS</b>					
US 10Y	4.0730	0.0090	-0.10%	-0.15%	-0.10%
DE 10Y	2.7420	0.0136	-0.06%	-0.10%	-0.12%
JAPAN 10Y	2.1470	0.0206	-0.09%	-0.12%	0.07%
UK 10Y	4.3830	0.0192	-0.14%	-0.04%	-0.10%
CHINA 10Y	1.8100	0.0020	0.00%	-0.05%	-0.05%

## EURUSD



The euro trades near \$1.185, holding close to its late-January four-year peak above \$1.20 as ECB messaging signals comfort with the currency's recent appreciation.

Immediate resistance stands at 1.1880, while first support is located at 1.1800.

Resistance 3	Resistance 2	Resistance 1	Support 1	Support 2	Support 3
1.2000	1.1940	1.1880	1.1800	1.1750	1.1690

## XAUUSD



Gold rebounds toward \$4,900 per ounce, trimming part of its recent two-day decline as buyers return and policy expectations are reassessed.

Fed Governor Michael Barr indicated rates should remain steady until inflation moves convincingly toward 2%, while Chicago Fed President Austan Goolsbee left room for reductions later this year if disinflation continues.

Focus now shifts to FOMC minutes, GDP, and PCE data for clearer direction.

First resistance is seen at \$5,000, with initial support near \$4,885.

Resistance 3	Resistance 2	Resistance 1	Support 1	Support 2	Support 3
5200	5085	5000	4885	4820	4750

## Bitcoin (BTCUSD)



Bitcoin trades around 67,267, down 0.33% on the session. The cryptocurrency has declined 27.32% over the past four weeks and 30.40% over the last year.

Projections point to 70,913 by quarter-end and 79,139 within twelve months, based on macro models and analyst estimates.

Immediate resistance stands at 70,000, while first support is at 65,000.

Resistance 3	Resistance 2	Resistance 1	Support 1	Support 2	Support 3
80.000	74.000	70.000	65.000	62.500	60.000

## Japanese Yen (USDJPY)



The yen weakens toward 153.5 per dollar, reversing earlier gains despite January exports posting their fastest growth in more than three years, supported by strong demand for AI-related semiconductors.

Soft Q4 GDP data continues to temper optimism, though expectations for gradual policy normalization remain, with April viewed as a potential timing for adjustment. The IMF reiterated that the yen's value is determined by market forces.

Initial resistance stands at 153.70, while first support is located at 152.50.

Resistance 3	Resistance 2	Resistance 1	Support 1	Support 2	Support 3
155.60	154.50	153.70	152.50	151.70	150.50

## BRENT OIL



Brent trades just above \$67 per barrel, stabilizing as developments in US–Iran nuclear discussions remain in focus.

Iranian officials referenced a broad framework agreement, while US representatives indicated talks will resume in Geneva within two weeks with an updated proposal.

First resistance is seen at 69.70, with initial support near 66.70.

Resistance 3	Resistance 2	Resistance 1	Support 1	Support 2	Support 3
72.20	70.80	69.70	66.70	65.50	64.30

## NASDAQ



The index stands at 24,706, down 0.13% on the day. It is lower by 1.13% over the past month but maintains an 11.41% gain year over year. Forecast models suggest 23,966 by quarter-end and 21,806 within a year.

Nasdaq's resistance is near 25,000, while first support holds around 24,520.

Resistance 3	Resistance 2	Resistance 1	Support 1	Support 2	Support 3
\$25,600	\$25.300	\$25,000	\$24,520	\$24,150	\$23,850



USD/CNH is testing resistance at 6.9010, with support positioned near 6.8700.

Resistance 3	Resistance 2	Resistance 1	Support 1	Support 2	Support 3
6.9380	6.9250	6.9010	6.8700	6.8650	6.8500

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