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Volatility continued to be seen on financial markets on Thursday, with a measure of enthusiasm added to the mix. Relieved that potential rate hikes are no longer on the table, investors regained confidence, driving up North American stock markets. The tech sector was a particular standout, with the Nasdaq wrapping up trading up +1.5%. The USD therefore conceded another defeat against the CAD, as well as its G10 peers in general.

However, the economic news was far from joyful. In the United States, labour costs rose at the fastest pace in the past year (+4.7% annualized vs. an expected 4.0%), while gains in productivity slowed (+0.3% vs. +0.5% expected).

The spotlight will now shift to the job market this morning. In the United States, Non-Farm Payrolls are expected to rise 240,000 for April while the unemployment rate likely remained stable at 3.8%. In Canada, data will be posted next Friday.

Have a great weekend!

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Economic news to watch today

US: Change in Nonfarm Payrolls (Apr)

Market Moves

Source: Bloomberg at market close

USD/CAD	1.3674 -0.0065
EUR/USD	1.0725 +0.0013
EUR/CAD	1.4665 -0.0052
TSX	21,823 +0.44%
S&P500	5,064 +0.91%
WTI Oil	78.95 -0.06%
CA 10-YR Bond Yield	3.74% -0.59%
US 10-YR Bond Yield	4.58% -1.02%

Trends

Range of the day	1.3600	1.3700
Range of the next 5 days	1.3500	1.3800

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