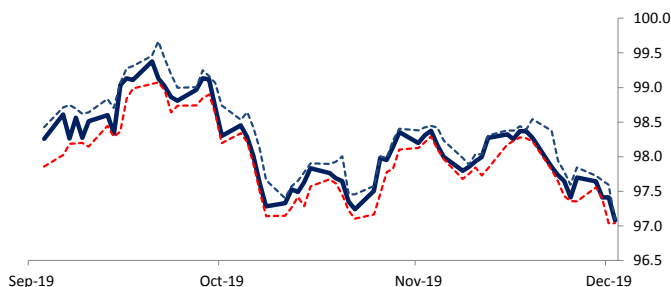


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The US Federal Reserve held interest rates steady yesterday after lowering rates at their three previous meetings in an attempt to protect the US economy from the effects of trade tensions and a global slowdown. Fed officials indicated they would leave monetary policy on hold throughout next year while keeping an eye on the major risks facing the economy. The rate-setting committee voted 10-0 to leave the rate at a range between 1.5%-1.75%, their first unanimous vote since May. The US dollar index fell around 0.6% in yesterday's trading, and is currently trading at around 97.068.
- U.S. President Donald Trump has 3 days to decide whether to impose tariffs on nearly \$160 billion in Chinese consumer goods just weeks before Christmas, a move that could be unwelcome in both the United States and China. A source related to the matter told Reuters that Washington is laying the groundwork for a delay in the latest tariffs, scheduled to take effect on Dec. 15, but a final decision has not been made. Stocks have risen in the past week as the S&P 500 rose around 0.7%, currently trading not far from its all-time high at 3,141.63.
- Saudi Arabia is now the world's most valuable public company after raising \$25.6 billion in its record IPO. The stock jumped the daily 10% limit to 35.20 riyals. Aramco, the world's largest oil producer, has now surpassed the likes of Apple and Microsoft and dwarfs the rest of the companies in the Saudi market which have a combined value of about \$500 billion. The kingdom's bourse is now the world's seventh biggest stock market, overtaking Canada, Germany, and India. Still, many international investors are avoiding the stock due to environmental and governance concerns, while other claim the company may be overvalued.

US Dollar Index
3-Month Performance



S&P 500
3-Month Performance



Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1040	1.1090	1.1142	1.1190	1.1245
GBP	1.3115	1.3165	1.3214	1.3275	1.3315
JPY	107.55	108.05	108.57	109.05	109.60
CHF	0.9720	0.9770	0.9823	0.9875	0.9925

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1128	(2.89)	EUR/GBP	0.8433	(6.18)
GBP/USD	1.3193	3.56	GBP/JPY	143.22	2.44
USD/JPY	108.5400	(1.51)	EUR/JPY	120.81	(4.18)
USD/CHF	0.9828	0.08	EUR/CHF	1.0937	(2.76)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1144 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1142. EUR/USD Resistances are at (1.1190-1.1245) any break above would take the pair up to 1.1350. Short term outlook is Bullish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.3228 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3214. GBP/USD Resistances are at (1.3275-1.3315) any break above would take the pair up to 1.3470. Short term outlook is Bullish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.19	2.56	2.75	2.94	3.19
USD	1.58	1.74	1.89	1.88	1.93
EUR	-0.54	-0.51	-0.44	-0.39	-0.29
GBP	0.69	0.70	0.79	0.86	0.97
CHF	-0.79	-0.81	-0.72	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	0.65	0.80	1.00	0.93	0.99

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
9-Dec-19	CNY	Trade Balance	274B	300B	301B
10-Dec-19	CNY	CPI y/y	4.5%	4.5%	3.8%
10-Dec-19	GBP	GDP m/m	0.0%	0.1%	-0.4%
10-Dec-19	EUR	German ZEW Economic Sentiment	10.7	1.1	-2.1
11-Dec-19	USD	CPI m/m	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%
11-Dec-19	USD	FOMC Statement			
12-Dec-19	CHF	SNB Monetary Policy Assessment			
12-Dec-19	GBP	Parliamentary Elections			
12-Dec-19	EUR	ECB Monetary Policy Statement			
13-Dec-19	USD	Retail Sales m/m		0.4%	0.3%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.54	1.61	1.64	1.80	2.23
Germany	-0.70	-0.71	-0.58	-0.33	0.20
United Kingdom	0.67	0.55	0.58	0.77	1.27
Japan	-0.16	-0.13	-0.13	-0.03	0.43

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	65.67	(0.17)	Dow Jones	27,911.30	0.11
Brent	64.01	0.46	Nikkei 225	23,446.37	0.23
West Texas	58.89	0.22	S&P 500	3,141.63	0.29
Gold	1,474.60	(0.01)	KuwaitSE	6,099.06	(0.03)

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