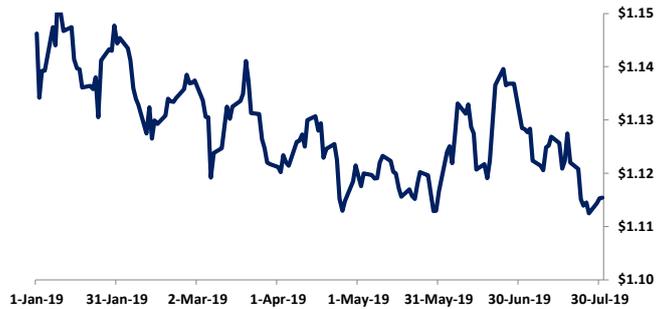


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Most currencies were flat yesterday as traders held off on making big moves ahead of the Federal Reserve meeting concluding later today. Policymakers are expected to cut interest rates for the first time since the financial crisis by 25 basis points. The euro hovered around the 26-month low it reached last week of \$1.110. Although the Fed is expected to lower rates, U.S. yields will remain above those in the euro zone, making the dollar a more attractive investment for traders.
- The British pound continued to be pressured at its 2-year low as growing concerns about the chances of a disorderly Brexit spurred investors to hedge or slash their exposure to British assets. The British currency has now shed around 2.4% of its value since Boris Johnson took over last week and is headed for its worst monthly performance since October 2016.
- In the commodities complex, Iranian oil exports have dropped in July to as low as 100,000 barrels per day due to sanctions and rising tension with the U.S. and Britain deepening global supply losses. Iran's July exports are down from about 300,000-500,000 bpd in June as estimated by industry sources. However, concerns about slowing economic growth and demand have weakened Brent Crude prices to \$65.28 a barrel from a 2019 high of \$75.70.

EURUSD
YTD Performance



GBPUSD
YTD Performance



Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1055	1.1105	1.1156	1.1205	1.1255
GBP	1.2065	1.2115	1.2164	1.2215	1.2270
JPY	107.55	108.05	108.53	109.05	109.55
CHF	0.9815	0.9865	0.9912	0.9960	1.0015

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1153	(2.74)	EUR/GBP	0.9178	2.10
GBP/USD	1.2149	(4.67)	GBP/JPY	131.95	(5.76)
USD/JPY	108.5900	(1.57)	EUR/JPY	121.13	(4.06)
USD/CHF	0.9901	1.01	EUR/CHF	1.1047	(1.73)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1130 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1156. EUR/USD Support is at (1.1055-1.1105) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0925. Short term outlook is Bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.2117 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2164. GBP/USD Support is at (1.2065-1.2115) any break below would take the pair down to 1.1965. Short term outlook is Bearish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.25	2.56	2.75	2.94	3.19
USD	2.20	2.23	2.25	2.19	2.19
EUR	-0.46	-0.42	-0.42	-0.41	-0.34
GBP	0.68	0.71	0.77	0.81	0.85
CHF	-0.82	-0.81	-0.76	-0.74	-0.63
AUD	1.05	1.00	1.05	1.10	1.00

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
30-Jul-19	USD	CB Consumer Confidence	135.7	125.2	121.5
31-Jul-19	CNY	Manufacturing PMI	49.7	49.6	49.4
31-Jul-19	USD	ADP Employment Change	-	150k	102k
31-Jul-19	USD	FOMC Statement	-	-	-
31-Jul-19	USD	Federal Funds Rate	-	<2.25%	<2.5%
31-Jul-19	USD	FOMD Press Conference	-	-	-
1-Aug-19	CNY	Caixin Manufacturing PMI	-	49.6	49.4
1-Aug-19	GBP	BOE Inflation Report	-	-	-
1-Aug-19	GBP	Montary Policy Summary	-	-	-
1-Aug-19	GBP	Official Bank Rate	-	0.75%	0.75%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.97	1.84	1.83	2.05	2.58
Germany	-0.72	-0.78	-0.73	-0.41	0.17
United Kingdom	0.49	0.42	0.40	0.63	1.36
Japan	-0.20	-0.22	-0.25	-0.16	0.35

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	66.39	1.07	Dow Jones	27,198.02	(0.09)
Brent	65.24	0.80	Nikkei 225	21,579.64	(0.60)
West Texas	58.04	0.17	S&P 500	3,013.18	(0.26)
Gold	1,430.02	(0.04)	KuwaitSE	6,113.05	(0.49)

Global Indices

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