

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The Federal Reserve kept its benchmark interest rate unchanged on Wednesday's meeting and reconfirmed its plans to continue gradually raising borrowing costs. The decision was widely expected, as the current probability for a raise in the fed funds rate is at 87.7% to a range of 2-2.25% in September. Economic activity has risen at a strong pace, given GDP was reported at 4.1% for the second quarter, the fastest growth in nearly 4 years. After the meeting, the dollar reached a 1-week high against its major peers.
- The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note hit 3% on Wednesday after positive data on private payrolls rose more than the expected last month. July reported an increase by 219,000 jobs due to a boost of hiring by companies from lower corporate taxes. Yield on 10-year Treasury note rose by 4 basis points at 3.01%, while yield on the 30-year Treasury bond went up 5 basis points reaching 3.137%.
- As far as commodities are concerned, oil prices experienced some relief after being pressured down the past few days. Yesterday, oil prices suffered as a result of a surprise increase in US crude inventories. Moreover, the Trump administration added fuel to fire as it proposed a higher 25% tariff on \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports. Meanwhile, global demand for gold fell 6% in the first half of this year due mainly to a sharp decline in purchases by exchange traded funds (ETFs), the World Gold Council said in a report on Thursday.

US 10 Year Treasury Yield
3-Year Performance



Brent Crude Futures
3-Year Performance



Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1545	1.1595	1.1645	1.1695	1.1755
GBP	1.3000	1.3050	1.3103	1.3150	1.3205
JPY	110.55	110.95	111.56	112.05	112.55
CHF	0.9825	0.9875	0.9925	0.9975	1.0025

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1658	(2.88)	EUR/GBP	0.8884	0.08
GBP/USD	1.3124	(3.05)	GBP/JPY	146.62	(3.91)
USD/JPY	111.71	(1.98)	EUR/JPY	130.25	(3.84)
USD/CHF	0.9919	1.89	EUR/CHF	1.1565	(1.05)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1654 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1645 EUR/USD Support is at (1.1500-1.1545) any break below targets 1.1310 Short term outlook is neutral. However, medium term outlook remains bearish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved up to the 112.14 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 111.56 USD/JPY Support is at (110.35-110.55) any break below targets 108.80 Short term and medium term outlook are bearish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.13	1.81	2.06	2.31	2.56
USD	1.95	2.08	2.35	2.53	2.83
EUR	-0.42	-0.40	-0.36	-0.32	-0.23
GBP	0.66	0.69	0.80	0.91	1.06
CHF	-0.80	-0.78	-0.73	-0.65	-0.51
AUD	1.61	1.90	2.09	2.18	2.29

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
29-Jul-18	JPY	Retail Sales y/y	1.8%	1.7%	0.6%
31-Jul-18	JPY	Monetary Policy Statement			
31-Jul-18	USD	CB Consumer Confidence	127.4	126.5	126.4
1-Aug-18	GBP	Manufacturing PMI	54.0	54.2	54.4
1-Aug-18	USD	Crude Oil Inventories	3.8M		-6.1M
1-Aug-18	USD	Federal Funds Rate	<2.00%	<2.00%	<2.00%
2-Aug-18	GBP	BOE Gov Carney Speaks			
2-Aug-18	GBP	BOE Inflation Report			
3-Aug-18	USD	Non-Farm Employment Change		193K	213K
3-Aug-18	USD	Unemployment Rate		3.9%	4.00%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.43	2.67	2.86	2.99	3.12
Germany	-0.67	-0.58	-0.15	0.48	1.12
United Kingdom	0.73	0.78	1.11	1.39	1.80
Japan	-0.11	-0.11	-0.07	0.11	0.82

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	71.09	(0.98)	Dow Jones	25,333.82	(0.32)
Brent	72.92	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	22,504.71	(1.06)
West Texas	68.42	(1.08)	S&P 500	2,813.36	(0.10)
Gold	1,219.10	0.30	KuwaitSE	5,179.67	(0.90)

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