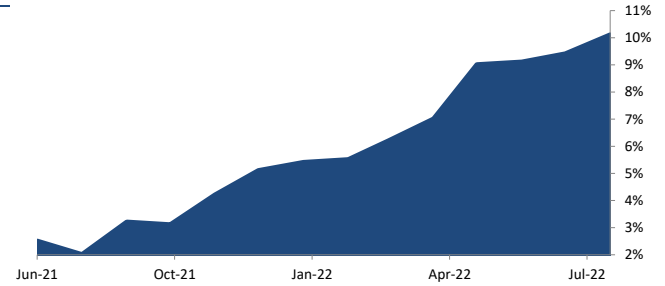


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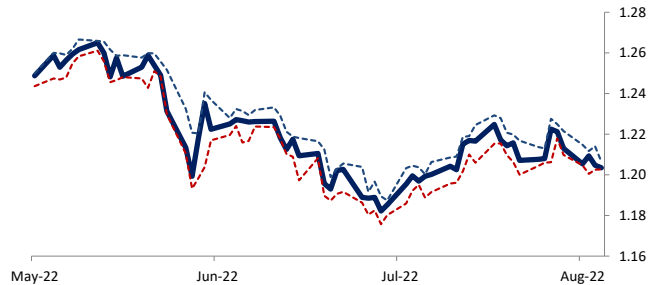
**UK's Annual Inflation**  
1-Year Performance



**Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:**

- While inflation shows signs of moderating in the US, inflation in the UK continues to roar. CPI in July exceeded the expected 9.8%, jumping to 10.1%, up from 9.4% in June and marks the first time the measure has breached double digits since February 1982. Energy prices continue to drive much of the upward swing. Core inflation also exceeded the 5.9% expectation and hit 6.2% in July, up from 5.8% in June. The Bank of England (BoE) expects CPI to hit 13.3% in October. The sterling fell sharply below 1.2100 after the release.
- US consumers showed resilience in the face of rising prices. Last month, retail sales stagnated mainly due to a drop in gas prices, while core retail sales (excluding gas and vehicles) rose more than expected. Minutes of the latest Fed meeting in July revealed that despite the importance placed on the need to contain inflation, Fed officials remain concerned and cautious about tightening more than necessary. The latest slew of softer July inflation data fueled the recent stock market rally as bets of a large hike in September eased. However, Fed Chair Jerome Powell stated that the door remains open for another large increase depending on August numbers on jobs and consumer price.
- Australian employment unexpectedly dropped in July by approximately 41K jobs. However, the unemployment rate fell to 3.4%, the lowest since August 1987, likely due to a drop in the participation rate as a renewed Covid outbreak, floods on the nation's east coast, and school holidays put people off seeking work. Australia's tight labor market has so far failed to drive a significant jump in wage growth. Figures Wednesday showed the wage price index grew 2.6%, less than half the pace of inflation. Most economists expect the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) will shrug off the unexpected decline and execute a fourth 50bps hike in September to bring the cash rate to 2.35%.

**GBP/USD**  
3-Month Performance



**Chart Points and Other Technical Input**

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0066	1.0105	<b>1.0164</b>	1.0218	1.0253
GBP	1.1900	1.1959	<b>1.2038</b>	1.2115	1.2178
JPY	133.95	134.46	<b>135.13</b>	136.12	136.72
CHF	0.9398	0.9469	<b>0.9518</b>	0.9587	0.9639

**Major Currencies**

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	Major Crosses	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0180	(0.56)	EUR/GBP	0.8446	0.51	
GBP/USD	1.2047	(1.03)	GBP/JPY	162.70	4.75	
USD/JPY	135.0100	17.43	EUR/JPY	137.47	5.40	
USD/CHF	0.9516	4.33	EUR/CHF	0.9686	(6.67)	

**Brief Technical Commentary**

EUR/USD: The pair remained in a range between 1.0124-1.0193 the past 3 days and touched the resistance at 1.0193. It shows a continuation flag pattern on the hourly chart a breakout below that 1.0146 will take us lower towards 1.0105-1.0066.

GBP/USD: UK CPI Inflation came in higher than expected rising to 10.1%, we haven't seen double digits since February 1982. A breakout below 1.2027 will take us lower towards our supports at 1.1959-1.1900.

**Local & Global Rates**

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.94	2.19	2.50	2.81	3.13
USD	2.29	2.30	2.76	3.12	3.39
EUR	-0.07	-0.03	0.33	0.74	1.12
GBP	1.69	1.76	2.16	2.65	3.18

**Economic Events**

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
12-Aug-22	GBP	Prelim GDP q/q	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.8%
12-Aug-22	USD	Prelim UoM Consumer Sentiment	55.1	52.5	51.5
16-Aug-22	CAD	CPI m/m	0.1%	0.1%	0.7%
17-Aug-22	NZD	Official Cash Rate	3.0%	3.0%	2.5%
17-Aug-22	GBP	CPI y/y	10.1%	9.8%	9.4%
17-Aug-22	USD	Core Retail Sales m/m	0.4%	-0.1%	0.9%
17-Aug-22	USD	Retail Sales m/m	0.0%	0.1%	0.8%
17-Aug-22	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
17-Aug-22	AUD	Employment Change	-40.9K	26.5K	88.4K
17-Aug-22	AUD	Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%

**Government Yields**

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	3.24	3.26	3.02	2.87	3.13
Germany	0.51	0.71	0.89	1.08	1.28
United Kingdom	2.47	2.36	2.14	2.28	2.61
Japan	-0.14	-0.10	-0.01	0.19	1.06

**Commodities**

Index	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	101.16	1.61	Dow Jones	33,980.32	(0.50)
Brent	93.69	0.04	Nikkei 225	28,978.90	(0.83)
West Texas	91.10	0.55	S&P 500	4,274.04	(0.72)
Gold	1,764.36	0.16	KuwaitSE	7,670.77	0.38

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