

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The US dollar index surged to the highest level since mid-August while US treasury yields followed the same momentum after a robust reading for US manufacturing activity supported expectations for interest rates to rise by the year-end, which currently stand around 70%. On the other hand, the single currency continues to lose ground following the Catalonia 'yes' vote in Sunday's unofficial referendum. The main driver behind its weakness seems to be the dollar's strength. Since the start of the week, the EUR lost nearly 1% of its value to the US dollar, currently trading at 1.1705.
- In the US, manufacturing activity rose to 60.8 from a 58.8 registered in August, a level not seen in more than 13 years. Hurricanes in August and September resulted in higher prices, giving a boost to an already solid manufacturing ISM report. The September upside surprise came as new orders and production both settled above the 60 level. The latest report provides further validation that the underlying economic activity is on a solid footing, despite the storm distortions. In the construction sector, spending climbed by 0.5% in August to \$1.21 trillion, which brings the annual rate to 2.5%.
- On the monetary front, the RBA kept its monetary stance unchanged at the policy meeting this morning, with the central bank indicating there will be no early departure from current low levels of interest rates. In fact, its comments were more leaning towards the risk of slower growth and CPI going forward if the Aussie continues to appreciate.

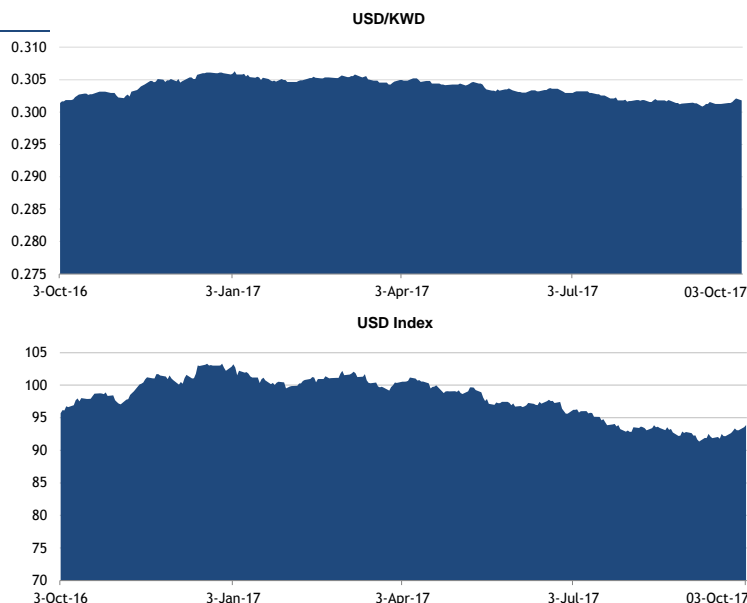


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1610	1.1660	1.1702	1.1755	1.1805
GBP	1.3150	1.3205	1.3250	1.3305	1.3360
JPY	112.15	112.65	113.15	113.60	114.05
CHF	0.9670	0.9720	0.9770	0.9825	0.9870

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1730	11.41	EUR/GBP	0.8835	3.67
GBP/USD	1.3275	7.47	GBP/JPY	149.68	4.08
USD/JPY	112.75	(3.28)	EUR/JPY	132.29	7.54
USD/CHF	0.9744	(4.08)	EUR/CHF	1.1434	6.70

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

The EUR/USD pair fell to the 1.1728 level during Monday's trading session and currently sets at 1.1702 EUR Support is at (1.1660-1.1680) any break below targets 1.1585 level The pair is currently Bearish.

The USD/JPY pair moved up to the 113.05 level during Monday's trading session and currently sets at 113.15 USD/JPY Resistance is at (113.60-114.05) any break above targets 115.45. The pair is currently Bullish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.25	1.56	1.81	2.00	2.31
USD	1.20	1.23	1.34	1.51	1.79
EUR	-0.42	-0.40	-0.38	-0.31	-0.22
GBP	0.24	0.25	0.34	0.49	0.73
CHF	-0.80	-0.78	-0.73	-0.65	-0.51
AUD	1.64	1.83	2.03	2.09	2.22

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
2-Oct-17	GBP	Manufacturing PMI	55.9	56.3	56.7
2-Oct-17	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI	60.8	57.9	58.8
3-Oct-17	AUD	RBA Rate Statement			
3-Oct-17	GBP	Construction PMI		51.1	51.1
4-Oct-17	GBP	Services PMI		53.3	53.2
4-Oct-17	USD	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI		55.5	55.3
5-Oct-17	AUD	Retail Sales m/m		0.3%	0.0%
6-Oct-17	USD	Average Hourly Earnings m/m		0.3%	0.1%
6-Oct-17	USD	Non-Farm Employment Change		88K	156K
6-Oct-17	USD	Unemployment Rate		4.4%	4.4%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.28	1.48	1.94	2.34	2.88
Germany	-0.78	-0.72	-0.28	0.46	1.25
United Kingdom	0.37	0.42	0.75	1.33	1.88
Japan	-0.14	-0.12	-0.08	0.07	0.87

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	53.47	0.07	Dow Jones	22,557.60	152.51
Brent	55.76	(0.04)	Nikkei 225	20,574.28	173.50
West Texas	50.54	(0.20)	S&P 500	2,529.12	9.76
Gold	1,270.67	(0.01)	KuwaitSE	6,677.10	2.57

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