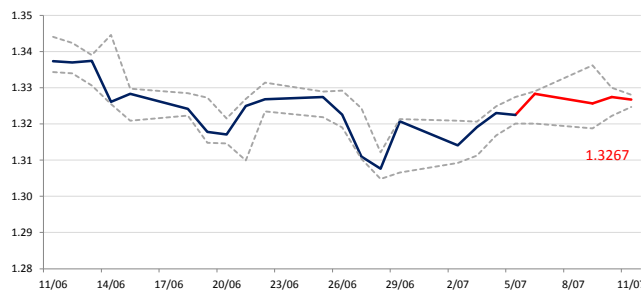


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- In the UK, GDP growth is gaining ground on a monthly basis. As mentioned by the Office for National Statistics, warmer weather and the royal wedding in May had helped Britain bounce back from zero growth in March, the time when stormy weather caused the economy to flatline. GDP increased by 0.3% in May up from 0.2% in April. The ONS said that the average growth for the three months ending in May was 0.2%.
- The U.S. announced further tariffs of 10% on \$200 billion in Chinese goods, further intensifying the trade war. Officials in both nations reveal there are currently no negotiations scheduled, while previous discussions between Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Chinese economic envoy Liu He proved unsuccessful. The new tariffs will not be implemented for at least two months, providing time for a new round of talks.
- Asian equities declined with China's yuan after the Trump administration released the biggest list yet of Chinese goods it may hit with tariff increases. The offshore yuan fell as low as 6.6918 per dollar, down more than 0.5 and edging near its 11-month low of 6.7344 touched on July 3. Equity benchmarks in Japan, Shanghai and Hong Kong declined more than 1%.
- The threat of tariffs on a further \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods also sent commodities lower. Oil prices fell on Wednesday, with Brent dropping by more than \$1 at one point, after U.S. President Donald Trump threatened to levy new trade tariffs on China. Brent crude were down 75 cents, or 1%, at \$78.11 a barrel, having fallen as low as \$77.60. U.S. crude was down 55 cents, or 0.7%, at \$73.56.

GBP/USD
1-Month Performance



Brent Oil
1-Month Performance

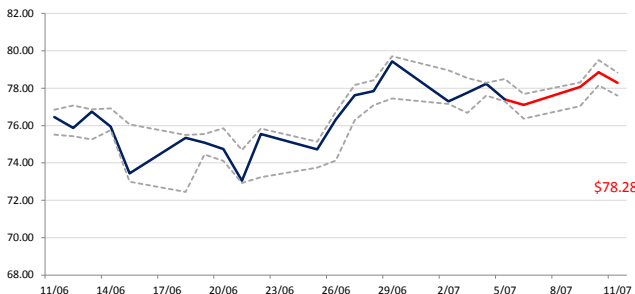


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1625	1.1670	1.1722	1.1790	1.1850
GBP	1.3155	1.3205	1.3257	1.3305	1.3360
JPY	109.95	110.45	111.02	111.55	112.05
CHF	0.9825	0.9875	0.9924	0.9975	1.0025

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1742	(2.23)	EUR/GBP	0.8844	(0.50)
GBP/USD	1.3274	(1.84)	GBP/JPY	147.33	(3.16)
USD/JPY	110.98	(1.85)	EUR/JPY	130.34	(3.65)
USD/CHF	0.9918	1.82	EUR/CHF	1.1647	(0.46)

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1688 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1722 EUR/USD Support is at (1.1625-1.1645) any break below targets 1.1500. Short term outlook is slightly bearish and any move up should be limited to 1.1850. However, medium term outlook remains bearish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved down to the 110.75 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 111.02 USD/JPY Resistance is at (111.85-112.05) any break above targets 113.35. Short term and medium term outlook remains bullish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.19	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.50
USD	1.96	2.08	2.33	2.51	2.78
EUR	-0.42	-0.40	-0.36	-0.31	-0.24
GBP	0.48	0.54	0.72	0.83	1.01
CHF	-0.79	-0.78	-0.73	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	1.45	2.22	2.29	2.40	2.30

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
9-Jul-18	JPY	BOJ Goc Kuroda Speaks			
9-Jul-18	EUR	ECB President Draghi Speaks			
10-Jul-18	CNY	CPI y/y	1.9%	1.9%	1.8%
10-Jul-18	GBP	Manufacturing Production m/m	0.4%	1.0%	-1.4%
11-Jul-18	CAD	Overnight Rate		1.50%	1.50%
11-Jul-18	GBP	BOE Gov Carney Speaks			
12-Jul-18	USD	CPI m/m		0.2%	0.2%
12-Jul-18	USD	Core CPI m/m		0.2%	0.2%
12-Jul-18	USD	Unemployment Claims		227K	231K
13-Jul-18	CNY	Trade Balance		183B	157B

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.32	2.56	2.74	2.84	2.95
Germany	-0.70	-0.69	-0.30	0.32	1.03
United Kingdom	0.70	0.74	1.05	1.30	1.74
Japan	-0.13	-0.13	-0.11	0.03	0.69

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	75.68	(0.67)	Dow Jones	24,919.66	143.07
Brent	77.41	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	21,945.02	(239.73)
West Texas	74.06	(0.13)	S&P 500	2,793.84	9.67
Gold	1,251.85	(0.27)	KuwaitSE	5,179.01	47.79

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