

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- U.S. President Donald Trump declared "a new phase" of trade relations after reaching an agreement with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, easing tensions following Trump's threat to impose tariffs on car imports. Trump had warned cabinet last week that he would move forward with 25 percent tariffs if the meeting did not go well. The two sides agreed to expand European imports of U.S. liquefied natural gas and soybeans, and lower industrial tariffs on both sides, leaving automakers aside as they continue to endure losses. Investor concern eased while U.S. equities rose as Treasuries declined.
- Oil markets have witnessed plenty of volatility during the past week. The US continued to trade threats with Iran. Additionally, US crude oil inventories dropped to their lowest level since 2015. According to the Energy Information Administration, inventories fell 6.1 million barrels during the week, leaving a total of 404.9 million barrels left (not including the American emergency petroleum reserve). Adding fuel to fire, Saudi Arabia announced it was "temporarily halting" all oil shipments through a strategic Red Sea shipping lane immediately, after an earlier attack on two crude vessels by the Iran-aligned Houthi movement. Brent Crude futures settled above \$74 at the time of writing.
- US equity indices ended Wednesday's session in the green zone after markets responded positively to news that President Donald Trump had secured concessions from the EU to avoid a trade war. The Nasdaq closed at a record high, gaining 1.17% over the preceding session. As for the Asian stock markets, it is a different story as indices are currently trading in a mixed manner. In the currencies market, the US dollar index is the worst performer, while the euro gained momentum due to diminishing concerns of a trade war. The EUR rose 1.28% the past week, reaching a high of 1.1743 today. The Dollar index is already down by 0.2% in today's session and depreciated to more than 2 weeks low versus the yen.

EUR/USD
1 month Performance



Oil
1 Year Performance



Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1630	1.1675	1.1729	1.1785	1.1835
GBP	1.3095	1.3150	1.3200	1.3260	1.3315
JPY	109.75	110.25	110.75	111.25	111.85
CHF	0.9825	0.9875	0.9912	0.9970	1.0025

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1728	(2.21)	EUR/GBP	0.8890	0.05
GBP/USD	1.3187	(2.32)	GBP/JPY	146.35	(3.93)
USD/JPY	110.97	(1.73)	EUR/JPY	130.14	(3.91)
USD/CHF	0.9917	1.78	EUR/CHF	1.1632	(0.47)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1738 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.17289 EUR/USD Support is at (1.1610-1.1630) any break below targets 1.1500 Short term outlook is neutral. However, medium term outlook remains bearish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved down to the 110.65 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 110.76 USD/JPY Support is at (109.75-109.95) any break below targets 108.15 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	2.25	2.56
USD	1.94	2.08	2.34	2.52	2.81
EUR	-0.43	-0.40	-0.36	-0.32	-0.24
GBP	0.48	0.64	0.79	0.89	1.04
CHF	-0.80	-0.78	-0.72	-0.65	-0.51
AUD	1.72	1.87	2.04	2.15	2.24

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
25-Jul-18	EUR	German Ifo Business Climate	101.7	101.6	101.8
26-Jul-18	EUR	ECB Press Conference			
26-Jul-18	USD	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m		0.5%	0.00%
27-Jul-18	JPY	Tokyo Core CPI y/y		0.7%	0.7%
27-Jul-18	USD	Advance GDP q/q		4.1%	2.0%
27-Jul-18	USD	Revised UoM Consumer Sentiment		97.1	97.1
27-Jul-18	EUR	German Import Prices m/m		0.3%	1.6%
29-Jul-18	JPY	Retail Sales y/y			0.6%
30-Jul-18	EUR	German Retail Sales m/m			-2.1%
30-Jul-18	JPY	BOJ Monetary Policy Statement			

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.39	2.66	2.84	2.96	3.09
Germany	-0.71	-0.62	-0.22	0.41	1.06
United Kingdom	0.71	0.75	1.02	1.27	1.71
Japan	-0.13	-0.13	-0.10	0.08	0.80

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	72.65	0.37	Dow Jones	25,414.10	172.16
Brent	74.31	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	22,590.15	(24.10)
West Texas	70.78	(0.98)	S&P 500	2,846.07	25.67
Gold	1,228.91	(0.18)	KuwaitSE	5,218.27	(4.01)

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