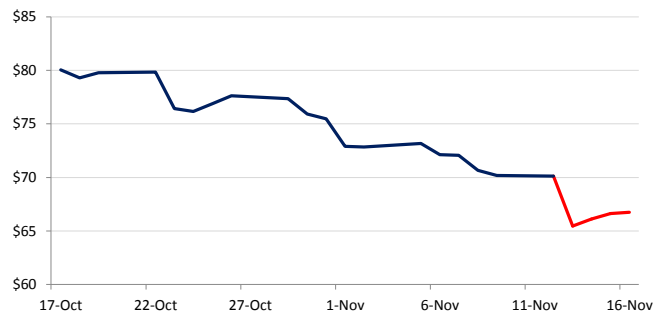


#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The British Prime Minister Theresa May, tasked with overseeing the Brexit process and securing the best deal possible for the UK as it exits the European Union, has provisionally agreed a Brexit withdrawal deal with her European counterparts. This may seem like positive news at first, after all both parties have been working on a deal since the 2016 referendum. However, that was not nearly the case. Both the UK public and their elected representatives criticized the provisional text. As one would expect, the British pound fell sharply during the aftermath. Sterling suffered its worst day in more than two years on Thursday, losing 1.7% of its value against the greenback.
- Looking at economic indicators, Eurozone growth fell to 0.2% m/m, or 1.7% y/y, the lowest figure in more than four years. Nevertheless, ECB president Mario Draghi reiterated the central bank's positive view on the region's economic outlook. Draghi believes that the region's labor market is strong enough to boost growth and leave price pressures at a level where the ECB can consistently hit its inflation target of just under 2%.
- In the commodities complex, the price of oil fell for a sixth consecutive week. The record output in the US is placing significant downward pressure, with oil inventories soaring to 10 million barrels last week. This, coupled with Iranian oil waivers, has spurred talks of an oversupply in the market. In fact, OPEC is now reported to be considering fresh cuts to support prices. As a result, oil recouped some of its losses towards the end of the week. Brent Crude ended last week's session at \$66.76a a barrel.

**Brent Oil**  
1-Month Performance



**GBP/USD**  
1-Month Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1210	1.1315	<b>1.1418</b>	1.1520	1.1620
GBP	1.2655	1.2740	<b>1.2837</b>	1.2945	1.3065
JPY	110.75	111.80	<b>112.82</b>	113.75	114.75
CHF	0.9805	0.9895	<b>0.9997</b>	1.0090	1.0185

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1421 level during Friday's trading session and closed for the week at 1.1418. EUR/USD Support is at (1.1210-1.1250) any break below targets 1.1070. Short term and medium term outlook are neutral.

USD/JPY: The pair moved down to the 112.62 level during Friday's trading session and closed for the week at 112.82. USD/JPY Support is at (110.75-111.05) any break below targets 109.75. Short term and medium term outlook are neutral.

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
19-Nov-18	JPY	BOJ Gov Kuroda Speaks			
20-Nov-18	ALL	OPEC-JMMC Meetings			
20-Nov-18	GBP	Inflation Report Hearings			
20-Nov-18	USD	Building Permits			
21-Nov-18	USD	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m		0.4%	0.0%
21-Nov-18	USD	Revised Consumer Sentiment		98.4	98.3
22-Nov-18	EUR	ECB MP Meeting Accounts			
23-Nov-18	EUR	Flash Manufacturing PMI		52.0	52.0
23-Nov-18	EUR	Flash Services PMI		53.6	53.7
23-Nov-18	CAD	CPI m/m		0.0%	-0.4%

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#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1418	(4.82)	EUR/GBP	0.8899	0.18
GBP/USD	1.2837	(5.00)	GBP/JPY	144.76	(4.83)
USD/JPY	112.82	0.13	EUR/JPY	128.82	(4.70)
USD/CHF	0.9997	2.61	EUR/CHF	1.1415	(2.34)

#### Major Crosses

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.31	1.81	2.13	2.38	2.63
USD	2.21	2.30	2.64	2.86	3.12
EUR	-0.45	-0.42	-0.37	-0.33	-0.22
GBP	0.71	0.73	0.89	0.99	1.14
CHF	-0.80	-0.79	-0.74	-0.66	-0.53
AUD	1.72	1.85	2.22	2.26	2.30

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.66	2.80	2.88	3.06	3.32
Germany	-0.69	-0.67	-0.24	0.37	1.03
United Kingdom	0.71	0.71	0.94	1.41	1.96
Japan	-0.17	-0.15	-0.10	0.10	0.85

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	66.50	(0.73)	Dow Jones	25,413.22	0.49
Brent	64.13	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	21,680.34	(0.57)
West Texas	56.44	(0.18)	S&P 500	2,736.27	0.22
Gold	1,221.36	0.00	KuwaitSE	5,101.77	(0.90)

#### Global Indices