

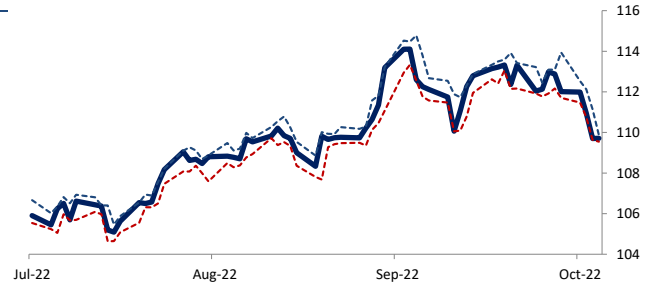
Kuwaiti Dinar Today

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Key Market Highlights:

- Asian shares traded with mixed performances as investors are assessing the growing expectation that major central banks could slow the pace of tightening monetary policy. The Nikkei index was down by 0.11% while the Hang Sang jumped by 1.74% during midmorning trade. On Wall Street, major indices had similar behavior as well and the Dow Jones closed with a gain of a mere 0.01% while the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq closed lower by 0.74% and 2.04% respectively.
- On the FX front, the GBP gained traction after the new Prime Minister delayed the announcement of the fiscal policy until late November, sending the market a solid message about the intention for a solid plan. The cable broke the 1.1600 level and reached a high of 1.1645. The single currency also broke parity, fed off the sterling's strength and reached a high of 1.0093.
- The Bank of Canada raised its policy rate by 50bp to 3.75%. The consensus was for a 75bp rate hike, which would have matched the September move. While headline inflation has declined from a peak of 8.1% y-o-y in June to 6.9% in September, core inflation measures do not yet show "meaningful evidence" that underlying inflation pressures are easing. As well, the economy continues to operate in excess demand, the labor market remain tight, and firms continue to report labor shortages. The Governing Council thus expects that the policy rate "will need to rise further." The Bank of Canada has a reputation of being proactive and a first mover. Hence, the pivot in reducing the pace of interest rate hikes might be what other central banks are considering at the moment. The loonie gained some ground on the dollar and reached 1.3506 yesterday.

US Dollar Index
3-Month Performance



GBP/USD
3-Month Performance

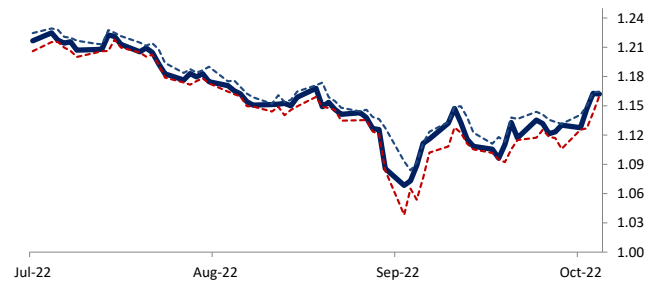


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

| CCY | 2nd Support | 1st Support | Spot | 1st Resistance | 2nd Resistance |
|-----|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| EUR | 0.9940 | 1.0010 | 1.0065 | 1.0120 | 1.0175 |
| GBP | 1.1485 | 1.1550 | 1.1615 | 1.1670 | 1.1730 |
| JPY | 144.70 | 145.50 | 146.05 | 146.65 | 147.60 |
| CHF | 0.9740 | 0.9800 | 0.9865 | 0.9920 | 1.0000 |

Major Currencies

| CCY | Closing Rate | YTD % | Major Crosses | CCY | Closing Rate | YTD % |
|---------|--------------|--------|---------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| EUR/USD | 1.0077 | (1.37) | EUR/GBP | 0.8667 | 3.17 | |
| GBP/USD | 1.1627 | (4.07) | GBP/JPY | 170.22 | 8.98 | |
| USD/JPY | 146.3500 | 26.48 | EUR/JPY | 147.59 | 12.55 | |
| USD/CHF | 0.9865 | 8.07 | EUR/CHF | 0.9940 | (4.20) | |

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair continued to rally against the dollar reaching 1.0093. Currently trading at 1.0065, we have our support at 1.0010 and we expect it to continue towards our resistance at 1.0120.

GBP/USD: The pair broke above the major resistance at 1.1600 level and currently trading above it. The dollar is weakening with the sentiment that the FED will be dovish. Our support is at 1.1550 and we're expecting the pair to continue towards our resistance 1.1670-1.1730.

Local & Global Rates

| CCY | O/N | 1-Month | 3-Month | 6-Month | 1-Year |
|-----|------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| KWD | 2.63 | 2.81 | 3.25 | 3.63 | 3.88 |
| USD | 3.02 | 3.67 | 4.08 | 4.45 | 4.71 |
| EUR | 0.66 | 1.04 | 1.58 | 2.11 | 2.73 |
| GBP | 2.19 | 2.80 | 3.25 | 3.84 | 4.45 |

Economic Events

| Date | Country | Event | Actual | Forecast | Previous |
|-----------|---------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
| 21-Oct-22 | GBP | Retail Sales m/m | -1.4% | -0.5% | -1.6% |
| 24-Oct-22 | EUR | German Flash Manufacturing PMI | 45.7 | 46.9 | 47.8 |
| 24-Oct-22 | EUR | German Flash Services PMI | 44.9 | 45.0 | 45.0 |
| 24-Oct-22 | GBP | Flash Manufacturing PMI | 45.8 | 47.9 | 48.4 |
| 24-Oct-22 | GBP | Flash Services PMI | 46.6 | 48.0 | 50.0 |
| 24-Oct-22 | USD | Flash Services PMI | 46.6 | 49.6 | 59.3 |
| 24-Oct-22 | USD | Flash Manufacturing PMI | 49.9 | 51.0 | 52.0 |
| 26-Oct-22 | CNY | GDP q/y | 3.9% | 3.3% | 0.4% |
| 25-Oct-22 | USD | CB Consumer Confidence | 102.5 | 105.7 | 108.0 |
| 27-Oct-22 | EUR | Main Refinancing Rate | | 2.00% | 1.25% |

Government Yields

| Country | 1-Year | 2-Year | 5-Year | 10-Year | 30-Year |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| United States | 4.51 | 4.41 | 4.19 | 4.02 | 4.15 |
| Germany | 2.07 | 1.94 | 2.00 | 2.11 | 2.09 |
| United Kingdom | 2.95 | 3.20 | 3.66 | 3.58 | 3.68 |
| Japan | -0.12 | -0.05 | 0.07 | 0.25 | 1.51 |

Commodities

| Index | Last Price | % Change | Global Indices | Index | Last Price | % Change |
|------------|------------|----------|----------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Kuwait Oil | 97.97 | 2.17 | Dow Jones | 31,839.11 | 0.01 | |
| Brent | 95.89 | 0.21 | Nikkei 225 | 27,388.40 | (0.16) | |
| West Texas | 88.08 | 0.19 | S&P 500 | 3,752.75 | 2.37 | |
| Gold | 1,666.55 | 0.12 | KuwaitSE | 7,240.92 | 0.24 | |

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