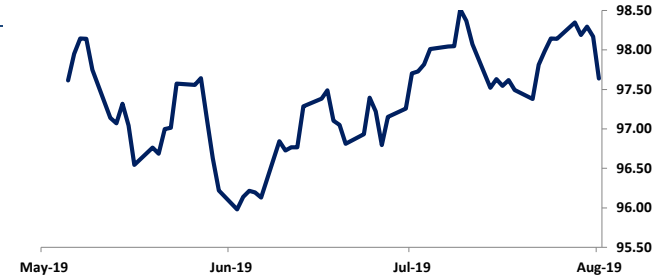


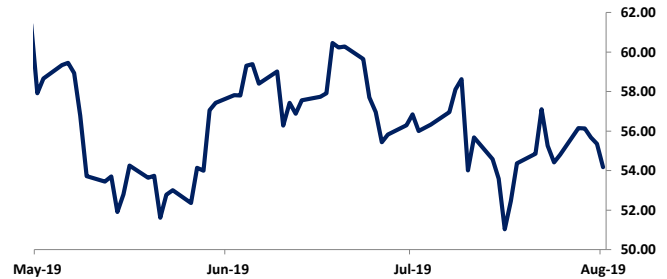
#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Beijing announced that it will apply additional tariffs of between 5% and 10% on \$75bn of U.S. imports starting September. The news pushed Brent down more than 2% reaching \$58.52 a barrel amid concerns about the impact of tariffs and a slowdown in global trade on Crude demand. Donald Trump promised a response to Beijing's latest round of tariffs and instructed American companies to "immediately start looking for an alternative to China". U.S. stocks extended their declines and Treasuries rallied on Friday after Donald Trump's remarks as he promised action in "the same afternoon."
- On Friday, Jerome Powell gave his highly anticipated speech in Jackson Hole, an event that is closely eyed by investors as it is customary for the regulator to outline future plans. Powell gave no indication about the outlook for interest rates; he repeated a line he has used since June "we will act as appropriate to sustain the expansion." In his comment on the trade situation, Powell said that the central bank is in an unprecedented situation, mentioning that "while monetary policy is a powerful tool that works to support consumer spending, business investment and public confidence, it cannot provide a settled rule book for international trade."
- In commodities, China said crude would be among the U.S. products hit by tariffs of 5% as of September 1st. China has sharply lowered U.S. shipments from a record high hit last year. With the latest tariffs, purchases are likely to grind to a halt, traders and analysts said. Oil prices were down nearly 4% to two-week lows as the escalating bilateral trade war fed worries over a slowdown in global oil demand.

US Dollar Index  
3 Month Performance



West Texas Crude  
3 Month Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0945	1.1045	1.1144	1.1245	1.1345
GBP	1.2075	1.2175	1.2277	1.2380	1.2480
JPY	104.20	105.15	106.15	107.20	108.15
CHF	0.9550	0.9645	0.9745	0.9845	0.9940

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1144	(2.83)	EUR/GBP	0.9068	0.94
GBP/USD	1.2277	(3.76)	GBP/JPY	129.41	(7.59)
USD/JPY	105.3900	(4.42)	EUR/JPY	117.46	(6.94)
USD/CHF	0.9745	(0.70)	EUR/CHF	1.0858	(3.52)

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1153 level during Friday's trading session and closed for the week at 1.1144 EUR/USD Support is at (1.0945-1.1045) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0895. Short term outlook is Bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.2293 level during Friday's trading session and closed for the week at 1.2277 GBP/USD Support is at (1.2075-1.2175) any break below would take the pair down to 1.1950 Short term outlook is Bearish.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.31	2.63	2.81	3.00	3.25
USD	2.13	2.14	2.14	2.08	2.03
EUR	-0.46	-0.45	-0.45	-0.44	-0.39
GBP	0.68	0.71	0.76	0.81	0.87
CHF	-0.84	-0.86	-0.84	-0.82	-0.72
AUD	0.95	0.80	0.90	1.18	1.05

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
25-Aug-19	All	G7 Meetings			
26-Aug-19	EUR	German Ifo Business Climate		95.1	95.7
26-Aug-19	USD	Core Durable Goods Orders		0.2%	1.0%
27-Aug-19	USD	CB Consumer Confidence		130.0	135.7
28-Aug-19	USD	Crude Oil Inventories			-2.7M
29-Aug-19	EUR	German Preliminary CPI m/m		-0.1%	-1.9%
29-Aug-19	USD	Preliminary GDP q/q		2.0%	2.1%
30-Aug-19	EUR	CPI Flash Estimate y/y		1.0%	1.0%
30-Aug-19	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m		0.3%	0.2%
31-Aug-19	CNY	Manufacturing PMI		53.6	53.7

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.72	1.53	1.41	1.53	2.03
Germany	-0.83	-0.91	-0.92	-0.69	-0.18
United Kingdom	0.43	0.37	0.35	0.47	1.07
Japan	-0.28	-0.30	-0.34	-0.24	0.20

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	61.16	(0.39)	Dow Jones	25,628.90	(2.37)
Brent	59.34	(0.97)	Nikkei 225	20,710.91	0.40
West Texas	54.17	(2.33)	S&P 500	2,847.11	(2.59)
Gold	1,526.10	1.84	KuwaitSE	5,967.51	(0.06)

#### Global Indices

This Treasury Newsletter is a publication of the National Bank of Kuwait ("NBK"). Although the information in this document has been prepared in good faith and from sources which we believe to be reliable, we do not represent or warrant its accuracy and such information may not necessarily represent the actual market data. NBK accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss or damage arising from the use of this document or reliance on the information contained herein. NBK will not be responsible for the consequence of reliance upon any opinion or statement contained herein. For further information or discussion, please contact the Treasury Services Desk on TSD\_LIST@NBK.COM or +965 2221 6603 (TELEX : 46811 - FAX +965 2241 9720).