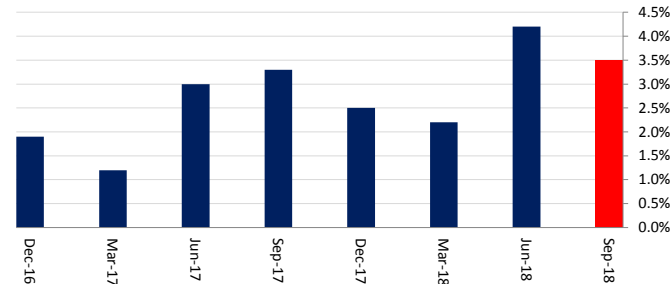


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The second preliminary reading of US GDP was unchanged at 3.5% annually for the third quarter of this year. The latest reading is lower than the 4.2% seen in Q2, however it still marked the second fastest expansion rate recorded since Q3 of 2014. It also rests healthily above the pace registered in the first quarter of the year, when the US economy grew at an annual rate of 2.2%. Furthermore, growth for the current year is expected to exceed the 3% level, if it occurs it will be the first time growth surpasses the 3% mark. Consumer sentiment is near an 18 year high and the unemployment percentage is near a 50 year low. On the adverse side, borrowing expenses have risen significantly and are moving higher as the FED is anticipated to raise short term interest rates. Elevated funding costs are weighing heavily on the housing market and the auto sector. The current administration's trade war theme has created a bubble of uncertainty and the boost from last year's tax cuts may fade by next year. Several economists and the FED believe that growth will slow down in the Q4 2018 and decelerate further in the years to come.
- Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell stated US interest rates are nearing "neutral" levels in a signal that the central bank might be preparing to slow down its rate-hike program. The FED is currently facing intensifying pressure from the White House to hold back on further rate hikes as President Donald Trump claimed that the FED is "way off base with what they're doing". Markets had a sharp reaction to Powell's comments as the US dollar weakened post-speech, dropping 0.85% to 96.697 following yesterday's high of 97.53. Expectations of slower economic growth and constant financial market volatility could make Trump more vocal, putting increasing pressure on the central bank to pause. If the FED were to pause for valid reasons, there may be allegations of political interference that will undermine the credibility of the FED.

US GDP - Second Preliminary Reading
2-Year Performance



US Dollar Index
2-Month Performance



Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1285	1.1325	1.1384	1.1435	1.1500
GBP	1.2735	1.2790	1.2840	1.2890	1.2945
JPY	112.25	112.75	113.28	113.80	114.30
CHF	0.9820	0.9870	0.9920	0.9970	1.0025

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1366	(5.15)	EUR/GBP	0.8861	(0.20)
GBP/USD	1.2824	(5.03)	GBP/JPY	145.78	(4.41)
USD/JPY	113.68	0.57	EUR/JPY	129.20	(4.61)
USD/CHF	0.9936	1.86	EUR/CHF	1.1294	(3.37)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1387 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1384. EUR/USD Support is at (1.1265-1.1285) any break below would take the pair to 1.1115. Short term outlook is neutral. However, if the pair breaks the low of the year 1.1213 level it will turn bearish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved up to the 114.03 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 113.30. USD/JPY Support is at (112.25-112.75) any break below would take the pair to 111.40. Short term and medium term outlook are neutral. However, if the pair breaks the high of the year 114.54 level it will turn bullish.

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	2.22	2.34	2.71	2.89	3.13
EUR	-0.44	-0.41	-0.36	-0.33	-0.22
GBP	0.71	0.74	0.89	1.00	1.14
CHF	-0.80	-0.79	-0.74	-0.67	-0.53
AUD	1.62	1.73	2.19	2.20	2.30

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
25-Nov-18	EUR	EU Economic Summit			
26-Nov-18	NZD	Retail Sales q/q	0.0%	1.0%	1.1%
26-Nov-18	EUR	ECB President Draghi Speaks			
26-Nov-18	GBP	BOE Gov Carney Speaks			
27-Nov-18	USD	CB Consumer Confidence	135.7	136.2	137.9
28-Nov-18	GBP	Bank Stress Test Results			
28-Nov-18	USD	Prelim GDP q/q	3.5%	3.6%	3.5%
28-Nov-18	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			
29-Nov-18	EUR	ECB President Draghi Speaks			
29-Nov-18	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes			

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.67	2.78	2.83	3.02	3.31
Germany	-0.69	-0.60	-0.24	0.35	1.02
United Kingdom	0.79	0.75	0.93	1.37	2.02
Japan	-0.16	-0.15	-0.11	0.08	0.81

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	58.69	(1.36)	Dow Jones	25,366.43	2.50
Brent	57.56	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	22,262.41	0.39
West Texas	50.01	(0.20)	S&P 500	2,743.79	2.30
Gold	1,224.51	0.29	KuwaitSE	5,127.66	(0.90)

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