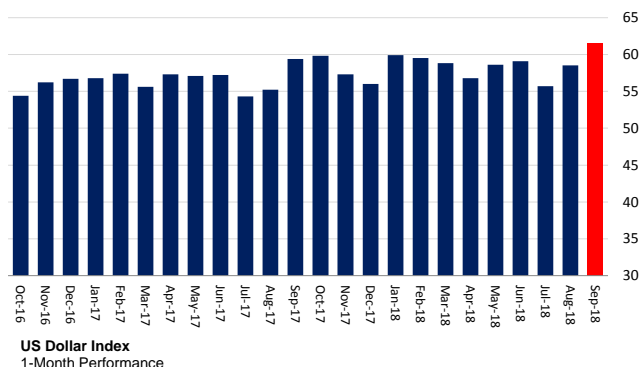


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Asian equities took a dip in today's trading session as a spike in US Treasury yields rose to levels unseen since 2011. The Nikkei index was down by 33 points during midmorning trade while the Hang Seng index lost 456 points. Wall Street equities rose on the back of solid private sector payroll report and a tighter labor market with Dow Jones closing yesterday's session up by 54.45 points.
- Looking at US economic fundamentals, the services sector ramped up its activity reaching a record high figure of Non-Manufacturing PMI since the index was created in 2008. The index reached 61.6 jumping up from 58.5 in August. While this bodes well for economic growth for the coming quarters, it is important to keep in mind that much of the sector's growth appears to be coming from preparations for the Trump administration tariffs and the retaliatory tariffs coming back. Businesses in the services sector were increasing inventories, importing and exporting in anticipation of coming trade actions. Another view is that the ramp in growth is due to recent storms, keeping in mind that the index also had a sharp rise in September last year due to Hurricane Harvey.
- As for the Federal Reserve Chairman, Jerome Powell indicated that the US central bank is still far from the neutral rate. Also called the "natural" or "equilibrium" rate, the neutral rate is the rate which neither stimulates nor restrains economic growth. Powell's hawkish statements, which highlighted the recent strength in the US economy, fueled expectations of further rate hikes. As a result, markets witnessed a strong dollar across the board. The EUR/USD pair reached a 6 week low. At the same time, the dollar is hovering near a 1½ year high against the Japanese yen.

US ISM Non-manufacturing PMI
2-Year Performance



US Dollar Index
1-Month Performance

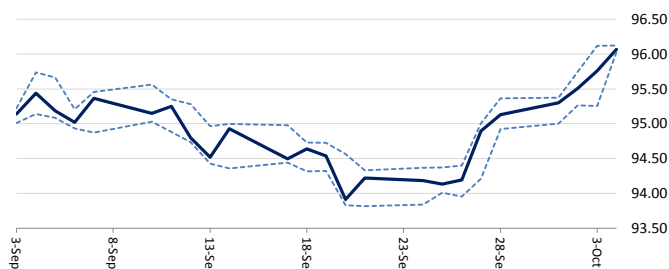


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1355	1.1415	1.1466	1.1515	1.1565
GBP	1.2825	1.2875	1.2929	1.2980	1.3035
JPY	113.50	114.00	114.54	115.00	115.55
CHF	0.9825	0.9875	0.9923	0.9975	1.0025

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1463 level during Wednesday's trading session and is currently trading at 1.1466. EUR/USD Support is at (1.1355-1.1395) any break below targets 1.1185. The pair is currently bearish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved up to the 114.54 level during Wednesday's trading session and is currently trading at 114.36. USD/JPY Resistance is at (115.35-115.55) any break above targets 117.50. The pair is currently bullish.

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
30-Sep-18	USD	FOMC Member Williams Speech			
1-Oct-18	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI	59.8	60.1	61.3
1-Oct-18	GBP	Manufacturing PMI	53.8	52.6	53
1-Oct-18	EUR	Unemployment Rate	8.1%	8.2%	8.2%
2-Oct-18	AUD	RBA Rate Statement			
2-Oct-18	AUD	RBA Interest Rate Decision	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
2-Oct-18	USD	Fed's Powell Speech			
3-Oct-18	GBP	Servies PMI	53.9	54.0	54.3
3-Oct-18	USD	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI	61.6	58.0	58.5
3-Oct-18	USD	Fed's Powell Speech			

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Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1476	(4.35)	EUR/GBP	0.8868	(0.12)
GBP/USD	1.2938	(4.30)	GBP/JPY	148.22	(2.77)
USD/JPY	114.53	1.50	EUR/JPY	131.45	(2.91)
USD/CHF	0.9922	1.72	EUR/CHF	1.1390	(2.70)

Major Crosses

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.13	1.75	2.06	2.31	2.63
USD	2.21	2.28	2.41	2.61	2.93
EUR	-0.43	-0.42	-0.35	-0.31	-0.22
GBP	0.71	0.72	0.80	0.90	1.06
CHF	-0.81	-0.78	-0.74	-0.66	-0.53
AUD	1.66	1.81	2.24	2.22	2.28

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.60	2.88	3.07	3.21	3.37
Germany	-0.60	-0.55	-0.09	0.54	1.14
United Kingdom	0.81	0.83	1.17	1.58	1.94
Japan	-0.13	-0.12	-0.06	0.15	0.94

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	84.08	1.44	Dow Jones	26,828.39	0.20
Brent	85.79	(0.02)	Nikkei 225	23,963.15	(0.61)
West Texas	76.35	(0.13)	S&P 500	2,925.51	0.07
Gold	1,197.38	0.04	KuwaitSE	5,122.13	(0.90)

Global Indices