

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- In the US, the economy grew at a faster pace than expected in the third quarter, signaling a persistent demand from businesses and consumers. Gross domestic product grew at a 3% annualized rate following a 3.1% gain in 2Q, best back-to-back quarters since 2014. A key takeaway is that while GDP grew more than forecasted, analysts look to another key measure to assess the true resilience of the economy. Final sales to domestic purchasers, which remove trade and inventories, climbed 1.8% the slowest since early 2016.
- In the UK, the pound sterling slipped to a three-week low against the appreciating dollar. Markets are looking forward to the Bank of England meeting Thursday where an interest rate hike is expected. However, uncertainty over prospects for the British economy is adding doubts that this hike would be the start of a sustained cycle as the case in the US. If the BoE does not vote unanimously on the hike, it would indicate that the move towards tighter policies is unlikely.
- In commodities, oil prices are recovering as global demand increase and economic growth in China and the US is picking up. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said that demand is even strong enough to absorb the increase in shale oil production. Furthermore, Opec and non-Opec producers will meet later today to discuss the future of oil policy. It is expected that the supply curb in place will be extended beyond March 2018.

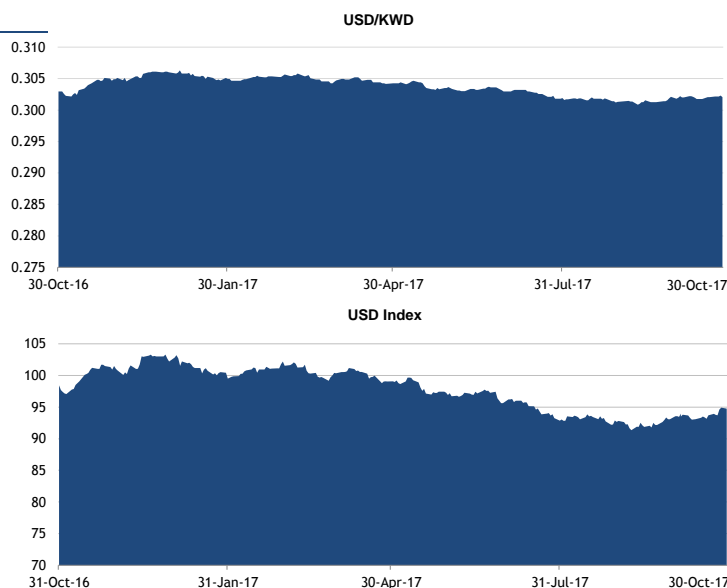


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1455	1.1575	1.1616	1.1680	1.1820
GBP	1.3030	1.3080	1.3144	1.3230	1.3310
JPY	112.30	113.10	113.61	114.05	114.80
CHF	0.9780	0.9855	0.9973	1.0040	1.0100

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1608	10.46	EUR/GBP	0.8840	3.73
GBP/USD	1.3127	6.54	GBP/JPY	149.26	3.71
USD/JPY	113.67	(2.77)	EUR/JPY	131.91	7.17
USD/CHF	0.9975	(2.01)	EUR/CHF	1.1584	8.08

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EURUSD: pressured lower and further decline is likely. Short term outlook might have some consolidation around current levels above 1.1600 but Medium term outlook remains bearish. Next support is 1.1575 which needs to break to resume the downtrend move. On the upside a break of 1.1820 would turn the pair to neutral.

USDJPY: pushing higher, inline with general strength in USD across the board. However, medium term outlook is neutral. A break above 114.80 would turn the outlook to a bullish case. On the downside, a break below 112.30 would turn the outlook to negative.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.25	1.56	1.81	2.00	2.31
USD	1.20	1.24	1.38	1.57	1.85
EUR	-0.42	-0.40	-0.38	-0.32	-0.23
GBP	0.26	0.37	0.43	0.56	0.77
CHF	-0.79	-0.78	-0.73	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	2.78	2.86	2.95	3.05	3.33

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
30-Oct-17	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m		0.8%	0.1%
31-Oct-17	CNY	Manufacturing PMI		52.2	52.4
31-Oct-17	JPY	Monetary Policy Statement			
31-Oct-17	EUR	CPI Flash Estimate y/y		1.5%	1.5%
31-Oct-17	USD	CB Consumer Confidence		121.1	119.8
1-Nov-17	GBP	Manufacturing PMI		55.9	55.9
1-Nov-17	USD	FOMC Statement			
2-Nov-17	GBP	Monetary Policy Summary			
3-Nov-17	USD	Average Hourly Earnings		0.2%	0.5%
3-Nov-17	USD	Non-Farm Employment Change		311K	-33K

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.40	1.59	2.02	2.40	2.92
Germany	-0.88	-0.77	-0.35	0.39	1.27
United Kingdom	0.39	0.46	0.78	1.35	1.92
Japan	-0.17	-0.16	-0.10	0.06	0.86

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	57.34	2.12	Dow Jones	23,434.19	33.33
Brent	60.44	1.92	Nikkei 225	22,007.61	(0.84)
West Texas	53.90	2.39	S&P 500	2,581.07	20.67
Gold	1,270.58	-0.22	KuwaitSE	6,608.97	1.22

Global Indices

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