

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The ongoing turmoil in Turkey has sparked uncertainty throughout world markets. US stocks closed slightly lower on Monday, with the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average experiencing a downward trend for 4 sessions in a row. Though the US has limited exposure to Turkey, the recent volatility could spread to other parts of the world, especially emerging markets, and could heighten worries on US trade relations with major partners. European Central Bank regulators also reported concern on the exposure of banks in the region, specifically Spain, Italy, and France. The concern is that Turkish borrowers may default on loans denominated on stronger currencies, as banks stand at a risk. The EUR/USD is currently trading at a 13 month low around the 1.1399 level.
- Turkish Central Bank authorities attempted to boost liquidity, however were overshadowed by worries on the economies financial condition as the lira hit a record low of 7.24 on Monday. So far, the lira has fallen 30% this month as concerns regarding President Tayyip Erdogan's stance on interest rates and relations with the US show no signs of resolve. Investors will watch closely as Turkey's Finance Minister Berat Albayrak announced that the government has an economic plan to ease concerns.
- A report from OPEC on Tuesday confirmed that Saudi Arabia has cut oil production by 200,000 barrels per day to 10.288 million bpd in light of oversupply conditions. Brent Crude oil futures were up 0.4%, and US West Texas Intermediate crude futures were up 0.5%. The OPEC report also revealed expectations for world oil demand to grow by 1.43 million bpd in 2019, down from 1.64 million bpd in 2018 due to lower economic growth resulting from US trade disputes.

EUR/USD
1 Year Performance



Brent Crude
Year to Date Performance



Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1300	1.1355	1.1405	1.1455	1.1500
GBP	1.2665	1.2715	1.2768	1.2820	1.2870
JPY	109.75	110.25	110.81	110.30	110.90
CHF	0.9840	0.9885	0.9938	0.9990	1.0045

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1408	(4.90)	EUR/GBP	0.8935	0.53
GBP/USD	1.2766	(5.48)	GBP/JPY	141.32	(6.91)
USD/JPY	110.71	(1.62)	EUR/JPY	126.33	(6.45)
USD/CHF	0.9932	2.02	EUR/CHF	1.1329	(2.98)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1363 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1405 EUR/USD Support is at (1.1280-1.1300) any break below targets 1.1190 Short term and medium term outlook are bearish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved down to the 110.10 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 110.83 USD/JPY Support is at (109.55-109.75) any break below targets 108.25 Short term and medium term outlook are bearish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.13	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.56
USD	1.95	2.06	2.31	2.51	2.80
EUR	-0.43	-0.41	-0.36	-0.31	-0.22
GBP	0.71	0.72	0.81	0.90	1.04
CHF	-0.80	-0.78	-0.73	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	1.87	1.85	2.17	2.26	2.29

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
14-Aug-18	GBP	Average Earnings Index 3m/y		2.5%	2.5%
14-Aug-18	AUD	Wage Price Index q/q		0.6%	0.5%
15-Aug-18	GBP	CPI y/y		2.5%	2.4%
15-Aug-18	USD	Core Retail Sales m/m		0.4%	0.4%
15-Aug-18	USD	Retail Sales m/m		0.2%	0.5%
15-Aug-18	USD	Crude Oil Inventories			-1.4M
15-Aug-18	AUD	Unemployment Rate		5.4%	5.4%
16-Aug-18	GBP	Retail Sales m/m		0.2%	-0.5%
16-Aug-18	USD	Building Permits		1.31M	1.29M
17-Aug-18	CAD	CPI m/m			0.1%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.40	2.62	2.76	2.89	3.05
Germany	-0.68	-0.66	-0.31	0.31	0.98
United Kingdom	0.67	0.70	1.00	1.26	1.73
Japan	-0.12	-0.12	-0.08	0.10	0.84

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	71.70	0.38	Dow Jones	25,187.70	(0.50)
Brent	69.81	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	22,286.17	(1.38)
West Texas	67.20	(0.15)	S&P 500	2,821.93	(0.40)
Gold	1,194.98	0.15	KuwaitSE	5,214.61	(0.90)

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