

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and US President Donald Trump failed to reach the Friday deadline set by Congress on a revamped NAFTA agreement. Early last week, Trump announced that he would include Canada in the new trade agreement "if it was willing", though reiterated his usual stance a few days later as he tweeted "There is no political necessity to keep Canada in the new NAFTA deal. If we don't make a fair deal for the US after decades of abuse, Canada will be out." US and Canadian negotiators insist that progress is being made, announcing talks would resume on Wednesday as the administration faces a 30-day deadline set by Congress.
- The US consumer confidence index soared to 133.4 for the current month, a figure not seen in nearly 18 years. The latest data was broad based as both the Present Situation component and the Future Expectations component rose. In details, the Present Situation Index rose from 166.1 to 172.2, meanwhile the Expectations Index increased from 102.4 to 107.6. The above readings are historically high and may continue to support healthy consumer spending in the short-term. On the labor front, individuals expecting more jobs grew from 21.7% to 22.6%, while the sum of people projecting a job market contraction decreased from 15.2% to 14.1%. Optimism in the US economy is significantly high with economic indicators continuously improving, while some nations around the globe witnessed much weaker readings this year than in 2017.
- In the Eurozone, CPI data has come in weaker than anticipated. Core CPI rose 1.0% yoy missing market expectations of 1.1%, while headline CPI increased 2.0% yoy also missing the estimated 2.1%. Though these releases have missed market expectations, the slight easing in inflation is unlikely to change plans at the ECB. EUR/USD showed little movement in the Friday session. The pair closed the week at 1.1603.

US Dollar Index
1 Year Performance



EURUSD
Year to Date Performance



Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1395	1.1505	1.1599	1.1700	1.1795
GBP	1.2760	1.2855	1.2961	1.3055	1.3170
JPY	109.20	110.05	111.02	112.15	113.20
CHF	0.9485	0.9580	0.9686	0.9790	0.9895

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1599	(3.31)	EUR/GBP	0.8952	0.78
GBP/USD	1.2961	(4.08)	GBP/JPY	143.88	(5.41)
USD/JPY	111.02	(1.46)	EUR/JPY	128.90	(4.65)
USD/CHF	0.9686	(0.59)	EUR/CHF	1.1239	(3.85)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1583 level during Friday's trading session and closed for the week at 1.1599 EUR/USD Support is at (1.1395-1.1435) any break below targets 1.1295 Short term outlook is neutral, however medium term outlook remains bearish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved down to the 110.66 level during Friday's trading session and closed for the week at 111.02 USD/JPY Support is at (109.20-109.80) any break below targets 108.10 Short term outlook is neutral, however medium term outlook remains bearish.

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	1.96	2.11	2.32	2.54	2.84
EUR	-0.42	-0.39	-0.35	-0.32	-0.21
GBP	0.71	0.72	0.80	0.89	1.05
CHF	-0.79	-0.78	-0.73	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	1.90	2.12	2.20	2.35	2.35

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
2-Sep-18	AUD	Retail Sales m/m		0.3%	0.4%
3-Sep-18	JPY	BOJ Gov Kuroda Speaks			
3-Sep-18	GBP	Manufacturing PMI		53.9	54.0
4-Sep-18	AUD	Cash Rate		1.50%	1.50%
4-Sep-18	GBP	Inflation Report Hearings			
4-Sep-18	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI		57.6	58.1
4-Sep-18	AUD	GDP q/q		0.8%	1.0%
5-Sep-18	GBP	Services PMI		53.9	53.5
5-Sep-18	CAD	Overnight rate		1.50%	1.50%
6-Sep-18	USD	ADP Non-Farm Employment Change		188K	219K

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.44	2.62	2.74	2.86	3.02
Germany	-0.68	-0.63	-0.28	0.33	1.01
United Kingdom	0.69	0.72	1.04	1.43	1.77
Japan	-0.13	-0.13	-0.09	0.10	0.84

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	75.75	(0.63)	Dow Jones	25,964.82	(0.09)
Brent	77.01	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	22,865.15	(0.02)
West Texas	69.79	(0.14)	S&P 500	2,901.52	0.01
Gold	1,200.71	0.10	KuwaitSE	5,132.31	(0.90)

Global Indices

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