

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Asian markets were mixed today as an appreciation of the yen pushed the Nikkei index lower. The dollar slipped 0.3 percent against the yen after the news that the Democratic candidate won in the Senate race in the state of Alabama. Nikkei index was lower by 0.37% during midmorning trade to 22,779.42. In Wall Street however, equities continued to surge as the Dow Jones and S&P 500 had material gains of 0.49 percent and 0.15 percent respectively.
- In the UK, a troubling inflation figure of 3.01% y/y surprised the market being the highest rate since March 2012. Bank of England Governor Carney will have to write a letter to Chancellor Hammond explaining why the country's inflation is 1% above the target of 2%.
- In Europe, the ZEW Economic Sentiment Indicators for Germany and the Eurozone both dropped in December. Political uncertainties remain paramount, with Germany still without a government nearly three months after September 24 elections, and Brexit concerns likely weighing on sentiment in the wider bloc. German ZEW investor sentiment fell from 18.7 to 17.4, leaves the index still at nearly its highest level since 2011.
- In the US, Producer Price Index rose in November as gasoline prices surged and the cost of other goods increased, leading to the largest annual gain in nearly six years. The PPI for final demand increased 0.4% last month, advancing by the same margin for three straight months. In the 12 months through November, the PPI climbed 3.1%. That was the biggest gain since January 2012 and followed a 2.8% rise in October.

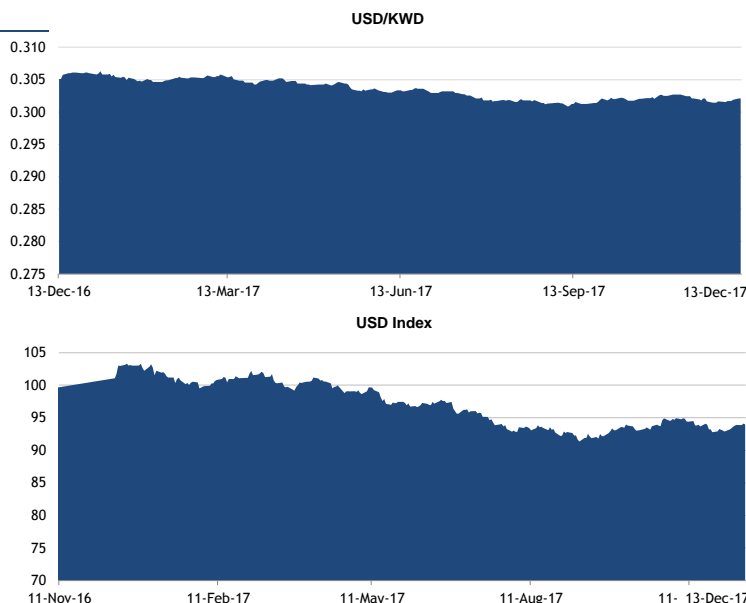


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1655	1.1705	1.1755	1.1810	1.1855
GBP	1.3220	1.3275	1.3330	1.3385	1.3435
JPY	112.25	112.75	113.27	113.75	114.25
CHF	0.9805	0.9855	0.9900	0.9955	1.0005

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1740	11.83	EUR/GBP	0.8816	3.56
GBP/USD	1.3315	8.04	GBP/JPY	151.17	4.85
USD/JPY	113.53	(3.05)	EUR/JPY	133.32	8.19
USD/CHF	0.9915	(2.74)	EUR/CHF	1.1641	8.60

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

The EUR/USD pair moved down to the 1.1715 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1755. EUR Resistance is at (1.1855-1.1875) any break above targets 1.1960 level and Support is at (1.1635-1.1655) any break below targets 1.1550. The pair is currently Neutral.

The USD/JPY pair moved up to the 113.74 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 113.28. USD/JPY Resistance is at (114.25-114.55) any break above targets 115.55 and Support is at (111.95-112.25) any break below targets 111.60. The pair is currently Neutral.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.25	1.56	1.75	2.00	2.31
USD	1.42	1.47	1.57	1.75	2.03
EUR	-0.42	-0.41	-0.39	-0.32	-0.26
GBP	0.48	0.49	0.52	0.58	0.77
CHF	-0.78	-0.82	-0.75	-0.65	-0.53
AUD	2.78	2.86	2.95	3.05	3.33

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
12-Dec-17	GBP	CPI Y/Y	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%
12-Dec-17	USD	PPI m/m	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
12-Dec-17	EUR	ECB President Draghi Speaks			
13-Dec-17	GBP	Average Earnings Index 3m/y		2.5%	2.2%
13-Dec-17	USD	CPI m/m		0.4%	0.1%
13-Dec-17	USD	Federal Funds Rate		<1.50%	<1.25%
14-Dec-17	CHF	Libor Rate		-0.75%	-0.75%
14-Dec-17	GBP	MPC Official Bank Rate Votes		0.5%	0.5%
14-Dec-17	EUR	Minimum Bid Rate		0.00%	0.00%
14-Dec-17	USD	Retail Sales m/m		0.3%	0.2%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.68	1.83	2.17	2.40	2.77
Germany	-0.80	-0.75	-0.36	0.32	1.14
United Kingdom	0.37	0.46	0.72	1.22	1.79
Japan	-0.17	-0.16	-0.12	0.04	0.81

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	60.41	(2.83)	Dow Jones	24,504.80	118.77
Brent	65.65	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	22,745.35	(121.56)
West Texas	57.07	(0.17)	S&P 500	2,664.11	4.12
Gold	1,244.89	0.03	KuwaitSE	6,197.58	41.98

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