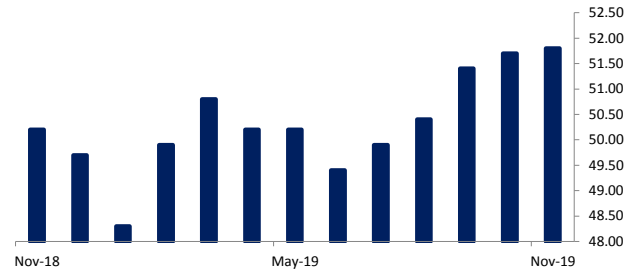


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Global shares rose this morning and oil rebounded after upbeat China manufacturing surveys and as investors clung to hopes Beijing and Washington could reach a compromise in trade talks. Japan's Nikkei jumped 1.11%, China's bluechip CSI300 index rebounded 0.59% higher, while US stock futures gained a modest 0.31%. Although U.S. legislation supporting Hong Kong protesters last week raised concerns about U.S.-China trade negotiations, it seems as though investors are holding the broad view that a further escalation in the trade war can be avoided.
- In November, the Caixin manufacturing PMI edged up 0.1pt to 51.8 as manufacturing activity continued to expand for the fourth month in a row. The reading reflected a similarly upbeat picture with China's National Bureau of Statistics' reading a few days earlier as both were in expansionary territory. Temporary factors may partly explain the continued expansion in November as both domestic and external demand continued to increase. Also, optimism around reaching a Phase One trade deal and halting of further tariffs in October have likely played a role in the sustained improvement in exports orders since October.
- Oil prices rose more than 1% on Monday as the signs of rising manufacturing activity in China pointed to increasing fuel demand, and hints that OPEC may deepen output cuts at its meeting this week indicated supply may tighten next year. Indeed, Iraq's oil minister said yesterday that OPEC and allied producers will consider deepening their existing oil output cuts by about 400,000 barrels per day to 1.6 million bpd.

China Caixin Manufacturing PMI
1-Year Performance



Brent Crude
3-Month Performance

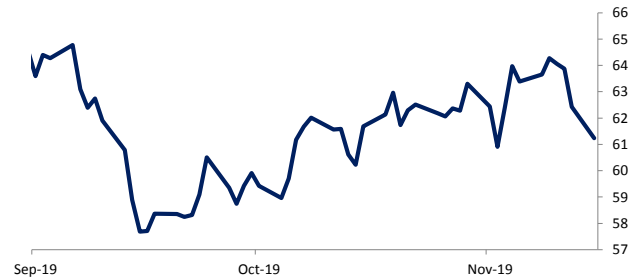


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0915	1.0970	1.1020	1.1075	1.1125
GBP	1.2810	1.2865	1.2914	1.2965	1.3015
JPY	108.65	109.15	109.65	110.20	110.70
CHF	0.9895	0.9945	0.9998	1.0050	1.0100

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1015	(3.93)	EUR/GBP	0.8520	(5.08)
GBP/USD	1.2933	1.24	GBP/JPY	141.61	1.12
USD/JPY	109.5100	(0.57)	EUR/JPY	120.64	(4.30)
USD/CHF	0.9998	1.85	EUR/CHF	1.1014	(2.11)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1028 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1020. EUR/USD Supports are at (1.0915-1.0970) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0875. Short term outlook is Bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.2947 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2914. GBP/USD Supports are at (1.2770-1.2810) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2610. Short term outlook is Neutral.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.19	2.50	2.75	2.94	3.19
USD	1.59	1.70	1.91	1.90	1.95
EUR	-0.54	-0.52	-0.43	-0.39	-0.29
GBP	0.69	0.71	0.79	0.86	0.95
CHF	-0.80	-0.83	-0.72	-0.66	-0.52
AUD	0.60	0.75	0.96	0.96	0.96

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
2-Dec-19	EUR	Final Manufacturing PMI	46.6	46.6	
2-Dec-19	EUR	Final Manufacturing PMI	48.3	48.3	
2-Dec-19	EUR	ECB President Lagarde Speaks			
2-Dec-19	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI	49.2	48.3	
3-Dec-19	AUD	Cash Rate	0.75%	0.75%	
4-Dec-19	EUR	Final Services PMI	51.5	51.5	
4-Dec-19	GBP	Final Services PMI	48.6	48.6	
6-Dec-19	USD	Average Hourly Earnings m/m	0.3%	0.2%	
6-Dec-19	USD	Non-Farm Employment Change	189K	128K	
6-Dec-19	USD	Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.6%	

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.59	1.62	1.65	1.81	2.24
Germany	-0.68	-0.64	-0.58	-0.37	0.11
United Kingdom	0.67	0.53	0.51	0.69	1.21
Japan	-0.17	-0.17	-0.16	-0.06	0.42

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	62.35	(4.82)	Dow Jones	28,051.41	(0.40)
Brent	61.30	1.34	Nikkei 225	23,526.91	1.00
West Texas	56.10	1.69	S&P 500	3,140.98	(0.40)
Gold	1,459.10	(0.33)	KuwaitSE	6,046.01	1.42

Global Indices

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