

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The global equities rally continued on Thursday as Asian stocks followed their US counterparts. As the Dow Jones Industrial Average reached a new all-time high on Wednesday, the Nikkei reached a 21-year high while MSCI's Asia-Pacific index closed in on a 10-year high. Meanwhile in the commodities market, oil prices continued to move closer towards \$60 a barrel, a result of the escalation of Kurdish and Iraqi tensions, lower US production, as well as market expectations of a 9-month extension of the OPEC output cuts.
- The dollar managed to appreciate to a 2-week high against the Japanese yen, supported by a rise in US bond yields. The yield on the 2-year Treasury note has continued its increase, reaching new 9-year highs as markets ponder Janet Yellen's replacement as the next chair of the Federal Reserve, which is expected to be announced by President Trump in the "coming days". Meanwhile, the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury yield managed to reach a weekly high of 2.3519%.
- China's growth figures indicated that the Chinese economy grew at a pace of 6.8% in Q3. Despite the rate of growth being less than that of the second quarter, it is still above the 6.5% target set by the government. Meanwhile, industrial output increased at a rate of 6.6% y/y, exceeding analyst's expectations, while retail sales also posted strong figures. On the other hand, fixed asset investment increased at a level of 7.5% y/y versus an expectation of 7.7% y/y, and property sales fell for the first time in over two years. In the coming months, economists expect activity in the Chinese economy to slow as higher borrowing costs and measures to cool the heated property market start to take their toll on activity. The Chinese yuan slipped slightly as traders digested the data, with the USDCNY pair reaching a 9-day high of 6.6366.

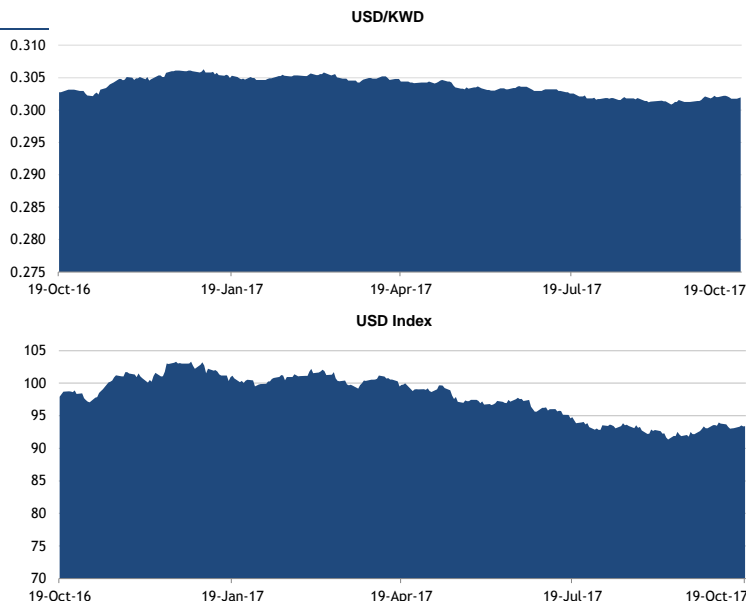


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1695	1.1745	1.1800	1.1855	1.1910
GBP	1.3120	1.3175	1.3215	1.3265	1.3325
JPY	112.05	112.50	112.99	113.50	114.05
CHF	0.9700	0.9755	0.9805	0.9855	0.9900

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1787	12.20	EUR/GBP	0.8925	4.79
GBP/USD	1.3203	7.08	GBP/JPY	149.09	3.69
USD/JPY	112.92	(3.28)	EUR/JPY	133.09	8.29
USD/CHF	0.9814	(3.64)	EUR/CHF	1.1568	7.97

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

The EUR/USD pair moved down to the 1.1729 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently sets at 1.1800 EUR Support is at (1.1665-1.1695) any break below targets 1.1540 level The pair is currently Bearish.

The USD/JPY pair moved up to the 113.05 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently sets at 112.98 USD/JPY Resistance is at (113.90-114.05) any break above targets 114.65 and Support is at (111.65-112.05) any break below targets 110.40 The pair is currently Neutral.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.25	1.56	1.81	2.06	2.31
USD	1.20	1.24	1.36	1.55	1.83
EUR	-0.42	-0.41	-0.38	-0.32	-0.23
GBP	0.24	0.31	0.38	0.52	0.75
CHF	-0.79	-0.78	-0.73	-0.65	-0.51
AUD	1.66	1.75	1.99	2.05	2.00

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
15-Oct-17	JPY	BOJ Gov Kuroda Speaks	-	-	-
15-Oct-17	USD	Fed Chair Yellen Speaks	-	-	-
16-Oct-17	CNY	CPI y/y	1.6%	1.6%	1.8%
16-Oct-17	CNY	PPI y/y	6.9%	6.3%	6.3%
16-Oct-17	USD	Empire State Manufacturing	30.2	20.3	24.4
17-Oct-17	GBP	CPI y/y	3.0%	3.0%	2.9%
17-Oct-17	EUR	Final CPI y/y	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
18-Oct-17	GBP	Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
19-Oct-17	GBP	Retail Sales m/m	-	-0.1%	1.0%
19-Oct-17	USD	Philly Fed Manufacturing Index	-	21.9	23.8

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.40	1.56	1.99	2.34	2.85
Germany	-0.77	-0.73	-0.31	0.39	1.17
United Kingdom	0.40	0.43	0.76	1.31	1.88
Japan	-0.16	-0.14	-0.09	0.06	0.88

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	55.33	(0.04)	Dow Jones	23,157.60	160.16
Brent	58.34	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	21,434.26	71.21
West Texas	52.00	(0.19)	S&P 500	2,561.26	1.91
Gold	1,277.28	(0.28)	KuwaitSE	6,618.66	12.42

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