

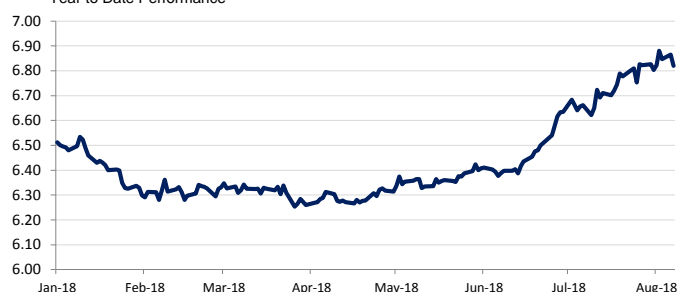
#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- US equities continued its northern momentum on Tuesday as a robust earnings season and rising oil prices overshadowed trade concerns. The S&P 500 increased 0.3% and ended Tuesday's session just 0.5% shy of the record high it set in January. As for the Asian market, equity indices followed US stock markets into positive territory today due to a positive correlation between both markets.
- In Australia, the central bank maintained its official cash rate unchanged at 1.50%, marking the longest streak without a change. The RBA acknowledged that China is experiencing a slower growth momentum and may affect Australia negatively. Moreover, the Bank claimed that diminishing household expenditure persisted as a source of uncertainty for the economy and a factor for maintaining the interest rate at a record low. On the inflation front, price growth is now projected to decline towards 1.75%, outside the RBA's preferred 2 to 3% target. Overall, with inflation projections trending lower, growth momentum losing steam and global risks intensifying; markets are not expecting a rate hike from the RBA for at least a year. The rise in US interest rates and constant rates in Australia will make it harder for the Aussie to appreciate versus the Dollar.
- As CNH continues trading at around a level of 6.8268, PBOC officials insist that there are tools in place to combat the struggling currency as they urge local banks to remain confident. Meanwhile, China's July trade data was released this morning, indicating a major jump in the country's imports. Trade balance came in at 28.05B versus the previous 41.47B.

S&P 500  
Year to Date Performance



USDCNH  
Year to Date Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1520	1.1570	1.1621	1.1670	1.1720
GBP	1.2850	1.2900	1.2955	1.3005	1.3055
JPY	110.30	110.75	111.31	111.85	112.35
CHF	0.9845	0.9885	0.9937	0.9990	1.0045

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1597	(3.19)	EUR/GBP	0.8965	0.99
GBP/USD	1.2937	(4.28)	GBP/JPY	144.09	(5.36)
USD/JPY	111.37	(1.30)	EUR/JPY	129.17	(4.45)
USD/CHF	0.9953	2.06	EUR/CHF	1.1546	(1.19)

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1608 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1621 EUR/USD Support is at (1.1500-1.1520) any break below targets 1.1310 Short term target is neutral , however medium term outlook is bearish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved down to the 110.98 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 111.31 USD/JPY Support is at (110.30-110.50) 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	2.07	2.34	2.52	2.82
EUR	-0.42	-0.40	-0.36	-0.31	-0.23
GBP	0.71	0.72	0.81	0.91	1.05
CHF	-0.79	-0.77	-0.73	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	1.75	1.92	2.15	2.33	2.35

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
7-Aug-18	AUD	RBA Rate Statement			
7-Aug-18	NZD	Inflation Expectations q/q	2.0%		2.0%
7-Aug-18	AUD	RBA Gov Lowe Speaks			
8-Aug-18	USD	Crude Oil Inventories		-2.8M	3.8M
8-Aug-18	NZD	RBNC Monetary Policy Statement			
9-Aug-18	USD	PPI m/m		0.2%	0.3%
9-Aug-18	AUD	RBA Monetary Policy Statement			
10-Aug-18	GBP	GDP m/m		0.2%	0.3%
10-Aug-18	GBP	Manufacturing Production m/m		0.3%	0.4%
10-Aug-18	GBP	CPI m/m		0.2%	0.2%

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.42	2.67	2.84	2.97	3.11
Germany	-0.70	-0.60	-0.22	0.40	1.05
United Kingdom	0.66	0.74	1.05	1.33	1.76
Japan	-0.12	-0.11	-0.08	0.10	0.85

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	73.34	0.08	Dow Jones	25,628.91	0.50
Brent	71.50	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	22,654.53	(0.04)
West Texas	69.12	(0.14)	S&P 500	2,858.45	0.28
Gold	1,212.79	0.18	KuwaitSE	5,279.05	(0.90)

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