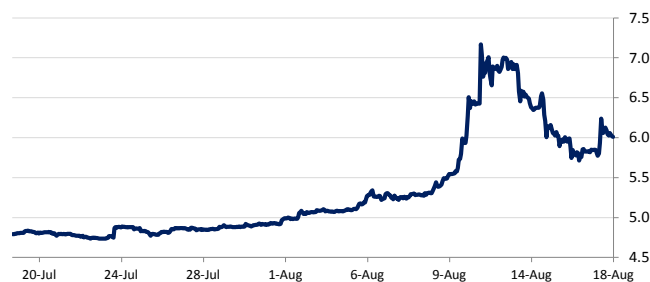


#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Volatility in the dollar and the FX market as a whole continued last week fueled by the bloodbath in emerging markets following the turmoil in Turkey. Even though the US has limited exposure to Turkey, the recent volatility was spread to other parts of the world, especially emerging markets, and could heighten worries on US trade relations with major partners. European Central Bank regulators also reported concern on the exposure of banks in the region, specifically Spain, Italy, and France. The concern is that Turkish borrowers may default on loans denominated in stronger currencies, as banks stand at a risk. Turkey's finance minister Berat Albayrak reassured investors in a call last week that the government is committed to tackling rampant inflation.
- On the other hand, the possibility of a breakthrough in the U.S.-China trade dispute brought some much-needed calmness to markets whipsawed by the brewing financial crisis in Turkey. US equities recouped their losses as investors brushed-off the political conundrums. Nevertheless, demand on treasuries as safe-havens continued and kept the 10-year US treasury yield at around the 2.86 percent level.
- On the FX front, the U.S. dollar had a volatile week reacting to sudden changes in the trade-war rhetoric and the developments in the Turkey crisis. The greenback lost 0.22 percent of its value during the past week despite solid retail figures on Wednesday. The currency closed the week at 96.103.

USD/TRY  
1-Month Chart



USD/KWD  
3-Year Chart



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1215	1.1335	1.1437	1.1520	1.1630
GBP	1.2580	1.2660	1.2753	1.2840	1.2960
JPY	108.40	109.35	110.49	111.45	112.60
CHF	0.9780	0.9855	0.9957	1.0060	1.0140

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1437	(4.66)	EUR/GBP	0.8971	0.99
GBP/USD	1.2750	(5.62)	GBP/JPY	140.88	(7.38)
USD/JPY	110.49	(1.93)	EUR/JPY	126.39	(6.49)
USD/CHF	0.9957	2.20	EUR/CHF	1.1383	(2.62)

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1445 level during Friday's trading session and closed for the week at 1.1437. EUR/USD Support is at (1.1215-1.1335) any break below targets 1.1140. Short term and medium term outlook are bearish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved down to the 110.29 level during Friday's trading session and closed for the week at 110.49. USD/JPY Support is at (108.40-109.35) any break below targets 107.60. Short term outlook is Neutral.

#### 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	1.96	2.07	2.31	2.51	2.81
EUR	-0.43	-0.40	-0.36	-0.31	-0.22
GBP	0.71	0.72	0.80	0.89	1.04
CHF	-0.79	-0.78	-0.73	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	1.70	1.95	2.21	2.35	2.35

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
20-Aug-18	GBP	Public Sector Net Borrowing			
21-Aug-18	AUD	Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes			
22-Aug-18	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
22-Aug-18	USD	Crude Oil Inventories			6.8M
22-Aug-18	CAD	Retail Sales m/m			2.0%
22-Aug-18	USD	Existing Home Sales		5.44M	5.38M
22-Aug-18	NZD	Retail Sales q/q		0.4%	0.1%
23-Aug-18	ALL	Jackson Hole Symposium			
23-Aug-18	EUR	EU PMI's			
24-Aug-18	USD	Durable Goods Orders m/m		-0.3%	0.8%

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.43	2.61	2.74	2.86	3.02
Germany	-0.70	-0.64	-0.33	0.31	0.97
United Kingdom	0.71	0.70	0.98	1.23	1.72
Japan	-0.14	-0.14	-0.09	0.09	0.84

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	70.77	(0.48)	Dow Jones	25,669.32	0.43
Brent	69.33	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	22,270.38	0.35
West Texas	65.88	(0.15)	S&P 500	2,850.13	0.33
Gold	1,184.35	0.92	KuwaitSE	5,208.54	0.05

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