

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Most Asian equities gained today as US equity futures jumped on the back of news that the prospect of trade war is on hold for now. The Nikkei index was up by 0.31% to reach 23,002.37 during midmorning trade. Japan is the world's largest creditor nation and traders tend to assume Japanese investors would repatriate funds at times of crisis, thus pushing up the yen. The Japanese currency often weakens when investor confidence increases and their appetite for riskier assets strengthens.
- In the UK, Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson iterated his support and trust in Theresa May's to deliver on her promises as the UK prepares to leave the European Union. "We must now give the prime minister time and space to negotiate this Brexit vision," Johnson told reporters Sunday in Buenos Aires, during a five-day trip to Latin America.
- Oil prices were elevated at the start of the week after positive news that China and the US have put a looming trade war between the world's two biggest economies "on hold". Brent Crude oil is currently up by 0.74%, trading at \$79.15 a barrel. However, the price of Brent Crude is still below the November 2014 highs reached last week as markets believe there is enough supply to meet demand despite ongoing production cuts led by OPEC countries, dropping output in Venezuela and the US sanctions on Iran.

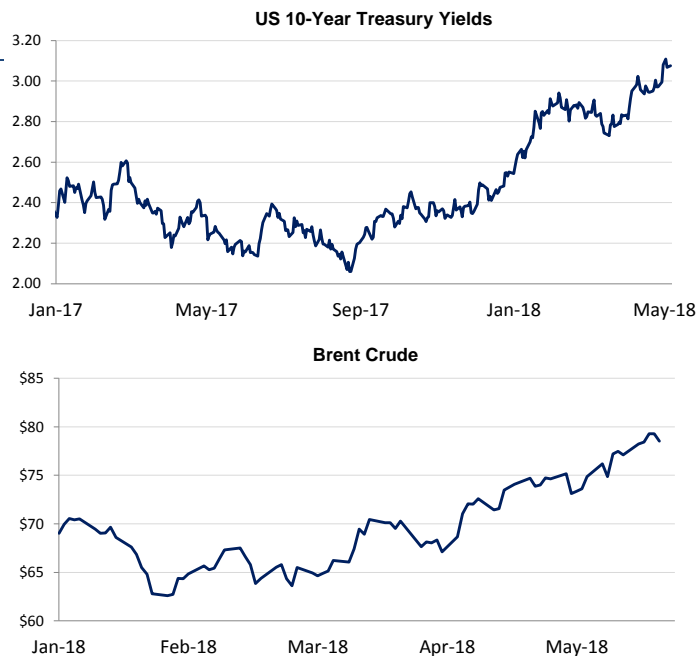


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1570	1.1690	1.1780	1.1860	1.1940
GBP	1.3300	1.3405	1.3480	1.3575	1.3665
JPY	108.95	109.80	110.77	111.50	112.80
CHF	0.9810	0.9900	0.9981	1.0060	1.0170

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1775	(2.23)	EUR/GBP	0.8740	(1.58)
GBP/USD	1.3471	(0.73)	GBP/JPY	149.18	(1.83)
USD/JPY	110.74	(1.22)	EUR/JPY	130.36	(3.42)
USD/CHF	0.9975	2.59	EUR/CHF	1.1742	0.32

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1748 level during Friday's trading session and closed the week at 1.1780. EUR Resistance is at (1.1860-1.1940) any break above targets 1.2010 and Support is at (1.1570-1.1690) any break below targets 1.1470. The pair is currently Bearish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved up to the 111.07 level during Friday's trading session and closed the week at 110.77. USD/JPY Resistance is at (111.50-112.80) any break above targets 113.40. The pair is currently Bullish.

Major Crosses

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.19	1.75	2.00	2.19	2.44
USD	1.75	1.95	2.33	2.50	2.76
EUR	-0.43	-0.40	-0.35	-0.31	-0.23
GBP	0.48	0.50	0.62	0.75	0.93
CHF	-0.80	-0.78	-0.72	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	1.45	1.87	2.03	2.08	2.24

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
22-May-18	GBP	Inflation Report Hearings	-	-	-
23-May-18	EUR	Flash Manufacturing PMI	-	56.2	56.2
23-May-18	EUR	Flash Services PMI	-	54.7	54.7
23-May-18	GBP	CPI y/y	-	2.5%	2.5%
23-May-18	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes	-	-	-
24-May-18	GBP	BOE Gov Carney Speaks	-	-	-
24-May-18	GBP	Retail Sales m/m	-	0.8%	-1.2%
24-May-18	EUR	ECB Meeting Minutes	-	-	-
25-May-18	GBP	Second Estimate GDP q/q	-	0.1%	0.1%
25-May-18	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks	-	-	-

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.27	2.56	2.90	3.06	3.20
Germany	-0.69	-0.61	-0.10	0.54	1.26
United Kingdom	0.65	0.79	1.15	1.47	1.89
Japan	-0.14	-0.14	-0.11	0.05	0.75

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	74.98	(0.58)	Dow Jones	22,930.36	91.99
Brent	79.37	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	23,002.37	72.01
West Texas	71.18	(0.14)	S&P 500	2,712.97	(7.16)
Gold	1,283.41	(0.63)	KuwaitSE	4,799.91	(1.23)

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