

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Australia's central bank lowered interest rates for the third time this year as it attempts to protect the economy from offshore risks, and signaled further cuts moving forward. RBA Chief Philip Lowe announced a reduction to the cash rate by 25 bps to 0.75%, as predicted. "Forward-looking indicators of labor demand indicate that employment growth is likely to slow from its recent fast rate," Lowe said. "The economy still has spare capacity and lower interest rates will help make inroads into that." The Australian dollar declined against the greenback following the news, dropping 0.66% to the 0.6720 level seen today.
- Wall Street ended higher yesterday while the US dollar hit its highest level since 2017. The S&P 500 closed around 0.3% higher as gains were partly driven by Apple, which climbed 2.4% after the iPhone's price target was raised by analysts at JPMorgan. The Nasdaq Composite rose 0.4%, though posted its first quarterly decline of the year. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose slightly and has seen its biggest monthly rise since September 2018 amid the Federal Reserve's reassessment on interest rates.
- Looking at commodities, oil edged higher after its biggest quarterly drop this year as investors watch Saudi Arabia's recovery from the drone attacks which shook markets. Crude is now back to where it was before the attacks on key oil fields, and investors focus will likely shift back to the trade war and global growth. Prices of gold fell around 3.2% in September, posting the biggest monthly drop since June of last year. Gold is currently trading at 1,466 following its all-time high of 1,557 seen in the beginning of September.

AUD/USD
3-Month Performance



Gold
3-Month Performance

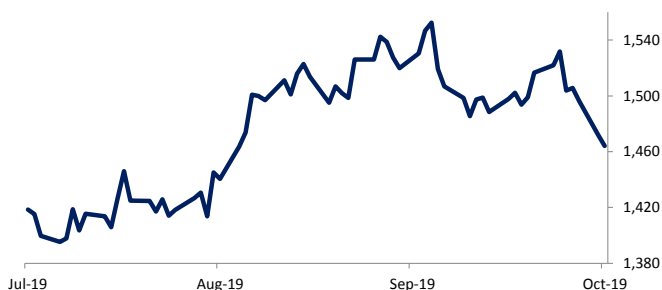


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0795	1.0840	1.0892	1.0940	1.0995
GBP	1.2190	1.2240	1.2291	1.2340	1.2395
JPY	107.25	107.85	108.22	108.75	109.25
CHF	0.9885	0.9935	0.9988	1.0040	1.0090

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.0883 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.0892. EUR/USD Support is at (1.0795-1.0840) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0675. Short term outlook is Bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.2273 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2291. GBP/USD Support is at (1.2190-1.2240) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2090. Short term outlook is Bearish.

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0898	(5.07)	EUR/GBP	0.8867	(1.40)
GBP/USD	1.2287	(3.65)	GBP/JPY	132.81	(5.02)
USD/JPY	108.0600	(1.85)	EUR/JPY	117.79	(6.63)
USD/CHF	0.9978	1.79	EUR/CHF	1.0876	(3.33)

Major Crosses

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.38	2.69	2.88	3.06	3.31
USD	1.91	2.02	2.09	2.06	2.03
EUR	-0.55	-0.51	-0.44	-0.42	-0.36
GBP	0.70	0.72	0.76	0.83	0.89
CHF	-0.83	-0.81	-0.76	-0.72	-0.61
AUD	0.60	0.85	0.99	1.01	1.06

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
30-Sep-19	CNY	Caixin Manufacturing PMI	51.4	50.2	50.4
30-Sep-19	GBP	Current Account	-25.2B	-19.2B	-30.0B
30-Sep-19	GBP	Final GDP q/q	-0.2	-0.2%	-0.2%
1-Oct-19	AUD	Cash Rate	-0.2%	0.75%	1.00%
1-Oct-19	EUR	CPI Flash Estimate y/y		1.0%	1.0%
1-Oct-19	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI		50.4	49.1
2-Oct-19	USD	ADP Non-Farm Employment Change		140K	195K
3-Oct-19	USD	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI		55.1	56.4
4-Oct-19	USD	Average Hourly Earnings m/m		0.3%	0.4%
4-Oct-19	USD	Non-Farm Employment Change		140K	130K

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.74	1.63	1.57	1.70	2.15
Germany	-0.72	-0.77	-0.79	-0.57	-0.11
United Kingdom	0.45	0.36	0.28	0.48	0.97
Japan	-0.29	-0.31	-0.31	-0.16	0.41

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	61.88	(0.79)	Dow Jones	26,916.83	0.36
Brent	64.28	(0.19)	Nikkei 225	21,898.96	0.66
West Texas	58.09	(0.17)	S&P 500	2,976.74	0.50
Gold	1,464.16	(0.53)	KuwaitSE	5,678.70	(0.31)

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