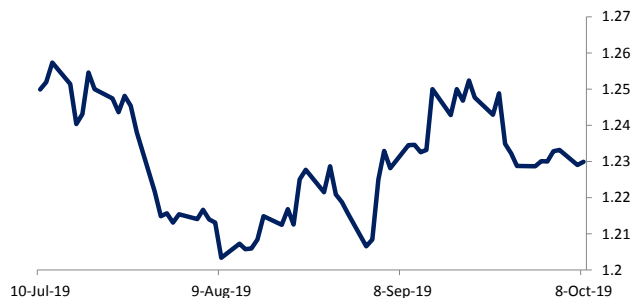


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The World Bank is the latest to join the trend and cite worries over diminishing global growth prospects in its latest report following the IMF. The bank's president David Malpass said the global economic outlook is deteriorating amid Brexit related uncertainty, trade tensions, and a downturn in Europe. High-level US trade talks have resumed this week as the tariff escalation deadline of October 15 approaches. In the UK, Prime Minister Boris Johnson has pledged to leave the EU on October 31. Meanwhile, economic indicators out of Europe reveal a slump in manufacturing while domestic demand suffers.
- In recent updates, the Trump administration placed eight Chinese technology giants on a US blacklist in an accusation of human rights violations against Muslim minorities. Entities on the list are now prohibited from doing business with American companies without being granted a license. The president would usually cite intellectual property theft and control of technology as main drivers for the trade war, and has now added human rights violations in the midst of political chaos in China. The move comes just days before trade negotiators from both sides are set to officially resume talks in Washington on October 10. Equities fell while the dollar rose slightly.
- Looking at Brexit – a judge ruled in Boris Johnson's favor in a case that would have forced him to obey a law requiring him to delay Brexit if he is unable to reach a deal. Still, the lift may only be short-lived and it is still problematic for Johnson to leave without a deal. For the time being, pound traders are increasingly bullish with the Oct 17-18 EU summit ahead. A rise in demand has been seen for derivatives pricing a stronger sterling in the short term while premium on bullish options are set for the highest close since May. GBP/USD fell 1.8% in the past week to the 1.2295 seen today.

GBP/USD
3-Month Performance



S&P 500
3-Month Performance



Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0875	1.0915	1.0975	1.1025	1.1075
GBP	1.2195	1.2245	1.2294	1.2340	1.2395
JPY	106.35	106.90	107.39	107.90	108.40
CHF	0.9845	0.9905	0.9953	1.0005	1.0055

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0970	(4.30)	EUR/GBP	0.8923	(0.63)
GBP/USD	1.2290	(3.62)	GBP/JPY	131.84	(5.72)
USD/JPY	107.2800	(2.62)	EUR/JPY	117.66	(6.62)
USD/CHF	0.9946	1.38	EUR/CHF	1.0912	(2.95)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1000 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.0975. EUR/USD Support is at (1.0875-1.0915) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0785. Short term outlook is Bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.2285 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2294. GBP/USD Support is at (1.2195-1.2245) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2085. Short term outlook is Neutral.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.31	2.63	2.88	3.06	3.31
USD	1.88	1.94	2.01	1.96	1.87
EUR	-0.55	-0.52	-0.44	-0.43	-0.37
GBP	0.70	0.71	0.76	0.82	0.88
CHF	-0.82	-0.80	-0.79	-0.74	-0.63
AUD	0.70	0.82	1.05	0.97	1.02

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
7-Oct-19	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			
8-Oct-19	GBP	BOE Gov Carney Speaks			
8-Oct-19	USD	Core PPI m/m		0.2%	0.3%
9-Oct-19	USD	Crude Oil Inventories			3.1M
9-Oct-19	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
10-Oct-19	USD	Treasury Currency Report			
10-Oct-19	GBP	GDP m/m		0.0%	0.3%
10-Oct-19	GBP	Manufacturing Production m/m		0.1%	0.3%
10-Oct-19	EUR	ECB Monetary Policy Meeting Accounts			
10-Oct-19	USD	Core CPI m/m		0.2%	0.3%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.64	1.48	1.41	1.58	2.07
Germany	-0.71	-0.77	-0.80	-0.56	-0.09
United Kingdom	0.43	0.33	0.24	0.45	0.94
Japan	-0.30	-0.33	-0.36	-0.21	0.37

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	60.37	(0.36)	Dow Jones	26,478.02	(0.36)
Brent	58.66	0.53	Nikkei 225	21,597.49	1.04
West Texas	52.81	0.19	S&P 500	2,938.79	(0.45)
Gold	1,491.45	(0.13)	KuwaitSE	5,720.59	0.91

Global Indices

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