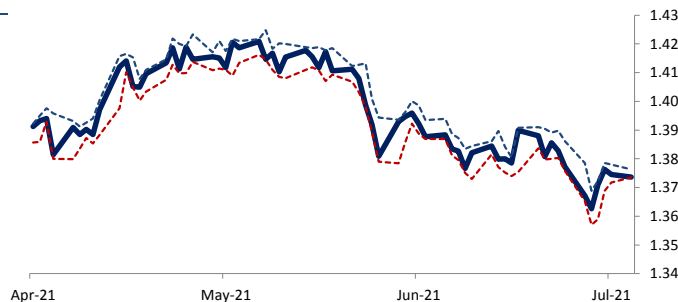


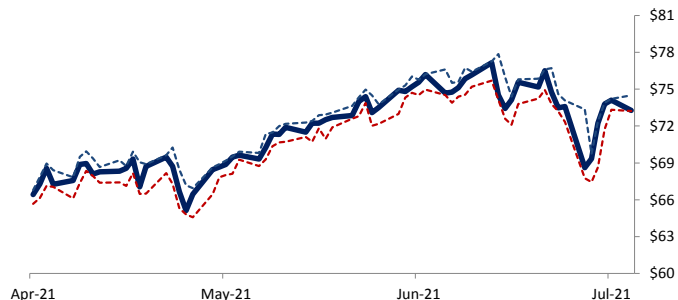
#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- High level talks have begun between the world's two largest economies, with China blaming the US for what it describes as a "stalemate" in bilateral relations. China's Vice Foreign Minister Xie Feng urged Washington "to change its highly misguided mindset and dangerous policy" as relations remain tense following Donald Trump's presidency. Still, the Biden administration described the relationship as "collaborative" and has noted it will cooperate in some areas but will confront China in others.
- Treasury market volatility has risen due to economic risks from the spread of the delta variant of COVID-19, sending the yield on the 10-year note to a low of 1.1280% last week as investors sought safety. Today, the yield has recovered back above the 1.2500% level ahead of the Fed meeting this week where officials are due to discuss stimulus and tapering.
- Looking at the equity market, US shares rallied to all-time highs last week on robust corporate earnings. However moving forward, concerns about inflation, the delta variant, and US-China tensions may linger. In the commodities market, oil prices were little changed as investors weigh COVID-19 demand risks and floods in China against expectations of tighter supplies for the rest of the year.
- Moving to FX, despite upbeat European data and an improving market mood, the Euro declined 0.47% last week against the safe-haven dollar to see a 3-month low of 1.1750. Today, EUR/USD is recovering and heading towards the 1.1800 level. Meanwhile, the sterling followed a more drastic path dropping 1.56% to a low of 1.3570 last week and later recovering to the 1.3750 level seen today.

**GBP/USD**  
3-Month Performance



**Brent Crude**  
3-Month Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1675	1.1725	<b>1.1771</b>	1.1830	1.1880
GBP	1.3655	1.3705	<b>1.3746</b>	1.3800	1.3855
JPY	109.30	109.80	<b>110.54</b>	110.85	111.35
CHF	0.9080	0.9130	<b>0.9190</b>	0.9235	0.9285

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1771	(3.58)	EUR/GBP	0.8556	(4.13)
GBP/USD	1.3745	0.50	GBP/JPY	151.94	7.91
USD/JPY	110.5400	6.92	EUR/JPY	130.11	2.37
USD/CHF	0.9190	3.78	EUR/CHF	1.0825	0.12

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1752 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1779 EUR/USD Support is at (1.1675-1.1725) any break below would take the pair down to 1.1600. Short term outlook is Bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.3780 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3753 GBP/USD Support is at (1.3655-1.3705) any break below would take the pair down to 1.3570. Short term outlook is Bearish.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	0.88	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00
USD	0.08	0.09	0.13	0.16	0.24
EUR	-0.58	-0.58	-0.56	-0.52	-0.49
GBP	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.18
CHF	-0.82	-0.80	-0.76	-0.72	-0.60
AUD	-0.19	-0.12	-0.12	-0.08	-0.14

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
22-Jul-21	EUR	Monetary Policy Statement			
23-Jul-21	EUR	German Flash Services PMI	62.20	59.40	57.50
23-Jul-21	EUR	German Flash Manufacturing PMI	65.60	64.20	65.10
27-Jul-21	USD	CB Consumer Confidence		124.2	127.3
28-Jul-21	AUD	CPI m/m		0.50%	0.30%
28-Jul-21	USD	FOMC Statement			
29-Jul-21	USD	Advance GDP q/q		8.50%	6.40%
29-Jul-21	USD	Unemployment Claims		375K	419K
30-Jul-21	CAD	GDP m/m		-0.40%	-0.30%
30-Jul-21	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m		0.60%	0.50%

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	0.06	0.19	0.69	1.25	1.89
Germany	-0.67	-0.74	-0.71	-0.43	0.05
United Kingdom	0.03	0.07	0.27	0.59	1.00
Japan	-0.14	-0.14	-0.14	0.00	0.64

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	73.69	(0.54)	Dow Jones	35,061.55	0.68
Brent	75.27	0.03	Nikkei 225	27,833.29	1.04
West Texas	72.29	0.14	S&P 500	4,411.79	1.01
Gold	1,805.25	0.22	KuwaitSE	6,477.98	0.30

#### Global Indices

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