

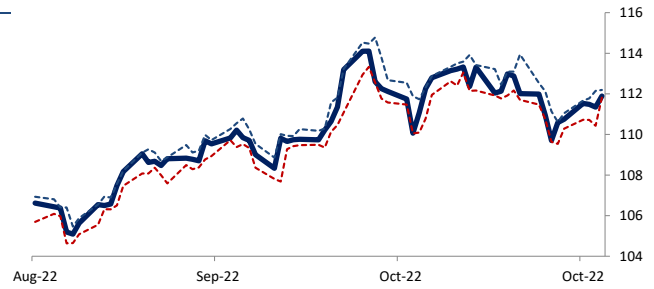
Kuwaiti Dinar Today

0.30975 / 0.30985

Key Market Highlights:

- The Federal Reserve announced yesterday a hike of 75 basis points to their overnight rate as they continue to battle inflation aggressively. The benchmark rate increased from 3.00-3.25% to 3.75-4.00% and the central bank signaled it may be nearing the pivot point and may be reducing their pace of hiking interest rates. Fed Chair Jerome Powell, speaking in a news conference after the end of the central bank's latest policy meeting, said he wanted no confusion on the forward guidance. Even if policymakers do scale back future increases, he said, they were still undecided about just how high rates would need to rise to curb inflation, and were determined to "stay the course until the job's done."
- US equities spiked post-statement as policy makers promised to take economic risks clearly into account in deciding the size of any future rate hike. However, after Powell's speech, those gains were erased and the market closed sharply lower. The Dow Jones closed down by 1.55%, S&P 500 by 2.5% and the Nasdaq led the losses with a 3.36% drop. The market was looking for a firmer hint at easing the pace which seems to have not been the case for investors. Shares in Asia fluctuated as traders and investors are digesting the FOMC statement but prices fell for the most part.
- On the FX front, the dollar lost ground initially post the FOMC statement release and quickly gained ground as Powell delivered his speech to the press. The greenback reached a low of 110.426 yesterday before reaching a high of 112.165 today. The euro slid and nearly broke the 0.98 level and the cable plunged to a low of 1.1376.
- The Central Bank of Kuwait decided to keep the discount rate unchanged at 3.00% for the time being.

USD Index
3-Month Performance



EUR/USD
3-Month Performance

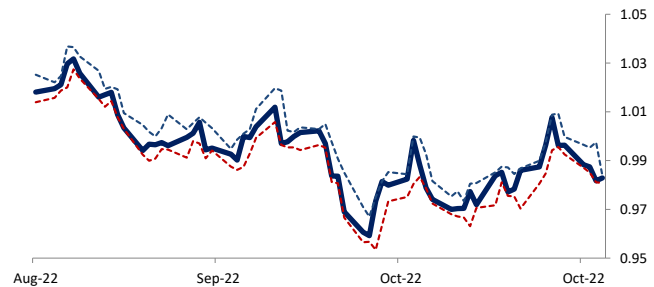


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	0.9690	0.9765	0.9832	0.9890	0.9955
GBP	1.1300	1.1350	1.1410	1.1470	1.1530
JPY	146.20	146.80	147.30	147.95	148.30
CHF	0.9916	0.9975	1.0020	1.0075	1.0150

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: During Powell's speech the pair moved all the way towards 0.9975 then dropped towards 0.9815. Currently trading at 0.9832 we expect the pair to continue lower towards our support at 0.9765 and our resistance at 0.9890.

GBP/USD: Similar to the EUR, the pair spiked during the speech to 1.1564, and then dropped to 1.1372, currently trading at 1.1410. We expect the pair to continue lower towards the support at 1.1350 and we have a resistance at 1.1470.

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	0.9817	(3.55)	EUR/GBP	0.8618	2.50
GBP/USD	1.1389	(5.63)	GBP/JPY	168.53	3.26
USD/JPY	147.9000	3.01	EUR/JPY	145.23	11.10
USD/CHF	1.0028	9.86	EUR/CHF	0.9849	(5.02)

Local & Global Rates

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.63	2.88	3.31	3.63	3.94
USD	3.05	3.78	4.17	4.53	4.80
EUR	1.16	1.38	1.74	2.17	2.69
GBP	2.19	2.88	3.25	3.75	4.27

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
28-Oct-22	JPY	Monetary Policy Statement			
01-Nov-22	AUD	Cash Rate	2.85%	2.85%	2.6%
01-Nov-22	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI	50.2	50	50.9
01-Nov-22	USD	JOLTS Job Openings	10.72M	9.75M	10.05M
02-Nov-22	NZD	Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.2%	3.3%
02-Nov-22	USD	FOMC Statement			
02-Nov-22	USD	Federal Funds Rate	4.00%	4.00%	3.25%
03-Nov-22	GBP	Monetary Policy Summary			
03-Nov-22	GBP	Official Bank Rate		3.00%	3.25%
04-Nov-22	USD	Unemployment Rate		3.6%	3.5%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	4.62	4.62	4.31	4.11	4.17
Germany	2.09	1.97	2.02	2.13	2.06
United Kingdom	2.67	2.95	3.32	3.38	3.55
Japan	-0.10	-0.05	0.07	0.24	1.52

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	96.04	0.85	Dow Jones	32,147.76	(1.55)
Brent	95.68	(0.50)	Nikkei 225	27,663.39	(0.06)
West Texas	89.45	(0.61)	S&P 500	3,759.69	(2.50)
Gold	1,637.81	0.17	KuwaitSE	7,381.16	0.22

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