

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Asian stock markets extended their gains at the start of the week, taking its momentum from Wall Street's positive lead on Friday, while higher commodity prices supported equities. The Nikkei index has persistently risen for nine days in a row, thanks to the weakness of the Japanese yen. The Nikkei is currently trading at 21,302.00. As for the euro, the currency is under pressure today after Austria's election results came in and concerns over Catalonia's confrontation with Madrid. The EUR/USD is trading at 1.1808, well below the closing level on Friday.
- In the US, producer prices increased by 0.4% m/m in September, the largest increase since April. The figure was driven largely by a 10.9% increase in gasoline prices due to the hurricanes which reduced the Gulf Coast's refining capacity. Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics also showed that the index for final demand services increased 0.4%, while the prices for final demand goods rose 0.7%, the largest increase since moving up 1.0% in January.
- China's trade balance reached a six-month low as its imports rose 18.7%, exceeding estimates with the fastest growth since March to result in a trade surplus of \$28.5bn. As for exports, demand for Chinese products have proven to be healthy as the dollar value of outbound shipments rose 8.1% y/y to a level of \$169.8bn. The data also showed that China's trade surplus with the United States reached a record high of \$28.1 bn. Meanwhile, Chinese imports from North Korea fell 37.9% and exports dropped by 6.7% amid nuclear tensions with the defiant regime. Elsewhere in the region, trade has also been strong. Exports surged to records last month in both South Korea and Taiwan, while August data has shown strengthening in Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore as the International Monetary Fund raised its global growth forecast as well as its estimate for China.

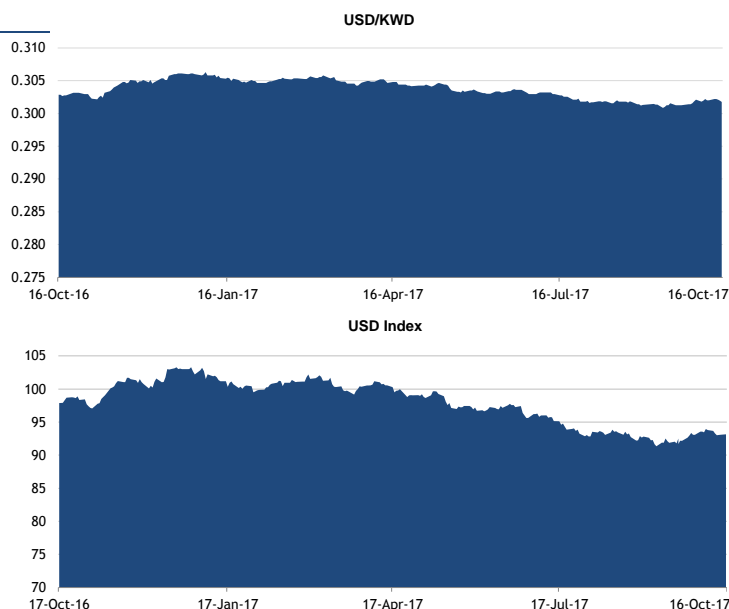


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1690	1.1760	1.1808	1.1875	1.1930
GBP	1.3190	1.3240	1.3290	1.3340	1.3405
JPY	110.80	111.45	111.94	112.45	112.90
CHF	0.9645	0.9705	0.9755	0.9805	0.9845

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1822	12.22	EUR/GBP	0.8896	4.24
GBP/USD	1.3284	7.70	GBP/JPY	148.52	3.22
USD/JPY	111.84	(4.28)	EUR/JPY	132.19	7.19
USD/CHF	0.9743	(4.10)	EUR/CHF	1.1517	7.45

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

The EUR/USD pair moved up to the 1.1874 level during Friday's trading session and currently sets at 1.1808 EUR Support is at (1.1655-1.1690) any break below targets 1.1540 level The pair is currently Bearish.

The USD/JPY pair moved down to the 111.67 level during Friday's trading session and currently sets at 111.94 USD/JPY Resistance is at (112.90-113.45) any break above targets 114.50 and Support is at (110.20-110.80) any break below targets 109.50 The pair is currently Neutral.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.25	1.56	1.75	2.00	2.31
USD	1.20	1.24	1.35	1.53	1.81
EUR	-0.42	-0.40	-0.38	-0.31	-0.23
GBP	0.24	0.29	0.37	0.53	0.74
CHF	-0.79	-0.78	-0.73	-0.65	-0.51
AUD	1.60	1.73	1.93	1.99	2.00

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
15-Oct-17	JPY	BOJ Gov Kuroda Speaks	-	-	-
15-Oct-17	USD	Fed Chair Yellen Speaks	-	-	-
16-Oct-17	CNY	CPI y/y	-	1.6%	1.8%
16-Oct-17	CNY	PPI y/y	-	6.3%	6.3%
16-Oct-17	USD	Empire State Manufacturing	-	20.3	24.4
17-Oct-17	GBP	CPI y/y	-	3.0%	2.9%
17-Oct-17	EUR	Final CPI y/y	-	1.5%	1.5%
18-Oct-17	GBP	Unemployment Rate	-	4.3%	4.3%
19-Oct-17	GBP	Retail Sales m/m	-	-0.1%	1.0%
19-Oct-17	USD	Philly Fed Manufacturing Index	-	22.2	23.8

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.38	1.51	1.91	2.29	2.82
Germany	-0.77	-0.74	-0.31	0.40	1.20
United Kingdom	0.40	0.43	0.80	1.37	1.92
Japan	-0.16	-0.15	-0.09	0.06	0.87

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	54.67	(0.18)	Dow Jones	22,871.72	30.71
Brent	55.95	(0.04)	Nikkei 225	21,269.71	114.53
West Texas	51.38	(0.19)	S&P 500	2,553.17	2.24
Gold	1,303.04	(0.12)	KuwaitSE	6,624.28	1.98

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