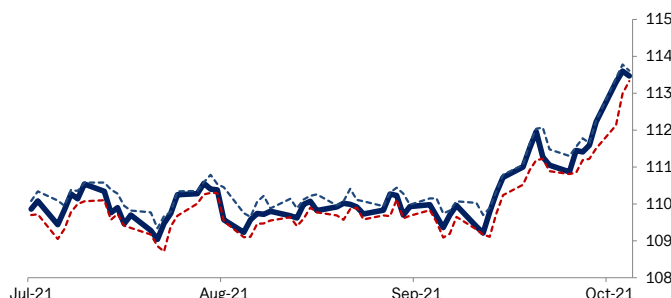


USD/JPY

3-Month Performance



Key Highlights in the Market:

- The International Monetary Fund has warned of the risk of abrupt and steep declines in global equity prices and home sales as central banks globally withdraw the overwhelming support they have provided throughout the pandemic. In its semi-annual Financial Stability Report, the IMF noted that ultra-easy monetary policy has led to "pockets of market exuberance and rising financial leverage" which may place the economic recovery at risk as credit tightens. And while the IMF agreed with the US Fed that inflation will likely prove temporary, it was still cautious adding that "there's quite a bit of uncertainty" regarding that forecast.
- Short-dated Treasury yields reached their highest level since March 2020 as investors weigh inflationary pressures and increase their bets on a sooner than expected US interest rate rise. The yield on the 2-year Treasury bond is currently trading at 0.3520% after remaining comfortably below the 0.3% mark throughout the pandemic. Moving to FX, the USD/JPY pair extended last week's 1.10% rise and has gained 1.16% so far this week.
- In Germany, the ZEW Indicator of Economic Sentiment decreased by 4.2 points to a new reading of 22.3 points. The indicator has registered a fall for five times in a row due to persistent supply bottlenecks for raw materials and intermediate products.
- Meanwhile in China, exports surged to record highs in September despite expectations of a slowdown amid a nationwide power crunch that forced factories to cut production. According to data from the General Administration of Customs, exports grew 28.1% and reached a new monthly record high of \$305.7 billion. The figure beat expectations of a 21.5% gain, and proved to be a very optimistic figure given that exports have been a driver for the economic rebound throughout the pandemic.

Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1400	1.1500	1.1551	1.1625	1.1733
GBP	1.3400	1.3510	1.3614	1.3690	1.3750
JPY	110.50	112.20	113.45	113.90	114.50
CHF	0.9150	0.9210	0.9295	0.9360	0.9400

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1527	(5.44)	EUR/GBP	0.8484	(5.09)
GBP/USD	1.3585	(0.44)	GBP/JPY	154.34	9.99
USD/JPY	113.6000	9.99	EUR/JPY	130.97	3.27
USD/CHF	0.9306	4.96	EUR/CHF	1.0729	(0.70)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR / USD: EUR has been stronger recently with a correction recovery from the US bullish run to 1.1550 and might pull to resistance of 1.1625. Nevertheless recovery should be limited as the bearish trend will continue to 1.1500 and 1.1400 area.

GBP / USD: Cable as well is improving to 1.36 area from the sharp fall and bullish US dollar, still in levels of 1.3690 and 1.3550 for some days now, lower lows will resume as dollar demand will soon reach 1.34 area.

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	0.12	0.16	0.26
EUR	-0.58	-0.57	-0.57	-0.54	-0.49
GBP	0.04	0.06	0.11	0.24	0.52
CHF	-0.82	-0.78	-0.76	-0.71	-0.58
AUD	-0.12	-0.13	-0.22	-0.02	-0.08

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
12-Oct-21	EUR	German ZEW Economic Sentiment	22.3	23.7	26.5
13-Oct-21	USD	CPI m/m		0.30%	0.30%
13-Oct-21	USD	Core CPI m/m		0.20%	0.10%
13-Oct-21	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
14-Oct-21	AUD	Unemployment Rate		4.80%	4.50%
14-Oct-21	AUD	Employment Change		-108.5K	
15-Oct-21	USD	Unemployment Claims		315K	326K
15-Oct-21	USD	Crude Oil Inventories			2.3M
15-Oct-21	USD	Core Retail Sales m/m		0.50%	1.80%
15-Oct-21	USD	Retail Sales m/m		-0.20%	0.70%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	0.08	0.35	1.08	1.58	2.09
Germany	-0.70	-0.67	-0.47	-0.10	0.38
United Kingdom	0.38	0.54	0.78	1.15	1.43
Japan	-0.13	-0.12	-0.09	0.08	0.69

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	82.88	(0.63)	Dow Jones	34,314.67	0.92
Brent	84.05	0.02	Nikkei 225	27,561.34	(0.94)
West Texas	80.77	0.05	S&P 500	4,345.72	1.05
Gold	1,762.71	0.16	KuwaitSE	6,872.87	0.26

Global Indices