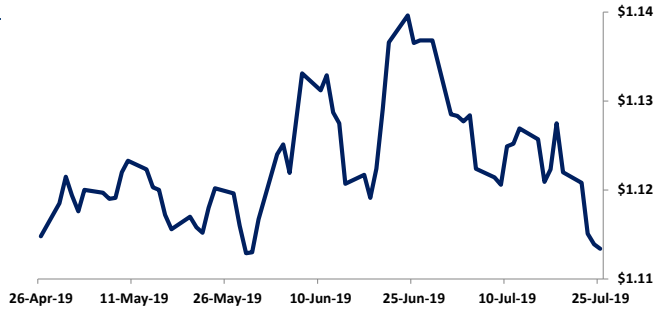


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The single currency (EUR) was under immense pressure on Wednesday as economic PMI indicators throughout the euro-zone disappointed to the downside. The frail readings have reinforced expectations that the ECB could undertake an aggressive policy easing in today's monetary meeting. Financial markets are currently pricing a 54% probability of a 10-basis-point cut. The EUR/USD depreciated to almost a two-month low of 1.1125. Despite the euro's weakness, the US dollar index failed to take advantage and ended Wednesday's session almost unchanged to slightly negative after three consecutive days of gains. As for the Sterling pound, the GBP was the best performing major currency rising by around 0.50% versus the greenback, although it is not far from the 27-month low of 1.2382 seen last week.
- Looking at PMI indicators in Europe, the euro-zone manufacturing sector contracted into negative territory for the seventh reading in July, the lowest in more than 6 years. The index dropped by 1.2 points to 46.4, way below the 50 threshold, which separates expansion from contraction. Germany's factories continued to lead the decline as its manufacturing PMI tumbled to 43.1 from 45, the lowest level in seven years. In regards to the French manufacturing sector, the reading came in on the cliff edge as the index declined from 51.9 to 50. Overall, economic momentum in the single market has dwindled obviously since the start of the year with inflation below the ECB's target of 2% and a no deal Brexit scenario ever so alive bolsters the case for the ECB to loosen its monetary stance even further.
- On the trade front, the preparation of US officials to begin new trade talks with China, accompanied with the expectations for the European Central Bank to pave the way for renewed stimulus saw Asian equities resuming their cautious advance. Hong Kong's Hang Seng, Sydney's S&P/ASX 200, and Tokyo's Topix all added 0.3%, while China's CSI 300 rose 0.5%.

EUR/USD
3-Month Performance



GBP/USD
3-Month Performance

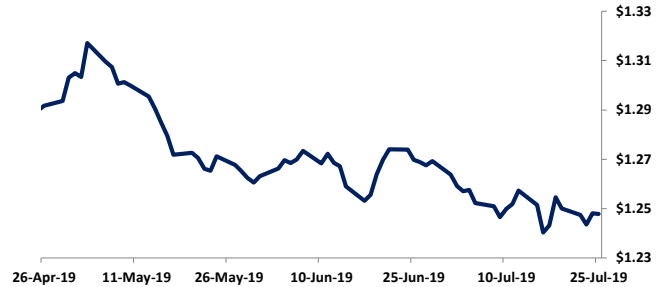


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1030	1.1080	1.1134	1.1185	1.1235
GBP	1.2370	1.2425	1.2476	1.2530	1.2575
JPY	107.15	107.65	108.12	108.60	109.10
CHF	0.9750	0.9800	0.9851	0.9900	0.9950

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1139	(2.91)	EUR/GBP	0.8923	(0.72)
GBP/USD	1.2481	(2.16)	GBP/JPY	135.02	(3.66)
USD/JPY	108.1700	(1.98)	EUR/JPY	120.50	(4.64)
USD/CHF	0.9847	0.35	EUR/CHF	1.0969	(2.54)

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1125 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1134 EUR/USD Support is at (1.1030-1.1080) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0955. Short term outlook is Bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.2522 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2474 GBP/USD Support is at (1.2370-1.2425) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2215. Short term outlook is Bearish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.19	2.50	2.75	2.94	3.13
USD	2.35	2.26	2.27	2.18	2.18
EUR	-0.47	-0.44	-0.42	-0.42	-0.34
GBP	0.70	0.72	0.78	0.80	0.86
CHF	-0.83	-0.81	-0.76	-0.74	-0.63
AUD	1.17	1.22	1.05	1.10	1.20

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
23-Jul-19	USD	Existing Home Sales	5.27M	5.35M	5.34M
24-Jul-19	EUR	French Flash Services PMI	50.0	52.7	52.9
24-Jul-19	EUR	German Flash Manufacturing PMI	43.1	45.1	45
24-Jul-19	USD	Flash Manufacturing PMI	50.0	50.9	50.6
24-Jul-19	USD	Crude Oil Inventories	-10.835M	-4.011M	-3.116M
25-Jul-19	EUR	Main Refinancing Rate		0.0%	0.0%
25-Jul-19	EUR	Monetary Policy Statement			
25-Jul-19	EUR	ECB Press Conference			
25-Jul-19	USD	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m		0.2%	0.4%
26-Jul-19	USD	Advance GDP q/q		1.8%	3.1%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.95	1.81	1.81	2.04	2.58
Germany	-0.74	-0.80	-0.73	-0.39	0.20
United Kingdom	0.52	0.46	0.46	0.68	1.31
Japan	-0.20	-0.21	-0.24	-0.16	0.35

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	65.01	(0.49)	Dow Jones	27,269.97	(0.29)
Brent	63.36	0.28	Nikkei 225	21,696.41	0.35
West Texas	55.92	0.17	S&P 500	3,019.56	0.47
Gold	1,422.65	(0.22)	KuwaitSE	6,047.15	0.39

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