



Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Recent manufacturing figures have brightened globally amid easing of covid-19 restrictions. Improvement in manufacturing PMI numbers were seen in the US, China, UK, France, Germany, Italy and Japan. The finest advance among the aforementioned countries was recorded in the US. The US manufacturing ISM PMI jumped to a 14-month high of 52.6 for June, from a previous monthly reading of 43.1. A reading above 50 indicates growth and the manufacturing sector accounts for 11% of the US economy. Economists polled by Reuters predicted earlier a reading of 49.5 for the US manufacturing PMI. China's Caixin manufacturing PMI rose to 51.2 last month from 50, marking the highest reading since December 2019. In Spain, the manufacturing PMI soared from 38.3 to 49. Overall, the data has improved evidently, however with the numbers hovering around the 50 mark, indicated that the pace of growth could be slow. Weak global demand and worries about a second wave of infections may pressure growth prospects.
- Over to Wall Street, US stock markets began the start of Q3 on the rise, thanks to improvement in US labor market data. The private sector added 2.37 million jobs last month as states allowed businesses to reopen and start rehiring out-of-work Americans. The number is slightly below the 3 million forecasted by Refinitiv economists. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite rose 0.50% and 0.95%, respectively in yesterday's trading session. Employment figures out of the US have improved in recent weeks, such as unemployment claims and Non-Farm Payrolls. However, the reality is that the employment-population ratio has tumbled from 61.2% back in January to 52.8% in May. Suggesting 47.2% of Americans are unemployed, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics. This ratio takes a wider look at the employment picture. It takes into account adults not in the labor force and captures those who were discouraged about the prospects of finding a job, whereas the unemployment rate looks at people actively looking for a job. With many Americans jobless, the pace of recovery may take time as the largest economy depends greatly on consumer consumption.

Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1160	1.1210	1.1259	1.1310	1.1360
GBP	1.2385	1.2440	1.2490	1.2540	1.2590
JPY	106.45	106.95	107.46	108.00	108.50
CHF	0.9360	0.9410	0.9460	0.9510	0.9560

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1250	0.48	EUR/GBP	0.9018	6.70
GBP/USD	1.2470	(5.83)	GBP/JPY	133.98	(6.03)
USD/JPY	107.4600	(1.29)	EUR/JPY	120.90	(0.75)
USD/CHF	0.9457	(2.29)	EUR/CHF	1.0640	(1.84)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1185 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1259. EUR/USD Resistance are at (1.1310-1.1360) any break above would take the pair up to 1.1420. Short term outlook is Neutral.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.2492 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2490. GBP/USD Resistance are at (1.2540-1.2590) any break above would take the pair up to 1.2655. Short term outlook is Bullish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.19	1.38	1.63	1.88	2.13
USD	0.10	0.16	0.30	0.37	0.55
EUR	-0.53	-0.48	-0.42	-0.32	-0.25
GBP	0.06	0.09	0.14	0.29	0.43
CHF	-0.81	-0.78	-0.68	-0.63	-0.47
AUD	-0.18	0.01	0.18	0.38	0.30

Economic Events

Date	USD	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
25-Jun-20	USD	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m	4.00%	2.1%	-7.7%
25-Jun-20	USD	Final GDP q/q	-5.0%	-5.0%	-5.0%
25-Jun-20	USD	Unemployment Claims	1480K	1320K	1540K
26-Jun-20	EUR	ECB President Lagarde Speaks			
26-Jun-20	USD	Personal Spending	8.2%	8.9%	-12.6%
30-Jun-20	CNY	Manufacturing PMI	50.9	50.4	50.6
30-Jun-20	CAD	GDP m/m	-11.6%	-12.5%	-7.5%
30-Jun-20	USD	Fed Powell Testifies			
2-Jul-20	USD	Non-Farm Employment Change	3037K	2509K	
2-Jul-20	USD	Unemployment Rate	12.5%	13.3%	

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	0.15	0.16	0.31	0.67	1.42
Germany	-0.58	-0.67	-0.64	-0.39	0.05
United Kingdom	-0.01	-0.08	-0.03	0.21	0.67
Japan	-0.18	-0.14	-0.10	0.02	0.64

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	41.59	16.56	Dow Jones	25,734.97	(0.30)
Brent	42.09	0.14	Nikkei 225	22,162.33	0.18
West Texas	39.81	(0.03)	S&P 500	3,115.86	0.50
Gold	1,764.26	(0.32)	KuwaitSE	5,102.26	(0.55)

Global Indices

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