

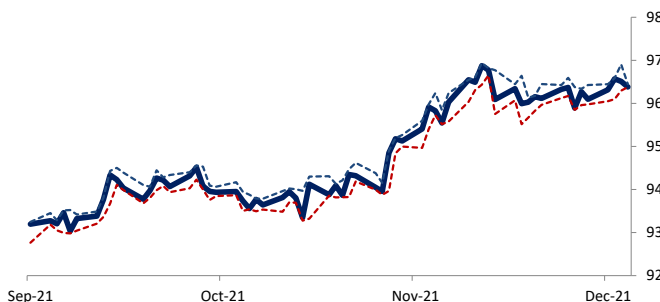
**Kuwaiti Dinar Today**

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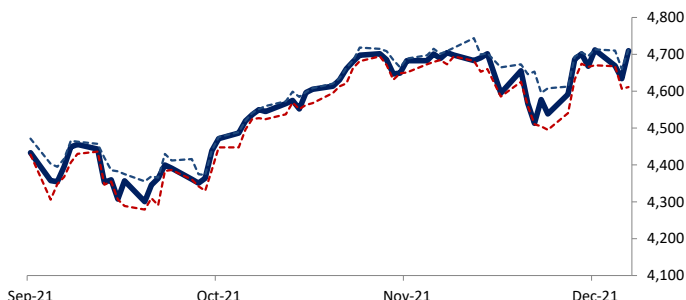
**Key Market Highlights**

- The US Federal Reserve announced it will cut back its stimulus program more quickly than planned as it responds to inflationary pressures. Stimulus will now be reduced by \$30bn a month from \$15bn starting in January. The decision entails stimulus ending by March 2022, opening the door to an interest rate hike in the first half of next year. "Economic activity is on track to expand at a robust pace this year, reflecting progress on vaccinations and the reopening of the economy," said Fed chair Jerome Powell. "In my view, we are making rapid progress toward maximum employment," he added. Officials now forecast inflation will run higher next year than previously projected and that unemployment would fall to 3.5%. Consequently, they forecast that benchmark interest rates would rise from the current near-zero levels to 0.9% by the end of 2022.
- Meanwhile, data released yesterday revealed US retail sales rose by less than expected in November. The data suggests consumers are easing purchases amid the fastest inflation in decades. Overall, retail sales increased 0.3% following a 1.8% gain in October. Excluding volatile items, sales climbed 0.2% in November.
- No significant movements were seen in markets, suggesting the move by the Fed was priced in for the most part. On Wall Street, the S&P 500 index edged lower then closed near its all-time high while the Nasdaq Composite gained 2.15%. Moving to FX, the dollar index rose to a high of 96.906 before retreating. The greenbacks strength has left the euro and sterling trading below the 1.13 and 1.33 marks respectively.

**US Dollar Index**  
3-Month Performance



**S&P 500 Index**  
3-Month Performance



**Chart Points and Other Technical Input**

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1185	1.1220	<b>1.1286</b>	1.1325	1.1380
GBP	1.3165	1.3190	<b>1.3246</b>	1.3285	1.3335
JPY	113.10	113.60	<b>114.08</b>	114.55	114.95
CHF	0.9155	0.9200	<b>0.9254</b>	0.9295	0.9335

**Major Currencies**

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	Major Crosses	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1285	(2.56)	EUR/GBP	0.8512	(4.68)	
GBP/USD	1.3263	(3.07)	GBP/JPY	151.29	(7.68)	
USD/JPY	114.0200	10.61	EUR/JPY	128.79	(1.54)	
USD/CHF	0.9248	4.41	EUR/CHF	1.0437	(5.43)	

**Brief Technical Commentary**

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1298 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently at 1.1286. EUR/USD Resistance levels are at (1.1325-1.1380) any break above would take the pair up to 1.1480. Short term outlook is Bullish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.3282 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3246. GBP/USD Resistance levels are at (1.3285-1.3335) any break above would take the pair up to 1.3410 Short term outlook is Bullish.

**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	0.11	0.21	0.29	0.50
EUR	-0.59	-0.67	-0.61	-0.56	-0.50
GBP	0.08	0.06	0.09	0.27	0.63
CHF	-0.82	-0.81	-0.78	-0.73	-0.58
AUD	-0.03	0.17	0.11	0.24	0.59

**Economic Events**

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
13-Dec-21	GBP	BOE Gov Bailey Speaks			
14-Dec-21	USD	PPI m/m	0.8%	0.5%	0.6%
15-Dec-21	GBP	CPI y/y	5.1%	4.8%	4.2%
15-Dec-21	USD	Core Retail Sales m/m	0.3%	0.9%	1.8%
15-Dec-21	USD	Retail Sales m/m	0.3%	0.8%	1.8%
15-Dec-21	USD	FOMC Statement			
16-Dec-21	AUD	Employment Change	366.1K	203K	-56K
16-Dec-21	CHF	SNB Press Conference			
16-Dec-21	GBP	Monetary Policy Summary			
16-Dec-21	EUR	ECB Press Conference			

**Government Yields**

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	0.23	0.66	1.23	1.45	1.86
Germany	-0.72	-0.69	-0.59	-0.37	-0.06
United Kingdom	0.23	0.46	0.57	0.73	0.89
Japan	-0.13	-0.12	-0.10	0.04	0.65

**Commodities**

Index	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	75.59	2.75	Dow Jones	35,927.43	1.08	
Brent	74.57	0.93	Nikkei 225	29,066.32	2.13	
West Texas	71.66	1.11	S&P 500	4,709.85	1.63	
Gold	1,785.06	0.45	KuwaitSE	7,005.83	3.00	

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