

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Factory output in the US increased more than expected in July, mainly boosted by the production of motor vehicles. The Flash Manufacturing PMI index rose to 53.6 following 50.9 for the previous month, representing growth for a sector which accounts for 11% of the US economy. The industry has registered expansions for July and August following contractions at 36.9 and 39.8 for April and May respectively.
- The S&P 500 and Nasdaq ended last week at record highs, while the Dow remains 6% below its all-time high in February. Meanwhile, bond yields have remained near record lows. The yield on the US 10-year Treasury bond closed last week at 0.64%, while the 2-year yield closed at 0.147%.
- Last week, EU and UK officials failed to provide a breakthrough in developments regarding Brexit. A "Free Trade Agreement" draft was submitted by UK negotiators which they believe shares common ground with the EU, though the efforts did little to break the stalemate. The UK claims that the EU has prolonged this process, while EU critics feel Britain is asking for the same level of access to its single market as it did when it was a member. October 2nd marks the final negotiating round, and is considered the final deadline if any agreement is to be implemented in time for the post-Brexit transition period on December 31st.
- In Canada, retail sales jumped 23% in June following 18.7% in July, recovering from the steep declines seen in April and May. Sales rose in a variety of stores though the most significant gains were seen in cars, clothing, and accessories. The local currency has recovered over 10% of its value from its March low, with the USD/CAD pair closing at 1.3183 - registering 6 weeks of gains against the US dollar.

USD/CAD 6-Month Performance

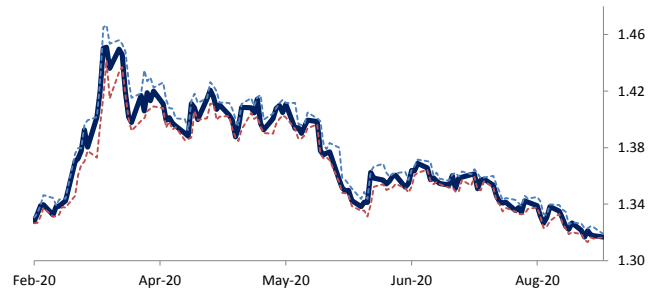


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1700	1.1750	1.1798	1.1850	1.1900
GBP	1.2990	1.3045	1.3094	1.3145	1.3195
JPY	104.80	105.30	105.86	106.35	106.85
CHF	0.9020	0.9070	0.9118	0.9175	0.9220

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1795	5.27	EUR/GBP	0.9009	3.54
GBP/USD	1.3087	(1.19)	GBP/JPY	138.45	(2.93)
USD/JPY	105.7800	(2.31)	EUR/JPY	124.79	2.39
USD/CHF	0.9115	(5.85)	EUR/CHF	1.0752	(0.88)

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1753 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1798. EUR/USD Resistance levels are at (1.1850-1.1900) any break above would take the pair up to 1.2070. Short term outlook is Bullish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.3057 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3094. GBP/USD Resistance levels are at (1.3145-1.3195) any break above would take the pair up to 1.3270. Short term outlook is Bullish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.13	1.38	1.56	1.81	2.13
USD	0.11	0.18	0.25	0.31	0.44
EUR	-0.56	-0.54	-0.52	-0.47	-0.36
GBP	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.12	0.26
CHF	-0.81	-0.78	-0.72	-0.67	-0.53
AUD	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.07	0.10

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
20-Aug-20	USD	Unemployment Claims	1106K	990K	963K
21-Aug-20	EUR	French Flash Services PMI	51.9	56.3	57.3
21-Aug-20	EUR	French Flash Manufacturing PMI	49.0	53.0	52.4
21-Aug-20	GBP	Flash Manufacturing PMI	55.3	54.0	53.3
21-Aug-20	GBP	Flash Services PMI	60.1	57.0	56.5
21-Aug-20	CAD	Retail Sales m/m	23.7%	24.7%	21.2%
25-Aug-20	USD	CB Consumer Confidence		93.2	92.6
26-Aug-20	USD	Durable Goods Orders		4.0%	7.6%
26-Aug-20	USD	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m		1.7%	3.6%
27-Aug-20	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	0.12	0.14	0.26	0.63	1.33
Germany	-0.59	-0.70	-0.71	-0.51	-0.09
United Kingdom	-0.05	0.00	-0.05	0.20	0.78
Japan	-0.13	-0.12	-0.10	0.02	0.59

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	44.00	(0.09)	Dow Jones	27,930.33	0.69
Brent	44.43	0.18	Nikkei 225	22,982.33	0.27
West Texas	42.27	0.09	S&P 500	3,397.16	0.34
Gold	1,933.60	(0.30)	KuwaitSE	5,131.25	(1.36)

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