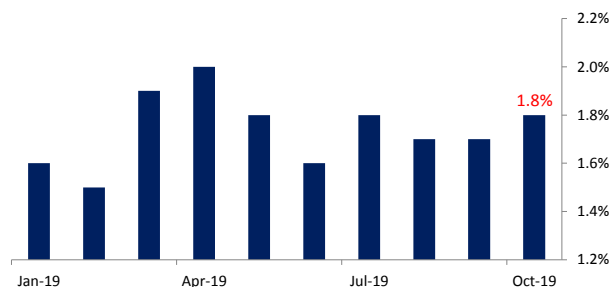


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Consumer inflation in the US rose in October at a quicker pace than forecast to a three-month high of 1.8%. The figure was mainly boosted by energy costs which showed a 3.7% y/y rise. Medical care, fuel, and utilities were the main drivers for the increase. Core inflation, which factors out volatile food and energy prices, slowed to 2.3% last month from 2.4% in September. The annual pace remains below the Federal Reserve's inflation target, which supports the bank's decision to cut interest rate for the third time this year. The greenback did not react strongly to the news, with the dollar index steady at around 98.4.
- Employment in Australia saw its sharpest drop in three years, illustrating the need for stimulus to revive economic activity. The jobless rate rose to 5.3% in October from 5.2%, versus expectations of it holding still at 5.2%. The number of jobs fell 19,000 from September, compared with economists' forecast of a 15,000 gain. Still, the labor market remains somewhat resilient over the past year as hiring expanded at an annual pace of 1.4% even as the economy decelerated sharply. The Reserve Bank of Australia has cut rates three times since June to a historic low of 0.75% in an attempt to boost hiring and investment. So far, easing has shown little impact apart from a revival in home price inflation. The hope of the central bank is that the combination of rate cuts and government tax rebates will eventually encourage consumers to spend. The Australian dollar declined approximately 0.65% from Wednesday's opening, and is currently trading at around a one month low of 0.6796.



AUD/USD
3-Month Performance

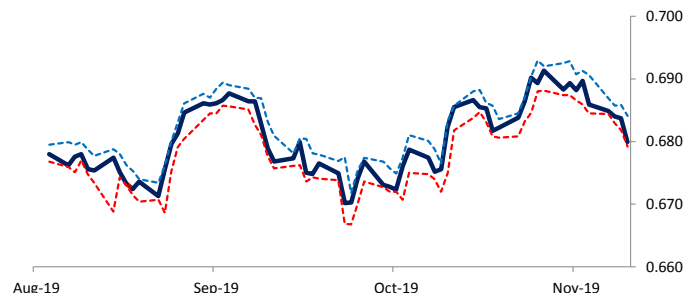


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0900	1.0950	1.1003	1.1055	1.1105
GBP	1.2735	1.2785	1.2840	1.2890	1.2945
JPY	107.75	108.20	108.70	109.20	109.75
CHF	0.9895	0.9845	0.9895	0.9945	0.9995

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1006	(4.12)	EUR/GBP	0.8563	(4.65)
GBP/USD	1.2849	0.63	GBP/JPY	139.83	(0.33)
USD/JPY	108.8100	(1.40)	EUR/JPY	119.76	(5.28)
USD/CHF	0.9899	0.84	EUR/CHF	1.0896	(3.24)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.0993 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1003. EUR/USD Support is at (1.0900-1.0950) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0825. Short term outlook is Bearish; however a break above the 1.1280 Level negates our Bearish outlook.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.2820 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2840. GBP/USD Support is at (1.2735-1.2785) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2655. Short term outlook is Bearish; however a break above the 1.3185 level negates our Bearish outlook.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.19	2.50	2.75	2.94	3.19
USD	1.60	1.76	1.91	1.93	2.01
EUR	-0.54	-0.51	-0.44	-0.39	-0.29
GBP	0.69	0.72	0.79	0.88	0.97
CHF	-0.77	-0.74	-0.70	-0.64	-0.52
AUD	0.65	0.79	1.05	1.07	1.12

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
7-Nov-19	GBP	BOE Monetary Policy Report			
7-Nov-19	GBP	Official Bank Rate	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%
8-Nov-19	CAD	Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
11-Nov-19	CNY	New Loans	661B	800B	1690B
11-Nov-19	GBP	Prelim GDP q/q	0.3%	0.4%	-0.2%
13-Nov-19	NZD	Official Cash Rate	1%	0.75%	1%
13-Nov-19	GBP	CPI y/y	1.5%	1.60%	1.70%
13-Nov-19	USD	CPI m/m	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%
14-Nov-19	AUD	Employment change	-19K	16.2K	14.7K
14-Nov-19	GBP	Retail Sales m/m		0.20%	0.00%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.55	1.63	1.68	1.87	2.35
Germany	-0.68	-0.65	-0.59	-0.30	0.19
United Kingdom	0.64	0.53	0.52	0.75	1.28
Japan	-0.20	-0.21	-0.20	-0.08	0.44

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	64.94	1.96	Dow Jones	27,783.59	0.33
Brent	62.76	0.63	Nikkei 225	23,150.95	(0.72)
West Texas	57.54	0.74	S&P 500	3,094.04	0.07
Gold	1,465.46	0.17	KuwaitSE	5,741.99	0.20

Global Indices

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