

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The Trump administration has restored all sanctions previously lifted under Obama's 2015 nuclear deal with Iran, targeting core parts of the country's economy. Iran's President Hassan Rouhani earlier claimed more than 20 nations had already cut their oil intake, and exports had fallen by a million barrels a day. However, the Trump administration has granted temporary exemptions with no time frame for 8 countries, including some of Iran's largest trading partners, China and India. The sanctions have aimed at over 700 targets including individuals, entities, major banks, oil exporters, and shipping companies.
- Looking at the equity markets, global stocks and specifically Asian equities remain under pressure as trade tensions between the two largest economies show no sign of cooling down in a period of elevated US interest rates. The latest positive US labor report further reinforces the hawkish views of FOMC members on interest rates, which is a negative sentiment for global equities. In Asia, the Topix index lost 1.11% of its value during yesterday's session and is down 8.49% on a monthly basis. As for the Nikkei, the index is almost lower by 8% over the month. In New York, the S&P 500 ended 0.6% higher and the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 0.8%. The tech-heavy Nasdaq slipped 0.4% after weak earnings by Apple.
- In Turkey, prices continue to soar and the consumer inflation rate rose above 25% as the month on month figure was inflated by 2.67% in October. At the beginning of the year the CPI data was hovering around 10%. In annual terms, household appliances increased 38%, transportation expenses up by 32%, and food and beverages climbed 32%. The main factor attributing to the high inflation is the depreciation of the Turkish lira which has lost almost 30% of its value to the US dollar year to date. The Turkish monetary policy committee is scheduled to meet on December 13 as the monetary setters stated that they will retain a tight monetary policy to curb the high degree of inflation. However, the Bank left its benchmark rate unchanged in October even after inflation hit a 15-year high.

S&P 500
3-Month Performance



US Dollar Index
3-Month Performance

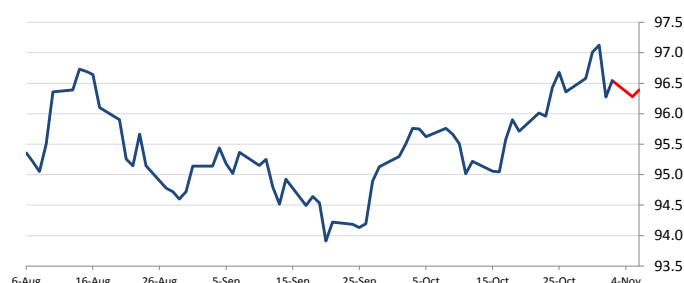


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1295	1.1350	1.1403	1.1455	1.1500
GBP	1.2940	1.2990	1.3047	1.3090	1.3145
JPY	112.25	112.70	113.32	113.85	114.30
CHF	0.9965	1.0005	1.0051	1.0095	1.0140

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1406	(4.98)	EUR/GBP	0.8748	(1.67)
GBP/USD	1.3040	(3.38)	GBP/JPY	147.60	(2.67)
USD/JPY	113.18	0.65	EUR/JPY	129.11	(4.32)
USD/CHF	1.0043	3.10	EUR/CHF	1.1456	(1.96)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1424 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1401. EUR/USD Support is at (1.1295-1.1350) any break below targets 1.1180. Short term outlook is slightly Bullish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved up to the 113.34 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 113.32. USD/JPY Support is at (112.25-112.70) any break below targets 111.70. Short term and medium term outlook are neutral.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.25	1.81	2.06	2.38	2.63
USD	2.21	2.32	2.59	2.84	3.12
EUR	-0.45	-0.41	-0.35	-0.33	-0.23
GBP	0.71	0.73	0.84	0.97	1.12
CHF	-0.80	-0.79	-0.75	-0.66	-0.53
AUD	1.62	1.76	2.35	2.30	2.20

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
5-Nov-18	GBP	Services PMI	52.2	53.4	53.9
5-Nov-18	USD	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI	60.3	59.3	61.6
6-Nov-18	AUD	RBA Rate Statement			
6-Nov-18	USD	Congressional Elections			
8-Nov-18	USD	FOMC Statement			
8-Nov-18	USD	Federal Funds Rate		<2.25%	<2.25%
9-Nov-18	GBP	GDP m/m		0.1%	0.0%
9-Nov-18	GBP	Manufacturing Production m/m		0.1%	-0.2%
9-Nov-18	GBP	Prelim GDP q/q		0.6%	0.4%
9-Nov-18	USD	PPI m/m		0.3%	0.2%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.67	2.91	3.03	3.20	3.43
Germany	-0.69	-0.65	-0.18	0.42	1.06
United Kingdom	0.77	0.79	1.08	1.50	1.90
Japan	-0.15	-0.14	-0.08	0.12	0.88

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	71.79	0.20	Dow Jones	25,461.70	0.76
Brent	71.77	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	22,140.79	1.10
West Texas	63.07	(0.16)	S&P 500	2,738.31	0.56
Gold	1,230.36	(0.04)	KuwaitSE	5,053.01	(0.90)

Global Indices

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