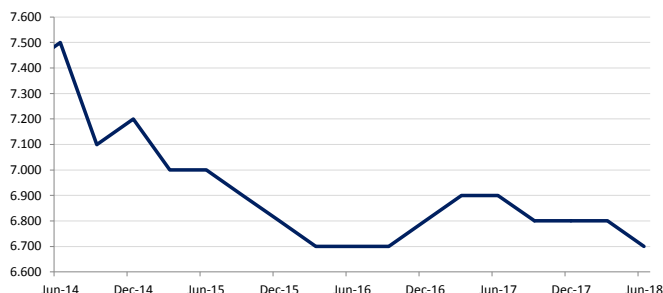


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Asian shares fell this morning as new data showed China's economy slowed slightly in the second quarter combined with fears of a full-scale trade war looming over markets. China's Shanghai index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 0.8% and 0.4% respectively.
- Official data showed China's economy grew 6.7% in the second quarter of 2018, down from the 6.8% seen in the last three quarters. The slowdown is attributed to the effects of a multi-year crackdown by Beijing on riskier lending that has driven up corporate borrowing costs. Also, June factory output growth weakened to a two-year low in a worrying sign as a heated trade war with the United States threatens to drop exports.
- In a meeting with the European parliament, ECB's Mario Draghi delivered a bullish assessment of the Eurozone's economic prospects. He said that the Policymakers aggressive monetary easing, including the landmark quantitative easing program, has been "very effective" and will boost growth and inflation by 1.9 percentage points between 2016 and 2020. Draghi did however point out that they needed to be patient, persistent and prudent in their policy to insure that inflation remains on a sustained adjustment path.
- Oil prices fell as concerns about supply disruptions eased and Libyan ports resumed export activities, while traders eyed potential supply increases by oil producers. Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak said on Friday Russia and other major oil producers may increase output further should supply shortages hit the global oil market.

China GDP y/y



Brent Crude

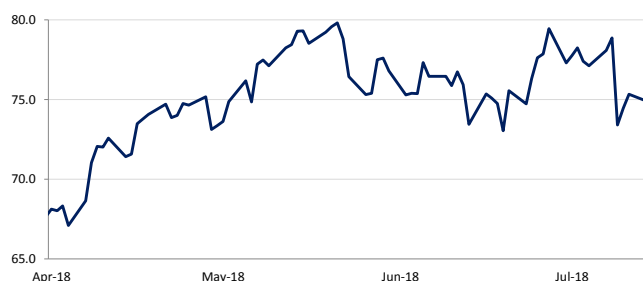


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1580	1.1630	1.1682	1.1735	1.1795
GBP	1.3130	1.3180	1.3234	1.3285	1.3340
JPY	111.40	111.90	112.47	113.05	113.55
CHF	0.9915	0.9965	1.0016	1.0065	1.0115

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1685	(2.49)	EUR/GBP	0.8831	(0.59)
GBP/USD	1.3232	(2.00)	GBP/JPY	148.59	(2.15)
USD/JPY	112.36	(0.25)	EUR/JPY	131.27	(2.74)
USD/CHF	1.0016	2.73	EUR/CHF	1.1703	0.16

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1610 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1682 EUR/USD Support is at (1.1580-1.1610) any break below targets 1.1500. Short term outlook is slightly bearish and any move up should be limited to 1.1855. However, medium term outlook remains bearish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved up to the 112.79 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 112.47 USD/JPY Resistance is at (113.35-113.55) any break above targets 114.70 Short term and medium term outlook remains bullish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.19	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.50
USD	1.96	2.07	2.34	2.52	2.79
EUR	-0.43	-0.40	-0.36	-0.31	-0.23
GBP	0.48	0.56	0.74	0.84	1.01
CHF	-0.79	-0.77	-0.72	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	2.35	2.24	2.30	2.43	2.30

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
15-Jul-18	CNY	GDP q/y	6.7%	6.7%	6.8%
16-Jul-18	USD	Core Retail Sales m/m	-	0.4%	0.9%
16-Jul-18	USD	Retail Sales m/m	-	0.4%	0.8%
16-Jul-18	NZD	CPI q/q	-	0.5%	0.5%
16-Jul-18	AUD	Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes	-	-	-
17-Jul-18	GBP	BOE Gov Carney Speaks	-	-	-
17-Jul-18	GBP	Average Earnings Index 3m/y	-	2.5%	2.5%
17-Jul-18	USD	Fed Chair Powell Testifies	-	-	-
18-Jul-18	GBP	CPI y/y	-	2.6%	2.4%
18-Jul-18	USD	Building Permits	-	1.33M	1.35M

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.33	2.58	2.73	2.83	2.94
Germany	-0.69	-0.67	-0.31	0.28	1.00
United Kingdom	0.71	0.73	1.02	1.27	1.72
Japan	-0.15	-0.15	-0.12	0.02	0.66

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	72.56	0.88	Dow Jones	25,019.41	94.52
Brent	73.80	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	22,597.35	409.39
West Texas	70.98	(0.14)	S&P 500	2,801.31	3.02
Gold	1,243.50	0.20	KuwaitSE	5,214.82	10.39

Global Indices

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