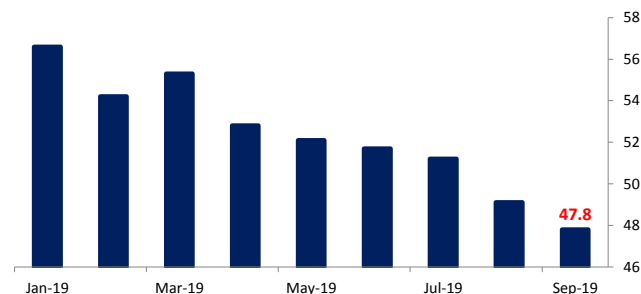
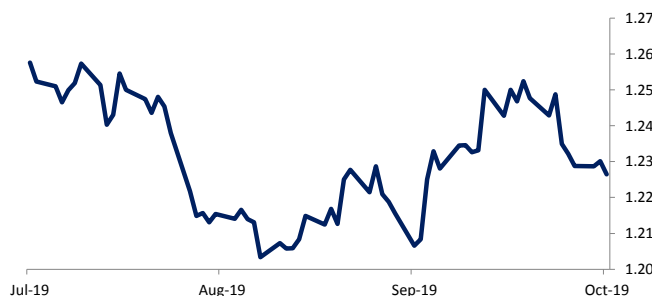


US Manufacturing

YTD Performance



GBP/USD 3-Month Performance



Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The US dollar was on the defensive in Tuesday's trading session as the EUR, CHF and JPY all appreciated. Data out of the US economy disappointed to the downside, paving the way for currencies to gain value over the USD. Looking at the data, the American manufacturing sector has been in a downward trajectory for the past six readings and is currently at a 10-year low of 47.8. Any reading below 50 indicates that the manufacturing sector, which accounts for about 11% of the US economy, is shrinking. In the bonds market, the 2-year Treasury yield plummeted by around 10 basis points to a low of 1.534% after the negative data reached markets. Most importantly, the probability that the Federal Reserve will lower the overnight rate by 25 basis points on October 30th rose above 60%.
- UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson will send his final Brexit offer to the European Union today in Manchester. He has warned that he will walk away from the table and take Britain out of the bloc without a deal if Brussels refuses to engage with him. Details of his proposal were reported by a newspaper late Tuesday, leading Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney to claim it didn't look like the basis for a deal and described the report as "concerning." The PM will propose the scraping of the Irish border backstop, requiring custom checks between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland – something both Ireland and the EU oppose. With less than a month to go until Britain is due to leave, the sterling has fallen 1.75% in the past two weeks and is currently trading at around 1.2280.

Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0830	1.0880	1.0931	1.0985	1.1030
GBP	1.2180	1.2230	1.2281	1.2330	1.2380
JPY	106.85	107.30	107.83	108.30	108.85
CHF	0.9835	0.9875	0.9933	0.9985	1.0025

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.0877 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.0931. EUR/USD Support is at (1.0830-1.0880) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0775. Short term outlook is Bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.2205 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2281. GBP/USD Support is at (1.2180-1.2230) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2090. Short term outlook is Bearish.

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0930	(4.72)	EUR/GBP	0.8884	(0.86)
GBP/USD	1.2301	(3.87)	GBP/JPY	132.56	(5.58)
USD/JPY	107.7400	(2.21)	EUR/JPY	117.77	(6.65)
USD/CHF	0.9933	1.36	EUR/CHF	1.0857	(3.41)

Major Crosses

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.38	2.63	2.88	3.06	3.25
USD	1.89	2.01	2.09	2.06	2.04
EUR	-0.55	-0.51	-0.45	-0.42	-0.36
GBP	0.69	0.72	0.76	0.83	0.91
CHF	-0.84	-0.81	-0.77	-0.72	-0.61
AUD	0.61	0.72	1.07	0.97	0.97

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
30-Sep-19	CNY	Caixin Manufacturing PMI	51.4	50.2	50.4
30-Sep-19	GBP	Current Account	-25.2B	-19.2B	-30.0B
30-Sep-19	GBP	Final GDP q/q	-0.2	-0.2%	-0.2%
1-Oct-19	AUD	Cash Rate	-0.2%	0.75%	1.00%
1-Oct-19	EUR	CPI Flash Estimate y/y	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%
1-Oct-19	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI	47.8	50.4	49.1
2-Oct-19	USD	ADP Non-Farm Employment Change		140K	195K
3-Oct-19	USD	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI		55.1	56.4
4-Oct-19	USD	Average Hourly Earnings m/m		0.3%	0.4%
4-Oct-19	USD	Non-Farm Employment Change		140K	130K

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.64	1.56	1.51	1.66	2.13
Germany	-0.72	-0.76	-0.79	-0.54	-0.06
United Kingdom	0.43	0.36	0.24	0.50	0.99
Japan	-0.30	-0.31	-0.33	-0.17	0.39

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	60.69	(0.51)	Dow Jones	26,573.04	(1.28)
Brent	59.35	0.78	Nikkei 225	21,782.36	(0.47)
West Texas	53.65	1.10	S&P 500	2,940.25	(1.23)
Gold	1,474.68	(0.26)	KuwaitSE	5,668.17	(0.14)

Global Indices

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