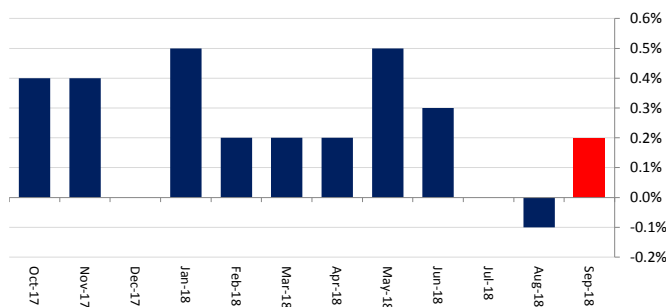


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Looking at equities, the US stock market experienced its largest drop since February. The Dow fell more than 800 points, while the S&P tumbled more than 3%. Tech-heavy stocks were hit the hardest as the Nasdaq Composite dropped more than 4%. The selling streak won't seem to slowdown given that investors have many aspects to worry about: the US-China trade war, rising yields, and waning confidence. As the global sell-off spreads, Asian markets tumbled as well. Japan's Topix index was down 3.4% just shortly after markets opened. In Hong Kong, stocks also dropped 3%. The stock market decline brought along public criticism from president Trump, claiming the US central bank's commitment to raising rates is a mistake.
- US producer price index advanced for the first time in 3 months reporting a 0.2% rise in September. The PPI figures came in line with forecasts and saw a recovery from the unexpected 0.1% drop in August. The increase was mainly attributed to a 1.8% rise in transportation and warehousing services. Overall, though cost of goods reflected a decline in both food and energy by 0.1%, service prices were able to offset the drop by increasing 0.3%. The core PPI which excludes food, energy, and trade services recorded its highest growth since a 0.5% increase in January, rising 0.4% last month. The dollar lost some ground after an incredibly strong week, as both the sterling and yen gained against the greenback.
- In the UK, growth has appeared to recover from the difficult start to the year as the summer brought along a boost in the economy. The Office for National Statistics reported on Wednesday that GDP rose 0.7% in the 3 months ending in August, beating expectations of 0.6%. Construction activity rose 2.9% over the 3 months, while production rose 0.7%. However, the summer boom cannot deny the stagnant overall growth, as ONS head of GDP Rob Kent-Smith explained: "The economy performed particularly well during the hot summer months", adding "However, long-term growth continues to lag behind its historical trend." The pound rose by 2.13% this past week due to the GDP reports along with positive sentiment regarding Brexit, currently trading at around 1.3221.

US Producer Price Index
1-Year Performance



S&P 500
3-Month Performance

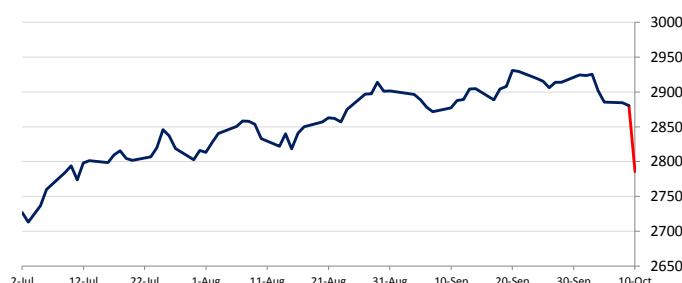


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1455	1.1505	1.1562	1.1610	1.1665
GBP	1.3125	1.3170	1.3220	1.3270	1.3325
JPY	111.15	111.65	112.17	112.65	113.15
CHF	0.9755	0.9815	0.9862	0.9910	0.9960

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1518	(3.63)	EUR/GBP	0.8730	(1.61)
GBP/USD	1.3194	(2.13)	GBP/JPY	148.11	(2.51)
USD/JPY	112.27	(0.49)	EUR/JPY	129.32	(4.11)
USD/CHF	0.9899	1.26	EUR/CHF	1.1404	(2.40)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1545 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1562 EUR/USD Support is at (1.1405-1.1455) any break below targets 1.1295 Short term and medium term outlook remain neutral.

USD/JPY: The pair moved down to the 112.23 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 112.18 USD/JPY Support is at (111.15-111.35) any break below targets 110.25 Short term and medium term outlook are bearish .

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.19	1.69	2.00	2.31	2.56
USD	2.20	2.28	2.43	2.64	2.97
EUR	-0.43	-0.41	-0.36	-0.31	-0.22
GBP	0.71	0.72	0.80	0.91	1.09
CHF	-0.81	-0.78	-0.74	-0.66	-0.53
AUD	1.88	2.03	2.37	2.31	2.15

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
10-Oct-18	USD	FOMC Member Williams Speaks			
10-Oct-18	GBP	GDP m/m	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%
10-Oct-18	GBP	Manufacturing Production m/m	-0.2%	0.1%	-0.2%
10-Oct-18	USD	PPI m/m	0.2%	0.2%	-0.1%
11-Oct-18	USD	MPC Member Vlieghe Speaks			
11-Oct-18	JPY	PPI y/y		2.9%	3.0%
11-Oct-18	GBP	MPC Member Vlieghe Speaks			
11-Oct-18	USD	CPI m/m		0.2%	0.2%
11-Oct-18	USD	Crude Oil Inventories			8.0M
12-Oct-18	CNY	Trade Balance			180B

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.66	2.83	2.99	3.16	3.34
Germany	-0.66	-0.58	-0.10	0.55	1.14
United Kingdom	0.78	0.85	1.28	1.72	2.08
Japan	-0.14	-0.13	-0.08	0.13	0.92

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	80.16	(3.40)	Dow Jones	25,598.74	(3.15)
Brent	84.16	(0.02)	Nikkei 225	22,548.09	(4.08)
West Texas	73.13	(0.14)	S&P 500	2,785.68	(3.29)
Gold	1,193.06	(0.11)	KuwaitSE	5,092.45	(0.90)

Global Indices

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