

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Asian markets were mixed in today's morning trade session. Nikkei index took a dip by 0.45% taking the index to 22,655.25 as the yen appreciated against the dollar taking the pair to 112.63 after yesterday's Fed interest rate hike. In Wall Street, a bit of a surprise as S&P 500 was marginally lower by 0.05% while the Dow Jones capitalized on the Fed announcement and appreciated by 0.33%.
- As expected, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates yesterday for the third time in 2017. The Fed chose to hike by 25bps, taking the target rate range to 1.25%-1.50%. However, despite lifting its estimate for economic growth next year to 2.5% from 2.1%, the central bank still does not see inflation accelerating. Afterwards, the dollar index fell against other major currencies in spite of a rate hike as the future rate forecasts were left unchanged. The Fed still projects three more hikes in both 2018 and 2019.
- In Europe, the industrial production rose by 0.2% in October after dropping -0.5% in September. Furthermore, Eurozone employment rose by 0.4% in the third quarter, showing underlying strengthening in the economy.
- U.S. consumer price index climbed in November from 0.1% to 0.4%, in line with market forecasts. Core CPI increased 0.1% in November from the previous month and 1.7% from a year earlier. The slowdown in core inflation can be partly attributed to the shelter index's increase of 0.2% from the prior month, the smallest gain since July. Shelter accounts for about one-third of the headline index.

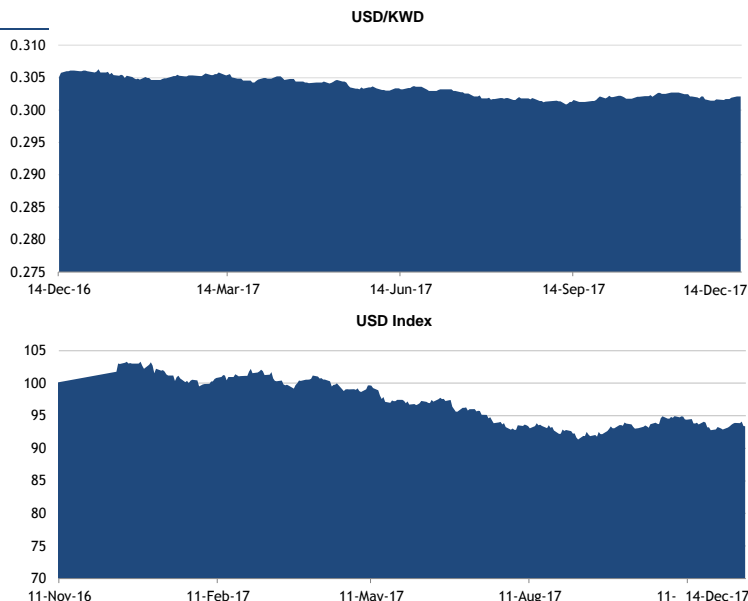


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1720	1.1770	1.1829	1.1880	1.1930
GBP	1.3335	1.3385	1.3440	1.3495	1.3550
JPY	111.65	112.10	112.58	113.15	113.75
CHF	0.9845	0.9805	0.9849	0.9900	0.9955

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1825	12.49	EUR/GBP	0.8811	3.35
GBP/USD	1.3418	8.88	GBP/JPY	151.00	4.99
USD/JPY	112.53	(3.67)	EUR/JPY	133.08	8.13
USD/CHF	0.9854	(3.22)	EUR/CHF	1.1651	8.69

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

The EUR/USD pair moved down to the 1.1728 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1829. EUR Resistance is at (1.1930-1.1960) any break above targets 1.2090 level and Support is at (1.1690-1.1720) any break below targets 1.1550. The pair is currently Neutral.

The USD/JPY pair moved down to the 112.43 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 112.58. USD/JPY Resistance is at (113.75-114.05) any break above targets 115.55 and Support is at (111.45-111.65) any break below targets 110.80. The pair is currently Neutral.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.25	1.56	1.75	2.00	2.31
USD	1.43	1.48	1.59	1.76	2.04
EUR	-0.42	-0.42	-0.39	-0.32	-0.26
GBP	0.48	0.49	0.52	0.58	0.77
CHF	-0.79	-0.82	-0.75	-0.65	-0.53
AUD	2.78	2.86	2.95	3.05	3.33

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
12-Dec-17	GBP	CPI Y/Y	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%
12-Dec-17	USD	PPI m/m	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
12-Dec-17	EUR	ECB President Draghi Speaks			
13-Dec-17	GBP	Average Earnings Index 3m/y	2.5%	2.5%	2.2%
13-Dec-17	USD	CPI m/m	0.4%	0.4%	0.1%
13-Dec-17	USD	Federal Funds Rate	<1.50%	<1.50%	<1.25%
14-Dec-17	CHF	Libor Rate		-0.75%	-0.75%
14-Dec-17	GBP	MPC Official Bank Rate Votes		0.5%	0.5%
14-Dec-17	EUR	Minimum Bid Rate		0.00%	0.00%
14-Dec-17	USD	Retail Sales m/m		0.3%	0.2%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.66	1.79	2.13	2.36	2.74
Germany	-0.84	-0.76	-0.37	0.31	1.15
United Kingdom	0.37	0.47	0.73	1.21	1.78
Japan	-0.16	-0.16	-0.12	0.04	0.80

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	59.21	(1.95)	Dow Jones	24,585.43	80.63
Brent	64.40	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	22,659.48	(98.12)
West Texas	56.54	(0.18)	S&P 500	2,662.85	(1.26)
Gold	1,258.38	0.18	KuwaitSE	6,237.87	40.29

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