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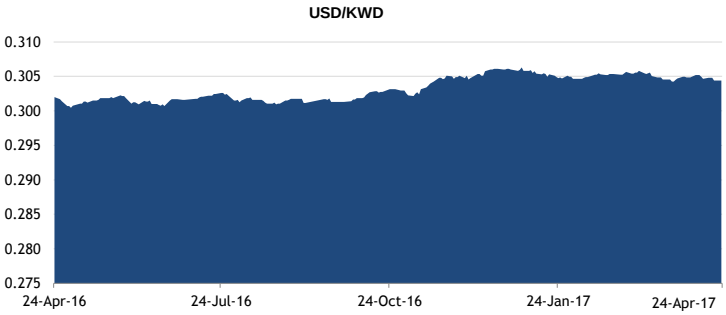
Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Earlier today, Asian equity markets are mostly higher as global uncertainty decreased after markets reacted positively to the outcome of the first round of the French presidential election. The Nikkei index rose near three weeks high and is currently up by 1.29%. Last week, all three major US equity indices closed in negative territory on Friday, pressured by lower oil prices and investors' concerns before the French election. The Dow Jones and S&P closed down by 0.15% and 0.30%.

- On the currency front, the single currency appreciated to a five months high of 1.0940 in early trading hours after the centrist candidate Emmanuel Macron won the first round of the French Presidential election. Although separatist Marine Le Pen also made it through to the second round, polls still indicate that Macron is still in the lead. The EUR/USD is currently trading at 1.0868, up by 1.28%.

- In the commodities space, the price of gold fell by 1.1% today as investors demand for safe haven assets diminished after the first round French election outcome. On another front, a number of major crude-producing countries reached an initial agreement to extend output cuts as persistently high stockpiles weigh on prices. However, OPEC and other major suppliers have failed, after three months of limiting production, to achieve their target of reducing oil inventories below the five-year historical average.



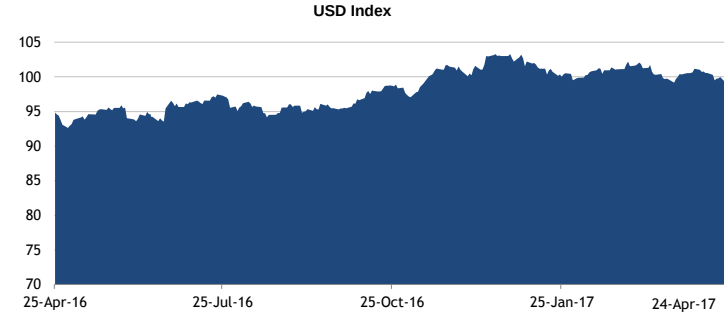


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0715	1.0790	**1.0851**	1.0930	1.0990
GBP	1.2675	1.2730	**1.2793**	1.2850	1.2905
JPY	108.90	109.50	**110.14**	110.75	111.25
CHF	0.9875	0.9915	**0.9968**	1.0030	1.0110

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0726	3.34
GBP/USD	1.2813	3.67
USD/JPY	109.07	(5.74)
USD/CHF	0.9958	(2.16)

Major Crosses

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/GBP	0.8375	(0.32)
GBP/JPY	139.80	(2.17)
EUR/JPY	116.98	(2.82)
EUR/CHF	1.0683	0.93

Brief Technical Commentary

The EUR/USD pair rose to 1.0935 during Earlly Monday's trading session and currently sets at 1.0851, EUR Resistance is at (1.0930-1.0990) any break above tragets 1.1200. The pair is currently Bullish.

The USD/JPY pair advanced to the 110.63 level during Early Monday's trading session and currently sets at 110.14, USD/JPY Resistance is at (110.75-111.25) any break above targets 114.00 level The pair is currently Bullish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	0.94	1.38	1.63	1.88	2.13
USD	0.95	0.99	1.16	1.40	1.74
EUR	-0.40	-0.40	-0.36	-0.26	-0.14
GBP	0.24	0.25	0.34	0.48	0.69
CHF	-0.81	-0.78	-0.73	-0.67	-0.51
AUD	2.78	2.86	2.95	3.05	3.33

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
24-Apr-17	EUR	German Ifo		112.4	112.3
25-Apr-17	USD	CB Consumer Confidence		123.7	125.6
26-Apr-17	AUD	CPI q/q		0.6%	0.5%
27-Apr-17	JPY	Monetary Policy Statement		-	-
27-Apr-17	JPY	BOJ Policy Rate		-0.10%	-0.10%
27-Apr-17	EUR	Minimum Bid Rate		0.00%	0.00%
27-Apr-17	EUR	ECB Press Conference		-	-
27-Apr-17	USD	C. Durable Goods Orders		0.4%	0.5%
28-Apr-17	GBP	Prelim GDP q/q		0.4%	0.6%
28-Apr-17	USD	Advance GDP q/q		1.3%	2.1%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	0.97	1.25	1.84	2.31	2.95
Germany	-0.80	-0.71	-0.36	0.35	1.06
United Kingdom	0.04	0.08	0.49	1.03	1.65
Japan	-0.22	-0.22	-0.16	0.02	0.77

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	49.64	(1.47)
Brent	49.02	(0.04)
West Texas	49.59	(0.20)
Gold	1,274.90	(1.10)

Global Indices

Index	Last Price	Change
Dow Jones	18,898.35	277.60
Nikkei 225	18,620.75	190.26
S&P 500	2,348.69	(7.15)
KuwaitSE	6,812.30	(6.74)

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