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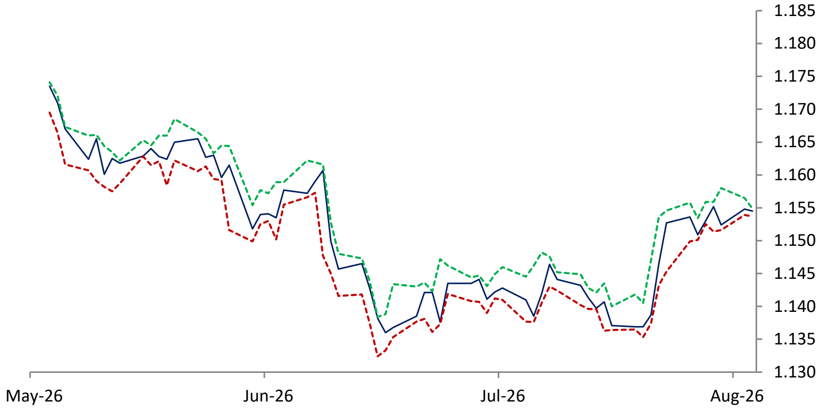
Key Market Highlights:

- The euro remains under pressure as stalled U.S.-Iran negotiations keep the Strait of Hormuz reopening uncertain and push energy prices higher. Brent crude is around ~$88, while U.S. crude is near ~$82.45, with further indication to note that oil could remain volatile in a $75–$95 range as the standoff continues. Higher energy costs are particularly negative for the euro because the EU remains heavily exposed to imported energy, reviving the growth and inflation squeeze that has weighed on EUR/USD. With the EUR/USD pair near the $1.15 area, the dollar shows to have benefited from the renewed energy shock, whether directly or indirectly as the USD remains active in the capacity of a safe haven currency. The immediate EUR/USD bias therefore remains defensive while Hormuz and oil headlines dominate. A sustained break below $1.15 would deepen the signal, while stabilization above that level would offer the first indication that energy pressure is easing. For now, the euro has little room to recover while crude remains elevated and investors favor the dollar as a relative safe haven. The next major catalyst is whether the U.S.-Iran talks produce a credible reopening of Hormuz, which would directly ease the energy premium embedded in European currencies.
- The yen was partially stabilizing after the joint U.S.-Japan intervention, although the initial boost is already fading. USD/JPY fell sharply from the ~163.99 40-year low before retracing part of the move, recently carrying on a slow march back and trading around ~158.93–159, leaving the yen stronger than before but still vulnerable and gradually weakening. Attention now shifts to U.S. inflation, with July CPI due Wednesday, August 12, followed by PPI Thursday, August 13, and retail sales Friday. The data will therefore determine whether markets rebuild expectations for a September Fed hike, while traders simultaneously watch Tokyo for signs of further intervention.

EUR/USD
3-Month Performance



Technical Levels	Support 2	Support 1	Spot	Resistance 1	Resistance 2
EUR	1.1450	1.1500	1.1540	1.1600	1.1650
GBP	1.3400	1.3450	1.3505	1.3550	1.3600
JPY	158.10	158.75	159.20	159.80	160.20
CHF	0.8000	0.8050	0.8100	0.8150	0.8200

Currencies	Closing	YTD %		Closing	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1542	1.75	EUR/GBP	0.8547	2.03
GBP/USD	1.3503	0.28	GBP/JPY	215.16	1.91
USD/JPY	159.30	1.62	EUR/JPY	183.86	0.14
USD/CHF	0.8102	2.27	EUR/CHF	0.9352	0.47

Brief Technical Commentary

Energy supply disruptions continue to weigh on the EUR as supply through the strait remains subdued. EURUSD continues to trade in a 1.1500-1.1580 range for the past week. Support for the pair is at 1.1500 and 1.1450. Resistance is at 1.1600 followed by 1.1650.

USDJPY continues to tick higher post intervention with the pair now at 159.20, 2.6% higher than the low we have seen on Monday morning. Support is at 158.75 and 158.10. Resistance is at 159.80 followed by 160.20.

Commodities	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	79.98	6.77	Dow Jones	53,975.98	0.11
Brent	87.70	0.02	Nikkei 225	66,970.22	2.08
West Texas	82.18	0.06	S&P 500	7,753.11	0.06
Gold	4,404.96	0.53	KuwaitSE	8,859.27	0.20

Economic Events	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
11-Aug-26	AUD	Cash Rate	4.35%	4.35%	4.35%
11-Aug-26	AUD	RBA Monetary Policy Statement			
12-Aug-26	USD	CPI m/m		0.1%	-0.4%
12-Aug-26	USD	CPI y/y		3.4%	3.5%
13-Aug-26	NZD	Inflation Expectations			2.53%
13-Aug-26	GBP	GDP m/m		-0.1%	0.1%
13-Aug-26	USD	PPI m/m		0.2%	-0.3%
13-Aug-26	USD	Unemployment Claims		202K	199K
14-Aug-26	AUD	RBA Governor Bullock Speaks			
14-Aug-26	USD	Retail Sales m/m		0.1%	0.2%

Local & Global Rates (%)	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.50	3.38	3.56	3.75	3.94
USD	3.62	3.64	3.74	3.86	4.01
EUR	2.13	2.20	2.47	2.68	2.90
GBP	3.73	3.74	3.78	3.89	4.08

Government Yields (%)	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	4.03	4.25	4.42	4.72	5.27
Germany	2.53	2.79	2.90	3.18	3.66
United Kingdom	4.18	4.34	4.33	5.00	5.73
Japan	1.38	1.60	2.08	2.81	3.94

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