

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

FX Themes/Strategy/Trading Ideas

- With widespread risk aversion failing to materialize (from either North Korea
 or Turkey or EM), the greenback (NY on a long weekend) ended mixed
 across G10 although investor caution continued to be demonstrated via
 across the board underperformance by the cyclicals (AUD, NZD, CAD).
- The EUR found broad based support following hawkish ECB rhetoric from Lautenschlaeger and from better than expected German August industrial production. The GBP meanwhile managed some altitude against the USD with PM May slightly worse for wear but with her premiership still intact.
- Going ahead, Catalonia-related risks may continue to hum in the background while on other fronts, watch also for potential USD negativity if the tax vote in the Senate hits a roadblock. Overall, while we remain in favor of the greenback in terms of our tactical views, markets may remain somewhat in a flux intra-day while attempting to grasp onto new cues.
- For today, the Fed's Kashkari is on tap (1400 GMT) while the IMF/World Bank festivities get underway from today. Watch also for potential headlines from the RBA's Debelle (0320 GMT) and the Bank of Canada's Wilkins (1800 GMT). The global data stream meanwhile includes UK August industrial production and trade numbers (0830 GMT).
- Despite background expectations for a November BOE rate hike, Brexit-related and domestic political negatives (no less than doubts over PM May's leadership) continuing to circulate for the pound and with the greenback likely to attempt to gain further traction post-NFP, we institute a tactical short GBP-USD on Monday as another round of Brexit negotiations commences in Brussels. From a spot ref of 1.3116, we target 1.2835 and place a stop at 1.3260.

Asian FX

- Global EM equities softened slightly overnight with the FXSI (FX Sentiment Index) continuing to inch higher within Risk-Neutral territory but this should be allayed by a positive start to Asian stocks early Tuesday. With added weight from the renminbi complex, USD-Asia and the ACI (Asian Currency Index) may search lower intra-day pending further global cues and despite the net capital inflow environment still less than constructive.
- On the net Asian portfolio inflow front, the TWD saw net equity inflows into

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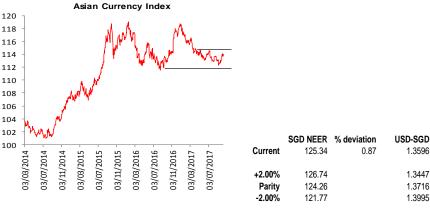
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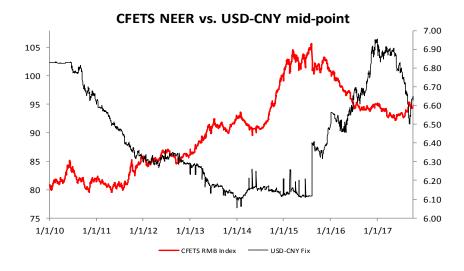
the end of last week, with net outflow momentum moderating. We are witnessing some renewed bond inflows for India although net equity outflows are persisting, leaving persistent outflow pressure on a 1-month rolling basis. Elsewhere, note slightly deepening net outflow pressures for the IDR while the THB flipped to a net outflow situation on a 1-month rolling basis. On other fronts, net equity outflows for the MYR continue to deepen.

SGD NEER: The SGD NEER is mixed to firmer on the day at +0.89% above its perceived parity (1.3716) with NEER-implied USD-SGD thresholds softer on the day. At current levels, the +1.00% NEER threshold is estimated at 1.3580 and should serve as a line in the sand for the pair despite its early Tuesday morning heaviness. Technically, the pair may continue to be cordoned off by its 55-day MA (1.3567) and its 100-day MA (1.3673) multisession.



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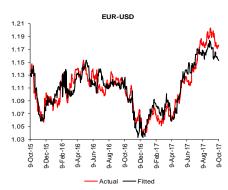
CFETS RMB Index: This morning, the USD-CNY mid-point came in largely as expected at 6.6273 from 6.6493 yesterday, although this continues to belie the strengthening bias of the CNY and the CNH against the USD thus far this week (ostensibly an attempt by the CNY to guide the CNH?). Elsewhere, China's September foreign reserves rose incrementally to USD3.108tn from USD3.1000tn the previous month, maintaining a picture of stability.





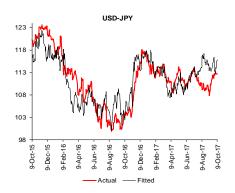
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EUR-USD Catalonia-related risks, if contained (barring any declaration of independence today), may give way instead to Fed-ECB risks in the coming sessions. In the interim, short term implied valuations continue to be chipped away, seemingly at odds with the latest price action. With the 55-day MA (1.1833) overhead, we retain a preference to fade upticks in the pair.

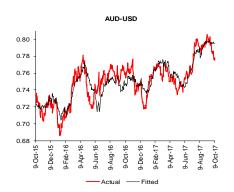
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 USD-JPY The BOJ's Kuroda this morning remained sufficiently dovish in his comments and we note that short term implied valuations for the USD-JPY remain relatively underpinned. Expect investors to pick bottoms within 112.30-113.30 in the interim.



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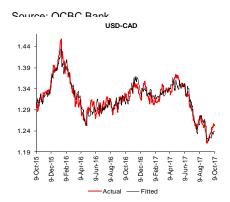


• AUD-USD The September NAB business confidence index improved to +7 from +5 the previous month permitted some buoyancy in the AUD-USD. Pending the RBA's Debelle later today, short term implied valuations remain relatively steady with the pair looking slightly stretched on the downside relative to fair value. Fade up moves towards 0.7800 instead barring a further meltdown in risk appetite.

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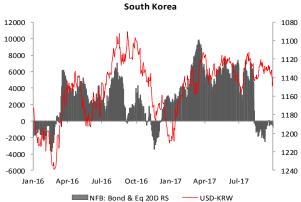
• **GBP-USD** Brexit negotiations remain seemingly at a stalemate with short term implied valuations still attempting to sneak lower. With 1.3165 seen capping for now, if the 55-day MA (1.3135) is perforated again, a relapse back towards 1.3065 cannot be ruled out.

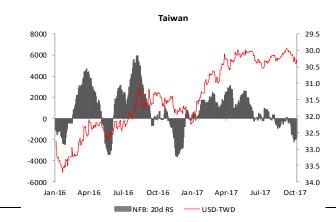


 USD-CAD Canada returns from its Thanksgiving long weekend with short term implied valuations continuing to reach higher. Our near term view remains unchanged and we retain a preference to favor base building off the 55-day MA (1.2467) towards 1.2630.

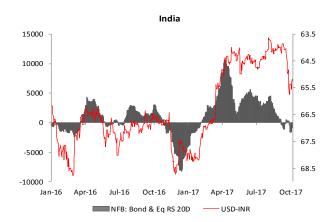
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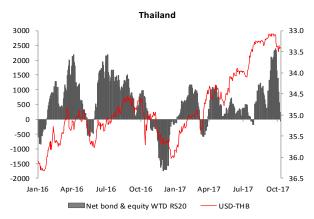
USD-Asia VS. Net Capital Flows

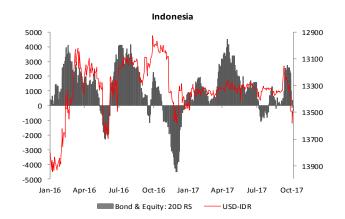


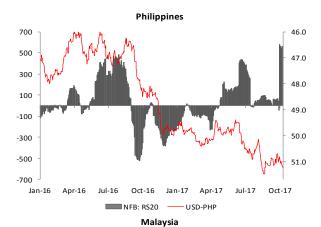


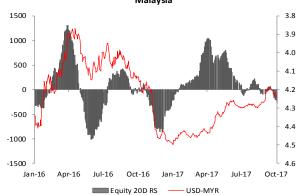






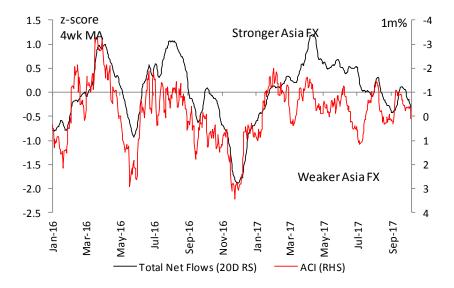






ACI VS. Net Capital Flows





FX Sentiment Index 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -0.5 RISK ON -1.5 29-Sep-13 29-Mar-14 29-Sep-10 29-Sep-08 29-Mar-09 29-Sep-09 29-Mar-10 29-Sep-11 29-Mar-12 29-Sep-12 29-Mar-13 29-Sep-14 29-Mar-08 29-Mar-11 29-Sep-05 29-Sep-06

Source: OCBC Bank

1M Correlation Matrix



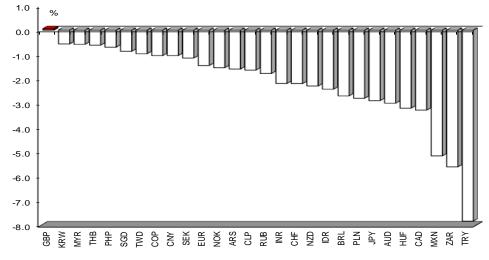
Security	DXY	USGG10	CNY	SPX	MSELCA	CRY	JPY	CL1	VIX	ITRXEX	CNH	EUR
DXY	1	0.877	0.808	0.854	0.018	-0.421	0.784	0.33	-0.633	0.584	0.857	-0.985
SGD	0.981	0.877	0.793	0.878	0.051	-0.539	0.754	0.241	-0.593	0.487	0.858	-0.964
CAD	0.915	0.968	0.898	0.851	0.117	-0.31	0.925	0.433	-0.765	0.651	0.888	-0.871
CHF	0.914	0.928	0.718	0.865	0.262	-0.357	0.863	0.281	-0.7	0.647	0.75	-0.853
IDR	0.91	0.941	0.933	0.806	-0.007	-0.425	0.889	0.473	-0.759	0.652	0.95	-0.901
THB	0.897	0.842	0.759	0.815	-0.027	-0.635	0.687	0.19	-0.605	0.45	0.851	-0.893
TWD	0.883	0.922	0.95	0.773	-0.124	-0.357	0.852	0.535	-0.846	0.623	0.953	-0.861
MYR	0.879	0.782	0.707	0.776	-0.07	-0.633	0.639	0.206	-0.592	0.515	0.808	-0.881
USGG10	0.877	1	0.82	0.867	0.216	-0.327	0.925	0.355	-0.803	0.586	0.836	-0.818
CNH	0.857	0.836	0.982	0.727	-0.141	-0.304	0.852	0.569	-0.771	0.651	1	-0.866
INR	0.822	0.801	0.957	0.558	-0.25	-0.157	0.839	0.687	-0.629	0.778	0.906	-0.838
CNY	0.808	0.82	1	0.518	-0.449	0.196	0.85	0.852	-0.662	0.741	0.982	-0.795
JPY	0.784	0.925	0.85	0.698	0.129	-0.1	1	0.582	-0.829	0.72	0.852	-0.739
KRW	0.713	0.706	0.812	0.566	-0.706	0.001	0.57	0.564	-0.644	0.566	0.797	-0.717
CCN12M	0.685	0.797	0.894	0.674	-0.048	-0.199	0.832	0.576	-0.805	0.563	0.909	-0.687
PHP	0.187	0.2	-0.246	0.346	0.451	-0.372	0.02	-0.428	0.106	-0.382	-0.048	-0.188
GBP	-0.629	-0.364	0.184	-0.631	-0.211	0.75	-0.099	0.42	0.02	0.038	-0.301	0.592
NZD	-0.847	-0.673	-0.434	-0.791	-0.127	0.607	-0.466	0.017	0.243	-0.196	-0.566	0.83
AUD	-0.934	-0.902	-0.839	-0.832	-0.034	0.448	-0.789	-0.313	0.607	-0.544	-0.81	0.906
EUR	-0.985	-0.818	-0.795	-0.777	0.118	0.386	-0.739	-0.39	0.573	-0.586	-0.866	1

Source: Bloomberg

Immediate technical support and resistance levels									
	S2	S1	Current	R1	R2				
EUR-USD	1.1670	1.1700	1.1779	1.1800	1.1843				
GBP-USD	1.3100	1.3128	1.3169	1.3200	1.3657				
AUD-USD	0.7718	0.7733	0.7789	0.7800	0.7917				
NZD-USD	0.7049	0.7051	0.7087	0.7100	0.7152				
USD-CAD	1.2461	1.2500	1.2518	1.2600	1.2636				
USD-JPY	111.85	112.00	112.62	113.00	113.44				
USD-SGD	1.3500	1.3557	1.3583	1.3600	1.3670				
EUR-SGD	1.5950	1.5970	1.6000	1.6057	1.6122				
JPY-SGD	1.1973	1.2000	1.2061	1.2100	1.2189				
GBP-SGD	1.7800	1.7802	1.7888	1.7900	1.8349				
AUD-SGD	1.0540	1.0566	1.0580	1.0600	1.0633				
Gold	1256.73	1260.50	1281.70	1295.89	1300.00				
Silver	16.34	17.00	17.07	17.10	17.16				
Crude	49.30	49.50	49.70	50.95	52.31				

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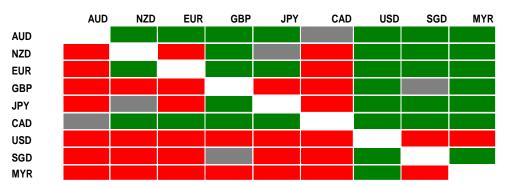
FX performance: 1-month change agst USD



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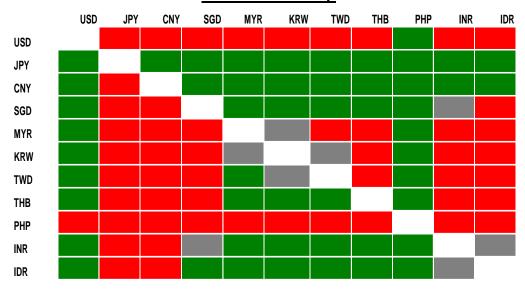
G10 FX Heat Map





Source: OCBC Bank

Asia FX Heat Map



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FX Trade Ideas



	Inception		B/S	Currency	Spot	Target S	top/Trailing Stop	Rationale		
	TACTICAL									
1	21-Sep-17		В	USD-JPY	112.58	115.05	111.30	Policy dichotomy post FOMC-BOJ + positive risk appetite levels		
2	28-Sep-17		s	EUR-USD	1.1734	1.1490	1.1860	Political overhang from Germany contrasting with FOMC, Yellen		
3	28-Sep-17		s	AUD-USD	0.7816	0.7625	0.7915	Cyclicals may undergo a reassessment in face of corrective moves in the USD and US yields		
4	28-Sep-17		В	USD-CAD	1.2500	1.2795	1.2350	Reality check from the BOC's Poloz even as the USD garners renewed interest		
5	04-Oct-17		В	USD-SGD	1.3602	1.3750	1.3525	Potential USD resilience- Fed, geopolitical risks, static MAS, decaying capital inflows in Asia		
6	09-Oct-17		s	GBP-USD	1.3116	1.2835	1.3260	Brexit concerns plus additional leadership threats to PM May's position		
	STRUCTURA	AL .								
7	09-May-17		В	GBP-USD	1.2927	1.3700	1.2535	USD skepticism, UK snap elections, positioning overhang, hawkish		
8	22-Aug-17			Bearish 2M 1X1.5 USD-JPY Put Spread Spot ref: 109.31; Strikes: 109.00, 106.04; Exp: 20/10/17; Cost: 0.57%				Underwhelming data feed, gradualist Fed, potential negative US political baggage		
9	29-Aug-17			Bearish 2M 12 Spot ref: 1.35 Exp: 27/10/17	19; Strikes: 1	1.3511, 1.33	Vunerable USD, prevailing positivity towards carry, EM/Asia			
	RECENTLY (CLOSED TRAD	E IDEA	S						
	Inception	Close	B/S	Currency	Spot		Close	Rationale	P/L (
1	07-Sep-17	12-Sep-17	s	USD-JPY	109.01		110.15	Suppressed UST yields, dovish Fed rhetoric, geopolitical risks	-1.0	
2	13-Sep-17	13-Sep-17	В	GBP-USD	1.3325		1.3200	Hotter than expected Aug core CPI/PPI, hawkish expectations ahead of BOE MPC	-0.9	
3	12-Sep-17	14-Sep-17	s	USD-SGD	1.3447		1.3525	Fade the USD relief rally, prepare for renewed interest towards EM/Asia	-0.	
4	11-Sep-17	18-Sep-17	s	USD-CAD	1.2128		1.2270	Support from earlier than expected BOC rate hike, inherent USD vulnerability	-1.	
				Bullish 2M 1X1.5 AUD-USD Call Spread Spot ref: 0.7915; Strikes: 0.7909, 0.8111; Exp: 21/09/17; Cost: 0.65% Closed at 0.7964				More positive than expected RBA minutes, supportive data, weak USD		
	20-Jul-17	21-Sep-17		Spot ref: 0.79			t 0.7964			
5	20-Jul-17 19-Sep-17	21-Sep-17 27-Sep-17	В	Spot ref: 0.79			1.3395		-1.1	
5			В	Spot ref: 0.79 Exp: 21/09/17	; Cost: 0.65%			USD Earlier than expected paradigm		

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