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Market Themes/Strategy

- Despite softer than expected prints on the US data front, the USD steadied its footing against the majors, with the DXY surfacing above the 97.50 mark.
- Notwithstanding firmer than expected manufacturing prints in Germany and the Eurozone, the European complex underperformed.
 On the GBP front, the cards are essentially being reshuffled and redealt in view of the General Elections. We expect some consolidation between 1.2800 and 1.3000 until further clarity.
- On the Fed front, comments by Kashkari (non-voter, dove) and Daly (non-voter, slight dove) reinforced the idea that the Fed is in a pause after three cuts. Further rate cut expectations for December FOMC are being consistently priced out.
- The RBA policy decision (0330 GMT, mkts: unchanged at 0.75%)
 headlines the calendar today. Note that the narrative down south has
 shifted to the negative implications of low interest rates on consumer
 confidence. Thus, we do not rule out a tweak in the RBA statement to
 reflect a reduced inclination to cut further.
- Improving investor sentiment should continue to dictate for now, with risk-on sentiment persisting across the equities (firmer global equities, Dow at record high) and bonds (core yield curves firmer on the day) space. The FXSI (FX Sentiment Index) is essentially now at the border between the Risk-Neutral and Risk-On zones. All eyes now on the expected signing of the Sino-US Phase 1 deal, with risk sentiment expected to stay sustained at least till then. Note that a withdrawal of existing tariffs may be on the cards as well.
- Notwithstanding the USD movement overnight, expect the broad USD and JPY to still on the defensive due to the positive risk appetite. However, the DXY's inability to pierce the October low (97.14), and the stretched nature of the existing risk drivers (anything more than Phase 1? Tariff rollback?) may cast some doubts over the USD bears. We do not rule out a slight consolidation bias for now.

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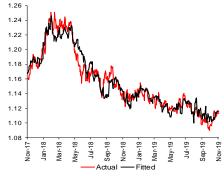
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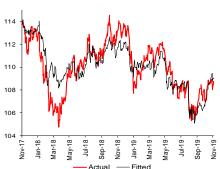
EUR-USD

Firmer. The retracement of the EUR-USD stopped right at the 100-day MA (1.1122) support. Upside momentum slightly hampered with the failure to break through the previous high at 1.1179, but we do not rule out another challenge for now. Firmer support enters at 1.1080/00 levels.



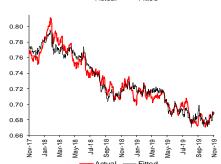
USD-JPY

Pause. The USD-JPY should remain trapped in no-man's land within the 107.80 – 109.03 range for now, with stronger directional cues possible once this corridor is breached.



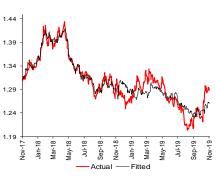
AUD-USD

Base building. Expect the AUD-USD to mark time ahead of the RBA later today (0330 GMT). With the domestic narrative turning against further rate cuts, we keep a close watch for any shifts in the rhetoric at the RBA. Any firm step away from rate cuts may see the AUD-USD lift to re-test 0.6900, then 0.6930. Expect downside support at the 100-day MA (0.6851).



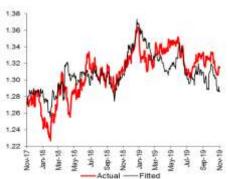
GBP-USD

Consolidate. Short term implied valuations for the GBP-USD play catch-up, providing implicit support for the pair. In the interim, expect a 1.2800 to 1.3000 range as investors evaluate the implications of the upcoming general election.



USD-CAD

Stabilizing. The USD-CAD tracked broader USD prospects higher overnight, despite a firmer crude complex. In the interim, expect the pair to gyrate around the 1.3150 locus.



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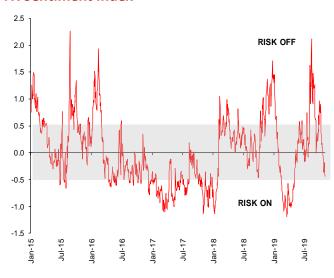
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Asian Markets

- **USD-Asia:** The USD-CNH continues to see downward pressure, and may flex against the 7.0000 mark in the coming sessions. Nevertheless, the headway beyond 7.0000 may be limited, unless the trade discussions progress beyond the current Phase 1. With the USD movement overnight, expect some consolidation in USD-Asia intraday, though the slight heavy bias should still persist.
- The risk driven ascent in Asian currencies will eventually need to be supported by data, which unfortunately remains a mixed bag at best. Note however, that the appetite for rate cuts at Asian central banks appears to be fading somewhat (BSP done for the year, shift in market expectation for BNM). Watch for rhetoric coming out from the BNM (Tue) and the Bank of Thailand (Wed) for longer term cues on the Asian currencies.
- USD-SGD: The USD-SGD lifted higher yesterday after touching a low at 1.3560. The pair should remain beholden to USD cues for now. The SGD NEER is largely stable at +1.62% above its perceived parity (1.3808). On the macro front, official manufacturing PMI remained in contraction zone at 49.6, but was steady compared to previous month. However, the Markit print slipped further to 47.4 from 48.3 previously.

FX Sentiment Index



Technical support and resistance levels

	S2	S 1	Current	R1	R2
EUR-USD	1.1040	1.1100	1.1128	1.1179	1.1194
GBP-USD	1.2710	1.2800	1.2886	1.2900	1.3013
AUD-USD	0.6800	0.6804	0.6887	0.6900	0.6930
NZD-USD	0.6343	0.6400	0.6408	0.6454	0.6466
USD-CAD	1.3042	1.3100	1.3153	1.3200	1.3218
USD-JPY	107.80	108.00	108.74	109.00	109.03
USD-SGD	1.3531	1.3559	1.3584	1.3600	1.3659
EUR-SGD	1.5091	1.5100	1.5116	1.5176	1.5200
JPY-SGD	1.2411	1.2487	1.2493	1.2500	1.2532
GBP-SGD	1.7357	1.7500	1.7505	1.7600	1.7721
AUD-SGD	0.9300	0.9353	0.9355	0.9400	0.9405
	4=00.00	4=00.00	4=00.40	4=40.40	4=04.00
Gold	1500.00	1503.98	1509.10	1516.13	1534.90
Silver	17.89	18.00	18.03	18.10	18.17
Crude	55.46	56.30	56.38	56.40	57.18

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