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Market Themes/Strategy

- Despite firmer UST yields, the broad USD continued to capitulate lower, with the DXY index slipping below the 97.50 handle. The AUD was the biggest underperformer within the G10 space, on the back of data weakness. Meanwhile, consolidation on the risk front kept JPYcrosses generally supported.
- Risk appetite appeared to have improved slightly over the past 24 hours (global/US equities stabilized, global core yields firmer, UST curve steepening bias), although we are really none the wiser over Sino-US progress. Overall, the FXSI (FX Sentiment Index) eased south, dipping a toe back into the Risk-On territory.
- Next week should be an exciting one, with investors keeping an eye on the UK elections (Thu), the ECB (Thu) and FOMC (Wed) policy decisions. However, the main event may be on 15 December, when the next round of US tariffs on Chinese imports is scheduled to come online. Expect risk-related plays to be jumpy to headline developments. For now, front end vols remains depressed, but expect them to pick up into next week.
- Till then, investors may stay tentative ahead of US NFP (1330 GMT) today. A mostly negative data lead-in, and the consolidation of risk appetite should keep the broad USD heavy into the NFP release. However, do not rule out an upside surprise for the broad USD as the DXY index approaches the recent floor at 97.10/20, especially if the data is not as bad as initially expected.

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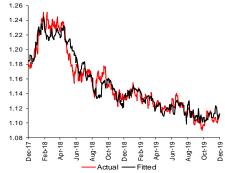
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Buoyant, but how much more headway. With the 1.1100 breached, expect the EUR-USD to stay supported into the weekend. However, we remain suspect of further gains unless there is a broader retreat in the USD front. Continue to collect on dips towards 1.1060, targeting further topside towards 1.1150.

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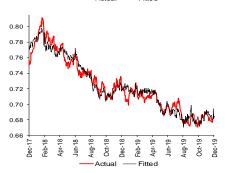
USD-JPY

Topping out. Revert to a heavy posture for the USD-JPY within familiar territory south of 109.00, with the 200-day MA (108.87) and the 55-day MA (108.46) bookending the pair, pending further headlines.



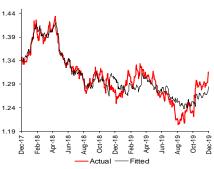
AUD-USD

Base build. Despite the recent dip, the AUD-USD retains some upside momentum for now. A firm floor may be in place near 0.6810, the confluence of the 55-day and 100-day MAs, while the first resistance is still seen at 0.6870.



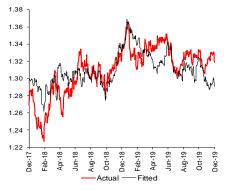
GBP-USD

Angling higher. With greater clarity of a Tory victory as we move closer to the election date, the GBP-USD climb as persisted, with short term implied valuations in tow. Note however, that front-end risk reversals have extended in the opposite directions, perhaps highlighting skepticism of the recent run-up.



USD-CAD

Easing off. With the Bank of Canada sounding optimistic once again, expect the USD-CAD to retain a heavy stance for now. BOC expectations appear fluid at this stage, and we expect directionality in the pair to be directed by it at this juncture. Downside target at 1.3120, before 1.3120.



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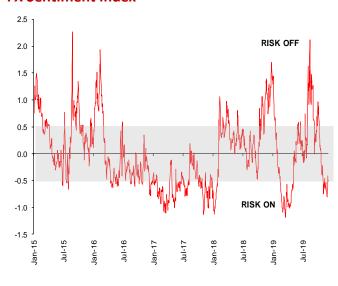
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Asian Markets

- USD-Asia: USD-CNH continued to be heavy around the 7.0400 neighborhood. Slight consolidation of risk sentiment should also provide some downside pressure on the USD-Asia into the end of the week. Nevertheless, the operative word is uncertainty, and we do expect further jitters next week, with investors likely taking out insurance ahead of 15 December tariff deadline.
- Elsewhere, the RBI surprised with a hold, keeping the INR and Indian
 govie yields supported as a result. This is in-line with the wait-and-see
 attitude adopted by the Asian central banks in the latest round of
 rate decisions.
- USD-SGD: Expect the USD-SGD to retain a heavy demeanor, although
 the pace of decline may slow ahead of the 1.3600 mark. For now,
 expect interim support at 1.3590, before a firmer floor at 1.3560. The
 SGD NEER firmed further to +1.59% above its perceived parity
 (1.3819). NEER-implied USD-SGD thresholds are also softer on the
 day.

FX Sentiment Index



Technical support and resistance levels

	S2	S 1	Current	R1	R2
EUR-USD	1.1053	1.1100	1.1108	1.1115	1.1158
GBP-USD	1.3100	1.3125	1.3160	1.3166	1.3200
AUD-USD	0.6800	0.6813	0.6841	0.6868	0.6900
NZD-USD	0.6500	0.6542	0.6553	0.6555	0.6562
USD-CAD	1.3100	1.3174	1.3182	1.3200	1.3216
USD-JPY	108.26	108.54	108.70	108.87	109.00
USD-SGD	1.3589	1.3600	1.3605	1.3663	1.3670
EUR-SGD	1.5100	1.5101	1.5112	1.5141	1.5200
JPY-SGD	1.2463	1.2500	1.2516	1.2561	1.2576
GBP-SGD	1.7885	1.7900	1.7903	1.7918	1.8000
AUD-SGD	0.9229	0.9300	0.9307	0.9308	0.9351
Gold	1446.20	1451.05	1474.90	1481.85	1482.26
Silver	16.72	16.90	16.94	17.00	17.18
Crude	57.52	58.30	58.32	58.40	59.12

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