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### **Market Themes/Strategy**

- The broad USD edged higher against the G10 counterparts, with the EUR easing towards the 1.1000 level despite a stronger than expected German data release. The USD-JPY and AUD-USD also remained heavy on a slight risk-off tone in the aftermath of President Trump's speech.
- Depending on the interpretation, President Trump either said something for everyone to take home with, or said nothing at all. But the overall sense among investors seems to be a glass half empty at this point. With the timeline for the conclusion of the Phase 1 deal stretching longer, expect markets will remain jittery until the date is set, and the agreement done and dusted. For now, expect the slight risk-off tone persist.
- The FXSI (FX Sentiment Index) moved higher for the third consecutive session, and now stands at the boundary between the Risk-Neutral and Risk-On zones.
- On the US domestic front, the first public impeachment hearings scheduled for today, but more importance should be placed on Powell's testimony to the Congress. Recent Fed speakers have mostly presented the US economy in a positive light, with no urgency to continue with rate cuts. Expect Powell to mostly reiterate the same message. Market expectations for the Fed have been stable since the October FOMC, essentially not expecting any cuts in December and 1Q 2020. Given that everyone is one the same side of the boat, the balance of risk is for Powell to say something that may be interpreted as more dovish than expected.
- With overall risk sentiment still unstable, risk-reward probably favours the AUD-USD and USD-JPY continuing to edge lower. Elsewhere, we continue to stay negative on the EUR.

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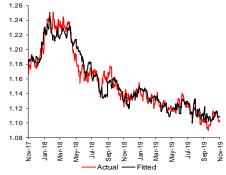
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#### **EUR-USD**

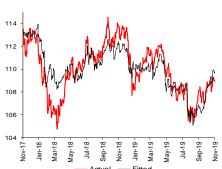
**Pointing south.** Despite a firmer than expected German ZEW survey, the EUR-USD remained heavy and edging close to the first southbound target at 1.1100. The 1.0990/00 zone is a firm support, but a breach of that level may point to further capitulation towards 109.40. On the topside, expect resistance at 1.1038.

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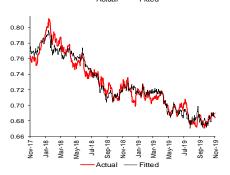
#### **USD-JPY**

**Headline-driven.** Overall risk-off tone weighed down on the USD-JPY after President Trump's speech, but still remained within the 109.00 locus. Short term implied valuations may also start to turn south. If the pair detaches lower from the 109.00 handle, expect the next downside target at 108.60.



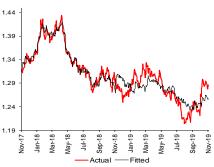
#### **AUD-USD**

**Range-bound.** A surprise hold at the RBNZ this morning caused the AUD-USD to spike higher early in the morning, but that move was quickly faded on the back of a softer risk appetite. Short term implied valuations remained elevated even as spot dipped lower in the recent sessions. Nevertheless, we still expect the pair to retain a slight heavy tone, with any bounces likely rejected in favour of dips towards 0.6800/10.



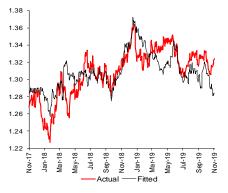
#### **GBP-USD**

**Consolidation.** The boost for the GBP-USD from the Brexit Party decision faded somewhat, leaving the pair somewhat flat to heavy. Electoral dynamics, and its implication on Brexit, will still be the main directional driver for the pair. Nonetheless, expect 1.2800 and 1.2900 to book-end the pair for now.



#### **USD-CAD**

**Turning higher.** A buoyant stance may persist for the USD-CAD for now. With the crude complex largely stable for now, expect directionality to be driven by shifting Bank of Canada expectations. In the near term, any downside should be limited by the 55-day MA (1.3216), while the 200-day MA (1.3277) caps on the top.



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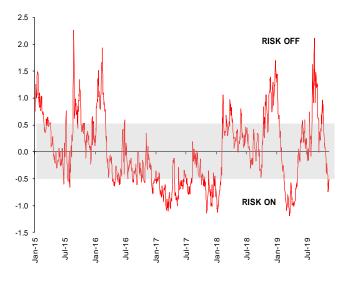
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#### **Asian Markets**

- **USD-Asia:** The USD-CNH also continued to edge higher away from the 7.0000 mark on the back the slight risk-off tone. Couple this with a weaker EM FX overnight and a soft start to Asian equities this morning, we expect USD-Asia to stay buoyant today.
- In the Asian portfolio flows front, we note a good pick-up in terms of overall inflow momentum into India and Indonesia in the latest reading. Both bond and equity inflows are picking up in India, but the improvement in momentum is largely supported by equities. Meanwhile, bond inflows lead the way in Indonesia. In North Asia, equity inflow momentum remains healthy in Taiwan. However, overall inflow momentum continues to moderate heavily in South Korea, which now stands almost at neutral levels. We think this underlies idea that the recent run-up in the KRW is on relatively more shaky footing compared to the TWD. With the risk appetite turning sour slightly, expect the KRW to underperform Asian counterparts for now.
- USD-SGD: Expect the USD-SGD to remain within a tight range, with a slight upside bias for now. The SGD NEER is slightly softer at +1.59% above its perceived parity (1.3841), with NEER-implied USD-SGD thresholds firmer on the back the resilient USD. While the SGD NEER remains elevated, we may see the topside limited to +1.70% above parity for now, especially if the Asian complex turns south on Sino-US concerns.

#### **FX Sentiment Index**



#### **Technical support and resistance levels**

	S2	S1	Current	R1	R2
<b>EUR-USD</b>	1.0995	1.1000	1.1009	1.1041	1.1100
GBP-USD	1.2779	1.2800	1.2847	1.2900	1.2979
AUD-USD	0.6809	0.6818	0.6837	0.6900	0.6916
NZD-USD	0.6346	0.6400	0.6405	0.6437	0.6466
USD-CAD	1.3200	1.3208	1.3246	1.3262	1.3277
USD-JPY	108.12	108.15	108.96	109.00	109.02
USD-SGD	1.3571	1.3600	1.3627	1.3654	1.3662
EUR-SGD	1.4973	1.5000	1.5002	1.5100	1.5140
JPY-SGD	1.2426	1.2500	1.2507	1.2536	1.2600
GBP-SGD	1.7380	1.7500	1.7507	1.7600	1.7683
AUD-SGD	0.9287	0.9300	0.9316	0.9349	0.9397
Gold	1446.20	1450.64	1459.10	1494.60	1500.00
Silver	16.64	16.70	16.80	16.80	17.69
Crude	55.65	56.60	56.63	56.70	57.30

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