

Daily Market Outlook

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Market Themes/Strategy

- The broad USD stayed supported within a narrow range despite the softer UST yields. The DXY index hovered around the 55-day MA (98.33), as the EUR dipped its toes briefly under the 1.1000 mark. Elsewhere, the CHF and JPY were also supported with risk appetite taking yet another dip. The NZD firmed on a surprise **RBNZ** hold.
- Risk appetite continued to be sliced incrementally lower with each negative headline on the Sino-US front, this time on an apparent roadblock relating to farm purchases. UST curve bull-flattened alongside other core yields curves. EZ/EM equities also softened, while US equities held up reasonably well. The FXSI (FX Sentiment Index) moved higher for the fourth consecutive session, and has effectively u-turned back into the Risk-Neutral zone, after hitting Risk-On only late last week.
- On the Fed front, Powell's testimony to the Congress panned out largely within the expected script. A favourable outlook on the US economy is still the base case, but the usual litany of downside risks continue to weigh. For now, market and Fed expectations are aligned for a pause in the rate cut trajectory. In this context, note that US headline CPI yesterday came in firmer than expected, although the core measure was softer than consensus.
- The playbook remains unchanged for now, as we continue to back risk-off trades in the near term. For now, with the USD still largely supported, we favour downside for the JPY-crosses and AUD-USD. We have been negative on the EUR-USD for some time now, and still hold that view. We will be watching if it can clear through the 1.1000 level convincingly. On the risk front, we remain cognizant that despite the hiccups this week, the market expectation remains for the Sino-US Phase 1 deal to be concluded at some point. Thus, we would not extrapolate the risk-off sentiment too far into the future.

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EUR-USD

Flexing against key level. Our negative EUR-USD view may come to an inflexion point for now, as the pair flexes against the 1.0990/00 support. Expect further downside extension towards 109.40 if the level is breached, but the elevated short term implied valuations give us some cause for pause.

USD-JPY

Headline-driven. Ongoing risk-off tinge is still expected to weigh on the USD-JPY. With the 109.00 handle breached, the next southbound target stands at 108.60, although the still-resilient USD may limit the downside moves.

AUD-USD

Weighed down. The big miss on the employment data weighed heavily on the AUD-USD this morning, with the pair now at the 0.6800/10 support level. Downside momentum remains heavy for now, with the next downside target at 0.6775 if the 0.6800/10 support is breached.

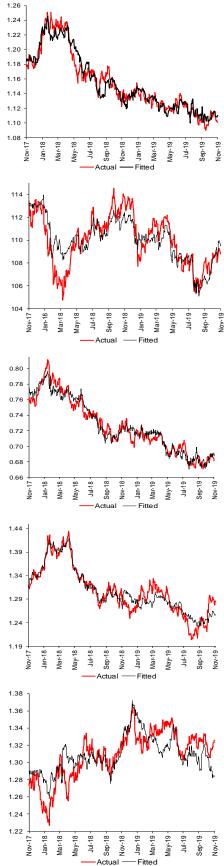
GBP-USD

Consolidation. The GBP-USD should settle back into the broader 1.2800 to 1.3000 range when the election is first announced, pending further headlines. For now, the expectation appears to be moving towards a Conservative-majority government, and that should limit excessive downside on the GBP-USD.

USD-CAD

Turning higher. The USD-CAD remains on an upside bias, ahead of the comments from Poloz (Fri). Expect the 200-day MA (1.3277) to attractive in the interim.





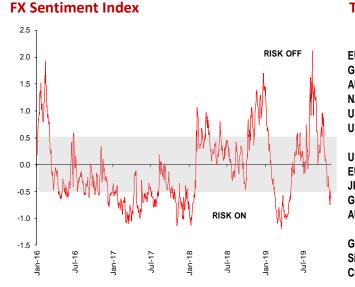


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Asian Markets

- **USD-Asia:** The USD-CNH remained in the buoyant mode, easing northwards away from the 7.0000 mark overnight. With the risk-off tinge persisting, expect the rest of USD-Asia to be led higher as well. In particular, we will be watching the USD-KRW as it flexes against its 200-day MA and 1170.00 level. Expect the pair to lead USD-Asia higher.
- All eyes will be on the Chinese data release today, with the October industrial production and retail sales scheduled (0200 GMT). Elsewhere, the BSP is expected stay unchanged in its policy decision today (0800 GMT).
- **USD-SGD:** The USD-SGD continues to track the USD-CNH higher, with the 1.3630/40 resistance now key to its short term directionality. If this level is breached, expect further extension towards 1.3662. The SGD NEER is firmed to +1.67% above its perceived parity (1.3852), with NEER-implied USD-SGD thresholds also firmer.



Technical support and resistance levels

	S2	S1	Current	R1	R2
UR-USD	1.0982	1.1000	1.1005	1.1040	1.1100
GBP-USD	1.2776	1.2800	1.2847	1.2900	1.2977
AUD-USD	0.6800	0.6806	0.6811	0.6818	0.6900
NZD-USD	0.6347	0.6400	0.6405	0.6440	0.6466
JSD-CAD	1.3200	1.3208	1.3255	1.3277	1.3279
JSD-JPY	108.13	108.18	108.86	109.00	109.02
JSD-SGD	1.3572	1.3600	1.3626	1.3651	1.3662
UR-SGD	1.4942	1.4973	1.4995	1.5000	1.5134
JPY-SGD	1.2427	1.2500	1.2517	1.2537	1.2600
GBP-SGD	1.7378	1.7500	1.7506	1.7600	1.7676
AUD-SGD	0.9200	0.9229	0.9280	0.9300	0.9347
Gold	1446.20	1448.58	1462.40	1493.56	1500.00
Silver	16.62	16.80	16.88	16.90	17.66
Crude	57.32	57.50	57.57	57.60	57.88

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