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US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi told fellow lawmakers in a letter that the White House's proposal for new COVID-19 aid has insufficient offers on health-care issues. Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, said Tuesday, the legislative body would vote next week on a smaller stimulus package. Pelosi and McConnell's comments came after the Trump administration called on Congress over the weekend to pass a smaller \$1.8tn COVID-19 relief bill as negotiations on a bigger package continue to run into roadblocks.

US equities fell on Tuesday, snapping a four-session winning streak. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slid 157.71 points, or 0.6%, whilst the S&P 500 declined 0.6%. The Nasdaq Composite was the relative out-performer, dipping 0.1%. US Treasury yields slipped on Tuesday as market participants digest the latest news surrounding a potential US fiscal stimulus package along with muted inflation growth. The greenback strengthened on Tuesday as sentiment turned cautious. The US Dollar index (DXY) was up by nearly 0.5% to 93.525 (from previous close of 93.065).

EUR weakened further with the EUR/USD slipping to an intraday low of 1.1731, before closing near the low in the NY session at 1.1746 (from 1.1813). GBP also traded weaker against the dollar and the GBP/USD pair closed at 1.2937 (from 1.3064). JPY was marginally weaker against the dollar and USD/JPY pair ended the day higher at 105.48 (from 105.33). AUD also weakened further against the dollar with the AUD/USD ending lower at 0.7161 (from 0.7209) but the NZD held firm with the NZD/USD marginally higher at 0.6651 (from previous close of 0.6647).

For today, the G7 economic docket is relatively light. August industrial production for Japan and the Eurozone, as well as US PPI inflation for September will be released. The focus will also be on the US earnings season, with major US banks due for reporting.

Meanwhile, attention will be on the plethora of G7 central bankers scheduled for speaking events today including European Central Bank (ECB) President Christine Lagarde, ECB Executive Board members Yves Mersch, François Villeroy and Pablo Hernandez De Cos, ECB Chief Economist Philip Lane, Fed Board Vice Chair Richard Clarida (permanent FOMC voter), Richmond Fed President Tom Barkin (nonvoter in 2020 FOMC), Dallas Fed President Robert Kapan (voter in 2020 FOMC), Fed Governor Randal Quarles (permanent FOMC voter) and Bank of England (BOE) Chief Economist Andy Haldane.

As widely expected, the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) left its monetary policy unchanged. The MAS noted in its semi-annual Monetary Policy Statement (MPS) that the S\$NEER policy band will maintain its current zero % per annum rate of appreciation with no change to width and center of the band. The MAS added that "the economic scarring inflicted by the deep global recession in 2020 will weigh on external demand conditions in the next year or so". In terms of growth, Singapore's advance 3Q GDP advanced at a near consensus rate of 7.0% y/y compared to -13.3% y/y in 2Q. Overall, the official growth expectation for 2020 remains unchanged with a contraction of -5% to -7% y/y, followed by an above-trend growth rate in 2021 because of the low base in 2020. The early morning announcement was largely a non-event with USD/SGD unchanged just above 1.36.

Both the onshore CNY and offshore CNH appears to have settled down just ahead of the 6.75-level, with USD/CNY hovering just under 6.75 and USD/CNH drifting just under 6.74. Yesterday, the People's Bank of China (PBoC) lifted the USD/CNY's central parity fixing rate to 6.7282, from 6.7126 the previous day, offering some support to USD/CNY. Across Asia, most USD/Asia pairs were little changed with USD/KRW consolidating under 1,150, USD/MYR drifting back down from 4.15 to 4.14, USD/IDR marginally higher at 14,725 and USD/THB marginally higher from 31.10 to 31.20. As such, the Asia Dollar Index (ADXY) was little changed just above 106. Given the overnight stronger USD performance



and renewed risk aversion on further delay of COVID-19 vaccine trials, we can expect some weakness in Asia FX today.

Bank Indonesia (BI) decided to leave its benchmark rate unchanged at 4.00% at its October monetary policy meeting (MPC) on Tuesday, which is in line with consensus forecast. Consequently, BI maintained the Deposit Facility rate at 3.25%, as well as the Lending Facility rate at 4.75%. BI reiterated that the decision is in line with the need to maintain exchange rate stability, with inflation expected to stay low.

Today, the Bank of Korea (BOK) will announce its policy decision. After a cumulative 75bps cut to the benchmark rate this year, we believe the BOK is done with cutting rates. The central bank reiterated in August that they have other non-rate tools at their disposal if needed.

Recent publications:

13 Oct 20: Indonesia: BI Holds Interest Rate Unchanged in October 2020

13 Oct 20: Malaysia: August Unemployment Rate Unchanged At 4.7%

13 Oct 20: China: Imports Unexpectedly Surged In September

12 Oct 20: Malaysia: Preview On Budget 2021 - Revitalise The Economy

09 Oct 20: India: RBI's New Committee Leaves Rates Unchanged



USD/SGD: 1.3595



24-HOUR VIEW

USD could edge higher but any advance is viewed as part of a 1.3570/1.3620 range.

USD rose to a high of 1.3610 yesterday before ending the day on a relatively firm note at 1.3602 (+0.22%). The firm underlying tone indicates that USD could edge higher but any advance is viewed as part of a 1.3570/1.3620 range (a sustained rise above 1.3620 is not likely).



1-3 WEEKS VIEW

USD is likely to trade sideways for now, expected to be within a 1.3535/1.3660 range.

Our latest narrative was from last Friday (09 Oct, spot at 1.3580) wherein "the bias is still tilted to the downside but the odds for a sustained decline below 1.3543 are not high (next support is at 1.3510)". While USD subsequently dropped to a low of 1.3526, it rebounded strongly the past couple of days. Downward momentum has more or less dissipated and the current movement is viewed as the early stages of a consolidation phase. In other words, USD is likely to trade sideways for now, expected to be within a 1.3535/1.3660 range.

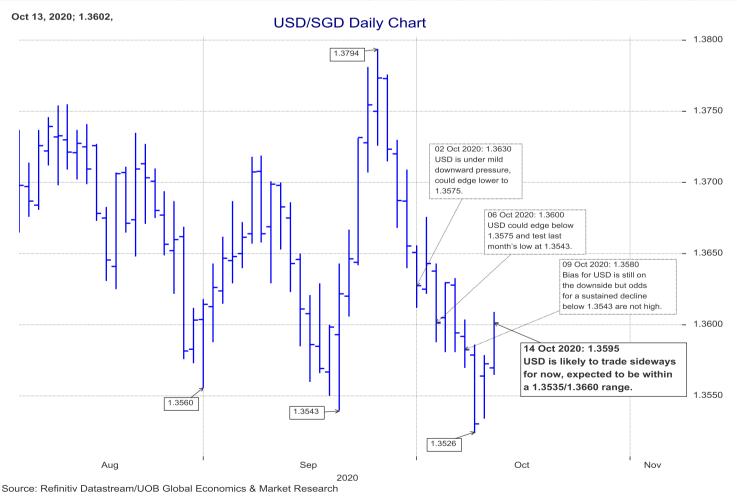


1-3 MONTHS VIEW

Large decline in USD/SGD that started in March this year may be bottoming out. (dated 25 Sep 2020) Read more



Support	Resistance		Ranges 13	3 Oct 2020	1				
Зиррогі	Resistance	Open	High	Low	Close	1D	1W	1M	YTD
\$1: 1.3570 \$2: 1.3535	R1: 1.3620 R2: 1.3660	1.3567	1.3610	1.3567	1.3602	+0.22%	-0.18%	-0.59%	+1.09%





EUR/USD: 1.1740



24-HOUR VIEW

Scope for EUR to weaken further but 1.1700 is likely out of reach for now.

EUR lurched lower during NY hours and dropped to a low of 1.1729 before closing on a weak note at 1.1744 (-0.58%). While the rapid drop appears to be running ahead of itself, there is scope for EUR to weaken further even though the 1.1700 support is likely out of reach for now (minor support is at 1.1720). On the upside, a break of 1.1780 (minor resistance is at 1.1760) would indicate the current downward pressure has eased.



1-3 WEEKS VIEW

EUR is still in a consolidation phase, could test the bottom of the expected 1.1680/1.1800 range.

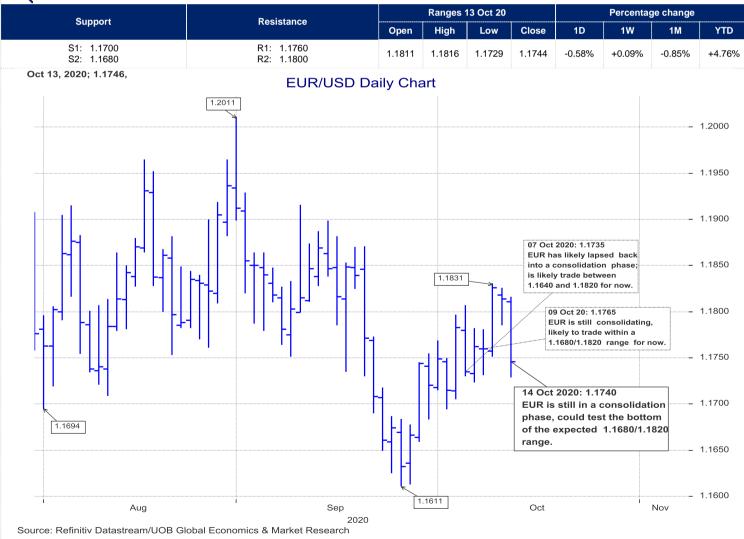
EUR closed on a firm note last Friday (09 Oct) but gave up most of its gains yesterday (13 Oct) as it dropped sharply by -0.58% (1.1744), its biggest 1-day drop in about 2 months. The failure to maintain a foothold above 1.1820 coupled with the sharp drop yesterday indicates that EUR is still trading in a consolidation phase. In other words, EUR could trade between the two major levels of 1.1680 and 1.1820 for a while a more. That said, shorter-term downward momentum has improved and a test of 1.1680 would not be surprising.



1-3 MONTHS VIEW

EUR/USD is likely in a corrective pull-back; could move lower towards the previous "break-out" level just below 1.1500. (dated 25 Sep 2020) Read more







GBP/USD: 1.2935



24-HOUR VIEW

GBP could weaken to 1.2890; prospect for a break of last week's low at 1.2845 is not high.

The sudden and sharp drop in GBP yesterday is accompanied by strong momentum and further weakness would not be surprising. From here, barring a move above 1.2995 (minor resistance is at 1.2960), GBP could weaken to 1.2890. For the today, the prospect for a break of last week's low at 1.2845 is not high.



1-3 WEEKS VIEW

GBP is under mild downward pressure; could edge lower and probe the support at 1.2820.

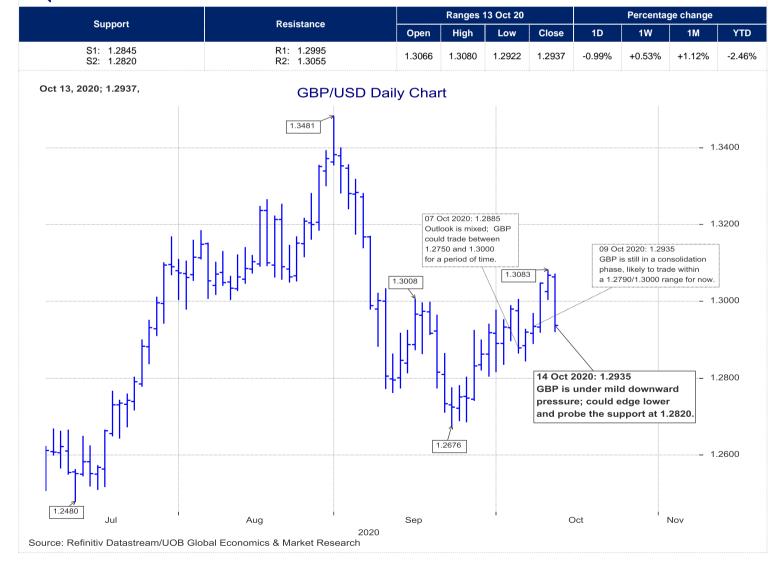
GBP rose to a high of 1.3083 on Monday (12 Oct) but gave up most of its gains as it plummeted by -0.99% (1.2937) yesterday (13 Oct). Downward momentum has improved, albeit not by much. From here, GBP could edge lower but in view of the lackluster momentum, any weakness is likely limited to a probe of the solid support at 1.2820. On the upside, a break of 1.3055 would indicate the current mild downward pressure has eased.



1-3 MONTHS VIEW

Early September high of 1.3481 could mark the top of GBP/USD in 2020; GBP/USD could weaken to 1.2470. (dated 25 Sep 2020) Read more







AUD/USD: 0.7165



24-HOUR VIEW

AUD could weaken further but oversold conditions suggest that a sustained decline below 0.7130 is unlikely.

AUD closed sharply lower yesterday (-0.69%, 0.7161). While oversold, the weakness is not showing sign of stabilizing just yet. In other words, further AUD weakness would not be surprising but oversold conditions suggest that a sustained decline below 0.7130 is unlikely (next support is at 0.7100). Resistance is at 0.7185 followed by 0.7210.



1-3 WEEKS VIEW

Outlook is mixed; AUD could trade in an 'undecided' manner within a broad range of 0.7080/0.7230.

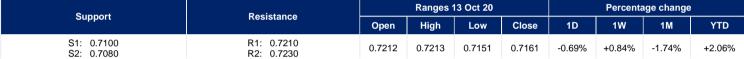
While AUD closed on a firm note last Friday (09 Oct), it gave up most of its gains as it plummeted by -0.69% (0.7161) yesterday (13 Oct). The sharp but short-lived swings have resulted in a mixed outlook. From here, AUD could trade in an 'undecided' manner and within a relatively broad range of 0.7080 and 0.7230 for a while more.

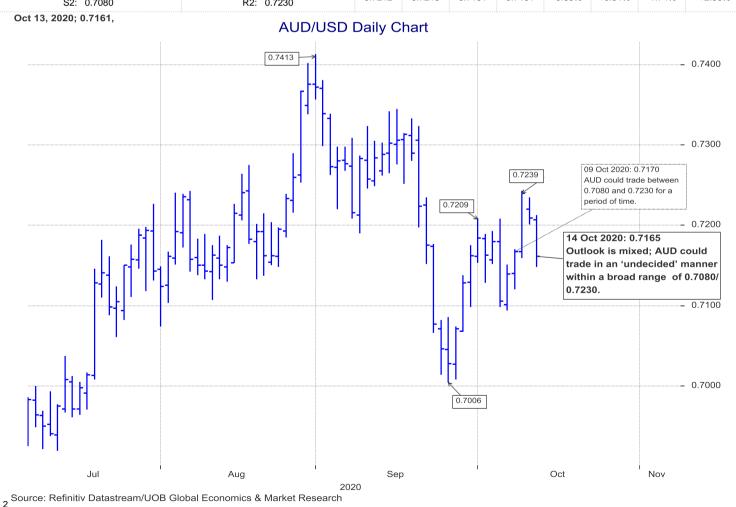


1-3 MONTHS VIEW

Break of "rising channel" indicates the outsized rally from March may have run its course; break of 0.7030 could trigger a deeper pull-back to 0.6900. (dated 25 Sep 2020) Read More.

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NZD/USD: 0.6655



24-HOUR VIEW

NZD could trade sideways, likely within a 0.6635/0.6675 range.

NZD traded between 0.6630 and 0.6670 yesterday before closing little changed at 0.6648 (+0.02%). Momentum indicators are mostly neutral and NZD could continue to trade sideways, albeit likely at a slightly higher range of 0.6635/0.6675.



1-3 WEEKS VIEW

NZD could drift higher but any advance is viewed as part of a broad 0.6580/0.6715 range.

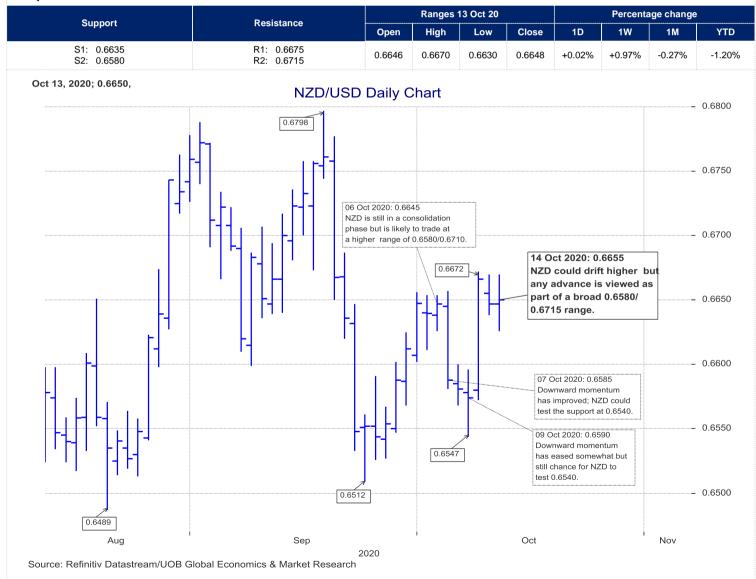
Despite the relatively strong advance last Friday (09 Oct), upward momentum has not improved by much. That said, the firm underlying tone indicates that NZD could drift higher from here but any advance is viewed as part of a broad 0.6580/0.6715 range. In other words, a sustained advance above 0.6715 is not likely.



1-3 MONTHS VIEW

Barring a break of the solid resistance at 0.6800; pull-back in NZD/USD could extend to 0.6490, possibly as low as 0.6375. (dated 25 Sep 2020) Read more







USD/JPY: 105.45



24-HOUR VIEW

USD could consolidate; likely within a 105.30/105.75 range.

USD traded in a relatively quiet manner yesterday (between 105.26 and 105.62). The price actions offer no fresh clues and USD could continue to consolidate for now, likely within a 105.30/105.75 range.



1-3 WEEKS VIEW

Outlook is mixed; USD could trade between 105.00 and 106.00 for a period of time.

USD popped above 106.00 last Thursday, 08 Oct (high of 106.10) but was unable to maintain a foothold above this level. The build-up in momentum fizzled out quickly and the outlook for USD is mixed. From here, USD could trade between 105.00 and 106.00 for a period of time.



1-3 MONTHS VIEW

USD/JPY is trading in what appears to be a "falling channel" formation; could continue to edge lower in the coming months. (dated 25 Sep 2020) Read more



Support		Decistance		Ranges 13	3 Oct 20	Percentage change				
Support		Resistance		High	Low	Close	1D	1W	1M	YTD
S1: 105.30 S2: 105.00		R1: 105.75 R2: 106.00	105.32	105.62	105.26	105.47	+0.16%	-0.14%	-0.63%	-2.89%
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USD/CNH: 6.7360



24-HOUR VIEW

Momentum indicators are mostly neutral; USD is likely to trade sideways within a 6.7200/6.7530 range.

USD traded in a relatively quiet manner yesterday (between 6.7300 and 6.7650) before ending the day largely unchanged at 6.7398 (-0.05%). Momentum indicators are mostly neutral and further sideway trading would not be surprising. Expected range for today, 6.7200/6.7530.



1-3 WEEKS VIEW

USD could trade between 6.6850 and 6.7850 for a period of time.

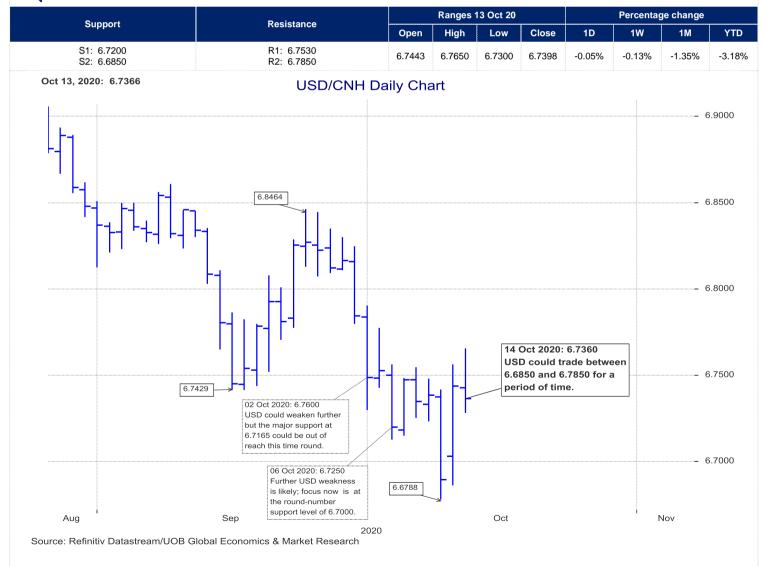
USD plunged to a low of 6.6788 last Friday (09 Oct) before staging a dramatic turnaround on Monday. The sharp bounce coupled with break of strong resistance levels suggests that a short-term bottom is in place. The current movement is viewed as the early stages of a consolidation phase. From here, USD could trade between 6.6850 and 6.7850 for a period of time.



1-3 MONTHS VIEW

USD/CNH has moved into its next down leg; next level to focus on is at the 2019 low of 6.6710. Prospect for a move to the next major support at 6.6030 is not high for now. (dated 09 Oct 2020) Read more







EUR/SGD: 1.5965



24-HOUR VIEW

EUR could dip below 1.5940; a sustained decline below 1.5920 would come as a surprise.

The relatively rapid drop in EUR to an overnight low of 1.5951 appears to be running ahead of itself. While a dip below the major support at 1.5940 is not ruled, a sustained decline below 1.5920 would come as a surprise. All in, EUR is deemed to be under mild downward pressure and only a break of 1.6010 would indicate the current mild downward pressure has eased.



1-3 WEEKS VIEW

Bias is tilted to the downside but EUR has to close below 1.5920 before a sustained decline can be expected.

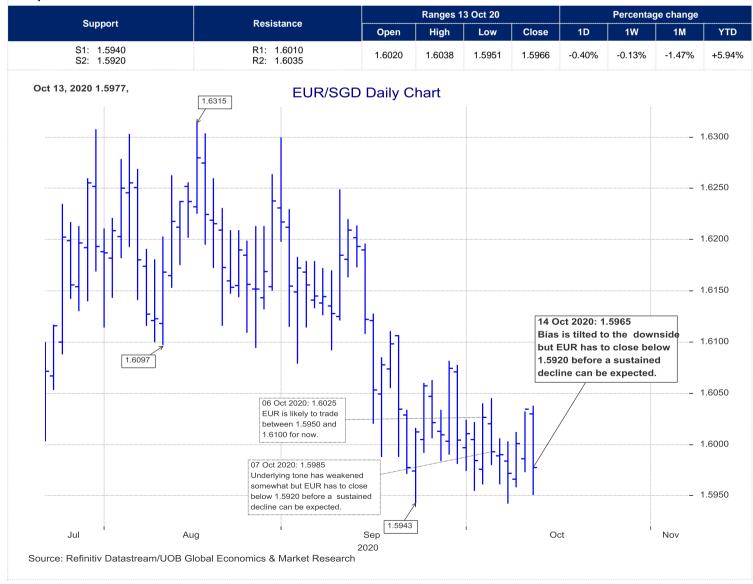
EUR traded in a relatively quiet manner over the past couple of weeks. That said, the underlying tone still appears soft and the bias appears to be tilted to the downside. That said, any weakness is expected to encounter solid support at 1.5920. Looking forward, EUR has to close below 1.5920 before a sustained decline can be expected.



1-3 MONTHS VIEW

EUR/SGD has likely moved into a "correction phase"; could weaken to the 1.5810/1.5870 support zone. (dated 25 Sep 2020) Read more







GBP/SGD: 1.7580



24-HOUR VIEW

GBP could weaken further but the major support at 1.7500 is likely out of reach.

The sharp drop in GBP to an overnight low of 1.7578 is accompanied by robust momentum and further weakness appears likely. From here, barring a move above 1.7635 (minor resistance at 1.7605), GBP could weaken further but the major support at 1.7500 is likely out of reach for today.



1-3 WEEKS VIEW

GBP is expected to trade between 1.7400 and 1.7750 for now.

We have held the same view since (02 Oct, spot at 1.7570) wherein GBP "could trade between 1.7400 and 1.7750 for a period of time". GBP rose to a high of 1.7745 yesterday before dropping sharply. The price actions reinforce our view and we continue to expect GBP to trade between 1.7400 and 1.7750 for now. That said, after "testing" the top of the range, GBP is likely to drift lower towards the bottom of the range from here.

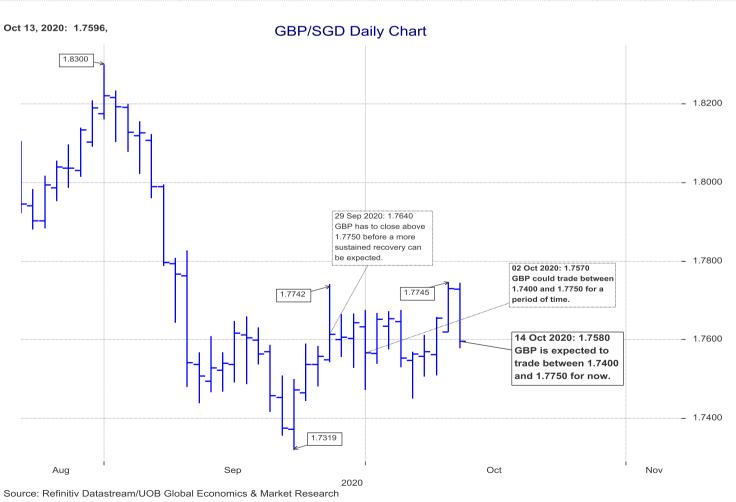


1-3 MONTHS VIEW

GBP/SGD could weaken further but the major support at 1.7080 is likely out of reach (dated 25 Sep 2020) Read more



Support Resistance S1: 1.7500 R1: 1.7635 S2: 1.7400 R2: 1.7750	Posistanco		Ranges 1	13 Oct 20		Percentage change					
	зиррогі	Resistance	Open	High	Low	Close	1D	1W	1M	YTD	
			1.7720	1.7745	1.7578	1.7586	-0.78%	+0.22%	+0.48%	-1.40%	





AUD/SGD: 0.9740



24-HOUR VIEW

Room for AUD to probe the 0.9710 support; a sustained decline below this level is not likely.

AUD dropped to a low of 0.9723 yesterday and ended the day on a soft note (-0.48%, 0.9733). While downward momentum has not improved by all that much, there is room for AUD to probe the support at 0.9700. For now, a sustained decline below this level is not likely. Resistance is at 0.9765 followed by 0.9785.



1-3 WEEKS VIEW

AUD could trade between 0.9650 and 0.9820 for a period of time.

There is not much to add to our latest narrative from last Friday (09 Oct, spot at 0.9735). As highlighted, AUD could trade between 0.9650 and 0.9820 for a period of time.

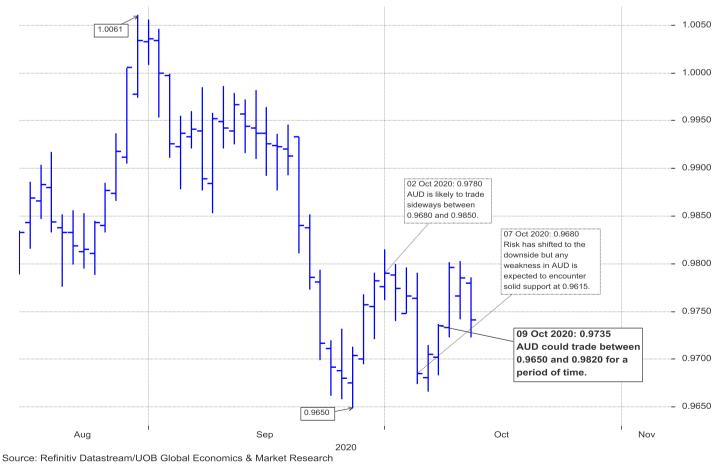


1-3 MONTHS VIEW

Late August peak of 1.0060 could be the top for the year but any pull-back in AUD/SGD is likely limited to a test of 0.9520. (dated 25 Sep 2020) Read more



Summark	Resistance		Ranges	13 Oct 20		Percentage change			
Support	Resistance	Open	High	Low	Close	1D	1W	1M	YTD
S1: 0.9710 S2: 0.9650	R1: 0.9785 R2: 0.9820	0.9782	0.9788	0.9723	0.9733	-0.48%	+0.54%	-2.32%	+3.11%
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JPY/SGD: 1.2895



24-HOUR VIEW

JPY could consolidate, likely within a 1.2865/1.2920 range.

JPY traded in a quiet manner yesterday before closing little changed at 1.2890. The price actions offer no fresh clues and JPY could continue to consolidate for now, likely within a 1.2865/1.2920 range.



1-3 WEEKS VIEW

JPY could edge higher but any advance is viewed as part of a 1.2800/1.2970 range.

JPY dropped to a low of 1.2778 on Monday (12 Oct) before rebounding strongly. Downward momentum has more or less dissipated and the current movement is viewed as the early stages of a correction. From here, JPY could edge higher but any advance is viewed as part of a 1.2800/1.2970 range. For now, a clear break of 1.2970 is unlikely.

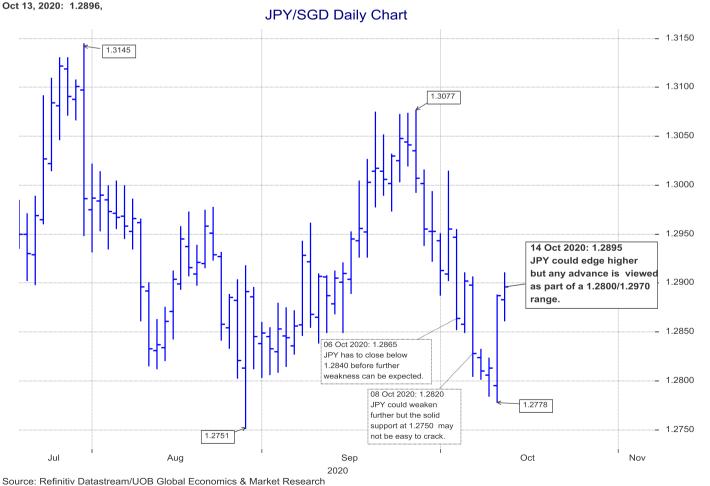


1-3 MONTHS VIEW

Outlook for JPY/SGD is mildly positive; could break above 1.3145 but premature to expect a move to the May's peak at 1.3415. (dated 25 Sep 2020) Read more



Commont.	Support Resistance \$1: 1.2865 R1: 1.2920 \$2: 1.2800 R2: 1.2970		Ranges	13 Oct 20		Percentage change				
Support	Resistance	Open	High	Low	Close	1D	1W	1M	YTD	
		1.2875	1.2911	1.2861	1.2890	+0.05%	-0.06%	+0.05%	+4.16%	
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FX Outlook	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	Rates Outlook	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21
EUR/USD	1.18	1.19	1.20	1.20	EU	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
GBP/USD	1.25	1.27	1.29	1.29	UK	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%
AUD/USD	0.72	0.73	0.74	0.74	AU	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
NZD/USD	0.67	0.68	0.69	0.69	NZ	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
USD/JPY	104	103	102	102	JP	-0.10%	-0.10%	-0.10%	-0.10%
USD/SGD	1.36	1.35	1.34	1.34	SG (3M SOR)	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
USD/MYR	4.12	4.08	4.05	4.05	MY	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%
USD/THB	31.00	31.30	31.50	31.50	TH	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
USD/CNY	6.70	6.65	6.60	6.60	CN	3.85%	3.85%	3.85%	3.85%
USD/IDR	14,900	14,800	14,700	14,500	ID	3.75%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
USD/PHP	48.20	47.90	47.50	47.50	PH	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%
USD/INR	74.00	74.50	75.00	75.50	IN	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
USD/TWD	28.80	28.50	28.30	28.30	TW	1.125%	1.125%	1.125%	1.125%
USD/HKD	7.75	7.78	7.80	7.80	HK	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
USD/KRW	1,160	1,150	1,140	1,140	KR	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
					US	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%

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Central Bank	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Federal Reserve (FOMC)	29	-	18*	29	1	10*	29	-	16*	-	05	16*
European Central Bank (ECB)	23	-	12		-	04	16	-	10	29	-	10
Bank of England (BOE)	30#	-	26	-	07#	18	-	06#	17	-	05#	17
Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA)	-	04	03	07	1	02	07	04	01		03	01
Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ)	-	12^	25	-	13^	24	-	12^	23	-	11^	-
Bank of Japan (BOJ)	21**	-	19	27**	-	16	15**	-	17	29**	-	18**
Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-
Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM)	22	-	03	-	05	-	07	-	10	-	03	-
Bank of Thailand (BOT)	-	05	25	-	20	24	-	05	23	-	18	23
Bank Indonesia (BI)	23	20	19	14	19	18	16	19	17	13	21	19
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)	-	06	19	16	-	25	-	20	-	01	19	17
Bank of Korea (BOK)	17	27	-	09	28	-	16	27	-	14	26	-
Taiwan Central Bank (CBC)	-	-	19	-	-	18	-	-	17	-	-	17
Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	-	06	27	-	-	-	-	06	-	09	-	04

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