

# Daily Market Commentary

## Gulf Bank Treasury Sales Desk

**CBK USD/KWD****0.30450****0.30460****September 18, 2025**

### Foreign Exchange Development

The U.S. dollar was steady, following its plunge to a 3-1/2-year low and then forceful rebound as traders grappled with the ramifications of the Fed's measured rhetoric on further interest rate cuts.

The euro was steady at \$1.1809, after a round trip to the highest since June 2021 at \$1.1918 on Wednesday in a knee-jerk reaction to the Fed announcement.

Sterling eased 0.13% to \$1.3612 after briefly leaping to the highest since July 2 at \$1.3726 in the prior session.

The dollar edged up 0.11% to 147.115 yen in the latest session, after weakening as much as 0.67% to the lowest since July 7 at 145.495 yen overnight before slingshotting back.

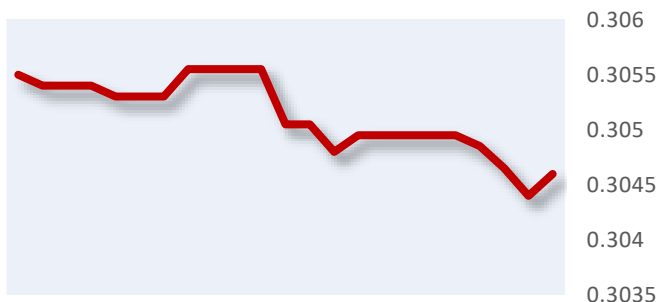
Oil prices declined for a second session today, after the Federal Reserve cut interest rates as expected and traders focused on concerns about the U.S. economy and excess supplies.

Gold prices extended losses on Thursday as the dollar firmed after the U.S. Federal Reserve cut interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point, as expected, and adopted a measured rhetoric on further policy easing.

### Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.1792	0.92	2.72	13.89
GBP/USD	1.3604	0.74	1.38	8.73
USD/CHF	0.7908	-1.22	-3.47	-12.87
USD/JPY	147.28	0.17	1.50	-6.10
AUD/USD	0.6625	1.28	1.78	7.05
USD/CAD	1.3795	0.35	0.71	-4.09
USD INDEX	97.17	-0.61	-1.75	-10.43
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent	
3654.15	41.42	73.75	67.94	

### USD/KWD - 1 Month



### Economic Updates

The Federal Reserve reduced interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point to 4% - 4.25% on Wednesday for the first time since December and indicated more cuts would follow to halt any slide in a labor market already experiencing higher joblessness among Blacks, a declining workweek, and other signs of weakness.

China's central bank left a key interest rate unchanged today, as authorities appear in no rush to ease monetary settings.

The Bank of Japan could raise interest rates in October even if Sanae Takaichi, a proponent of aggressive monetary easing, wins the ruling party's leadership race and becomes the next premier.

The UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, and Oman all cut their respective interest rates by 25bps after the Fed's reduction. Central Bank of Kuwait cut its discount rate to 3.75% from 4%.

### Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	46,018.32	260.42	1.04	8.17
FTSE 100	9,208.37	12.71	0.23	12.67
KUWAIT ALL	8,816.70	-5.94	3.74	19.75
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
TERM SOFR	4.13359	4.02304	3.85385	3.59516
EURIBOR	1.9090	2.0150	2.0870	2.1650
KIBOR	3.8750	4.0625	4.2500	4.4375
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US TRSY	3.581	3.518	3.632	4.062
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
CBK BOND	-	4.125	4.250	4.375
KONIA	2.190			
SOFR	4.390			
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK
INT. RATES	3.750	4.250	2.00	4.000

### Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
18Sep	United Kingdom	BOE Bank Rate	4.00	4
18Sep	United States	Initial Jobless Clm	263.0	242
18Sep	Japan	CPI, Core Nationwide	3.100	2.71
19Sep	United Kingdom	Retail Sales MM	1	0.43
25Sep	United States	GDP Final	3	3.28
25Sep	United States	Existing Home Sales	4.01	3.972
26Sep	United States	Consumption, Adjusted	0.50	0.32

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg

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