Daily Market Commentary

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CBK USD/KWD	0.30670	0.30680	September 13, 2026

Foreign Exchange Development

The dollar edged higher against the euro and Swiss franc after U.S. inflation data showed a rise in consumer prices, reinforcing expectations that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates next week.

The euro was down 0.13% at $1.1595 and was on track for a weekly loss. The dollar strengthened 0.47% to 0.817 against the franc. It was set for its third straight weekly gain against the Swiss currency.

The pound rose slightly after data showed UK growth beat expectations in July, continuing a string of relatively upbeat readings for the British economy.

Oil prices fell but remained on course for a weekly gain of more than 8%, while U.S. diesel prices hit a record high as attacks along Middle East shipping routes stoked concerns about prolonged supply disruptions.

Gold prices firmed over 1%, rebounding from recent losses and finding a short-term floor despite strong U.S. inflation data bolstering expectations of an interest rate hike by the Federal Reserve next week.

Economic Updates

U.S. consumer prices accelerated in August, while a key measure of underlying inflation posted its largest increase in four months, reinforcing expectations that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates next week.

Two European Central Bank policymakers opened the door to further interest rate increases if a war-fuelled rise in energy prices continues and pushes up other prices in the euro zone.

Arab News reported that Saudi Arabia’s Business Confidence Index (BCI) rose to 56.7 in August from 56.5 in July, remaining above the 50-point neutral threshold and reflecting continued optimism about economic conditions and growth prospects across sectors.

The UAE banking sector’s balance sheet continued to expand in July 2026, with gross bank assets rising 1.3% MoM to AED 5.67tn, state news agency WAM reported.

Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.1602	-0.16	0.18	-1.25
GBP/USD	1.3521	-0.12	0.79	0.33
USD/CHF	0.8167	0.99	2.73	3.00
USD/JPY	153.55	-3.88	-3.99	-1.99
AUD/USD	0.7172	0.03	1.70	7.43
USD/CAD	1.3874	0.11	-0.68	1.06
USD INDEX	99.10	-0.33	-0.65	0.79
Gold	**Silver**	**KWT OSP**	**Brent**	
4350.12	64.51	128.54	104.36	

Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	52,573.29	509.19	-1.15	9.38
FTSE 100	10,650.44	41.52	-1.61	7.24
KUWAIT ALL	8,942.74	14.73	0.51	0.39
Benchmark	**1 Month**	**3 Month**	**6 Month**	**12 Month**
TERM SOFR	3.81676	3.89455	4.04094	4.27594
EURIBOR	2.3880	2.6470	2.8200	3.1600
KIBOR	3.4375	3.5625	3.8125	4.0000
Benchmark	**1 Year**	**3 Year**	**5 Year**	**10 Year**
US TRSY	4.316	4.719	4.784	4.969
Benchmark	**ON**	**3 Month**	**6 Month**	**12 Month**
CBK BOND	-	3.625	3.750	3.875
KONIA	2.940			
SOFR	3.620			
Country	**KWT**	**US**	**EURO**	**UK**
INT. RATES	3.500	3.750	2.25	3.750

EUR/USD - 1 Month

Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
15Sep	United Kingdom	ILO Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.96
15Sep	Japan	Trade Balance Total Yen	-634.50	-1003.17
16Sep	United Kingdom	CPI YY	2.90	3.09
16Sep	United States	Fed Funds Tgt Rate	3.625	3.7003
17Sep	Euro Zone	HICP Final YY	3.30	3.3
17Sep	United Kingdom	BOE Bank Rate	3.75	3.75

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg