Daily Market Commentary

Gulf Bank Treasury Sales Desk

CBK USD/KWD 0.30660 0.30670 **September 8, 2026**

Foreign Exchange Development

The Japanese yen climbed to a seven-month high against the U.S. dollar on Tuesday, as traders continued to unwind short positions amid growing bets of a Bank of Japan interest-rate hike while the dollar was subdued ahead of CPI data this week.

The dollar index, which measures the greenback against a basket of currencies, was a touch weaker at 98.83 amid yen strength.

That left the euro and sterling both largely flat, last at $1.1625 and $1.3535, respectively.

The New Zealand dollar was 0.1% stronger at $0.5882, while the Australian dollar was flat at $0.7219.

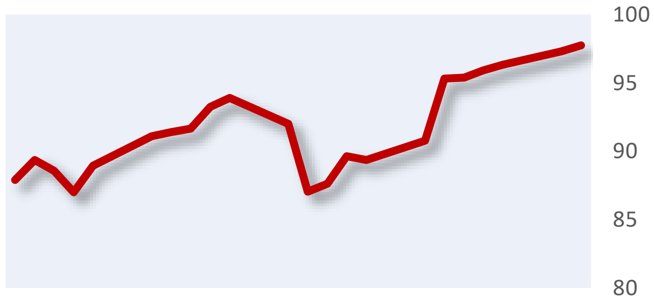
Oil prices extended gains as risks of a prolonged conflict in the Middle East grew after Iran threatened to retaliate against any new U.S. attacks on its assets, heightening worries over supply disruption.

Gold climbed on Tuesday as the U.S. dollar slipped, with investors focused on upcoming inflation data that could shape expectations for the Federal Reserve's next policy move.

Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.1625	0.06	0.90	-1.04
GBP/USD	1.3542	0.01	1.47	0.46
USD/CHF	0.8096	0.12	1.62	2.12
USD/JPY	153.51	-3.93	-4.26	-2.04
AUD/USD	0.7216	0.64	2.37	8.09
USD/CAD	1.3804	-0.38	-0.95	0.56
USD INDEX	98.81	-0.62	-1.10	0.49
Gold	**Silver**	**KWT OSP**	**Brent**	
4425.10	66.70	112.20	97.32	

Brent - 1 Month



Economic Updates

Japan's real wages rose 2.4% in July from a year earlier, marking the biggest increase since May 2021 and the seventh consecutive month of gains, government data showed on Tuesday, signalling that pay trends were gradually recovering.

U.S. nonfarm payrolls rose by 162,000 in August, well above expectations, while the unemployment rate held at 4.1%, signaling a resilient labor market despite slower wage growth and longer unemployment durations.

S&P affirmed the UAE's AA/A-1+ sovereign credit ratings with a Stable outlook, citing exceptionally strong fiscal and external buffers, low government debt, and expectations of stronger economic growth and sustained fiscal surpluses over the coming years.

Gulf stock markets were mixed on Monday as escalating U.S.-Iran tensions and fresh attacks on shipping in the region weighed on investor sentiment.

Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	53,414.25	-271.86	0.43	11.13
FTSE 100	10,822.13	-8.96	-0.02	8.97
KUWAIT ALL	8,934.53	94.55	0.42	0.30
Benchmark	**1 Month**	**3 Month**	**6 Month**	**12 Month**
TERM SOFR	3.74231	3.81336	3.94239	4.12425
EURIBOR	2.3640	2.6790	2.7940	3.1080
KIBOR	3.4375	3.5625	3.7500	3.9375
Benchmark	**1 Year**	**3 Year**	**5 Year**	**10 Year**
US TRSY	4.092	4.441	4.541	4.778
Benchmark	**ON**	**3 Month**	**6 Month**	**12 Month**
CBK BOND	-	3.625	3.750	3.875
KONIA	2.910			
SOFR	3.660			
Country	**KWT**	**US**	**EURO**	**UK**
INT. RATES	3.500	3.750	2.25	3.750

Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
10Sep	Germany	HICP Final YY	2.9	2.9
10Sep	Euro Zone	ECB Deposit Rate	2.25	2.5
10Sep	United States	Initial Jobless Clm	206K	204K
11Sep	United Kingdom	GDP Estimate YY	1.1	1.13
11Sep	United States	CPI YY, NSA	3.40	3.39
11Sep	United States	U Mich Sentiment Prelim	51.7	51.04

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg