## Daily Market Commentary

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**CBK USD/KWD** 

0.30545 0.30555



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## **Foreign Exchange Development**

The U.S. dollar was on the defensive early on Wednesday after comments from Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell bolstered wagers on an interest rate cut this month.

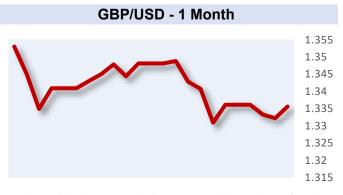
The greenback had lost ground to the safe-haven yen and Swiss franc on Tuesday as Washington and Beijing traded volleys in a simmering tariff spat. The euro had also gained on the dollar after the French government proposed suspending landmark pension reforms.

The dollar index was flat at 99.055 after declining 0.2% in the prior session. The greenback was steady at 151.80 yen, following a 0.3% slide on Tuesday, and was little changed at 0.8013 franc. The euro held firm at \$1.1606 after gaining 0.3% in the previous session.

Oil prices fell on Wednesday, extending losses from the previous session, as investors weighed the International Energy Agency's warning of a supply surplus in 2026 and U.S.-China trade tensions that could curtail demand.

Gold rose to a fresh high just shy of the \$4,200-perounce level, buoyed by rising expectations of further U.S. rate cuts, while renewed U.S.-China trade worries also boosted safe-haven demand.

Currencies & Commodities							
Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%			
EUR/USD	1.1626	-0.92	0.22	12.29			
GBP/USD	1.3356	-0.67	-0.21	6.71			
USD/CHF	0.7996	0.43	-0.25	-11.87			
USD/JPY	151.14	2.18	1.52	-3.63			
AUD/USD	0.6518	-1.47	0.03	5.29			
USD/CAD	1.4035	0.88	2.27	-2.41			
<b>USD INDEX</b>	98.86	1.11	0.47	-8.88			
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent				
4190.30	52.38	63.20	62.30				



## **Economic Updates**

Deflationary pressures persisted in China, with both consumer and producer prices falling in September, supporting the case for more policy measures as a prolonged property market slump and trade tensions weigh on confidence.

The U.S. labor market remained mired in its low-hiring, low-firing doldrums through September, though the economy "may be on a somewhat firmer trajectory than expected," Powell said on Tuesday, noting that policymakers will take a "meeting-by-meeting" approach to interest rate cuts as they balance job market weakness with above-target inflation.

The International Monetary Fund upgraded its 2025 economic growth forecast for Saudi Arabia on Tuesday due to a faster-than-expected unwinding of oil production cuts in the world's top crude exporter. The IMF lifted its forecast for Saudi Arabia's GDP growth in 2025 to 4%, from 3% it projected in April.

Global Markets							
Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%			
DOWJONES	46,270.46	202.88	-0.27	8.76			
FTSE 100	9,452.77	9.90	1.09	15.66			
KUWAIT ALL	8,858.82	18.54	0.72	20.32			
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month			
TERM SOFR	4.03184	3.89363	3.75141	3.54735			
EURIBOR	1.8910	2.0260	2.1030	2.2010			
KIBOR	3.5625	3.8125	3.9375	4.1250			
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year			
US TRSY	3.562	3.475	3.594	4.013			
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month			
CBK BOND	-	3.875	4.000	4.125			
KONIA	2.080						
SOFR	4.150						
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK			
INT. RATES	3.750	4.250	2.00	4.000			

Upcoming Indicators / Events								
Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast				
15Oct	Euro Zone	Industrial Production YY	1.80	-0.13				
15Oct	United States	NY Fed Manufacturing	-8.7	-0.837				
15Oct	Japan	Machinery Orders MM	-4.6	-0.2				
16Oct	United Kingdom	GDP Estimate YY	1	1.34				
16Oct	United Kingdom	Services MM	0	0.15				
16Oct	United Kingdom	Industrial Output MM	-0.90	0.14				
16Oct	United Kingdom	Manufacturing Output MM	-1.30	0.27				
Source: Reuters and Bloomhera								

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