

# Daily Market Commentary

## Gulf Bank Treasury Sales Desk

**CBK USD/KWD****0.30525****0.30535****December 24, 2025**

### Foreign Exchange Development

The U.S. dollar was headed for its worst annual performance in more than two decades on Wednesday as investors wagered the Federal Reserve would have room to cut rates further next year even as some of its peers looked set to hike.

Against a basket of currencies, the dollar fell to a 2-1/2-month low of 97.767, and was on track to lose 9.9% for the year, which would mark its steepest annual drop since 2003.

The euro, which rose to a three-month high of \$1.1806, is up just over 14% for the year thus far, putting it on track for its best performance since 2003.

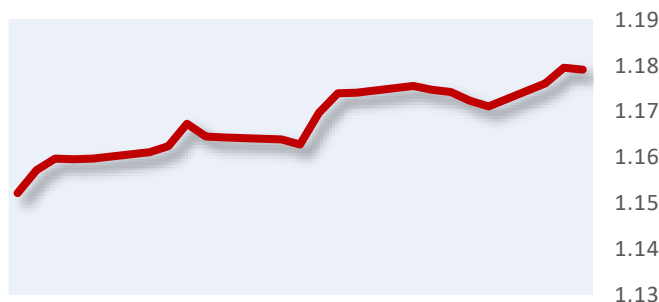
Gold surged past the \$4,500-an-ounce mark for the first time on Wednesday, while silver and platinum also scaled record highs, as investors piled into precious metals on safe-haven demand and expectations that U.S. interest rates will fall further next year.

Oil prices steadied on Wednesday, after gaining in the previous five sessions, supported by robust U.S. economic growth and the risk of supply disruptions from Venezuela and Russia.

### Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.1793	1.69	0.46	13.89
GBP/USD	1.3517	2.07	0.49	7.99
USD/CHF	0.7874	-2.08	-0.99	-13.25
USD/JPY	155.8	-0.23	4.63	-0.66
AUD/USD	0.6711	2.44	1.91	8.40
USD/CAD	1.3682	-2.09	-1.53	-4.86
USD INDEX	97.88	-1.57	0.01	-9.77
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent	
4489.98	71.99	61.47	62.55	

### EUR/USD - 1 Month



### Economic Updates

Bank of Japan policymakers debated the need to continue raising interest rates to levels deemed neutral to the economy with some arguing doing so would help achieve long-term, stable growth, minutes of their October meeting showed on Wednesday.

Major central banks have delivered interest rate cuts in 2025 at the fastest clip and largest scale since the financial crisis, while easing among policymakers in developing nations also accelerated. Nine of the central banks overseeing the 10 most heavily traded currencies lowered their benchmark lending rates in 2025 - namely the U.S. Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the Bank of England but also Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Sweden, Norway and Switzerland.

KKR announced its first deal in Saudi Arabia, the US investment firm is leading a refinancing of debt on a \$750 million water treatment plant in Rabigh on the kingdom's west coast.

### Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	48,442.41	307.52	1.52	13.86
FTSE 100	9,889.22	23.25	1.74	21.00
KUWAIT ALL	8,980.33	18.02	1.40	21.97
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
TERM SOFR	3.73173	3.68871	3.60432	3.44752
EURIBOR	1.9030	2.0220	2.1340	2.2690
KIBOR	3.3750	3.5625	3.7500	3.9375
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US TRSY	3.468	3.578	3.736	4.159
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
CBK BOND	-	3.625	3.750	3.875
KONIA	1.850			
SOFR	3.680			
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK
INT. RATES	3.500	3.750	2.00	3.750

### Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
24Dec	United States	Initial Jobless Clm	224.000	223.6
25Dec	Japan	Jobs/Applicants Ratio	1.18	1.177
25Dec	Japan	Unemployment Rate	2.60	2.58
02Jan	United Kingdom	Nationwide house price	0.3	0.13
05Jan	United States	ISM Manufacturing PMI	48.20	48.3
06Jan	Euro Zone	HCOB - Composite Final PM	51.90	51.9
07Jan	Euro Zone	HICP Flash YY	2.10	2.02

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg

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