

Daily Market Commentary

Gulf Bank Treasury Sales Desk

**CBK USD/KWD****0.30530****0.30540****August 28, 2025**

Foreign Exchange Development

The dollar started on the back foot as traders added to bets for a Federal Reserve interest rate reduction next month after New York Fed chief John Williams signaled a cut was possible.

The dollar index, which gauges the currency against six major peers, was steady at 98.135, following two days of declines.

The euro added 0.07% to \$1.1646, and sterling edged up 0.03% to \$1.3504.

The dollar slipped 0.11% to 0.8017 Swiss franc, although it ticked up 0.05% to 147.47 yen.

Oil prices fell as investors weighed the outlook for U.S. fuel demand with the end of the summer driving season near, while assessing potential crude supply shifts as India faces punishing U.S. tariffs for importing Russian oil.

Gold prices remained stable, as market participants held back from placing big bets ahead of U.S. economic data that could help shed further light on the Federal Reserve's interest rate trajectory.

Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.1641	1.96	3.07	12.42
GBP/USD	1.3508	2.26	0.23	7.93
USD/CHF	0.8019	-1.33	-3.13	-11.66
USD/JPY	147.12	-2.43	1.55	-6.22
AUD/USD	0.6510	1.26	1.26	5.17
USD/CAD	1.3786	-0.51	-0.37	-4.16
USD INDEX	98.14	-1.83	-1.15	-9.54
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent	
3391.20	38.74	71.90	67.82	

USD/KWD - 1 Month



0.3057
0.3056
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0.305

Economic Updates

The most enduring legacy of President Donald Trump's first term was installing a Republican-appointed majority on the Supreme Court. In his second stint in office, he aims to do the same at the Federal Reserve.

Japan's top trade negotiator cancelled a visit to the United States at the last minute on Thursday, further delaying talks designed to finalise a \$550 billion investment package offered by Tokyo in exchange for relief on punishing tariffs.

China's commerce minister urged closer ties in new energy and capital markets in talks with Saudi Arabia's visiting investment minister, the commerce ministry said, as Beijing seeks Riyadh's backing for a Gulf trade deal.

Stock markets in the Gulf ended mixed on Wednesday as concerns persisted about the U.S. Federal Reserve's independence following President Donald Trump's attempt to dismiss Fed Governor Lisa Cook.

Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	45,565.23	147.16	3.25	7.10
FTSE 100	9,255.50	-10.30	1.34	13.24
KUWAIT ALL	8,565.39	-14.33	-0.61	16.34
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
TERM SOFR	4.31599	4.19886	4.04351	3.78460
EURIBOR	1.8810	2.0220	2.0640	2.1160
KIBOR	3.8125	4.0000	4.1875	4.3750
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US TRSY	3.814	3.580	3.692	4.221
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
CBK BOND	-	4.125	4.250	4.375
KONIA	2.170			
SOFR	4.380			
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK
INT. RATES	4.000	4.500	2.00	4.000

Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
28Aug	Euro Zone	Consumer Confid. Final	-15.50	-15.41
28Aug	United States	GDP 2nd Estimate	3.0	3.11
28Aug	United States	Initial Jobless Clm	235.00	231.8
28Aug	Japan	CPI, Overall Tokyo	2.90	
29Aug	Germany	CPI Prelim YY	2.00	2.11
29Aug	United States	Core PCE Price Index YY	2.80	2.91
29Aug	United States	PCE Price Index YY	2.60	2.6

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg

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