

# Daily Market Commentary

## Gulf Bank Treasury Sales Desk

**CBK USD/KWD****0.30620****0.30630****June 19, 2025**

### Foreign Exchange Development

The dollar firmed on Thursday, buoyed by safe-haven demand due to the looming threat of a broader conflict in the Middle East and possible U.S. involvement, while investors weighed Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's cautionary tone on inflation.

The Australian dollar fell as much as 0.5% but was last down 0.3% at \$0.6489, while the New Zealand dollar slipped 0.5% to \$0.5998.

The euro hit a one-week low and was last 0.25% weaker at \$1.1455, heading for 0.8% drop on the week, its biggest weekly decline since February. The yen last fetched 145.13 per dollar.

Oil prices slipped on Thursday as investors hesitated to take new positions after U.S. President Donald Trump gave mixed signals on the country's potential involvement in the ongoing Israel-Iran conflict.

Gold prices gained on Thursday, as rising tensions in the Middle East buoyed demand for the safe-haven asset, although the U.S. Federal Reserve's cautious stance on future rate cuts kept gains in check.

### Currencies & Commodities

Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%
EUR/USD	1.1466	1.03	5.16	10.73
GBP/USD	1.3408	-0.42	3.10	7.13
USD/CHF	0.8201	-0.35	-6.57	-9.66
USD/JPY	145.11	0.74	-2.41	-7.48
AUD/USD	0.6483	0.73	1.90	4.70
USD/CAD	1.3714	-0.23	-4.29	-4.67
USD INDEX	99.00	-0.33	-4.67	-8.74
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent	
3372.35	36.78	77.46	76.10	

### USD/KWD - 1 Month



0.3075  
0.307  
0.3065  
0.306  
0.3055

### Economic Updates

The U.S. central bank held interest rates steady and policymakers signaled borrowing costs are still likely to fall in 2025, but Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell cautioned against putting too much weight on that view, and said he expects "meaningful" inflation ahead as consumers pay more for goods due to the Trump administration's planned import tariffs.

Britain's central bank looks set to keep interest rates on hold today as it waits to see if the economy and inflation continue to weaken, or whether the country will be hit by an energy price shock from the Israel-Iran conflict.

The UAE ranked 5th in competitiveness, government efficiency, the strength of its legislation, and the quality of its business environment, according to the 2025 World Competitiveness Ranking released by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD), Gulf News reported.

### Global Markets

Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%
DOWJONES	42,171.66	-44.14	-0.23	-0.88
FTSE 100	8,843.47	9.44	0.81	8.20
KUWAIT ALL	7,893.43	-116.70	-2.70	7.21
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
TERM SOFR	4.32143	4.32369	4.24518	4.05711
EURIBOR	1.8970	2.0230	2.0710	2.1110
KIBOR	3.8750	4.0625	4.2500	4.4375
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US TRSY	4.070	3.890	3.984	4.389
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
CBK BOND	-	4.125	4.250	4.375
KONIA	2.500			
SOFR	4.310			
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK
INT. RATES	4.000	4.500	2.25	4.250

### Upcoming Indicators / Events

Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast
19Jun	United Kingdom	BOE Bank Rate	4.25	4.25
19Jun	Japan	CPI, Core Nationwide YY	3.50	3.6
20Jun	United Kingdom	Retail Sales MM	1.20	-0.44
20Jun	Euro Zone	Consumer Confid. Flash	-15.20	-14.62
26Jun	United States	GDP Final	-0.20	-0.2
27Jun	United States	Consumption, Adjusted	0.20	0.25
27Jun	United States	Core PCE Price Index MM	0.10	0.1

Source: Reuters and Bloomberg

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