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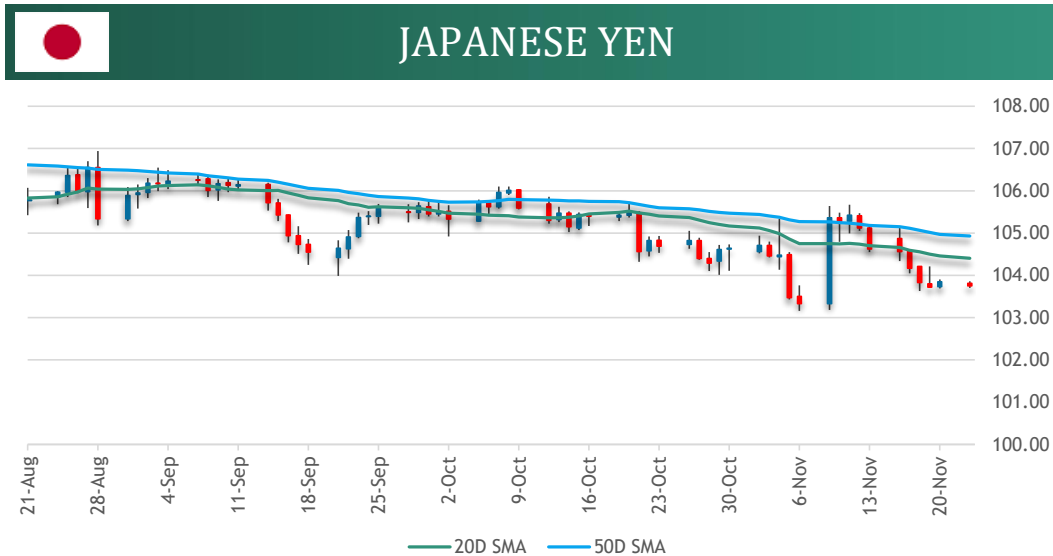
Market Commentary

KFH Treasury



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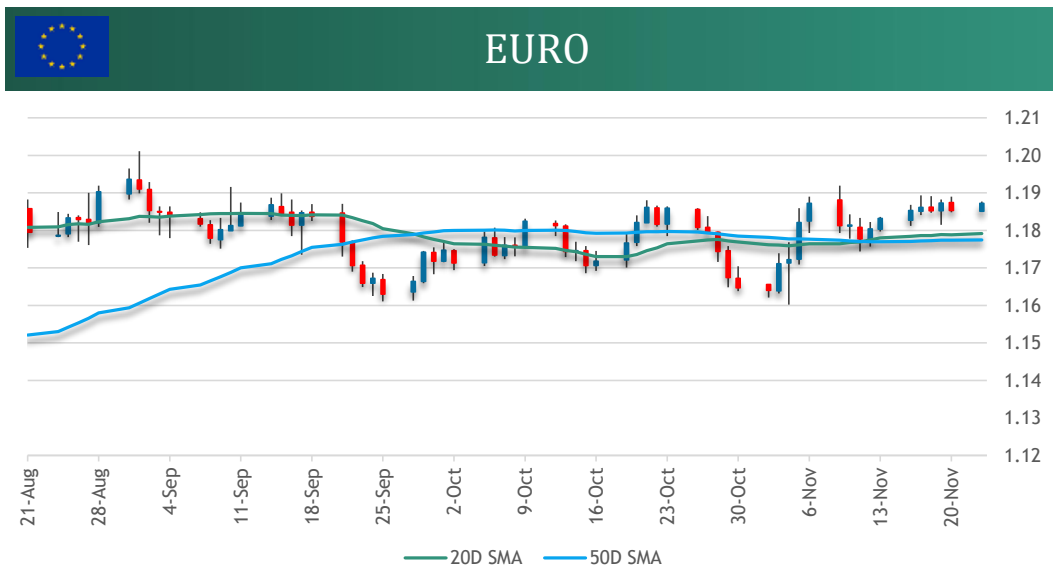
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3M %chg **-1.83%**

USD/JPY-Caught between vaccine optimism and virus toll - Reuters News

23-Nov-2020 08:33:41 AM

- * USD/JPY down 0.1% in Asia as dollar weakens broadly on vaccine optimism
- * Supported by buoyant risk appetite on hopes for imminent virus vaccines
- * COVID-19 shots could reach first Americans by mid-Dec-top health official
- * Rising U.S. virus toll and U.S. policy vacuum will continue to cap rallies
- * Japan holiday Mon dampens trading activity; U.S. holiday Thursday too
- * Asia range 103.715-103.845; support 103.45-50, resistance 104.00-05



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1M %chg **0.27%**

3M %chg **-0.05%**

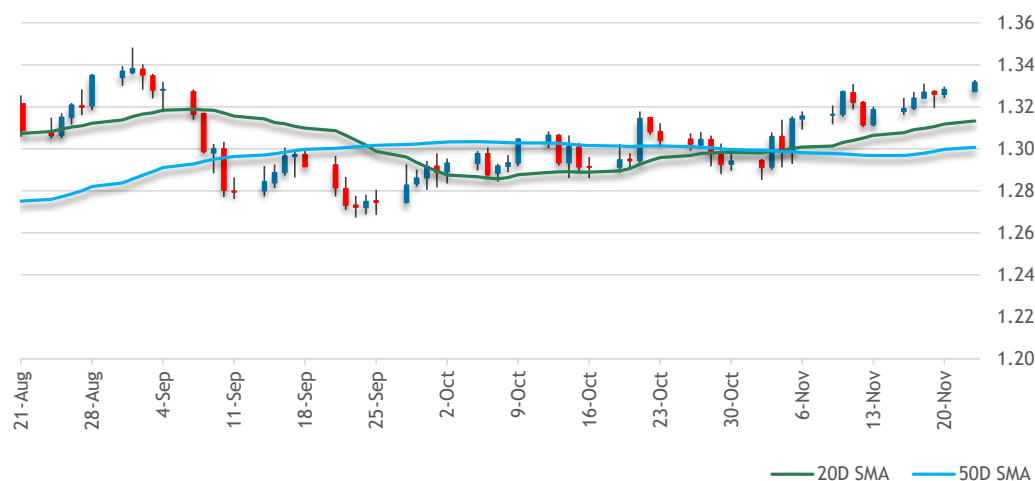
EUR/USD-Firms in Asia as USD broadly weakens - Reuters News

23-Nov-2020 08:35:37 AM

- * The USD started off the new weak under pressure led by risk currencies
- * The EUR/USD opened 1.1855 after easting 0.15% on Friday
- * AUD/USD and NZD/USD moved higher early Asia and set the tone for the morning
- * EUR/USD traded up to 1.1878 and was around 1.1875 into the afternoon
- * Sellers ahead of 1.1900 continue to cap - with resistance at 1.1920
- * Support at 10-day MA at 1.1840 and 21-day MA at 1.1794

Forex Market

POUND STERLING



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1.3282

1M %chg
2.61%

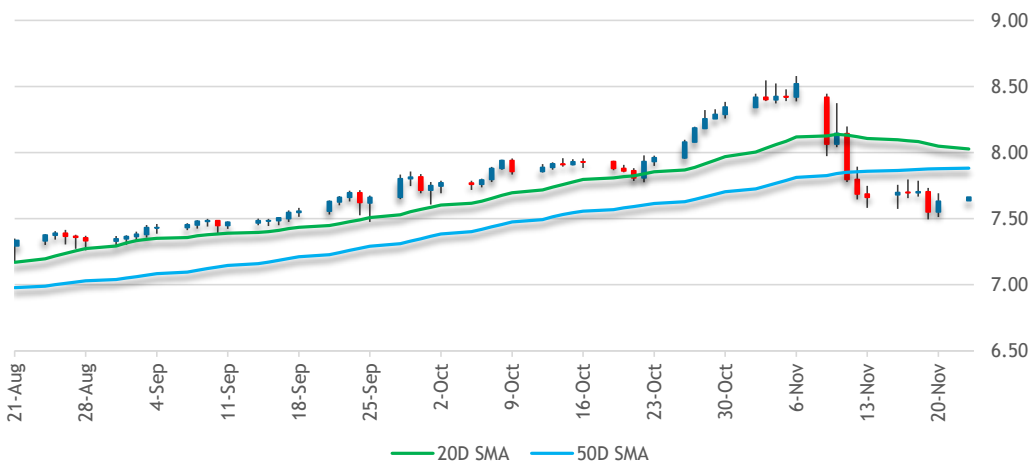
3M %chg
0.53%

GBP/USD-Buoyant start to the week on Brexit optimism - Reuters News

23-Nov-2020 06:20:07 AM

- * GBP/USD rallies 0.15% in Asia on growing optimism for Brexit deal
- * Britain PM expected to speak to European Commission head this week on Brexit
- * Bid to clear the final barriers to a Brexit deal-The Telegraph
- * UK's Sunak says he hopes for a Brexit deal but not at any price
- * Says no return to austerity in Wednesday's new spending plan
- * Strong resistance at 1.3310-20, if cleared opens path for 1.3360
- * Support 1.3250-60, 1.3200-10

TURKISH LIRA



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7.6323

1M %chg
-2.91%

3M %chg
4.64%

Turkey - Factors to Watch - Reuters News

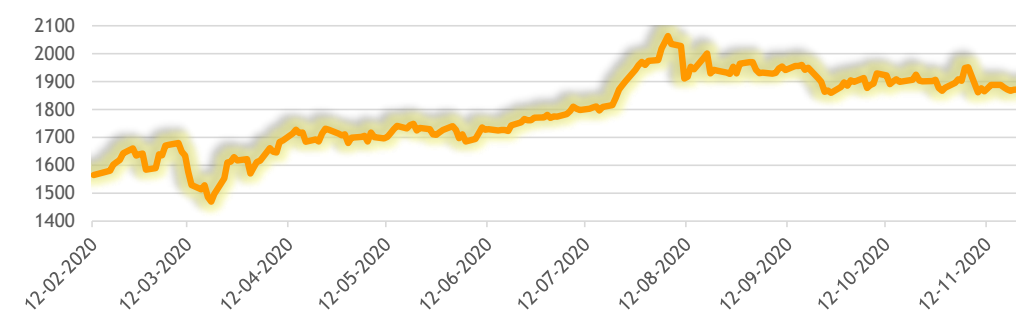
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ISTANBUL, Nov 23 (Reuters) - The lira TRYTOM=D3 stood at 7.6700 against the dollar at 0413 GMT, weakening from a close of 7.6500 on Friday. The main BIST 100 share index .XU100 rose 0.83% to 1,323.95 on Friday.

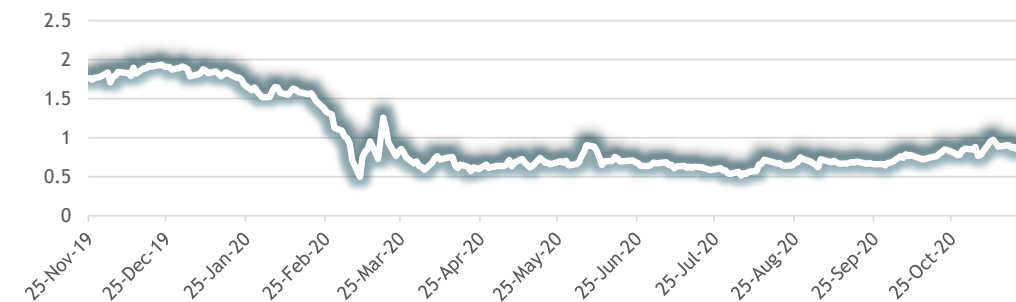
Turkey identified 6,017 new symptomatic cases of coronavirus in the last 24 hours, data from the Health Ministry showed on Sunday. The total number of patients increased to 446,822 and the death toll increased by 139 to 12,358.

Gold, US Treasury & Dollar Index

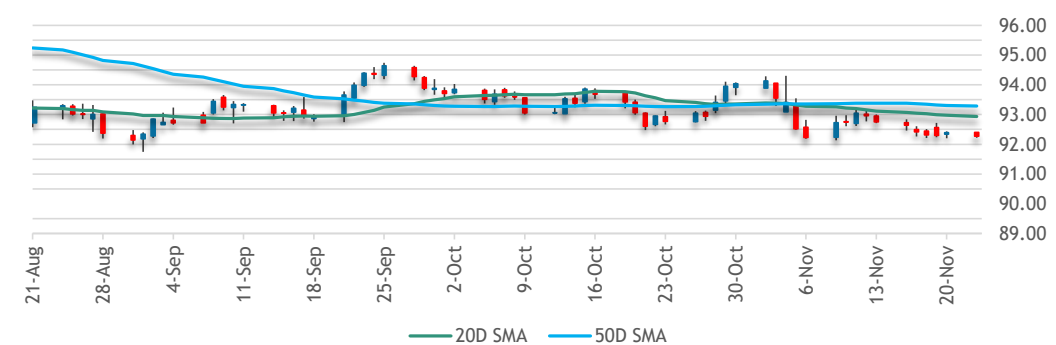
GOLD



10Y US-TREASURY



DOLLAR INDEX



US 10YT YIELD

0.82

1M %chg

4.02%

3M %chg

28.73%

PRECIOUS-Gold inches up as dollar dips, Mnuchin rekindles stimulus hopes

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Nov 23 (Reuters) - Gold prices ticked higher on Monday in early Asian trade, supported by a weaker dollar and hopes of further U.S. stimulus aimed at cushioning the economic blow from the COVID-19 pandemic. Spot gold XAU= rose 0.1% to \$1,872.96 per ounce by 0059 GMT. U.S. gold futures GCv1 were steady at \$1,871.70. The dollar index .DXY was down 0.1%. U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin on Friday signalled that negotiations on stimulus measures would continue, even as he defended his decision to end several of the Federal Reserve's pandemic lending programs on Dec. 31. Silver XAG= firmed 0.4% to \$24.24 per ounce. Platinum XPT= fell 0.3% to \$943.21, while palladium XPD= was up 0.1% at \$2,329.01.

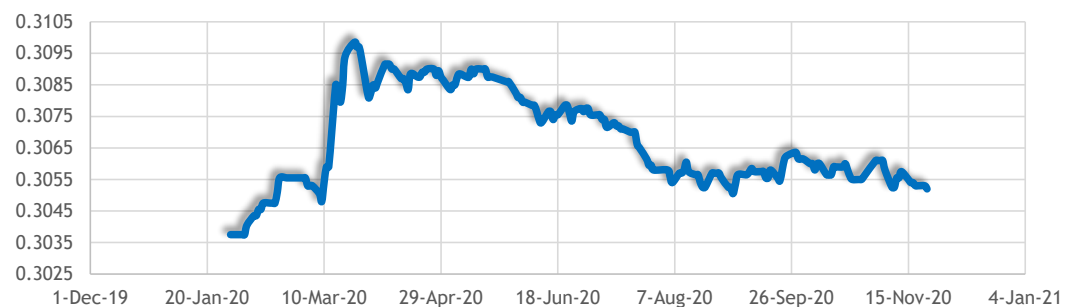
UPCOMING KEY ECONOMIC INDICATOR RELEASES

INDICATOR	Ctry / Regn	Time	For	Prior	Consensus
Markit Comp Flash PMI	EU	23-Nov 14:30	Nov	50.0	45.8
Markit Mfg Flash PMI	EU	23-Nov 14:30	Nov	54.8	53.1
Markit Serv Flash PMI	EU	23-Nov 14:30	Nov	46.9	42.5
Flash Composite PMI	GB	23-Nov 15:00	Nov	52.1	42.5
Flash Manufacturing PMI	GB	23-Nov 15:00	Nov	53.7	50.5
Flash Services PMI	GB	23-Nov 15:00	Nov	51.4	42.5
National Activity Index	US	23-Nov 19:00	Oct	0.27	
Markit Mfg PMI Flash	US	23-Nov 20:15	Nov	53.4	53.0
Markit Svcs PMI Flash	US	23-Nov 20:15	Nov	56.9	55.3
CBI Distributive Trades	GB	24-Nov 16:30	Nov	-23	-35
CaseShiller 20 YY	US	24-Nov 19:30	Sep	5.2	5.0

Daily Market Report



KWD - CBK FIX



MARKET SUMMARY

INSTRUMENT	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	%CHG 1D
EUR	1.1874	1.189	1.1848	1.1853	-0.17%
GBP	1.3259	1.3296	1.3242	1.3282	0.16%
JPY	103.73	103.9	103.69	103.85	0.13%
TRY	7.5509	7.6915	7.5116	7.6323	1.08%
Dollar Idx	92.342	92.432	92.206	92.392	0.11%
Brent	44.15	45.24	44.05	44.96	1.72%
WTC	-	-	-	41.99	1.01%
Gold	1867.21	1879.55	1860.05	1870.4858	0.17%
KWSE Index	5533.45	5542.22	5522.38	5540.57	0.25%

KIBOR RATES

Tenor	Value	Tenor	Value
ON	0.69	3M	1.44
SW	0.94	6M	1.69
1M	1.19	1Y	1.94

CENTRAL BANK OF KUWAIT

KWD (CBK FIX) CLOSE

0.30530

3M% CHG

0.02%

POLICY RATES INDICATOR	As of	Value	Prior	Change
ON Repo Rate	28-Oct-'20	0.88	1.00	-0.13
1W Repo Rate	28-Oct-'20	1.13	1.25	-0.13
1M Repo Rate	28-Oct-'20	1.63	1.75	-0.13
KWD ON Rate	28-Oct-'20	10.00	10.00	0.00
Discount Rate	28-Oct-'20	1.50	1.50	0.00

LIBOR RATES

Tenor	Value	Tenor	Value
ON	0.08	3M	0.20
SW	0.10	6M	0.25
1M	0.15	1Y	0.34
2M	0.17		

OTHER C-BANK RATES

INDICATOR	As of	Value	Prior	Change
FED Target Rate	15-Mar-'20	0.25	0.25	0.00
ECB Refinancing Rate	10-Mar-'16	0.00	0.05	-0.05
BOE Bank Rate	19-Mar-'20	0.10	0.25	-0.15
BOJ Prime Rate	12-Aug-'20	1.00	1.05	-0.05
TRY ON Lending Rate	19-Nov-'20	16.50	11.75	4.75

KEY INTERNATIONAL STORIES

COVID-19 shots could reach first Americans by mid-December, top health official says

Nov 22 (Reuters) - U.S. healthcare workers and others recommended for the nation's first COVID-19 inoculations could start getting shots within a day or two of regulatory consent next month, a top official of the government's vaccine development effort said on Sunday. Some 70% of the U.S. population of 330 million would need to be inoculated to achieve "herd" immunity from the virus, a goal the country could achieve by May, according to Dr. Moncef Slaoui, chief scientific adviser for "Operation Warp Speed.

Germany plans for \$190 billion in new debt in 2021 - sources

BERLIN, Nov 22 (Reuters) - German Finance Minister Olaf Scholz plans to take on at least 160 billion euros (\$190 billion) in new debt in 2021 to help stave off the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, three people familiar with the matter said on Sunday. This is at least 64 billion euros higher than the 96 billion euros initially foreseen by Scholz for next year. Of the additional debt, 39.5 billion euros are earmarked to support companies whose business has been hit by the coronavirus crisis, a draft of the budget seen by Reuters showed. About 2.7 billion euros will be available to pay for a vaccine.

Britain wants to agree an EU free-trade deal - finance minister Sunak

LONDON, Nov 22 (Reuters) - Britain wants to strike a free-trade deal with the European Union, but the short-term impact of not doing so will be overshadowed by the COVID-19 pandemic, British Finance Minister Rishi Sunak told the BBC's Andrew Marr programme on Sunday. Asked what the effect of not have a free-trade deal in place after the transition period ends on Dec. 31, Sunak said: "It's very difficult to be precise about the near-term effects. "But I'd agree with what the prime minister has said, in the short term specifically and most immediately, it would be preferable to have a deal because it would ease things in the short term.

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Brazil signs letter of intent to purchase five COVID vaccines

BRASILIA, Nov 22 (Reuters) - Brazil's health ministry said on Sunday it will sign non-binding letters of intent to purchase coronavirus vaccines from four companies and Russia's sovereign wealth fund, adding that any purchase will depend on the approval of the nation's regulators. According to the ministry, officials met last week with representatives of Pfizer Inc PFE.N, India's Bharat Biotech, the Russian Direct Investment Fund, Moderna Inc MRNA.O and Janssen, a unit of Johnson & Johnson JNJ.N. So far, the Brazilian federal government's main bet is on a vaccine being developed by AstraZeneca PLC AZN.L, with which it has already signed a supply contract.

Singapore's economy to return to growth in 2021 after worst slump

SINGAPORE, Nov 23 (Reuters) - Singapore's economy contracted less than initially estimated in the third quarter due to the gradual easing of COVID-19 lockdown measures and authorities expect the city-state to bounce back to growth next year from its worst recession. Gross domestic product (GDP) fell 5.8% year-on-year in the third quarter, the ministry of trade and industry said on Monday, smaller than the 7% drop seen in the government's advance estimate. The government said it now expects full-year GDP to contract between 6.5% and 6% versus its prior forecast for a 5% to 7% decline. The country is still facing the biggest downturn in its history.

Oil prices extend gains on COVID vaccine hopes

Oil prices extended their gains on Monday as traders were optimistic about a recovery in crude demand thanks to successful coronavirus vaccine trials, but price gains were contained by renewed lockdowns in several countries. Sentiment was also bolstered by hopes that the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Russia and other producers, a group known as OPEC+, will keep crude output in check. Brent crude futures LC0c1 rose 17 cents, or 0.4%, to \$45.13 a barrel by 0039 GMT while U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude CLc1 gained 4 cents, or 0.1%, to \$42.46 a barrel.