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# WEEKLY FOREIGN EXCHANGE OUTLOOK

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# Dollar Index Grant •The August month's Conference Board measure of Consumer Confidence fell to 113.8 from 125.1 whereas the Chicago Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) for August dropped to 66.8 vs 68.0 forecast and 73.4 previous month.

- •The greenback dropped on disappointing ADP report on the US private-sector employment in August; the ADP came out at 374K vs expectation of 640K.
- •Investors now seem to convince that Fed would wait longer on the Fed's tapering plan after the ADP and NFP report which weighed on the greenback.

**Dollar News** 

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Source: Th	nomson Reuters

<b>Last Week Close</b>	92.69	Monthly High	93.73
Week Open	92.68	<b>Monthly Low</b>	91.78
Week Close	91.95	30 Days Average	92.67
Weekly High	93.18	90 Days Average	91.70
Weekly Low	91.95	YTD Change	#VALUE!

**Dollar Index Performance** 

• A disappointing US Nonfarm Payrolls report fuel speculation of delayed tapering.

•The market now is waiting for the fresh clues whether the Fed would begin rolling back its massive pandemic-era stimulus and provide direction to the USD.

**Dollar Outlook** 

•The greenback probably moves in narrow range but likely weaken this week.

Dollar Index Economic Events						
Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous		
JOLTS Job Openings	Jul	8-Sep		10.073M		
Consumer Credit	Jul	9-Sep	25.00B	37.69B		
Initial Jobless Clm	4 Sep, w/e	9-Sep	335k	340k		
Cont Jobless Clm	28 Aug, w/	9-Sep	2.744M	2.748M		
PPI Final Demand YY	Aug	10-Sep	8.2%	7.8%		
PPI Final Demand MM	Aug	10-Sep	0.6%	1.0%		
PPI exFood/Energy YY	Aug	10-Sep	6.6%	6.2%		
PPI exFood/Energy MM	Aug	10-Sep	0.5%	1.0%		
Wholesale Invt(y), R MM	Jul	10-Sep	0.6%	0.6%		

<b>Lower Bound</b>	91.50	Upper Bound	93.00
Forecast	Depreciation		

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#### WEEKLY FOREIGN EXCHANGE OUTLOOK

Thai Baht

Thai Baht Graph **Thai Baht News** 



•Thai economy in July was affected by Covid outbreak and related restrictions, but the fiscal policy and exports lent some support said by the BOT on Tuesday. • Exports expanded for the 5th consecutive month while Private investment declined in July as a result of the pandemic. •The manufacturing production index (MPI) in July increased by 5.12% YoY for the 5th consecutive month to 91.41 points due to export growth.

Thai Baht Performance **Last Week Close** 32.63 THB/USD Monthly High #N/A Paus THB/USD 32.52 THB/USD Monthly Low #N/A Paus THB/USD 32.61 THB/USD 30 Days Average **32.99** THB/USD 32.64 THB/USD 90 Days Average **32.10** THB/USD **32.18** THB/USD **YTD Change #VALUE!** 

# Week Open **Week Close Weekly High** Source: Thomson Reuters Thai Baht Outlook Weekly Low

•The baht probably trades volatile but likely to strengthen after lockdown easing boosting a hopeful of economic recovery which might prompt foreigners to invest in Thai assets.

Comment

•CPI (YoY) for August will be released this week.

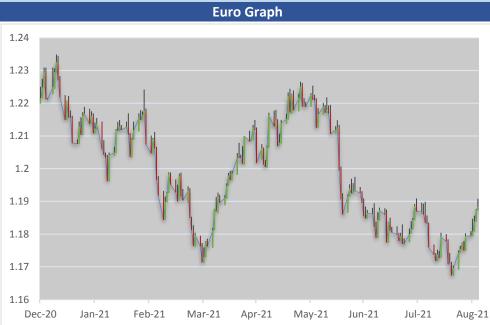
Thai Baht Economic Events						
Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous		
CPI Headline Inflation	Aug	6-Sep	0.42%	0.45%		
CPI Core Inflation YY	Aug	6-Sep	0.18%	0.14%		
Consumer Confidence Idx	Aug	9-Sep		40.9		

<b>Lower Bound</b>	32.20	Upper Bound	32.75
Forecast	Appreciation		

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Source: Thomson Reuters



Euro Outlook

- •The Euro seems to rebound on the prospect of the ECB reducing the pace of PEPP bond-buying but might cap at 1.1900 level.
- •Now investors will focus on next signs of upside potential for CPI and the region's recent reopening recovery.
- •While the European Central Bank will have a monetary policy meeting on September 9.
- •Apart of the ECB meeting on Thursday, Germany will release Factory Orders, Industrial Production, Trade Balance, ZEW survey and the final reading on August Inflation.

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- •The Eurozone Consumer Price Index (CPI) for August jumped 3.0% YoY, the highest over a decade.
- •ECB members Klaas Knot and Robert Holzmann signaled they would support tapering down the institution's emergency bond-buying program after the preliminary inflation beat estimates.
- •Chatters over the European Central Bank's bond purchase cut, due to strong inflation data from the bloc has strengthen the Euro.

Euro Performance					
<b>Last Week Close</b>	<b>1.1870</b> USD/EUR	Monthly High	<b>1.1899</b> USD/EUR		
Week Open	<b>1.1862</b> USD/EUR	<b>Monthly Low</b>	<b>1.1743</b> USD/EUR		
Week Close	<b>1.1760</b> USD/EUR	30 Days Average	<b>1.1835</b> USD/EUR		
Weekly High	<b>1.1899</b> USD/EUR	90 Days Average	<b>1.1988</b> USD/EUR		
Weekly Low	<b>1.1752</b> USD/EUR	YTD Change	-3.72%		

Euro Economic Events						
Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous		
Sentix Index	Sep	6-Sep	19.7	22.2		
GDP Revised QQ	Q2	7-Sep	2.0%	2.0%		
GDP Revised YY	Q2	7-Sep	13.6%	13.6%		
ECB Refinancing Rate	Aug	9-Sep	0.00%	0.00%		
ECB Deposit Rate	Aug	9-Sep	-0.50%	-0.50%		

<b>Lower Bound</b>	1.1750	Upper Bound	1.1950
Forecast	Appreciation		



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Source: Thomson Reuters



# **Pound Sterling Outlook**

- •The concerns over the UK persistently high number of Covid-19 cases could slow the economy and weigh on the Sterling.
- •While the new UK taxes might limit the sterling gains.
- •This week, the MPC Members will give speech on Tuesday, and Monetary Policy Report Hearings on Wednesday. Apart from this; Construction PMI and Halifax House Price Index (MoM) will be released during the beginning of the week.

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- •UK Final Manufacturing PMI revised up 60.3 in August, beats estimate of 60.1.
- However, despite the upbeat data, the UK's virus-led death rose past 200 for the first time since March on Wednesday; the coronavirus cases in the UK rose by 35,693 which kept the Sterling from further gains.

Pound Sterling Performance					
<b>Last Week Close</b>	<b>1.3901</b> USD/GBP	Monthly High	<b>1.3957</b> USD/GBP		
Week Open	<b>1.3899</b> USD/GBP	<b>Monthly Low</b>	<b>1.3856</b> USD/GBP		
Week Close	<b>1.3871</b> USD/GBP	30 Days Average	<b>1.3827</b> USD/GBP		
Weekly High	<b>1.3957</b> USD/GBP	90 Days Average	<b>1.3936</b> USD/GBP		
Weekly Low	<b>1.3859</b> USD/GBP	YTD Change	+1.40%		

Pound Sterling Events				
Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous
Markit/CIPS Cons PMI	Aug	6-Sep	56.9	58.7
Halifax House Prices MM	Aug	7-Sep		0.4%
RICS Housing Survey	Aug	9-Sep		79
GDP Est 3M/3M	Jul	10-Sep	3.8%	4.8%
GDP Estimate MM	Jul	10-Sep	0.5%	1.0%
GDP Estimate YY	Jul	10-Sep	8.0%	15.2%
Industrial Output MM	Jul	10-Sep	0.4%	-0.7%
Industrial Output YY	Jul	10-Sep	3.0%	8.3%
Manufacturing Output MM	Jul	10-Sep	0.1%	0.2%

<b>Lower Bound</b>	1.3800	Upper Bound	1.3970
Forecast	Appreciation		

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# Australian Dollar Graph Australian Dollar News



- •Aussie rebound on upbeat Aussie GDP data; the Australia Q2 GDP rose past market consensus of 0.5% to 0.7%.
- •Aussie Trade Balance rose past market consensus of 10.200B to 12.117B while Imports improved from 1.0% to 3.3% and Exports improved from 4.0% to 4.8%.
- •However, the virus concerns capped the gains after the virus infections in Australia jump the most by 1,466 cased on Wednesday.

<b>Last Week Close</b>	<b>0.7344</b> USD/AUD	Monthly High	<b>0.7426</b> USD/AUD
Week Open	<b>0.7334</b> USD/AUD	<b>Monthly Low</b>	<b>0.7329</b> USD/AUD
Week Close	<b>0.7353</b> USD/AUD	30 Days Average	<b>0.7745</b> USD/AUD
Weekly High	<b>0.7426</b> USD/AUD	90 Days Average	<b>0.7731</b> USD/AUD
Weekly Low	<b>0.7326</b> USD/AUD	YTD Change	-4.42%

Australian Dollar Performance

# Australian Dollar Outlook

- •The weaker dollar from disappointing NFP data has forced investors to push back their expectations about the likely timing of Fed's tapering which in turn add pressure on the greenback and probably push the AUD to appreciate.
- However, mixed concerns over the market sentiment might challenge the AUD bulls.
- •This week economic data will be Building Approvals (MoM) and NAB Business Confidence.
- •The focus will be on RBA Interest Rate Decision on Tuesday.

Australian Dollar Events				
Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous
AIG Services Index	Aug	7-Sep		51.7
RBA Cash Rate	Sep	7-Sep	0.10%	0.10%

<b>Lower Bound</b>	0.7320	Upper Bound	0.7470
Forecast	Neutral		





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### Japanese Yen Graph



- •The yen was trading flat after Bank of Japan Deputy Governor Wakatabe has said on Wednesday that even if Fed enters tightening cycle, it doesn't necessary that BoJ must adjust monetary policy too as the inflation is very far from the BoJ's target.
- •While the prevalent risk-on mood undermined the safe-have yen.
- •On Friday, the yen moved above 110 level after Reuters reported that Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga is likely to resign on September 30.

# Japanese Yen Outlook

- •The yen is likely to remain around level of 110 and Japan politics and risk-on mood undermine the safe-haven, yen.
- For the economic data; the Household Spending, GDP Q2 and Machine Tool Orders due to release.

Japanese Yen Performance				
<b>Last Week Close</b>	<b>109.82</b> JPY/USD	Monthly High	#N/A Paus JPY/USD	
Week Open	<b>109.84</b> JPY/USD	<b>Monthly Low</b>	#N/A Paus JPY/USD	
Week Close	<b>109.73</b> JPY/USD	30 Days Average	<b>108.87</b> JPY/USD	
Weekly High	<b>110.41</b> JPY/USD	90 Days Average	<b>107.50</b> JPY/USD	
Weekly Low	<b>109.57</b> JPY/USD	YTD Change	#VALUE!	

Japanese Yen Economic Events				
Period	Date	Forecast	Previous	
Jul	7-Sep	2.9%	-5.1%	
Jul	7-Sep	1.1%	-3.2%	
Jul	8-Sep	2,300.0B	905.1B	
Q2	8-Sep	1.6%	1.3%	
Q2	8-Sep	0.4%	0.3%	
Q2	8-Sep	2.0%	1.7%	
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<b>Lower Bound</b>	109.50	Upper Bound	110.50
Forecast	Neutral		

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