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Technical Analysis

EUR/USD's short-term target remains 1.1145



"[...] the more Fed officials stress that each FOMC meeting is "live" the more market price action suggests market participants are beginning to listen."

- Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi (based on WBP Online)

Pair's Outlook

EUR/USD eased for a fourth consecutive working day on Wednesday, but scope of losses remains insignificant. We are still waiting for a testing of the 38.2% Fibonacci retracement of this month's earlier uptrend at 1.1145, which is backed by the 20-day SMA nine pips from below. Within the triangle pattern the long-term goal of the bears is 1.09 where they are going to meet the lower bound of it. On the other hand, aggregate daily indicators maintain a bullish bias, while the 55-day SMA will today cross the 200-day SMA to the upside and will indicate to potentially improving conditions for the Euro.

Traders' Sentiment

The bears are holding a 12 pp majority over their counterparts, while pending orders in both 50 and 100-pip ranges rebounded above 50% for the bullish side.

Sentiment	Today	Yesterday	5 days ago	10-day avg.
Open Positions	-12%	-14%	-18%	-14%
Orders (±50 pips)	6%	-18%	8%	3%
Orders (±100 pips)	4%	-2%	2%	6%

Indicator/Period	Day	Week	Month
MACD (12; 26; 9)	Buy	Buy	Buy
RSI (14)	Sell	Neutral	Neutral
Stochastic (5; 3; 3)	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
ADX (14)	Neutral	Neutral	Sell
CCI (14)	Neutral	Sell	Neutral
AROON (14)	Buy	Buy	Sell
Alligator (13; 8; 5)	Buy	Buy	Sell
SAR (0.02; 0.2)	Buy	Buy	Sell
Aggregate	↗	↗	↘

EUR/USD Daily Chart

Current price 1.1177

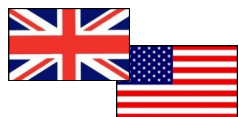


SUPPORT & RESISTANCE	FORECASTS		
	Q1 16	Q2 16	Q3 16
1.1377			
1.1306			
1.1220			
1.1145			
1.1104			
1.1039			
			1.1
	1.08	1.08	
	1.05	1.05	1.05
	1.03		
		1.01	1.02

	Level	Rationale
R3	1.1377/1.1410	February high; Bollinger bands; weekly R1
R2	1.1306/42	Downtrend lines; March 17 high
R1	1.1220/27	23.6% Fibo; Monthly R1; weekly PP
S1	1.1145/34	38.2% Fibo; 20-day SMA
S2	1.1104/1.1084	Weekly S1; 50% Fibo
S3	1.1039/21	200/55-day SMAs; monthly PP; 61.8% Fibo

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GBP/USD: downside risks higher



"Sterling is clearly underperforming. It's on the back of a combination of factors -- one of which is the concern that the tragic event could indeed support the campaign to leave the EU."

- Credit Agricole SA (based on Bloomberg)

Pair's Outlook

'Brexit' fears continued to weigh on the British Pound, even causing it to plunge under the monthly PP yesterday. With the breach of this key support level, the GBP/USD currency pair is now poised for more weakness. The exchange rate is likely to extend its decline until the broadening falling wedge's lower border is reached around 1.3650. The closest demand area today is located only around 1.3880; even though it lies out of reach, a slump beyond the 1.40 mark is possible. However, we should not rule out the probability of the bullish momentum returning, as technical indicators retain mixed signals.

Traders' Sentiment

A relatively high portion of all open positions is currently long, namely 70%, compared to 63% on Wednesday. Meanwhile, the share of orders to acquire the Sterling slid from 56 to 54%.

Sentiment	Today	Yesterday	5 days ago	10-day avg.
Open Positions	40%	26%	20%	19%
Orders (±50 pips)	16%	6%	-8%	-3%
Orders (±100 pips)	8%	12%	-10%	5%

Indicator	Day	Week	Month
MACD (12; 26; 9)	Buy	Buy	Sell
RSI (14)	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Stochastic (5; 3; 3)	Neutral	Neutral	Buy
ADX (14)	Neutral	Sell	Sell
CCI (14)	Buy	Neutral	Buy
AROON (14)	Sell	Sell	Sell
Alligator (13; 8; 5)	Neutral	Sell	Sell
SAR (0.02; 0.2)	Sell	Sell	Sell
Aggregate	→	↘	↘

GBP/USD Daily Chart

Current price 1.4096

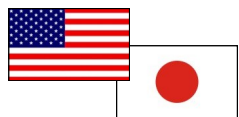


SUPPORT & RESISTANCE	FORECASTS		
	Q1 16	Q2 16	Q3 16
		1.56	1.56
1.55			
			1.52
1.51	1.51		
1.49			
		1.48	
			1.47
1.4446			
1.4292			
1.4141			
1.3888			
1.3722			
1.3614			

	Level	Rationale
R3	1.4446	Monthly R1
R2	1.4292/1.4349	55-day SMA; weekly PP
R1	1.4141/1.4204	Monthly PP; weekly S1; 20-day SMA
S1	1.3888/79	Weekly S2; Bollinger band
S2	1.3722/1.3686	Weekly S3; down-trend
S3	1.3614	Monthly S1

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USD/JPY takes another shot at edging higher



"The hawkish comments from Fed officials have helped, but participants adjusting their positions before the Easter weekend also appear to be supporting the dollar."
- Barclays (based on CNBC)

Pair's Outlook

The USD/JPY pair was unable to sustain growth yesterday, resulting in the exchange rate remaining flat over the day. The Buck now risks making a U-turn and putting the immediate support, namely the weekly PP, to the test; with technical indicators still emitting bearish signals in all timeframes. On the other hand, strong fundamentals could not only cause the immediate resistance near 113.00 to be pierced, but even push the US Dollar towards the descending channel's resistance line around 113.55, also reinforced by the weekly R1. Similarly, a much weaker figure might trigger a sell-off towards the lower border at 110.92.

Traders' Sentiment

Exactly three quarters (75%) of traders are now long the USD. However, the number of sell orders remains high, taking up 71% of the market.

Sentiment	Today	Yesterday	5 days ago	10-day avg.
Open Positions	50%	48%	48%	46%
Orders (±50 pips)	-12%	-10%	-26%	-2%
Orders (±100 pips)	-42%	-26%	28%	-3%

Indicator	Day	Week	Month
MACD (12; 26; 9)	Buy	Buy	Sell
RSI (14)	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Stochastic (5; 3; 3)	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
ADX (14)	Neutral	Sell	Sell
CCI (14)	Neutral	Buy	Buy
AROON (14)	Sell	Sell	Sell
Alligator (13; 8; 5)	Sell	Sell	Buy
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Aggregate	↘	↘	↘

USD/JPY Daily Chart

Current price 112.74



SUPPORT & RESISTANCE	FORECASTS		
	Q1 16	Q2 16	Q3 16
			128
	127	127	
	125	125	125
		123	
	122		122

	Level	Rationale
R3	114.53	Bollinger band
R2	113.50/55	Down-trend; weekly R1
R1	112.98	20-day SMA
S1	112.11	Weekly PP
S2	111.43	Bollinger band
S3	110.92	Down-trend

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Gold plunges amid hawkish Fed comments



"As their prices fall, markets are turning risk-off. We also should expect some correction given the fast pace of recovery in various asset markets."

- Dai-ichi Life Research Institute (based on Reuters)

Pair's Outlook

Gold sank the most since July 2015 yesterday, by coming down from the 1,250 area in the beginning of daily trading to below 1,220 later. This is due to substantially higher Greenback in the wake of hawkish remarks by St. Louis Fed head James Bullard. On Wednesday, XAU/USD breached its primary support in face of the weekly S1 and the 23.6% Fibonacci retracement of Dec-Mar uptrend. Now the 1,205 mark is clearly exposed to bearish pressure, but here they will find the monthly pivot point, weekly S2 and the lower Bollinger band, meaning the task to penetrate all of them is going to be difficult at first attempt.

Traders' Sentiment

Many traders have decided to join the bullish side and raised the respective market portion to 42% from only 35% yesterday.

XAU/USD Daily Chart

Current price 1218.72



SUPPORT & RESISTANCE	FORECASTS		
	Q1 16	Q2 16	Q3 16
1250			1250
1236			
1227			
1205	1206	1200	
1193			
1186			
	1125	1125	
	1100		
	1071		
		1048	
			1037

Sentiment	Today	Yesterday	5 days ago	10-day avg.
Open Positions	-16%	-30%	-24%	-23%

Indicator/Period	Day	Week	Month
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	Level	Rationale
R3	1,250	Weekly PP
R2	1,236	20-day SMA
R1	1,227/30	Weekly S1; 23.6% Fibo
S1	1,205	Monthly PP; weekly S2; Bollinger band
S2	1,193	38.2% Fibo
S3	1,186/84	55-day SMA; weekly S3

EXPLANATIONS

Signals

- **Buy** – the pair shows a clear uptrend
- **Sell** – the pair shows a clear downtrend
- **Neutral** – no specific trend for the pair

Chart

- **SMA (55)** – Simple Moving Average of 55 periods
- **SMA (200)** – Simple Moving Average of 200 periods

Indicators

- **MACD** – Moving average convergence divergence – momentum indicator
- **RSI** – Relative strength index – compares the magnitude of recent gains to recent losses in attempt to determine ‘overbought’ and ‘oversold’ conditions of the asset
- **Stochastic** – technical momentum indicator that compares a currency pair’s closing price to its price range over a given time period
- **ADX** – Average directional index – trend strength indicators
- **CCI** – oscillator used in technical analysis to help determine when a currency has been overbought or oversold
- **SAR** – trending indicator – shows the direction of a trend
- **AROON** – measures strength of a trend and likelihood that it will continue
- **Alligator** – trending indicator demonstrates presence of a trend and its direction

Forecasts

Third Quartile – separates 25% of the highest forecasts



Second Quartile – the median price based on the projections of the industry

First Quartile – separates 25% of the lowest forecasts



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