

DOLLAR, SHARES RISE ON US RATE HIKE EXPECTATIONS

LONDON: Growing expectations the Federal Reserve will raise US interest rates this year pushed the dollar up for a seventh time in eight days yesterday. Stocks rose.

The dollar reached a 2 1/2-week high in against other top currencies in European trading. The pan-regional FTSEurofirst 300 rose 0.5 percent as banking and industrial stocks advanced.

Doubts remain about when US monetary policy will change, especially with an election in November. But both Fed Chair Janet Yellen and Vice Chair Stanley Fischer suggested on Friday the case for a rate increase was strengthening, and Fischer is due to speak later.

"The market is now pricing around a 36 per-

cent probability of a hike in September and it has moved from about 50 to 60 for December, which is considerably higher than a week ago," said Rabobank's US-focused economist, Philip Marey.

"Now we are waiting for the next big thing, which is payrolls (US jobs data) on Friday," he added, saying the first batch of Q3 GDP data at the end of October would be key. The focus on US rates put bonds under pressure, with German Bund yields pulled up by 10-year Treasury's rise to 1.5850 percent.

The yield on Italy's 10-year BTP bond rose 1.5 basis points to 1.13 percent before its planned sale of up to 7.75 billion euros of three bonds later. The sales will be the first major test of sentiment since

Prime Minister Matteo Renzi staked his future on a referendum on parliamentary reform. Data from German states suggested inflation was little changed in August from July and around 0.5 percent compared with a year ago, adding to the debate on whether the European Central Bank will continue to cut rates.

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Bank of England figures showed lending to British consumers slowed in July, the month after Britain voted to leave the European Union. Mortgage approvals dropped to their lowest since January, although tax changes may have distorted the figures. The Confederation of British Industry

said investment plans among services firms, the largest sector of the British economy, were at their lowest in more than four years.

"Looking ahead, the service sector faces a challenging environment in which to grow and invest, with uncertainty about demand weighing on firms' minds," said the CBI's head of economic analysis and surveys, Anna Leach. The signs of weakness in the economy and the uncertain outlook for U.S. monetary policy led sterling to slip back towards \$1.30. The pound has fallen more than 1 percent against the dollar since Friday's comments by the Fed's Yellen and Fischer.

"The BoE's easing bias, softer UK economic data and sterling's role as a funding currency will all keep the bearish ... momentum in place," said ING currency strategist Viraj Patel.

Asian markets rose yesterday, with Tokyo largely recovering from initial losses as expectations of a US interest rate rise and talk of more Japanese monetary easing pushed the yen down against the dollar. After Monday's sell-off across most markets, fuelled by the prospect of higher US borrowing costs, investors returned to buying-buoyed by a rally on Wall Street as fresh data indicated improvement in the world's top economy. Bets on a rate rise this year have soared after Federal Reserve boss Janet Yellen said last week at the Jackson Hole

symposium of central bankers that "the case for an increase in the federal funds rate has strengthened in recent months". Attention now turns to the release on Friday of the US jobs report, seen as a guide to whether the Fed will move sooner rather than later. "Without question, jobs day is always a monthly highlight, but given the

Federal Reserve board's tilt at Jackson Hole, it plainly appears it will take a big surprise to derail a 2016 Fed hike expectation at this point," Stephen Innes, senior trader at OANDA, said in a note. "Investor odds of lift-off are hovering near 70 percent for December and

Friday's jobs data will offer more information about the probability of a hike in September than anything else." The dollar rose to 102.42 yen from 101.88 yen in New York, with the Japanese unit also dragged down by comments from the country's top central banker suggesting a further loosening of monetary policy. The weaker yen could not help Japan's Nikkei index extend Monday's more than two percent rally, and it ended down 0.1 percent. However, Hong Kong rose 0.9 percent, while Shanghai ended up 0.2 percent, Sydney gained 0.2 percent and Seoul rallied 0.4 percent. There were also gains in Singapore, Taipei and Wellington. — Agencies

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Index	Change	Closing	Last Closing	High	Low	
Price index	▲ 16.73	5,421.43	5,404.70	5,421.43	5,401.17	
Weighted Index	▲ 1.82	347.62	345.80	348.04	345.26	
KSX 15	▲ 4.64	806.57	801.93	809.62	799.39	

Security	High	Low	Volume	Value (KD)	Trades	Last	Change
MARIN	0.0	0.0	0	0	88	—	0.0
IKARUS	32.0	30.5	12,000	374	4	32.0	▲ 1.5
IPG	370	370	1,000	370	1	370	— 0.0
NAPESCO	0.0	0.0	0	0	700	—	0.0
ENERGYH	46.0	45.0	7,851	358	6	46.0	▼ -0.5
GPI	39.0	38.5	792,200	30,500	16	39.0	— 0.0
ABAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	93	—	0.0
Oil & Gas			813,051	31,801	27	753.62	▲ 0.48
KFOUC	166	166	129,000	21,414	9	166	▲ 2.0
BPC	490	485	72,010	34,925	6	490	▲ 5.0
ALKOUT	0.0	0.0	0	0	650	—	0.0
ALQURAIN	198	192	112,881	21,897	18	198	▲ 2.0
Basic Materials			313,891	78,235	33	937.87	▲ 6.85
KCEM	375	375	4,325	1,622	1	375	— 0.0
REFRI	0.0	0.0	0	0	315	—	0.0
CABLE	380	375	1,239	465	3	380	▲ 5.0
SHIP	0.0	0.0	0	0	162	—	0.0
PCEM	0.0	0.0	0	0	960	—	0.0
PAPER	300	300	32,092	9,628	2	300	— 0.0
MRC	0.0	0.0	0	0	66	—	0.0
ACICO	290	285	1,200	348	3	290	— 0.0
GGMC	0.0	0.0	0	0	300	—	0.0
HCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	128	—	0.0
KBMMC	0.0	0.0	0	0	190	—	0.0
NICBM	0.0	0.0	0	0	204	—	0.0
EQUIPMENT	45.0	44.0	3,798,019	169,426	149	45.0	— 0.0
NCCI	0.0	0.0	0	0	40.0	—	0.0
GYPSSUM	0.0	0.0	0	0	102	—	0.0
SALBOOKH	61	61	11,500	702	3	61	▼ -1.0
AGLTY	475	465	2,293,050	1,077,768	22	470	▲ 5.0
EDU	0.0	0.0	0	0	198	—	0.0
CLEANING	39.0	38.5	1,184,001	45,584	10	39.0	▲ 1.5
KGL	43.0	41.5	1,062,000	44,663	6	43.0	▲ 0.5
KCPK	0.0	0.0	0	0	170	—	0.0
HUMANSOFT	0.0	0.0	0	0	1,500	—	0.0
NAFAIS	0.0	0.0	0	0	180	—	0.0
SAFWAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	400	—	0.0
GFC	24.0	24.0	304,000	7,296	11	24.0	— 0.0
MAYADEEN	29.0	28.5	604,889	17,240	13	29.0	— 0.0
CGC	0.0	0.0	0	0	680	—	0.0
MTCC	57	56	4,400	250	3	57	— 0.0
LUPAC	0.0	0.0	0	0	720	—	0.0
ALAFCO	0.0	0.0	0	0	216	—	0.0
MUBARRAD	58	58	30,000	1,740	3	58	— 0.0
LOGISTICS	71	70	390,550	27,339	13	70	▼ -1.0
SCEM	81	80	23,522	1,882	3	81	▲ 1.0
GCHEM	0.0	0.0	0	0	75	—	0.0
QIC	75	75	500	38	1	75	— 0.0
FCHEM	75	74	82,000	6,070	2	74	▼ -1.0
RKWC	0.0	0.0	0	0	90	—	0.0
SPEC	0.0	0.0	0	0	75	—	0.0
Industrials			9,827,287	1,412,060	248	1156.02	▲ 0.47
KSH	0.0	0.0	0	0	158	—	0.0
NSH	0.0	0.0	0	0	64	—	0.0
PAPCO	100	100	7,000	700	1	100	▼ -6.0
CATTL	0.0	0.0	0	0	248	—	0.0
DANAH	122	114	1,274,126	146,536	68	114	▼ -10.0
POULT	0.0	0.0	0	0	176	—	0.0
FOOD	2,440	2,420	16,637	40,291	5	2,440	— 0.0
Consumer Goods			1,297,763	187,526	74	1188.64	▼ -18.82
MHC	0.0	0.0	0	0	200	—	0.0
ATC	0.0	0.0	0	0	920	—	0.0
YIACO	0.0	0.0	0	0	208	—	0.0
Health Care			0	0	0	0.00	— 0.00
KCIN	0.0	0.0	0	0	950	—	0.0
KHOT	0.0	0.0	0	0	300	—	0.0
SULTAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	55	—	0.0
CABLETV	25.5	24.5	6,000	152	2	25.5	▲ 3.0
EYAS	0.0	0.0	0	0	385	—	0.0
IFAHR	0.0	0.0	0	0	196	—	0.0
OULAFUEL	120	116	134,303	15,845	15	118	▲ 2.0
MUNTAZAHAT	0.0	0.0	0	0	85	—	0.0
JAZEERA	840	830	5,211	4,375	3	840	— 0.0
SOOR	120	118	52,161	6,180	17	120	▲ 4.0
FUTUREKID	0.0	0.0	0	0	95	—	0.0
ALRAI	0.0	0.0	0	0	146	—	0.0
ZIMAH	40.5	40.0	355,020	14,201	13	40.5	▲ 1.0
UFIF	0.0	0.0	0	0	130	—	0.0
Mezzan	1,040	1,020	394,476	409,635	25	1,040	▲ 20.0
Consumer Services			947,171	450,389	75	916.74	▲ 5.42
ZAIN	330	325	1,600,998	521,450	29	325	— 0.0
OOREDOO	1,060	1,000	18,125	18,575	6	1,020	— 0.0
HITSTELEC	38.5	37.5	733,400	27,900	19	38.5	▲ 1.0
VIVA	920	910	23,053	20,991	27	910	— 0.0
Telecommunications			2,375,576	588,915	81	581.19	▲ 1.19
NBK	600	580	921,345	544,023	35	590	▲ 10.0
GBK	226	224	602,000	136,050	7	226	— 0.0
CBK	0.0	0.0	0	0	320	—	0.0
ABK	0.0	0.0	0	0	315	—	0.0
ALMUTAHED	0.0	0.0	0	0	390	—	0.0
KIB	192	192	100	19	1	192	▲ 2.0
BURG	325	320	327,503	106,313	13	325	— 0.0
KFIN	460	455	343,861	157,332	25	460	— 0.0
BOUBYAN	380	375	1,487,517	565,112	27	380	— 0.0
AUB	194	192	1,039,205	199,528	11	194	▲ 2.0
ITHMR	40.0	37.0	7,069,500	274,029	99	40.0	▲ 3.0
WARBANK	168	166	153,423	25,614	53	166	— 0.0
Banks			11,944,454	2,008,019	271	787.40	▲ 7.51
KINS	260	260	2,327	605	1	260	— 0.0
GINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	680	—	0.0
AINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	465	—	0.0
WINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	108	—	0.0
KUWAITRE	190	190	10,000	1,900	1	190	— 0.0
FTI	0.0	0.0	0	0	46.5	—	0.0
WETHAQ	30.0	30.0	500	15	1	30.0	▼ -0.5
BKIKWT	0.0	0.0	0	0	355	—	0.0
Insurance			12,827	2,520	3	995.98	▼ -1.92

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SOKOUK	32.5	31.5	72,120	22,969	19	32.0	— 0.0
KRE	51	50	867,434	44,238	20	51	▲ 1.0
URC	102	100	1,100	112	3	102	▲ 3.0
NRE	77	76	586,508	44,983	14	76	▼ -1.0
SRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	355	—	0.0
TAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	550	—	0.0
AREC	0.0	0.0	0	0	148	—	0.0
MASSALEH	37.0	35.5	28,030	1,037	3	35.5	▼ -1.5
ARABREC	32.0	32.0	300,500	9,616	6	32.0	▼ -1.0
ERESCO	43.0	42.0	199,061	8,459	14	42.5	— 0.0
MABANEE	800	790	10,010	7,908	2	800	▲ 10.0
INJAZZAT	71	71	10,000	710	1	71	— 0.0
INVESTORS	22.0	21.5	1,345,378	28,926	19	22.0	▲ 0.5
IRC	27.5	27.0	70,544	1,905	5	27.5	▲ 0.5
ALTJARIA	76	76	1,000	76	1	76	— 0.0
SANAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	31.0	—	0.0
AAYANRE	61	61	30,000	1,830	1	61	