



Offshore wealth, defined as assets booked in a country where the investor has no legal residence or tax domicile, rose by 6.1 percent in 2012 to \$8.5 trillion, with Western Europe the predominant source and Switzerland the most popular destination. Offshore wealth is projected to increase moderately over the next five years, reaching \$11.2 trillion by the end of 2017.



*Including Japan
**Includes Dubai & Monaco

I perhaps sight the obvious when I point out that the offshore investment/wealth model remains more than viable today. Since once again accepting new membership referrals during 2010 the club has seen new membership applications more than triple, members may recall that the self imposed hiatus was enforced during 2006-2010.

Why? Because private wealth management clients, that's those clients in the high-net-worth (HNW) segment, an investor with at least \$1 million in wealth and more so those who are in the ultra-high-net-worth (UHNW) individuals with a \$100 million or more, will ultimately continue to seek diversification, even more so in today's world. They seek and benefit from specialised expertise, high-quality service, discretion, especially since many domiciles offer relatively high levels of economic and political stability; all members will agree that this is a very desirable factor due to the current world economic and political arena which remains unsettled - to say the least.

Members may be interested to know that much of the wealth that had previously been repatriated, notably by investors based in Western European countries, has since moved back offshore partly due to the highly differentiated value propositions that offshore domiciles can provide.

Currencies at a glance

EUR / USD (NEUTRAL)

Strong support is at 1.3034 and a closing break below this would be negative.
Resistance is at 1.3238 ahead of 1.3417.

USD / JPY (NEUTRAL)

The strength since mid-June is held by the resistance at 98.76 and a break above this would open 99.94.
Support is at 96.24 ahead of 93.57.

GBP / USD (BULLISH)

There is a strong support at 1.5292, which is expected to hold on losing basis.
Resistance is at 1.5500 ahead of 1.5596.

USD / CHF (BEARISH)

The strong resistance at 0.9401 was tested yesterday. As bear trend persists, the risk is for a rejection from here.
Support is at 0.9302 ahead of 0.9242.

AUD / USD (BEARISH)

The pair is held by the critical support at 0.9143. A closing break below this will trigger deeper sell-off.
Resistance is at 0.9313.

USD / CAD (BULLISH)

As a reaction to a sharp advance the pair is consolidating. Support at 1.0396 should hold for now.
Our resistance focus is at 1.0524.

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