

January 2016

Monthly FX Review



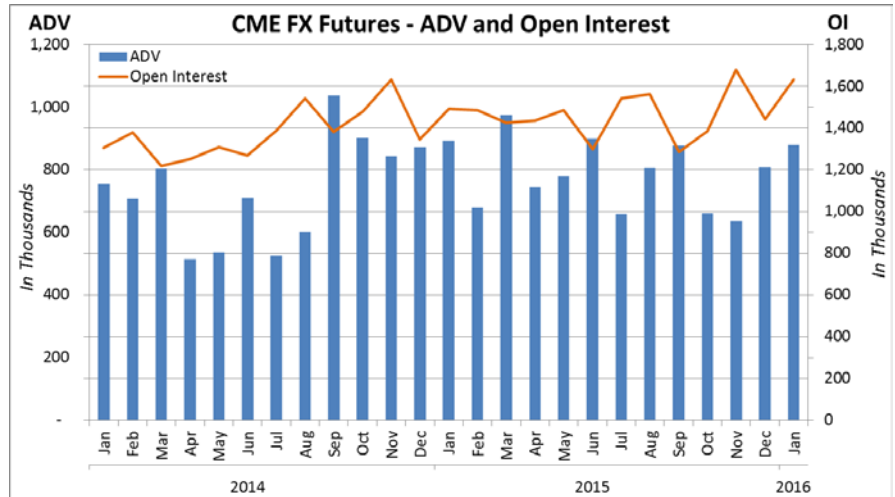
A Global Trading Summary of FX Futures and Options

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PRODUCT OVERVIEW - FUTURES

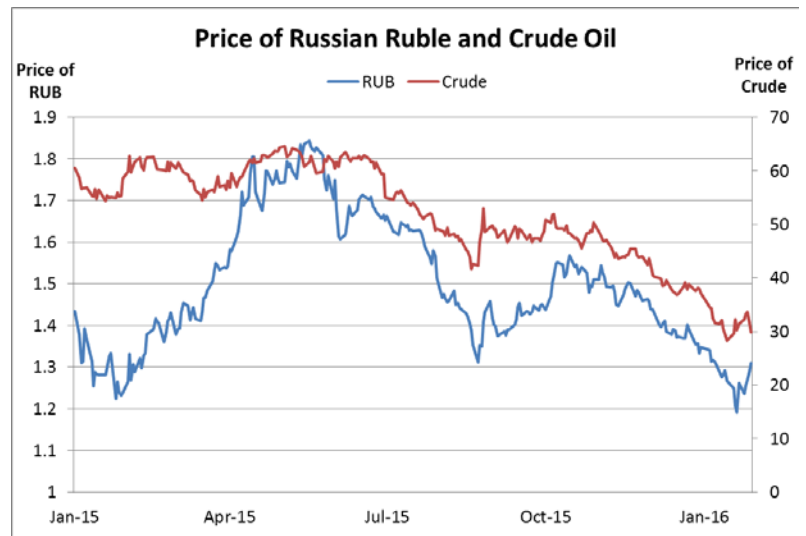
FX FUTURES

- January 2016 FX Futures ADV of 879,115 (\$81.9bn notional)
 - January 2016 ADV is +9% vs. December 2015
- FX Futures Open Interest finished the month at 1,630,833, +9% vs. January 2015
 - January 2016 is the first time futures OI has surpassed 1.6 million during the month of January



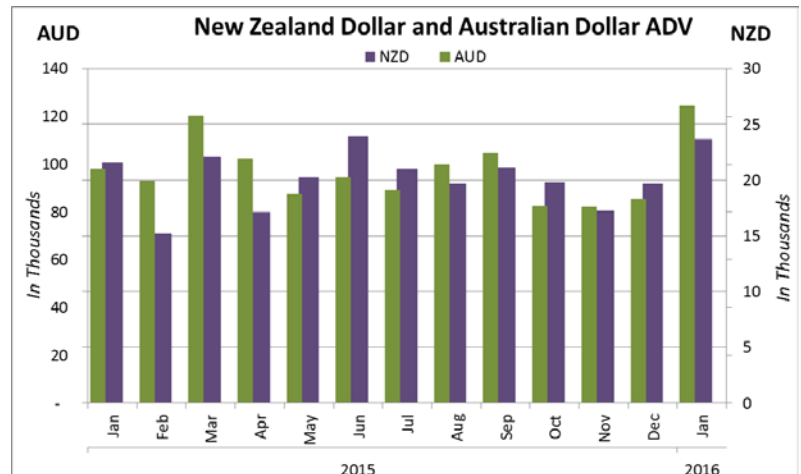
CURRENCY PRICE ACTION

- Russian Ruble fell to an all-time low against USD as crude oil has dropped 44% since October 2015
 - The continued decline in oil prices strongly affects the ruble, which has fallen 24% since October, as Russia is the world's largest energy exporter
 - Market participants manage risk exposure with RUB/USD futures which experienced volume increase of +7% MoM
- British Pound fell to seven year lows on “Brexit” concerns and unchanged interest rates guidance from the Bank of England
- Euro FX futures 30-day volatility fell to 9.12 by the end of January, down from 14.33 at the beginning of the month



Commodity Currencies

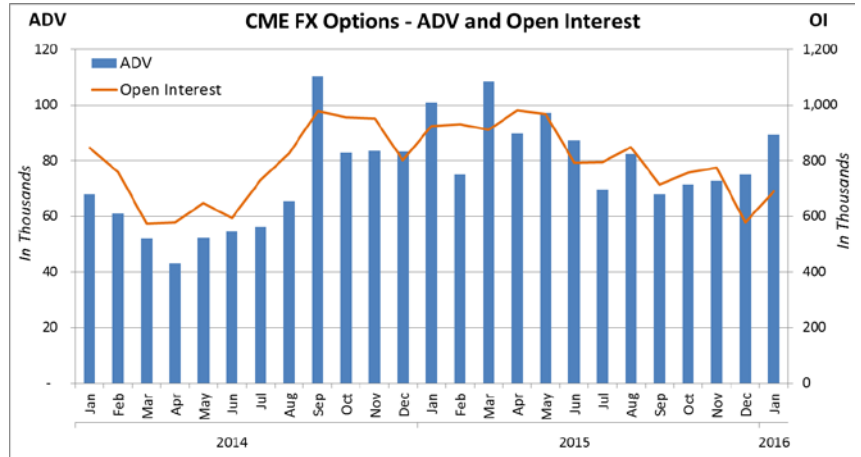
- Australian dollar and New Zealand dollar prices rebounded from recent lows, bringing an increase in futures volume
 - AUD futures ADV of 124,268 in January 2016 is +46% MoM and +31% vs. 2015 ADV
 - NZD futures ADV of 23,675 in January 2016 is +20% MoM and +19% vs. 2015 ADV



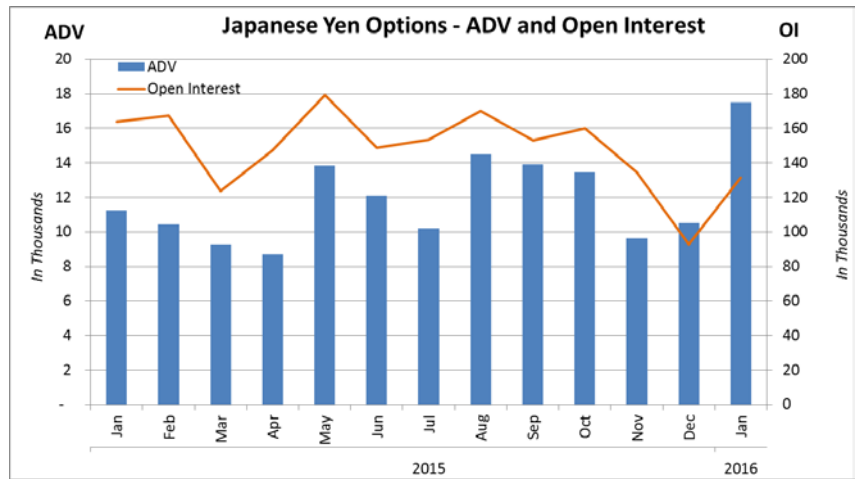
PRODUCT OVERVIEW - OPTIONS

FX OPTIONS

- January 2016 FX Options ADV of 89,422 (\$9.7bn notional)
 - January 2016 ADV is +19% vs. December 2015
- FX Options achieved record high ADV in 2015
 - FX Options volume grew 23% YoY with record high ADV of 83,161
 - FX Weekly Options volume grew 13% YoY with record high ADV of 15,440



- Japanese Yen Options
 - Yen options ADV of 17,488 is +67% vs. December 2015
 - Volumes flow into JPY/USD options as market participants use the safe haven currency during volatile times
 - Selloff in equities, slow growth in China, and the Bank of Japan moving to a negative interest rate policy acted as volatility drivers in JPY/USD



- Additional Options Growth
 - January experienced MoM ADV growth in CAD/USD, AUD/USD, and GBP/USD
 - CAD/USD: 12,497
 - AUD/USD: 8,358
 - GBP/USD: 10,977

