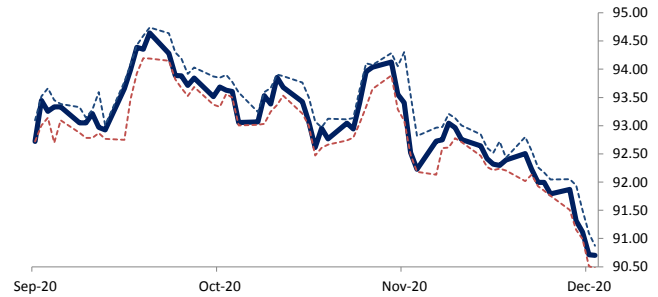


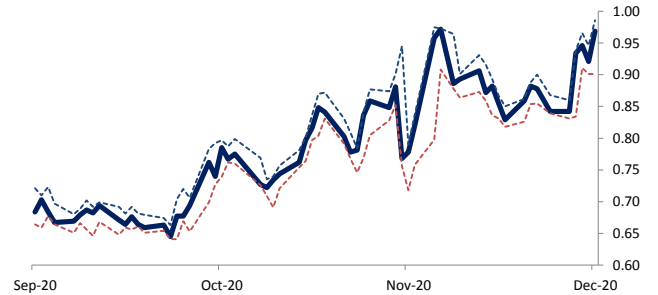
#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- It has been another sour week for the greenback after depreciating 1% last week and 2.4% in November. US government bonds sold off heavily, pushing the 10-year yield to a high of 0.97%. Significant FX levels have been shattered recently, the EUR/USD 1.20-level, the 1.30-level for USD/CAD and USD/CHF plummeting to the lowest level since January 2015 when the Swiss central bank abandoned its peg to the Euro. The bearish technical developments have reinforced bearish sentiment towards the US dollar. A Reuters poll of currency strategists revealed that 51 of 72 analysts expect the descending dollar trend to remain intact till mid-2021. The aforementioned results coincide with findings from a November global equity poll where a majority of analysts alleged that the current equity "Bull Run" would continue for six months or more. There is a negative correlation between global stocks and the US dollar.
- The US economy added the least number of jobs in six months. Non-farm payroll came at 245,000 in November, way below expectations of 480,000 and is down from 610,000 seen in October. The fifth consecutive monthly slowdown in jobs added. The unemployment rate declined from 6.9% to 6.7%, however the explanation for the drop was not promising since the decline was mainly triggered by 400,000 individuals leaving the labor force. On a more positive note, wages rose by 0.3% m/m versus expectations for a 0.1% reading, taking the annual wage rate to 4.4%. This month could also be a challenging month for the labor market with the virus still spreading rapidly. Several states are considering increasing restrictions on activity. Overall, the disappointing jobs report could influence the FOMC meeting on December 16 by further increasing the Bank's balance sheet to support the economy through quantitative easing.

US Dollar Index  
3-Month Performance



US 10-Year Treasury Yield  
3-Month Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1920	1.2015	1.2120	1.2220	1.2325
GBP	1.3240	1.3340	1.3438	1.3540	1.3650
JPY	102.15	103.15	104.14	105.15	106.15
CHF	0.8720	0.8825	0.8920	0.9025	0.9125

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.2120	8.32	EUR/GBP	0.9014	6.67
GBP/USD	1.3437	1.35	GBP/JPY	140.02	(1.94)
USD/JPY	104.1400	(4.34)	EUR/JPY	126.26	3.53
USD/CHF	0.8921	(7.83)	EUR/CHF	1.0808	(0.41)

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.2177 level during Friday's trading session and closed for the week at 1.2120. EUR/USD Resistance levels are at (1.2220-1.2325) any break above would take the pair up to 1.2375. Short term outlook is Bullish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.3540 level during Friday's trading session and closed for the week at 1.3438. GBP/USD Support levels are at (1.3300-1.3340) any break below would take the pair down to 1.3240. Short term outlook is Neutral.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	0.94	1.19	1.44	1.69	1.94
USD	0.10	0.15	0.23	0.26	0.34
EUR	-0.57	-0.59	-0.55	-0.52	-0.49
GBP	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.13
CHF	-0.81	-0.84	-0.79	-0.73	-0.61
AUD	-0.20	-0.07	-0.35	0.01	0.15

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
3-Dec-20	USD	ISM Services PMI	55.9	55.9	56.6
4-Dec-20	USD	Non-Farm Employment Change	245K	480K	610K
4-Dec-20	USD	Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.8%	6.9%
4-Dec-20	USD	Average Hourly Earnings m/m	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%
9-Dec-20	AUD	RBA Gov Lowe Speaks			
10-Dec-20	EUR	Main Refinancing Rate		0.00%	0.00%
10-Dec-20	USD	CPI m/m		0.1%	0.0%
10-Dec-20	USD	Unemployment Claims		723K	712K
11-Dec-20	USD	Core PPI m/m		0.2%	0.1%
11-Dec-20	USD	PPI m/m		0.1%	0.3%

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	0.10	0.15	0.42	0.97	1.74
Germany	-0.72	-0.75	-0.76	-0.56	-0.13
United Kingdom	-0.06	-0.06	0.01	0.34	0.92
Japan	-0.15	-0.15	-0.12	0.01	0.64

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	44.15	(0.90)	Dow Jones	30,218.26	0.83
Brent	49.25	1.11	Nikkei 225	26,751.24	(0.22)
West Texas	46.26	1.36	S&P 500	3,699.12	0.88
Gold	1,837.61	(0.15)	KuwaitSE	5,552.65	0.18

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