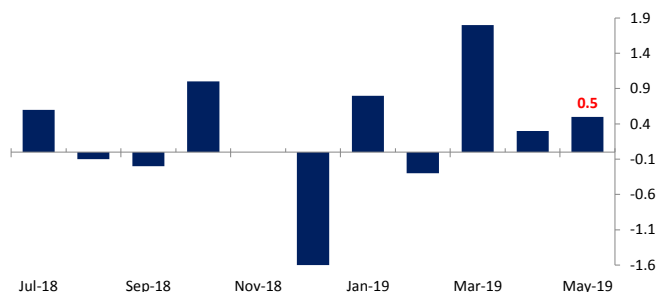


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- A fairly upbeat report from the US Commerce Department was released on Friday following disappointing inflation and jobs data. Retail sales rose 0.5% last month mainly due to an increase in purchases of motor vehicles and building materials. Core retail sales - which represent the consumer spending component - rose 0.5% last month after a 0.5% rise in April. The solid gains suggest consumer confidence and thus spending had gained speed in the second quarter of 2019. Still, economists now believe that the Federal Reserve will signal a rate cut later this year driven primarily by a recent escalation in the trade war between the US and China. Wall Street stocks ended slightly lower on Friday as investors remain cautious ahead of the Federal Reserve meeting on Wednesday.
- Oil prices rose on Thursday following reports of attacks on two oil tankers near Iran and the Strait of Hormuz last week. The attacks mark the second time in just a month tankers have been attacked in what is considered a vital zone for oil supplies. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo claimed the US will take all actions necessary to guarantee safe navigation, nudging prices higher today. Tensions between the US and Iran have been mounting since President Trump pulled out of a deal last year in an attempt to limit Iran's nuclear ambitions in exchange for sanctions relief. The OPEC+ alliance had previously decided to reduce output by 1.2 million bpd starting in January. However, the agreement expires this month and the group will meet in coming weeks to decide the next move. Khalid al-Falih, the Saudi energy minister, claimed OPEC will most likely meet in the first week of July and that he hopes to extend output curbs. Brent crude has risen around 3.5% since the reports, and is currently trading around the 62.13 level.

US Retail Sales
1 Year Performance



Brent Crude
YTD Performance

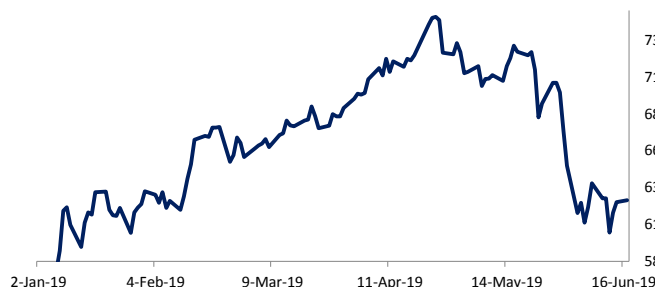


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1115	1.1160	1.1212	1.1265	1.1315
GBP	1.2490	1.2540	1.2590	1.2645	1.2695
JPY	107.55	108.05	108.58	109.10	109.65
CHF	0.9905	0.9950	1.0000	1.0050	1.0105

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1207	(2.21)	EUR/GBP	0.8902	(0.89)
GBP/USD	1.2590	(1.29)	GBP/JPY	136.66	(2.32)
USD/JPY	108.5500	(1.50)	EUR/JPY	121.69	(3.48)
USD/CHF	0.9989	1.79	EUR/CHF	1.1196	(0.44)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1200 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1212 EUR/USD Resistance is at (1.1265-1.1315) any break above would take the pair up to 1.1435. Short term outlook is Neutral.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.13	2.44	2.69	2.88	3.13
USD	2.37	2.38	2.40	2.28	2.25
EUR	-0.45	-0.42	-0.36	-0.34	-0.25
GBP	0.70	0.73	0.79	0.87	0.98
CHF	-0.81	-0.80	-0.71	-0.67	-0.55
AUD	1.20	1.33	1.36	1.40	1.30

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.2578 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2590 GBP/USD Resistance is at (1.2645-1.2695) any break above would take the pair up to 1.2825 Short term outlook is Neutral.

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
17-Jun-19	EUR	ECB President Draghi Speaks			
18-Jun-19	AUD	Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes			
18-Jun-19	GBP	BOE Gov Carney Speaks			
19-Jun-19	GBP	CPI y/y		2.0%	2.1%
19-Jun-19	CAD	CPI m/m		0.1%	0.4%
19-Jun-19	USD	FOMC Statement			
19-Jun-19	USD	Federal Funds Rate		<2.50%	<2.50%
20-Jun-19	NZD	GDP q/q			0.6%
20-Jun-19	JPY	Monetary Policy Statement			
20-Jun-19	GBP	Retail Sales m/m		-0.5%	0.0%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.01	1.86	1.86	2.10	2.60
Germany	-0.65	-0.72	-0.61	-0.25	0.34
United Kingdom	0.67	0.58	0.62	0.84	1.43
Japan	-0.18	-0.21	-0.23	-0.13	0.36

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	61.67	1.03	Dow Jones	26,089.61	(0.07)
Brent	62.20	0.19	Nikkei 225	21,150.86	0.16
West Texas	52.64	0.13	S&P 500	2,886.98	(0.16)
Gold	1,339.13	(0.16)	KuwaitSE	5,817.47	(0.61)

Global Indices

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