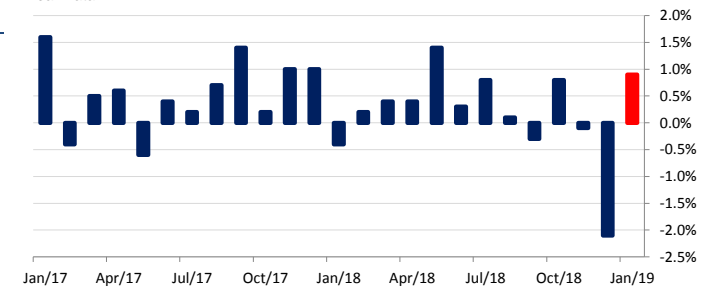


#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The Sterling pound soared to more than a one-week high of 1.3288 yesterday after PM Theresa May rushed to Strasbourg in a last effort to evade another defeat in parliament. May secured three documents pointed at addressing the crucial part of the exit deal she agreed in November - the Irish backstop. Officials in the UK are anticipated to vote on whether to accept PM May's Brexit agreement, leave with no deal, or extended the March 29 deadline. The Parliament had previously rejected May's deal by 230 votes.
- In the currencies market, the dollar index is currently down by 0.32% compared to Monday's session. The USD was pressured into negative territory after retail sales data were released. Sales increased humbly in January by 0.2% m/m, while December's 1.2% drop was even greater than initially valued at -1.6%. The January's sales data was delayed by the 35-day partial government shutdown. As for the euro, the currency has been slightly recovering from a 20-month low of 1.1174 witnessed last week. The single currency has been vulnerable due to a continuous momentum of frail economic data, while the ECB's monetary remarks were dovish. It's starting to seem that the negative data out of the euro-zone is becoming a norm rather than a temporary bump.

US Core Retail Sales m/m  
2 Year Data



GBP/USD  
YTD Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1150	1.1205	1.1255	1.1310	1.1360
GBP	1.3105	1.3155	1.3205	1.3255	1.3303
JPY	110.30	110.80	111.33	111.85	112.35
CHF	1.0005	1.0055	1.0105	1.0160	1.0210

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1245	-1.81	EUR/GBP	0.8550	5.47
GBP/USD	1.3150	3.58	GBP/JPY	146.24	-0.96
USD/JPY	111.21	-1.54	EUR/JPY	125.05	0.31
USD/CHF	1.0106	-2.84	EUR/CHF	1.14	-1.10

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved Down to the 1.1220 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1255 EUR/USD Support is at (1.1150-1.1205) any break below would take the pair to 1.1015. Short term and medium term outlook remains bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.3288 level during today's morning trading session and currently trading at 1.3205 GBP/USD Support is at (1.3105-1.3155) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2970. Short term and medium term outlook remains bearish.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	0.00	2.38	2.63	2.88	3.06
USD	2.40	2.49	2.60	2.68	2.86
EUR	-0.45	-0.41	-0.33	-0.29	-0.17
GBP	0.70	0.73	0.85	0.98	1.12
CHF	-0.80	-0.78	-0.71	-0.65	-0.51
AUD	2.78	2.87	2.96	3.06	3.34

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
11-Mar-19	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			
11-Mar-19	USD	Retail Sales m/m	0.9%	0.4%	-1.8%
11-Mar-19	USD	Core Retail Sales m/m	0.2%	0.0%	-1.2%
12-Mar-19	GBP	GDP m/m			-0.4%
12-Mar-19	GBP	Manufacturing Production m/m			-0.7%
12-Mar-19	USD	Core CPI m/m			0.2%
12-Mar-19	USD	CPI m/m			0.0%
12-Mar-19	GBP	Parliament Brexit Vote			
13-Mar-19	GBP	Annual Budget Release			
15-Mar-19	JPY	Monetary Policy Statement			

#### Government Yields

Country	2-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.49	2.46	2.46	2.66	3.04
Germany	-0.55	-0.53	-0.36	0.07	0.72
United Kingdom	0.73	0.78	0.90	1.18	1.69
Japan	-0.16	-0.17	-0.17	-0.04	0.58

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	1D % Change	Index	Last Price	1D % Change
Kuwait Oil	66.61	1.11	Dow Jones	25,650.88	-0.79
Brent	66.81	0.35	Nikkei 225	21,554.49	2.03
West Texas	57.06	0.48	S&P 500	2,783.30	1.47
Gold	1,296.38	0.23	KuwaitSE	4,745.09	-0.13

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