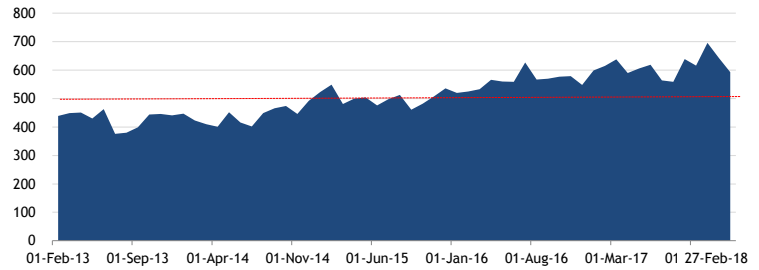


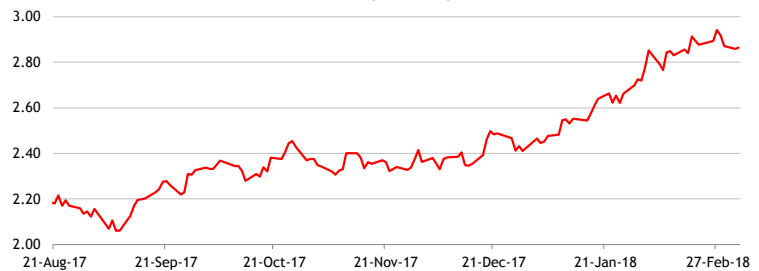
#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- In Europe, ECB president Mario Draghi sounded cautious in his comments yesterday. He said that he is not yet ready to cut back the support for the euro area even with the increasing evidence that inflation will pick up. He says that economic slack may be bigger than thought, and policy makers must remain persistent in providing monetary accommodation. A key word in his speech was that the "right blend" of stimulus measures is still needed and not just bond purchases.
- In the U.S., Fed Governor Quarles offered an optimistic view on the economic outlook of the country. He noted that GDP has been growing around 3% since Q2 of 2017, a step-up from the previous eight years, mentioning that in this environment, more rate hikes are reasonable. Investors are confident that the Fed will approve three rate hikes this year, and Quarles said nothing to challenge the consensus during his speech.
- On the data side, U.S home sales fell for the second month in January, recording their lowest level since August 2017. The measure is based on signed contracts during the month and it is a strong read on reactions to home affordability. Mortgage prices are increasing and price appreciation of properties continues to overtake wage growth. It is worth noting that the average rate on a 30-year mortgage has jumped to the highest level since 2014.

Monthly US New Home Sales (in thousands)



US 10yr Treasury Yield



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.2225	1.2270	<b>1.2324</b>	1.2375	1.2435
GBP	1.3855	1.3905	<b>1.3959</b>	1.4015	1.4065
JPY	105.95	106.45	<b>106.94</b>	107.45	107.95
CHF	0.9275	0.9325	<b>0.9377</b>	0.9425	0.9480

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.2316	2.73	EUR/GBP	0.8817	(0.66)
GBP/USD	1.3965	3.33	GBP/JPY	149.34	(1.91)
USD/JPY	106.92	(5.16)	EUR/JPY	131.70	(2.57)
USD/CHF	0.9378	(3.80)	EUR/CHF	1.1553	(1.16)

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

The EUR/USD pair moved down to the 1.2276 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2324. EUR Resistance is at (1.2435-1.2465) any break above targets 1.2550 and Support is at (1.2205-1.2225) any break below targets 1.2090 .The pair is currently Neutral.

The USD/JPY pair moved up to the 107.28 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 106.94 USD/JPY Resistance is at (107.95-108.25) any break above targets 109.70 and Support is at (105.95-106.25) any break below targets 105.00.The pair is currently Neutral.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.31	1.69	1.88	2.13	2.38
USD	1.47	1.65	1.98	2.20	2.47
EUR	-0.42	-0.40	-0.38	-0.33	-0.26
GBP	0.49	0.50	0.58	0.69	0.91
CHF	-0.81	-0.80	-0.74	-0.66	-0.53
AUD	1.39	1.89	2.08	2.15	2.00

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
27-Feb-18	JPY	BOJ Core CPI y/y	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%
27-Feb-18	EUR	German Prelim CPI m/m		0.5%	-0.7%
27-Feb-18	USD	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m		0.4%	0.7%
27-Feb-18	USD	Fed Chair Powell Testifies			
27-Feb-18	USD	CB Consumer Confidence		126.2	125.4
28-Feb-18	EUR	CPI Flash Estimate y/y		1.2%	1.3%
28-Feb-18	USD	Chicago PMI		64.1	65.7
1-Mar-18	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m		0.3%	0.2%
1-Mar-18	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI		59.0	59.1
2-Mar-18	GBP	Construction PMI		50.5	50.2

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.01	2.22	2.61	2.86	3.15
Germany	-0.67	-0.53	0.03	0.65	1.30
United Kingdom	0.70	0.79	1.17	1.51	1.91
Japan	-0.17	-0.17	-0.12	0.04	0.75

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	63.90	0.63	Dow Jones	25,709.27	399.28
Brent	68.30	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	22,399.63	246.00
West Texas	63.80	(0.03)	S&P 500	21,736.44	32.30
Gold	1,333.20	(0.01)	KuwaitSE	6,707.05	5.74

#### Global Indices

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