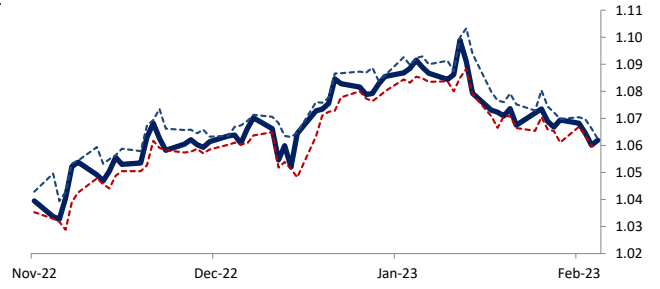


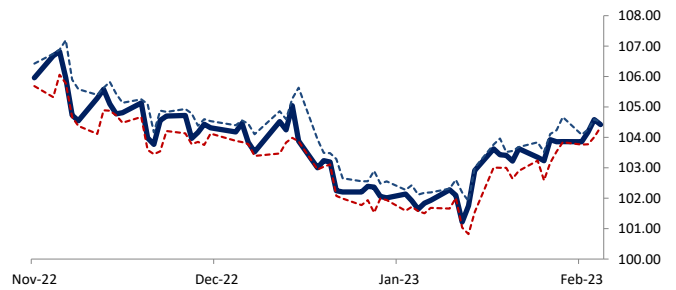
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**EUR/USD**  
3-Month Performance



**US Dollar Index**  
3-Month Performance



**Key Market Highlights:**

- In the United States, the minutes of the Fed meeting revealed that the group is committed to bringing inflation down to their 2% target through "ongoing increases" in interest rates. The majority of Fed officials settled that the pace of hikes should be 25bps, however there were a few that called for 50bps hikes. All participants were in favor of further reductions in the balance sheet. Furthermore, the committee lamented about risks associated with a "very tight" labor market, warning that there is an imbalance with demand exceeding supply.
- Latest economic data has revealed the Eurozone economy is holding up better than expected in the face of rate rises. Although headline inflation has fallen considerably in recent months, core inflation remains elevated. Hawkish remarks from German European Central Bank (ECB) members have steered economists at Deutsche Bank to forecast rate hikes will peak at 3.75% this summer, whereas France's central bank chief believed markets could have exaggerated the benchmark. The ECB's policy of higher interest rates as well as a slowdown in bond purchases is already affecting some European housing markets severely, including in Germany and the Netherlands. Germany's inflation rate displayed no signs of slowing down at the start of the year, as price pressures remained high due to Russia's war on Ukraine. In comparison to other EU countries, German consumer prices rose by 9.2% YoY in January. Prices of goods were up 12.7% year-on-year in January, while services prices increased 4.5% on year.
- On the forex front, EUR/USD traded to a three-session low on Wednesday, falling 0.42% in a day to a low of 1.0597, regardless of positive economic data from the Eurozone. The currency pairing opened the day at 1.0603, with a high of 1.0624, and a low of 1.0601. The US dollar index is trading around the 104.36 mark amid signals of more rate hikes and upside inflation risks. Meanwhile, US equities were mixed as the Nasdaq closed in green, though the Dow Jones and S&P 500 closed in red.

**Chart Points and Other Technical Input**

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0515	1.0570	<b>1.0618</b>	1.0660	1.0705
GBP	1.1960	1.2010	<b>1.2058</b>	1.2110	1.2180
JPY	133.90	134.35	<b>134.81</b>	135.45	136.05
CHF	0.9195	0.9250	<b>0.9296</b>	0.9350	0.9405

**Major Currencies**

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0601	(0.78)	EUR/GBP	0.8800	(0.44)
GBP/USD	1.2044	(0.33)	GBP/JPY	162.52	2.50
USD/JPY	134.9000	2.82	EUR/JPY	143.10	2.05
USD/CHF	0.9312	0.56	EUR/CHF	0.9875	(0.23)

**Brief Technical Commentary**

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.0597 level during Wednesday trading session and currently trading at 1.0618. EUR/USD Support levels are at (1.0515-1.0570) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0480. Short term outlook is Neutral.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.2033 level during Wednesday trading session and currently trading at 1.2058. GBP/USD Support levels are at (1.1960-1.2010) any break below would take the pair down to 1.1910. Short term outlook is Neutral.

**Local & Global Rates**

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.44	4.69
USD	4.55	4.57	4.85	5.10	5.26
EUR	2.38	2.39	2.68	3.23	3.58
GBP	3.93	3.93	4.13	4.35	4.53

**Economic Events**

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
21-Feb-23	AUD	Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes			
21-Feb-23	EUR	German Flash Manufacturing PMI	46.5	48.0	47.3
21-Feb-23	EUR	Flash Services PMI	53.0	51.0	50.7
21-Feb-23	CAD	CPI m/m	0.5%	0.7%	-0.6%
21-Feb-23	USD	Flash Services PMI	50.5	47.3	46.8
22-Feb-23	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
23-Feb-23	USD	Prelim GDP q/q			
23-Feb-23	USD	Unemployment Claims		200k	194k
23-Feb-23	ALL	G20 Meetings			
24-Feb-23	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m		0.4%	0.3%

**Government Yields**

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	4.94	4.69	4.13	3.92	3.91
Germany	3.03	2.92	2.58	2.52	2.50
United Kingdom	3.90	3.86	3.55	3.59	3.98
Japan	-0.10	-0.03	0.24	0.50	1.44

**Commodities**

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	81.00	(1.14)	Dow Jones	33,045.09	(0.26)
Brent	80.96	0.41	Nikkei 225	27,104.32	(1.34)
West Texas	74.36	0.50	S&P 500	3,991.05	(0.16)
Gold	1,883.36	(0.06)	KuwaitSE	7,303.83	(0.63)

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