

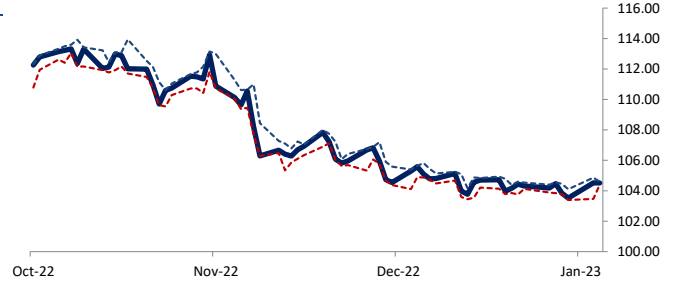
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Key Market Highlights:

- Things go from bad to worse in the UK as the manufacturing sector ended 2022 on a weak note. The Final Manufacturing PMI fell to a 31-month low of 45.3 in December, down from the November reading of 46.5. This reading is regarded as one of the weakest since mid-2009 and marks the sixth consecutive month of contraction in the sector. Meanwhile, new orders, output and stocks of purchases were all in free-fall mode, leading to accelerated job losses.
- Similarly in the US, the latest Manufacturing PMI drop from 47.7 to 46.2 indicated the fastest decline in operating conditions since May 2020, and amongst the harshest since 2009.
- Further east, in the land of the rising sun, Japanese factory activity fell in December at the sharpest pace in 26 months. The Manufacturing PMI dropped from 49.0 in November to 48.9 in December, in a reading regarded as the weakest since October 2020. These figures come as a result of the decreasing overseas demand amid a global economic slowdown, fueling expectations that Japan's production will remain subdued for the coming months.
- The US Dollar Index rose about 1% yesterday ahead of this week's key economic data, ending the day at 104.518. That momentum seems to have slowed down with markets anxiously anticipating fresh cues from the FOMC meeting minutes released later today. Despite some of the ECB members' stating the need to further tighten monetary policy, the euro dropped 1.57% against the dollar yesterday, ending the day at a low of 1.0518. Likewise, the dollar strengthened against the Japanese yen pushing the USD/JPY pair from 129.5 to 131.39.

US Dollar Index
3-Month Performance



USD/JPY
3-Month Performance

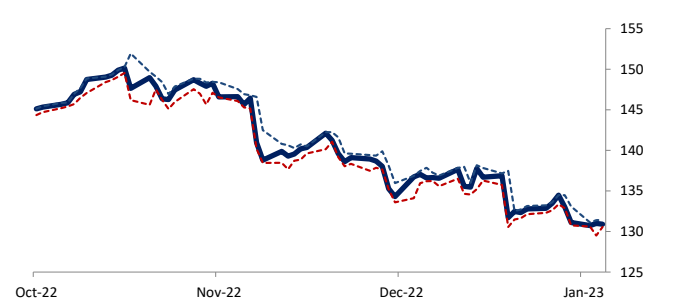


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0450	1.0510	1.0564	1.0605	1.0670
GBP	1.1870	1.1940	1.1980	1.2030	1.2090
JPY	129.50	130.40	130.90	131.50	132.30
CHF	0.9225	0.9285	0.9333	0.9375	0.9450

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0546	(1.24)	EUR/GBP	0.8811	(0.32)
GBP/USD	1.1966	(0.83)	GBP/JPY	156.76	(1.18)
USD/JPY	131.0000	(0.27)	EUR/JPY	138.18	(1.50)
USD/CHF	0.9358	1.00	EUR/CHF	0.9872	(0.26)

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The dollar had some gains against the EUR on yesterdays trading session, the pair dropped all the way to (1.0518). The pair is currently trading at (1.0564) and our support is at (1.0510) a breakout below the level will take us further down.

EUR/USD: The dollar had some gains against the cable on yesterdays trading session, the pair dropped all the way to (1.1898). The pair is currently trading at (1.1980) and our support is at (1.1940) a breakout below the level will take us further down.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	3.38	3.63	4.06	4.31	4.56
USD	4.30	4.36	4.60	4.81	4.91
EUR	1.88	1.88	2.16	2.73	3.32
GBP	3.43	3.45	3.78	4.09	4.42

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
02-Jan-23	EUR	German Final Manufacturing PMI	47.1	47.4	47.4
02-Jan-23	CNY	Caixin Manufacturing PMI	49.0	48.8	49.4
04-Jan-23	CHF	CPI m/m		-0.1%	0.0%
04-Jan-23	USD	JOLTS Job Openings		10.05M	10.33M
04-Jan-23	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
04-Jan-23	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI		50	50
05-Jan-23	USD	ADP Nonfarm Employment Change		145K	127K
06-Jan-23	EUR	CPI Flash Estimate y/y		9.6%	10.1%
06-Jan-23	USD	Unemployment Rate		3.7%	3.7%
06-Jan-23	USD	Average Hourly Earnings m/m		0.4%	0.6%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	4.65	4.36	3.87	3.73	3.83
Germany	2.68	2.64	2.40	2.38	2.21
United Kingdom	3.10	3.52	3.60	3.64	3.95
Japan	0.00	0.02	0.22	0.45	1.64

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	80.97	(2.51)	Dow Jones	33,136.37	(0.03)
Brent	81.64	0.02	Nikkei 225	25,768.42	(1.25)
West Texas	76.43	0.13	S&P 500	3,824.14	(0.40)
Gold	1,847.21	0.39	KuwaitSE	7,134.16	(0.39)

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