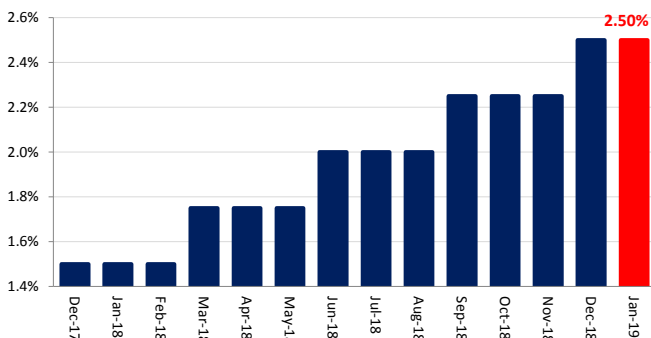


#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Last week the US Federal Reserve left rates unchanged at 2.25-2.5%, pointing to rising risks in regards to global economic growth. New language by Fed chairman Jerome Powell signaled a more patient approach to the rate-hike program, a clear shift from the December rhetoric. Powell argued that a shift in guidance is needed due to "cross currents". Among them were slower growth in China and Europe, trade tensions, the risk of a hard Brexit, and the recent federal government shutdown. In a statement on Wednesday, the FOMC claimed it "will be patient as it determines what future adjustments to the target range for the federal funds rate may be appropriate to support".
- On the brexit front, Tory Eurosceptics have warned Theresa May not to take them for granted as she prepares to set off to Brussels once again this week with "new ideas" in the intent to secure the required changes to her Brexit deal. May has asked Brexit secretary Stephen Barclay to come up with "alternative proposals" to the Irish backstop. Meanwhile, Attorney-General Geoffrey Cox has been asked to come up with ideas for a unilateral exit mechanism from the backstop. The Prime Minister has interpreted last week's vote on the amendments as a sign that the European Research Group would back up her Brexit deal if she resolved the backstop issue.

US FED Funds Rate  
2-Year Historical Data



USD/KWD  
1-Year Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1340	1.1390	1.1443	1.1495	1.1545
GBP	1.2975	1.3025	1.3073	1.3125	1.3185
JPY	108.65	109.25	109.74	110.25	110.85
CHF	0.9870	0.9920	0.9971	1.0030	1.0075

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1454	(0.24)	EUR/GBP	0.8756	(2.59)
GBP/USD	1.3083	2.48	GBP/JPY	143.17	2.44
USD/JPY	109.48	(0.50)	EUR/JPY	125.44	(0.51)
USD/CHF	0.9955	1.55	EUR/CHF	1.1405	1.34

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1488 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1443. EUR/USD Support is at (1.1340-1.1390) any break below would take the pair to 1.1285. Short term and medium term outlook are Neutral.

USD/JPY: The pair moved up to the 109.55 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 109.75. USD/JPY Support is at (108.45-108.65) any break below targets 107.75. Short term and medium term outlook are Neutral.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.94	2.31	2.56	2.81	3.06
USD	2.41	2.51	2.73	2.79	2.96
EUR	-0.45	-0.42	-0.34	-0.30	-0.17
GBP	0.70	0.73	0.91	1.03	1.17
CHF	-0.81	-0.79	-0.71	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	1.85	1.93	2.15	2.15	2.30

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
5-Feb-19	AUD	Retail Sales m/m		0.0%	0.4%
5-Feb-19	AUD	RBA Rate Statement			
5-Feb-19	USD	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI		57.0	57.6
7-Feb-19	NZD	Employment Change q/q		0.3%	1.1%
7-Feb-19	NZD	Unemployment Rate		4.1%	3.9%
7-Feb-19	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			
7-Feb-19	GBP	BOE Inflation Report			
7-Feb-19	GBP	Monetary Policy Summary			
8-Feb-19	CAD	Employment Change			9.3K
8-Feb-19	CAD	Unemployment Rate			5.6%

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.55	2.51	2.51	2.69	3.03
Germany	-0.56	-0.58	-0.36	0.16	0.77
United Kingdom	0.76	0.75	0.88	1.24	1.74
Japan	-0.19	-0.18	-0.17	-0.02	0.60

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	62.79	2.78	Dow Jones	25,063.89	0.26
Brent	62.30	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	20,873.09	0.41
West Texas	55.24	(0.18)	S&P 500	2,706.53	0.09
Gold	1,313.06	(0.37)	KuwaitSE	5,186.16	(0.38)

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