

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Easing inflation expectations in the US and reassuring comments from Federal Reserve officials poured water on the wildfire of recession worries. Sentiment was also improved by a revised US consumer inflation expectation gauge, which pulled back from the earlier forecast of a 14-year high, and potentially reducing the urgency for steeper Fed hikes. Equities globally rebounded from their recent rout that drove the market down and flashing warning signs from US Treasury yields dimmed as they still hover above 3%.
- Across the Atlantic, the German ifo survey of investor confidence weakened again as it slipped to 92.3 from 93.0. This is the most pessimistic outlook since March this year, which itself was the poorest since May 2020. In the United Kingdom, monthly retail sales posted a softer decline than expected, but still worse than the previous month as soaring inflation eats into consumer spending.
- Further east, Japan's May CPI was spot on expectations, unchanged from April. That keeps the headline at 2.5% and the core rate, which excludes fresh food, at 2.1%, slightly above the 2% target. However, the bulk of that 2.1% rise is attributable to energy prices. Without fresh food and energy, Japan's inflation remains at a lowly 0.8%. The Bank of Japan (BoJ) says that Japanese inflation is not sustainable, which in turn means no change in policy.
- The dollar index maintained its strength, with the index trading above the 101 level for 9 weeks so far, but peers continue to challenge its position. The euro snubbed the weaker German ifo survey result as it kept above 1.0550. The sterling struggled to gain traction despite a better-than-expected retail sales reading as it closed near 1.2265. The fallout of the BoJ's policy stance continues to be increasingly disruptive to the yen, sending it in the perimeter of 135.20.

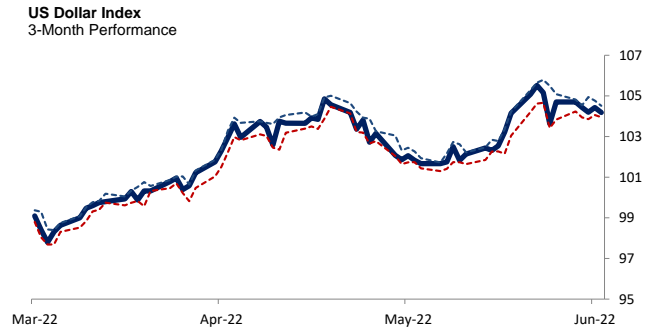
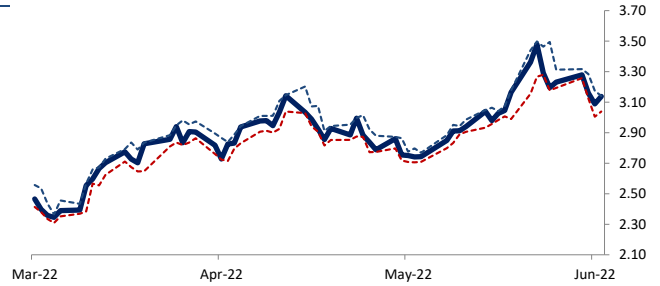


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0360	1.0460	1.0554	1.0645	1.0745
GBP	1.2065	1.2165	1.2262	1.2360	1.2460
JPY	133.20	134.20	135.17	136.10	137.10
CHF	0.9370	0.9460	0.9578	0.9680	0.9780

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	Major Crosses	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0554	(7.16)	EUR/GBP	0.8601	2.39	
GBP/USD	1.2262	(9.37)	GBP/JPY	165.86	6.81	
USD/JPY	135.17	(7.48)	EUR/JPY	142.69	9.49	
USD/CHF	0.9578	(5.00)	EUR/CHF	1.0113	(2.47)	

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.0571 level during Friday's trading session and closed the week at 1.0554. EUR/USD Supports are at (1.0460-1.0360) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0310. Short term outlook is Bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.2319 level during Friday's trading session and closed the week at 1.2262. GBP/USD Supports are at (1.2165-1.2065) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2010. Short term outlook is Bearish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.50	1.81	2.13	2.44	2.75
USD	1.44	1.49	2.01	2.54	2.99
EUR	-0.57	-0.55	-0.22	0.22	0.98
GBP	1.19	1.19	1.51	1.97	2.49

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
24-Jun-22	JPY	National Core CPI y/y	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%
24-Jun-22	GBP	Retail Sales m/m	-0.5%	-0.6%	0.4%
24-Jun-22	EUR	German ifo Business Climate	92.3	92.8	93.0
24-Jun-22	USD	Revised UoM Consumer Sentiment	50.0	50.2	50.2
27-Jun-22	USD	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m		0.4%	0.4%
27-Jun-22	USD	Durable Goods Orders m/m		0.1%	0.5%
29-Jun-22	EUR	German Prelim CPI m/m		0.3%	0.9%
29-Jun-22	EUR	ECB President Lagarde Speaks			
29-Jun-22	GBP	BoE Governor Bailey Speaks			
29-Jun-22	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.72	3.06	3.18	3.14	3.26
Germany	0.46	0.79	1.15	1.44	1.68
United Kingdom	1.89	1.90	1.94	2.30	2.54
Japan	-0.14	-0.11	0.01	0.20	1.19

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	112.58	1.22	Dow Jones	31,500.68	2.68	
Brent	113.12	2.79	Nikkei 225	26,491.97	1.23	
West Texas	107.62	3.21	S&P 500	3,911.74	3.06	
Gold	1,828.18	0.21	KuwaitSE	7,240.19	0.32	

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