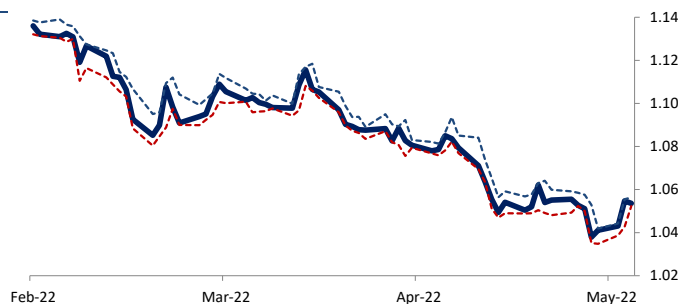


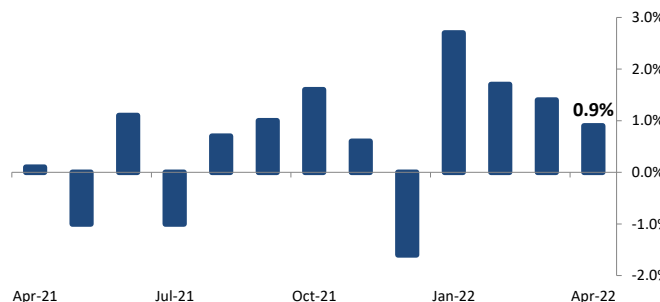
#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- American consumers continued to pump money into the US economy with retail sales rising 0.9% m/m and 8.2% y/y in April, marking the fourth straight month of higher spending. Data revealed more was spent on restaurants, furniture, clothing, and electronics. Spending on gasoline was cut as prices pulled back briefly in April from the rally owing to the war in Ukraine. Excluding gasoline, retail sales rose 1.3%. Other data added to signals of strong economic momentum, as US industrial production marked its fourth month of gains after increasing 1.1% in April. Looking at the labor market, April marked the 12th straight month of solid job gains sending unemployment close to pre-pandemic levels at 3.6%. Stocks on Wall Street traded higher while the dollar declined against a basket of currencies.
- Meanwhile, the EU has given the green light for companies to keep buying Russian gas without breaching sanctions. The softer stance in its standoff with Moscow will ease fears over further disruptions to energy supplies. The positive impact sent the euro up 1.1% yesterday and was last seen trading at 1.0530 against the USD. However, gains were limited as the pair is still not far above last week's low of 1.0348.
- The weakness in euro has prompted concerns from Bank of France Governor Cilleroy de Galhau who stated "A euro that is too weak would go against our price stability objective". He expects a "decisive" June ECB policy meeting and an "active summer", supporting views that the ECB will end QE in June and start raising rates from July.

EUR/USD  
3-Month Performance



US Retail Sales m/m  
3-Month Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0350	1.0473	<b>1.0530</b>	1.0640	1.0740
GBP	1.2300	1.2410	<b>1.2470</b>	1.2520	1.2600
JPY	127.50	128.50	<b>129.10</b>	130.00	130.80
CHF	0.9825	0.9900	<b>0.9940</b>	1.0020	1.0065

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0547	(7.32)	EUR/GBP	0.8442	0.62
GBP/USD	1.2490	(7.86)	GBP/JPY	161.59	3.62
USD/JPY	129.3900	12.18	EUR/JPY	136.48	4.38
USD/CHF	0.9934	9.00	EUR/CHF	1.0479	1.05

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR / USD: EUR continued to correct on the hourly chart, currently at 1.0530 heading towards 1.06 and 1.0640-resistance level. Expectation of a rate hike in the euro zone assisted the push, but the US dollar has the upper hand hence 1.05 and 1.0475 support should be tested.

GBP / USD: GBP soared based on US dollar weakness and strong UK data to 1.25 on the daily chart from 1.2155 last Friday. BOE interest rates rumors surged hence supported the Cable and 1.2520 and 1.2575 should be the resistance. Any downward sell off will resume the 1.24 and 1.23 area.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.31	1.63	1.94	2.19	2.44
USD	0.80	0.86	1.27	1.69	2.24
EUR	-0.57	-0.56	-0.40	-0.19	0.21
GBP	0.94	0.95	1.20	1.50	1.88

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
11-Jun-22	USD	CPI m/m	0.3%	0.2%	1.2%
11-Jun-22	USD	Core CPI m/m	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%
12-Jun-22	USD	PPI m/m	0.5%	0.5%	1.4%
16-May-22	GBP	Monetary Policy Report Hearings			
17-May-22	USD	Core Retail Sales m/m	0.6%	0.3%	1.1%
17-May-22	USD	Retail Sales m/m	0.9%	1.1%	0.5%
18-May-22	GBP	CPI y/y		9.1%	7%
18-May-22	CAD	CPI m/m			1.4%
19-May-22	AUD	Employment Change		30K	17.9K
19-May-22	AUD	Unemployment Rate		3.9%	4.0%

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.00	2.69	2.96	2.98	3.19
Germany	-0.07	0.36	0.73	1.04	1.16
United Kingdom	1.36	1.41	1.55	1.88	2.09
Japan	-0.09	-0.06	0.01	0.23	1.02

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	118.42	(2.24)	Dow Jones	32,654.59	1.34
Brent	112.91	0.88	Nikkei 225	26,860.69	0.87
West Texas	113.92	1.29	S&P 500	4,088.85	2.02
Gold	1,812.88	(0.15)	KuwaitSE	7,875.98	1.06

#### Global Indices

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