

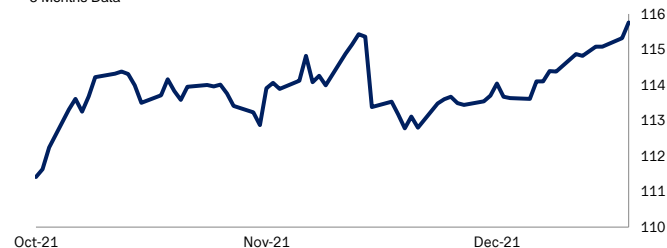
#### Key Market Highlights:

- In Wall Street, the first trading day for US shares in 2022 ended with record high closings for major indices - Nasdaq and technology shares led the gains with the index closing 1.20% higher. Similarly, most Asian equities rose today as traders assessed the impact of omicron. The Nikkei index jumped by 1.81% during midmorning trade and reached 29,317.
- In the US, growth optimism sent Treasury yields to their highest levels as markets braced themselves for the Fed's expected interest rate hikes this year. The 10-year Treasury yield rose 12 basis points exceeding 1.6% in its worst start to the year since 2009 and the 2-year yield reached 0.8% in its highest level since March 2020.
- On the forex front, the jump in US Treasury yields in line with the Fed's aggressive interest rate hike plans propelled the greenback against the majority of its peers. The EUR fell by approximately 0.7%, JPY fell by 0.4%, GBP fell by 0.3% and at further risk of decline should the Bank of England (BoE) decide to slow policy tightening due to effects of Omicron on the market.
- In commodities, OPEC+ has reduced anticipated supply surplus by 25% due to weaker output from rivals, raising WTI crude by 1.5% to \$76.03 a barrel. Brent was steady at \$78.95. Gold declined by 1.5% as appetite for safe haven assets eased.

US 10-Year Treasury Yield  
12 Months Data



USD / JPY  
3 Months Data



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

| CCY | 2nd Support | 1st Support | Spot   | 1st Resistance | 2nd Resistance |
|-----|-------------|-------------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| EUR | 1.1220      | 1.1260      | 1.1300 | 1.1365         | 1.1390         |
| GBP | 1.3385      | 1.3430      | 1.3471 | 1.3515         | 1.3550         |
| JPY | 114.70      | 115.20      | 115.79 | 116.25         | 116.85         |
| CHF | 0.9100      | 0.9145      | 0.9179 | 0.9220         | 0.9265         |

#### Major Currencies

| CCY     | Closing Rate | YTD % | CCY     | Closing Rate | YTD % |
|---------|--------------|-------|---------|--------------|-------|
| EUR/USD | 1.1297       | -0.61 | EUR/GBP | 0.8381       | 0.29  |
| GBP/USD | 1.3480       | -0.45 | GBP/JPY | 155.46       | -0.16 |
| USD/JPY | 115.32       | -0.62 | EUR/JPY | 130.28       | 0.02  |
| USD/CHF | 0.9192       | -0.58 | EUR/CHF | 1.04         | 0.01  |

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1278 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1300. EUR/USD Support levels are at (1.1220-1.1260) any break below would take the pair down to 1.1185. Short term outlook is Neutral.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.3439 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3471. GBP/USD Support levels are at (1.3385-1.3430) any break below would take the pair down to 1.3260. Short term outlook is Bearish.

#### Local & Global Rates

| CCY | 1-Week | 1-Month | 3-Month | 6-Month | 1-Year |
|-----|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| KWD | 0.00   | 1.19    | 1.50    | 1.75    | 2.00   |
| USD | 0.08   | 0.10    | 0.21    | 0.34    | 0.58   |
| EUR | -0.59  | -0.62   | -0.58   | -0.56   | -0.49  |
| GBP | 0.18   | 0.19    | 0.26    | 0.47    | 0.81   |
| CHF | -0.80  | -0.78   | -0.75   | -0.70   | -0.55  |
| AUD | 2.78   | 2.87    | 2.96    | 3.06    | 3.34   |

#### Economic Events

| Date     | Country | Event                          | Actual | Forecast | Previous |
|----------|---------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
| 3-Jan-22 | EUR     | Final Manufacturing PMI        | 58     | 58       | 58       |
| 3-Jan-22 | USD     | Final Manufacturing PMI        | 57.7   | 57.7     | 57.8     |
| 4-Jan-22 | ALL     | OPEC-JMMC Meetings             |        |          |          |
| 4-Jan-22 | USD     | ISM Manufacturing PMI          |        | 60.4     | 61.1     |
| 4-Jan-22 | USD     | JOLTS Job Openings             |        |          | 11.03M   |
| 5-Jan-22 | USD     | ADP Non-Farm Employment Change |        | 358K     | 534K     |
| 5-Jan-22 | USD     | FOMC Meeting Minutes           |        |          |          |
| 6-Jan-22 | USD     | ISM Services PMI               |        | 67.2     | 69.1     |
| 7-Jan-22 | GBP     | Construction PMI               |        | 53.9     | 55.5     |
| 7-Jan-22 | USD     | Non-Farm Employment Change     |        | 410K     | 210K     |

#### Government Yields

| Country        | 2-Year | 3-Year | 5-Year | 10-Year | 30-Year |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| United States  | 0.77   | 1.02   | 1.36   | 1.63    | 2.02    |
| Germany        | -0.73  | -0.62  | -0.42  | -0.12   | 0.24    |
| United Kingdom | 0.64   | 0.74   | 0.80   | 0.96    | 1.11    |
| Japan          | -0.10  | -0.11  | -0.08  | 0.08    | 0.69    |

#### Commodities

| Index      | Last Price | 1D % Change | Index      | Last Price | 1D % Change |
|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Kuwait Oil | 78.90      | 0.28        | Dow Jones  | 36,585.06  | 0.68        |
| Brent      | 79.40      | 0.53        | Nikkei 225 | 29,284.51  | 1.71        |
| West Texas | 76.40      | 0.42        | S&P 500    | 4,796.56   | 0.64        |
| Gold       | 1,803.68   | 0.12        | KuwaitSE   | 7,051.20   | 0.11        |

#### Global Indices

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