

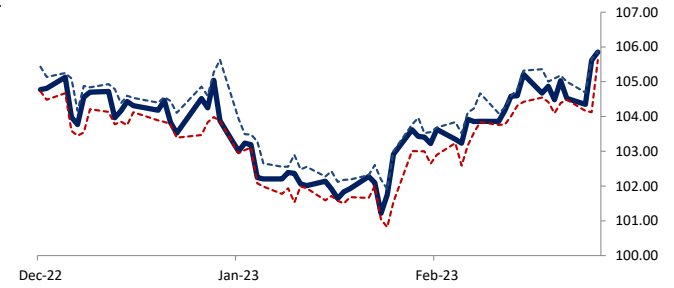
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Key Market Highlights:

- Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell gave a testimony to the US congress on Tuesday regarding his outlook towards the economy and monetary policy. Powell signaled that interest rates are "likely to be higher than previously anticipated", citing the latest economic data that came in "stronger than expected." Powell added that if "data were to indicate that faster tightening is warranted, we would be prepared to increase the pace of rate hikes." The hawkish testimonial comes on the back of a historically low unemployment rate and sticky inflation readings. Markets are now pricing in a 50bps hike for the next meeting from 25bps previously. Furthermore, US equities fell sharply, while Treasury yields gained following Powell's comments, with the 2-year Treasury yield reaching its highest level since 2007. Meanwhile, the US dollar index gained significantly following Powell's comments with the index currently trading around the 105.82 figure, a three month high. Markets will turn their attention to non-farm payrolls and CPI, which are due to be released before the Fed's next meeting, for indications regarding the possible pace of rate hikes.
- Following the central bank's policy meeting, the Reserve Bank of Australia's Governor Phillip Lowe spoke on Wednesday, declaring that the central bank was closer to pausing its aggressive cycle of rate increases as policy was now in restrictive territory, and proposed a halt could come at the next meeting on April 4th, if economic data supported a pause. The board will be closely monitoring developments in the global economy, household spending, and the labor market. The dovish message saw markets scale back the peak forecast for rates to 4.10%, compared to 4.35% last week. AUD/USD dropped 2.41% from the start of the week, from a high of 0.6769, currently trading at 0.6586.

US Dollar Index
3-Month Performance



AUD/USD
3-Month Performance

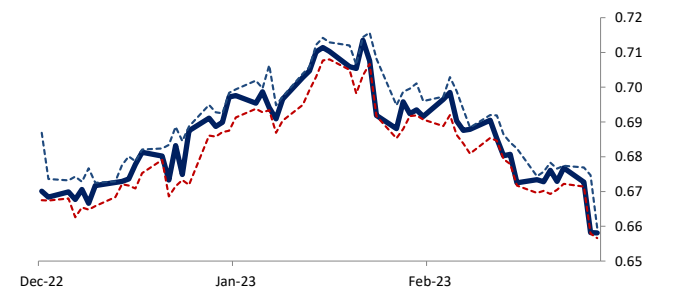


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0420	1.0485	1.0525	1.0580	1.0630
GBP	1.1700	1.1765	1.1813	1.1860	1.1920
JPY	136.55	137.35	137.85	138.40	138.90
CHF	0.9320	0.9390	0.9435	0.9490	0.9540

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0547	(1.56)	EUR/GBP	0.8916	0.76
GBP/USD	1.1827	(2.28)	GBP/JPY	162.19	2.67
USD/JPY	137.1400	5.04	EUR/JPY	144.68	3.43
USD/CHF	0.9415	2.03	EUR/CHF	0.9936	0.42

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: During yesterday's session, the pair dropped all the way towards (1.0544) and continued to drop with the Asian market open. Currently trading at (1.0525), we expect the pair to continue lower towards (1.0485) and our resistance level is set at (1.0580).

GBP/USD: During yesterday's trading session, the cable continued to drop all the way towards (1.1820) and the cable is currently trading at (1.1813). Support levels are set at (1.1765-1.1700) and resistance at (1.1860-1.1920).

Local & Global Rates

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	3.75	3.94	4.25	4.44	4.69
USD	4.55	4.73	4.96	5.22	5.39
EUR	2.38	2.51	2.88	3.36	3.86
GBP	3.93	4.06	4.20	4.41	4.65

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
06-Mar-23	CHF	Consumer Price Index m/m	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%
07-Mar-23	AUD	Cash Rate	3.60%	3.60%	3.35%
07-Mar-23	AUD	RBA Rate Statement			
07-Mar-23	USA	Fed Chairman Powell Testifies			
08-Mar-23	AUD	RBA Gov Lowe Speaks			
08-Mar-23	EUR	ECB President Lagarde Speaks			
08-Mar-23	USD	ADP Non-Farm Employment Change	195K	106K	
10-Mar-23	JPY	BOJ Monetary Policy Statement			
10-Mar-23	GBP	GDP m/m		0.1%	-0.5%
10-Mar-23	USD	US Unemployment Rate		3.4%	3.4%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	5.17	5.06	4.35	4.00	3.90
Germany	3.33	3.31	2.85	2.70	2.61
United Kingdom	4.13	3.77	3.68	3.81	4.14
Japan	-0.09	-0.04	0.19	0.49	1.44

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	84.26	(2.18)	Dow Jones	32,856.46	(1.72)
Brent	83.42	0.14	Nikkei 225	28,409.32	0.51
West Texas	77.59	(0.08)	S&P 500	3,986.37	1.53
Gold	1,834.79	(0.06)	KuwaitSE	7,315.94	(0.16)

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