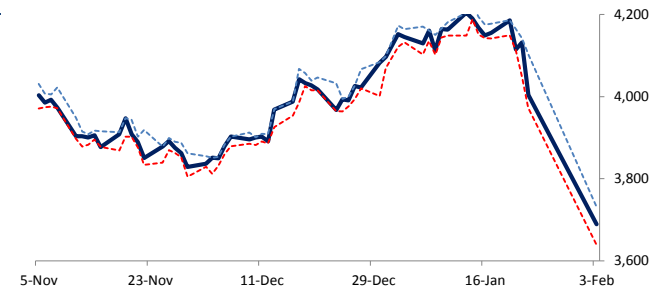


#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

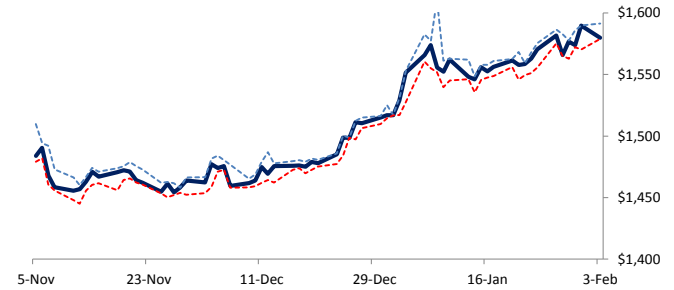
Equity markets across Asia tumbled drastically into negative terrain today with China's Shanghai CSI 300 Index incurring heavy losses. The index lost more than 8% of its value within a few hours. Risk aversion has been the dominant theme since the coronavirus emerged, which has supported demand for safe haven assets. Year to date, the precious yellow metal (Gold) has appreciated more than 4% and the top performers in the FX market are the Japanese yen and Swiss franc. The number of deceased in China jumped to 361 as of Sunday, up 57 from the previous day, the National Health Commission said. The number of new confirmed infections in China rose by 2,829, bringing the total to 17,205. It seems that financial markets may remain in risk aversion mode until the coronavirus is contained. Till then, currencies of export oriented economies could remain on the defensive.

Looking at the US economy, GDP grew by 2.1% in the fourth quarter of 2019, ending a year where GDP decelerated to its slowest pace in three years. On a yearly basis, the economy grew 2.3% from the 2.9% increase in 2018 and the 2.4% gain in 2017. Net exports helped, rising 1.4% amid the tariff war between the US and China, while imports fell 8.7% due to swings in tariffs. The US and China have recently come to a first-phase agreement on tariffs, though much of the levies remain in place today. Still, the partial agreement has the potential to stimulate corporate investment once again and shift the heavy lifting away from consumers.

Shanghai Shenzhen CSI 300 Index  
3-Month Performance



Gold  
3-Month Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0985	1.1030	1.1084	1.1135	1.1185
GBP	1.3065	1.3115	1.3168	1.3225	1.3275
JPY	107.45	107.95	108.47	109.00	109.50
CHF	0.9525	0.9575	0.9630	0.9680	0.9735

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1093	(1.12)	EUR/GBP	0.8400	(0.41)
GBP/USD	1.3199	(0.71)	GBP/JPY	143.02	0.04
USD/JPY	108.3800	(0.32)	EUR/JPY	120.20	(1.38)
USD/CHF	0.9630	(0.48)	EUR/CHF	1.0688	(1.59)

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1096 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1084. EUR/USD Supports are at (1.0985-1.1030) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0870. Short term outlook is Neutral.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.3208 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3168. GBP/USD Supports are at (1.3065-1.3115) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2930. Short term outlook is Neutral.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.19	2.50	2.75	2.94	3.19
USD	1.59	1.66	1.75	1.75	1.81
EUR	-0.54	-0.51	-0.42	-0.38	-0.31
GBP	0.68	0.71	0.76	0.82	0.88
CHF	-0.79	-0.77	-0.69	-0.64	-0.51
AUD	0.98	0.93	0.96	0.96	1.00

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
29-Jan-20	USD	Federal Funds Rate	<1.75%	<1.75%	<1.75%
30-Jan-20	GBP	Official Bank Rate	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%
30-Jan-20	USD	Advance GDP q/q	2.1%	2.2%	2.1%
31-Jan-20	CNY	Manufacturing PMI	50.0	50.1	50.2
3-Feb-20	CNY	Caixin Manufacturing PMI	51.1	51.0	51.5
3-Feb-20	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI		48.5	47.2
4-Feb-20	AUD	Cash Rate		0.75%	0.75%
4-Feb-20	AUD	RBA Rate Statement			
5-Feb-20	NZD	Unemployment Rate		4.2%	4.2%
5-Feb-20	AUD	RBA Gov Lowe Speaks			

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.44	1.33	1.33	1.52	2.02
Germany	-0.64	-0.69	-0.65	-0.44	0.06
United Kingdom	0.59	0.49	0.40	0.51	1.03
Japan	-0.16	-0.17	-0.18	-0.07	0.37

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	60.35	0.92	Dow Jones	28,256.03	(2.09)
Brent	56.33	(0.51)	Nikkei 225	22,966.43	(1.03)
West Texas	51.59	0.06	S&P 500	3,225.52	(1.77)
Gold	1,580.23	(0.60)	KuwaitSE	6,286.52	(0.61)

#### Global Indices

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