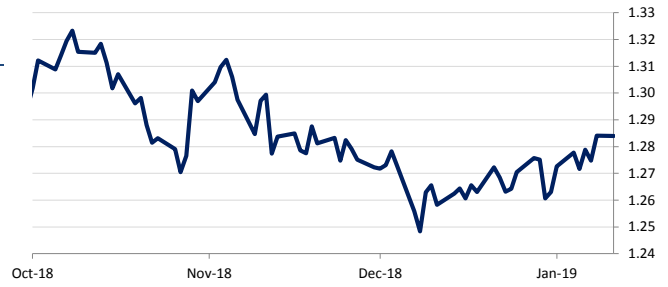


#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- For the past few months, trade has remained center focus in the markets as the US and China introduced tit-for-tat tariffs on imports. This week, trade figures from China revealed exports fell 4.4% year on year for the month of December. The figure released on Monday falls short of the 3% forecast and indicates the first drop in nine months. The CSI 300 was down 0.7% in response, down from a three week high reached on Friday. The Japanese yen strengthened while oil prices fell. The US dollar index was 0.1% lower after hitting a three month low last week. Though there appears to be signs of progress in US-China trade talks along with dovish comments from Federal reserve officials, fears regarding global growth remain heightened.
- The UK is facing a hugely uncertain path that could lead to a disorderly exit or even remaining in the bloc. Parliament is set to vote on PM Theresa May's Brexit deal tomorrow after it was postponed last December due to heavy opposition. The unpopular deal has come under fire from all sides, including Eurosceptics, supporters of the EU and the Northern Irish party propping up her minority Conservative government. May warned lawmakers on Sunday that failing to deliver Brexit would be catastrophic for democracy and that "it is time to do what is right for our country."
- With factories suffering through global trade conditions and the approach of Brexit, data on Friday showed that Britain's economy grew at a weaker pace in the three months to November. GDP was 0.3% higher than the previous three-month period, down from growth of 0.4% in the three months to October. Manufacturers endured their longest period of monthly declines in output since the financial crisis, feeling the pain of weaker overseas demand. Industrial output dropped 1.5% in November alone, its biggest fall since August 2013.

GBP/USD  
3-Month Performance



USD/JPY  
3-Month Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1365	1.1415	<b>1.1467</b>	1.1520	1.1570
GBP	1.2735	1.2790	<b>1.2840</b>	1.2895	1.2945
JPY	107.05	107.55	<b>108.12</b>	108.65	109.15
CHF	0.9735	0.9785	<b>0.9835</b>	0.9885	0.9940

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1467	0.03	EUR/GBP	0.8926	(0.58)
GBP/USD	1.2841	0.67	GBP/JPY	139.29	(0.86)
USD/JPY	108.54	(1.97)	EUR/JPY	124.49	(1.74)
USD/CHF	0.9840	0.18	EUR/CHF	1.1284	0.25

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1540 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1467. EUR/USD Support is at (1.1365-1.1415) any break below would take the pair to 1.1265. Short term and medium term outlook are Neutral.

USD/JPY: The pair moved up to the 108.59 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 108.12 USD/JPY Support is at (107.05-107.55) any break below targets 104.95. Short term and medium term outlook are Neutral.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.81	2.19	2.50	2.69	3.00
USD	2.41	2.51	2.79	2.86	3.02
EUR	-0.44	-0.42	-0.33	-0.30	-0.17
GBP	0.70	0.73	0.92	1.04	1.19
CHF	-0.81	-0.78	-0.70	-0.63	-0.50
AUD	1.93	1.93	2.10	2.20	2.30

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
13-Jan-19	CNY	Trade Balance	395B	345B	306B
15-Jan-19	USD	PPI m/m		-0.1%	0.1%
15-Jan-19	EUR	ECB President Speaks			
15-Jan-19	GBP	Parliament Brexit Vote		Reject	
16-Jan-19	GBP	BOE Governor Speaks			
16-Jan-19	GBP	CPI y/y		2.1%	2.3%
16-Jan-19	All	G20 Meetings			
16-Jan-19	JPY	BOJ Governor Speaks		0.4%	-0.9%
18-Jan-19	GBP	Retail Sales m/m		-0.8%	1.4%
18-Jan-19	USD	Prelim UoM Consumer Sentiment		96.1	98.3

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.56	2.54	2.52	2.70	3.03
Germany	-0.61	-0.60	-0.35	0.18	0.83
United Kingdom	0.77	0.79	0.94	1.28	1.83
Japan	-0.16	-0.16	-0.16	0.01	0.69

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	58.69	(3.33)	Dow Jones	23,995.95	(0.02)
Brent	58.88	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	20,359.70	0.97
West Texas	51.39	(0.19)	S&P 500	2,596.26	(0.01)
Gold	1,291.07	0.28	KuwaitSE	5,244.19	0.24

#### Global Indices

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