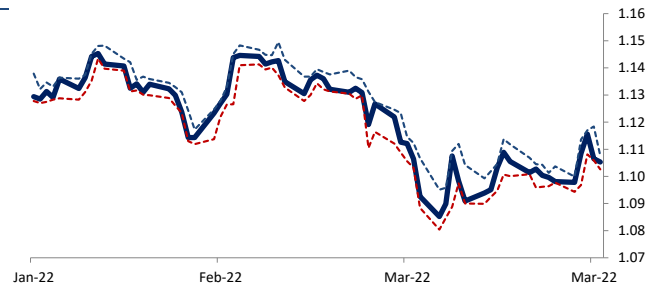


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Inflation and the labor market roared with the latest data released in the US economy. The personal consumption expenditure (PCE) rose to a 40-year high in February to 6.4%, a far cry from the 2% target level. The unemployment rate in March dropped to 3.6% from 3.8% in February and showed a slight pickup in wage growth. The data stokes aggressiveness in the Fed's tightening policy plans to tame inflation in the upcoming meetings. Equities closed the week in the green cheering the job gains. Worry kept the Treasury yield curve inverted, with the 2-year yield at 2.46% and the 10-year yield at 2.38%.
- European countries are dealing with the repercussions of sanctions imposed on Russia on their own economies. Inflation sizzled to 7.5% in March amid persistence of food and energy inflation and global manufacturing bottlenecks. The European Central Bank so far have only stopped bond purchases by September this year, but bets are increasing for rate hikes in the coming months.
- The dollar revived after feeding on heated inflation readings, a tight labor market, and elevated bond yields. The euro dropped to 1.1026 and then managed a modest gain to 1.1050 despite its own ballooning inflationary reading. The sterling slipped around 1.3115. In the safe-haven realm, continued lending support from the Bank of Japan stamped on the yen to 122.50 while the Swiss franc hovered around 0.9250. The Australian dollar closed the week on the border of 0.7500.
- In the commodities complex, oil prices sedated after a ban of Russian crude imports from Europe was held off and a historic release from the US's strategic reserves came in. WTI closed the week at \$99.27 a barrel and Brent at \$104.39 a barrel. Gold traded at \$1,925.68 an ounce.

EUR/USD
3-Month Performance



Brent Crude
3-Month Performance

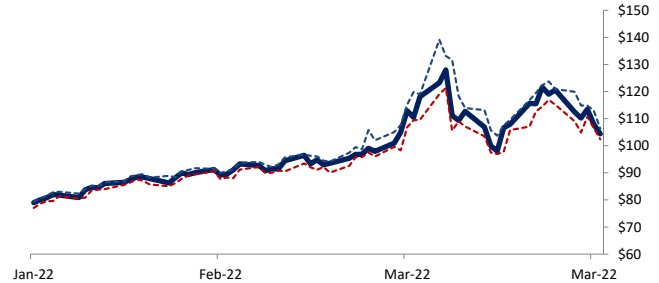


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0850	1.0950	1.1053	1.1150	1.1250
GBP	1.2900	1.3000	1.3112	1.3215	1.3310
JPY	120.60	121.50	122.49	123.60	124.70
CHF	0.9060	0.9160	0.9254	0.9370	0.9460

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1053	-2.77	EUR/GBP	0.8422	0.26
GBP/USD	1.3112	-3.08	GBP/JPY	160.61	3.43
USD/JPY	122.4900	3.46	EUR/JPY	135.32	3.84
USD/CHF	0.9254	1.45	EUR/CHF	1.0222	-1.42

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1026 level during Friday's trading session and closed the week at 1.1053. EUR/USD Supports are at (1.0950-1.0850) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0770. Short term outlook is Bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.3083 level during Friday's trading session and closed the week at 1.3112. GBP/USD Supports are at (1.3000-1.2900) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2850. Short term outlook is Bearish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.06	1.44	1.69	1.94	2.19
USD	0.29	0.29	0.67	1.07	1.68
EUR	-0.56	-0.54	-0.46	-0.36	-0.09
GBP	0.69	0.69	0.92	1.20	1.64

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
31-Mar-22	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
1-Apr-22	USD	Average Hourly Earnings m/m	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%
1-Apr-22	USD	Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%
4-Apr-22	GBP	BoE Gov Bailey Speaks			
5-Apr-22	AUD	Cash Rate		0.10%	0.10%
5-Apr-22	AUD	RBA Rate Statement			
5-Apr-22	USD	ISM Services PMI		58.6	58.9
6-Apr-22	USD	Crude Oil Inventories			-3.4M
6-Apr-22	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
7-Apr-22	USD	Unemployment Claims		201K	202K

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.68	2.46	2.56	2.39	2.43
Germany	-0.45	-0.08	0.38	0.55	0.67
United Kingdom	1.25	1.36	1.40	1.60	1.73
Japan	-0.10	-0.05	0.01	0.21	0.93

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	105.88	0.03	Dow Jones	34,818.27	0.40
Brent	104.39	(0.31)	Nikkei 225	27,665.98	(0.56)
West Texas	99.27	(1.01)	S&P 500	4,545.86	0.34
Gold	1,926.30	(0.67)	KuwaitSE	8,146.69	0.12

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