

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The US dollar fell against a basket of currencies on Monday as recent strong economic data eased worries about the global economy, prompting investors to reduce safe-haven positions in the greenback. Indeed, the benchmark 10yr treasury yield rose 6% since Thursday as investors sold the safe investment. The US Federal Reserve had pledged patience regarding its interest rate policy moving forward and just last month the central bank announced it no longer expected to raise rates this year.
- The European Central Bank will meet on Wednesday and while no policy changes are expected, investors will be paying attention to the press conference afterwards. In their last meeting, the ECB painted a dim picture for 2019 and so the focus will be on talks of rates, global recession fears, and future projections.
- The Canadian dollar strengthened against its U.S. counterpart on Monday, recovering from a one-week low in the prior session as oil prices climbed to their highest this year and domestic data showed a 15.8% jump in March housing starts. Oil prices, one of Canada's major exports, were supported by OPEC supply cuts, U.S. sanctions against Iran and Venezuela and fighting in Libya as well as strong U.S. jobs data. U.S. crude oil rose 1.2% to \$64.10 a barrel.

USD/CAD
3 Month Performance



US 10 Year Treasury Yield
Year to Date Performance

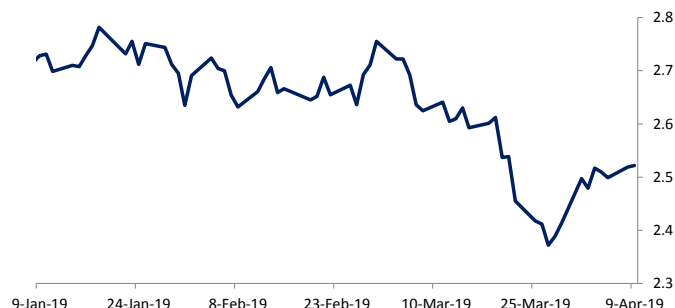


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1125	1.1175	1.1266	1.1315	1.1375
GBP	1.2975	1.3015	1.3077	1.3125	1.3185
JPY	110.35	110.80	111.34	111.85	112.35
CHF	0.9880	0.9930	0.9985	1.0035	1.0085

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1259	(1.79)	EUR/GBP	0.8622	(4.16)
GBP/USD	1.3062	2.50	GBP/JPY	145.57	3.96
USD/JPY	111.4700	0.98	EUR/JPY	125.55	(0.63)
USD/CHF	0.9987	1.76	EUR/CHF	1.1247	(0.02)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1275 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1266 EUR/USD Resistance is at (1.1315-1.1375) any break above would take the pair up to 1.1470. Short term outlook is slightly bullish, however a break under the 1.1175 will change the outlook to bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.3074 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3077 GBP/USD Resistance is at (1.3125-1.3185) any break above would take the pair up to 1.3385. Short term outlook is slightly bullish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.06	2.44	2.69	2.88	3.13
USD	2.41	2.48	2.58	2.63	2.75
EUR	-0.44	-0.42	-0.36	-0.31	-0.20
GBP	0.69	0.73	0.82	0.94	1.07
CHF	-0.81	-0.79	-0.72	-0.65	-0.50
AUD	1.56	1.79	1.88	1.91	1.80

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
10-Apr-19	GBP	GDP m/m		0.2%	0.5%
10-Apr-19	GBP	Manufacturing Production m/m		0.2%	0.8%
10-Apr-19	EUR	Main Refinancing Rate		0.00%	0.00%
10-Apr-19	EUR	ECB Press Conference			
10-Apr-19	USD	CPI m/m		0.3%	0.2%
10-Apr-19	USD	Core CPI m/m		0.2%	0.1%
11-Apr-19	USD	PPI m/m		0.3%	0.1%
16-Apr-19	AUD	Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes			
16-Apr-19	CNY	GDP q/y			
16-Apr-19	GBP	Average Earnings Index 3m/y			

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.42	2.36	2.33	2.52	2.92
Germany	-0.59	-0.59	-0.44	0.01	0.64
United Kingdom	0.74	0.70	0.85	1.11	1.65
Japan	-0.17	-0.17	-0.18	-0.05	0.53

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	71.45	0.56	Dow Jones	26,341.02	(0.32)
Brent	71.76	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	21,779.82	0.08
West Texas	64.32	(0.16)	S&P 500	2,895.77	0.10
Gold	1,299.32	0.17	KuwaitSE	5,781.69	(0.24)

All information has been sourced from Reuters.

This Treasury Newsletter is a publication of the National Bank of Kuwait ("NBK"). Although the information in this document has been prepared in good faith and from sources which we believe to be reliable, we do not represent or warrant its accuracy and such information may not necessarily represent the actual market data. NBK accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss or damage arising from the use of this document or reliance on the information contained herein. NBK will not be responsible for the consequence of reliance upon any opinion or statement contained herein.

For further information or discussion, please contact the Treasury Services Desk on TSD_LIST@NBK.COM or +965 2221 6603 (TELEX : 46811 - FAX +965 2241 9720).