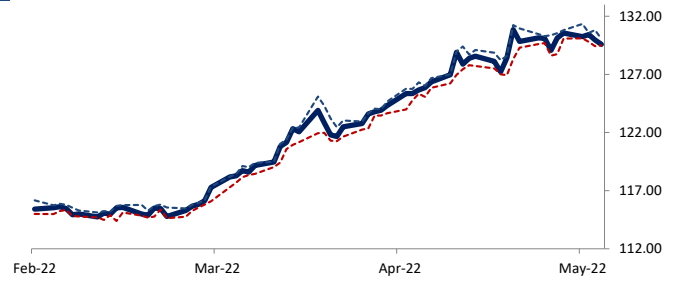


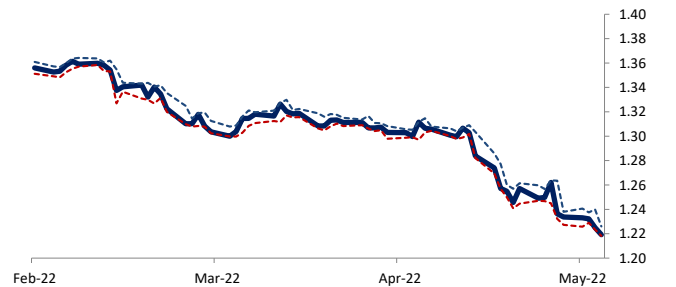
**Kuwaiti Dinar Today**

**0.30675 / 0.30685**

**USD/JPY**  
3-Month Performance



**GBP/USD**  
3-Month Performance



**Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:**

- Latest CPI figures from the US showed that inflation stayed at a 40-year high, defying expectations of a bigger drop. Data released yesterday showed US consumer prices rose at an annual pace of 8.3% last month, while it is a moderation for the first time in eight months, and a step down from the 8.5% increase recorded in March, the figure was still higher than economists' expectations of an 8.1% rise. On initial release, the data jolted the market for US government bonds, taking the two-year Treasury yield up 0.12% to reach 2.73% before dropping back to the 2.64% range. The yield on the benchmark 10-year note was back below 3%. In addition to the jump in prices from last year, consumer prices climbed another 0.3% from the previous month. That was slower than the 1.2% rise recorded in March, which was fueled by soaring energy and food costs tied to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Looking at core CPI, the reading that strips out volatile items such as food and energy, the figure showed a monthly increase of 0.6% last month compared with the 0.3% increase in March. On an annual basis, the increase recorded was at 6.2%.
- In light of the release, which keeps the Federal Reserve on course to tighten policy aggressively, the US dollar held near a two-decade high. The dollar index slipped slightly below the 104 level but bounced back above it and is now around the 104.11 level. The euro rose around 0.14% to reach \$1.0526 but retreated a little to be trading at around \$1.0505. The Japanese yen strengthened to reach 129.68 per dollar, pulling further away from the two-decade low of 131.35 it reached on Monday. Going back to the European continent, the sterling faltered to more than a two-year low of \$1.2205 following a return of Brexit headlines.

**Chart Points and Other Technical Input**

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0400	1.0475	<b>1.0520</b>	1.0641	1.0730
GBP	1.2080	1.2164	<b>1.2210</b>	1.2400	1.2475
JPY	127.50	128.74	<b>129.80</b>	130.75	1.31
CHF	0.9825	0.9900	<b>0.9960</b>	1.0000	1.0075

**Major Currencies**

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	Major Crosses	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0511	(7.71)	EUR/GBP	0.8582	2.44	
GBP/USD	1.2250	(9.88)	GBP/JPY	159.21	1.73	
USD/JPY	129.9600	12.59	EUR/JPY	136.63	4.34	
USD/CHF	0.9943	9.23	EUR/CHF	1.0449	0.85	

**Brief Technical Commentary**

EUR / USD: EUR continues to test 1.05 area based on the bearish trend on the daily chart. In case of a higher EUR, the 1.0640 would be tested as the first resistance and might reach 1.07. With strong inflation reports coming from the US, the lower trend seems inevitable.

GBP / USD: GBP fell to May 2020 low, currently at 1.2220 on the daily chart. Whether it is BREXIT or a strong US dollar, Cable is in on a streak of lower low since April and testing 1.22 and 1.2175. Volatility might help the GBP bounce to 1.23 and 1.24.

**Local & Global Rates**

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.31	1.63	1.88	2.13	2.44
USD	0.78	0.78	1.22	1.62	2.19
EUR	-0.56	-0.55	-0.42	-0.20	0.24
GBP	0.94	0.94	1.12	1.37	1.75

**Economic Events**

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
5-May-22	GBP	Official Bank Rate	1.00%	1.00%	0.75%
6-May-22	USD	Average Hourly Earnings m/m	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
6-May-22	USD	Non-Farm Employment Change	428K	390K	431K
6-May-22	USD	Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%
10-May-22	EUR	German ZEW Economic Sentiment	-34.3	-43.0	-41.0
11-May-22	USD	CPI m/m	0.3%	0.2%	1.2%
11-May-22	USD	Core CPI m/m	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%
12-May-22	GBP	Preliminary GDP q/q		1.0%	1.3%
12-May-22	USD	PPI m/m		0.5%	1.4%
13-May-22	USD	Core PPI m/m		0.6%	1.0%

**Government Yields**

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.88	2.61	2.84	2.86	3.01
Germany	-0.28	0.09	0.59	0.91	1.07
United Kingdom	1.19	1.24	1.48	1.80	2.07
Japan	-0.09	-0.06	0.01	0.24	1.00

**Commodities**

Index	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	111.86	(0.19)	Dow Jones	31,834.11	(1.02)	
Brent	112.39	1.34	Nikkei 225	25,792.07	(1.61)	
West Texas	109.77	1.39	S&P 500	3,935.18	(1.65)	
Gold	1,849.78	(0.18)	KuwaitSE	8,119.91	(0.27)	

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