

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- US equity indices ended Wednesday's session in the green zone thanks to a recovery from earlier losses as worries eased over a trade dispute between the US and China. In the latest exchange amongst Beijing and Washington, the Trump administration stated their willingness to negotiate on the issue. The positive news however, did not support Asian stocks much as they are currently trading in a mixed tone. The Hang Seng is down by 2.19%, trading at 29,518.69.
- Private US Companies kept up the hiring pace in March, adding 241,000 positions as employment in construction and manufacturing surged, according to a report yesterday from ADP and Moody's Analytics. This marks the fifth straight month that the ADP/Moody's count showed private payrolls up by at least 200,000. On a year-over-year basis, March 2018 nearly doubled the 122,000 total from the previous year. Markets will now be optimistically waiting for the Fed's preferred employment indicator Friday, the Non-Farm Employment Report.
- Euro-area HICP inflation accelerated to 1.4% y/y in March from 1.1% in February as expected. The core figure was unchanged from the previous month at 1% slightly below estimates for a 1.1% rise. Services inflation, which provides the best read in the first report on home grown price increases, climbed to 1.5% from 1.3%. The ECB should welcome the inflation report because it indicates stronger underlying price increases. If the rises are sustained, the Governing Council's move toward the exit of its asset-purchase program would be better supported.

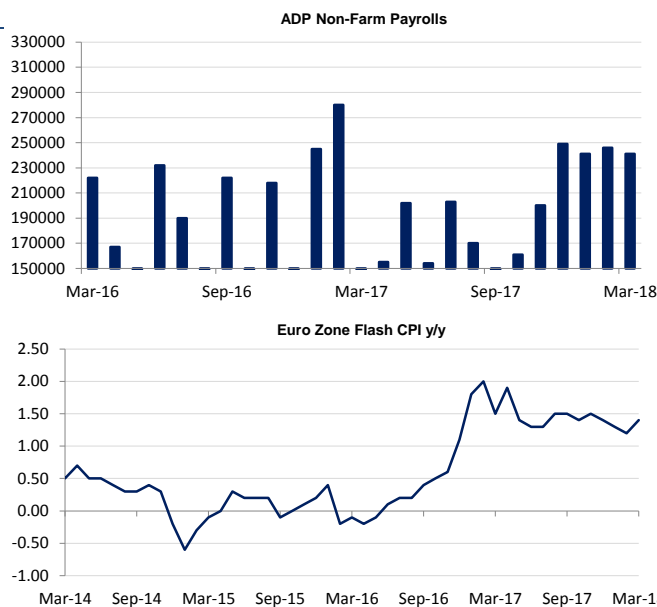


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.2185	1.2230	1.2278	1.2335	1.2385
GBP	1.3970	1.4015	1.4068	1.4125	1.4175
JPY	106.00	106.50	106.94	107.55	108.05
CHF	0.9515	0.9560	0.9615	0.9665	0.9720

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.2277	2.32	EUR/GBP	0.8718	(1.78)
GBP/USD	1.4080	4.11	GBP/JPY	150.31	(1.16)
USD/JPY	106.77	(5.13)	EUR/JPY	131.09	(2.95)
USD/CHF	0.9607	(1.32)	EUR/CHF	1.1794	0.96

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.2255 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2278. EUR Resistance is at (1.2385-1.2425) any break above targets 1.2540 and Support is at (1.2155-1.2185) any break below targets 1.2090. The pair is currently Neutral.

USD/JPY: The pair moved up to the 106.84 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 106.94 USD/JPY Resistance is at (108.05-108.25) any break above targets 108.95 and Support is at (105.85-106.00) any break below targets 105.05. The pair is currently Neutral.

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
2-Apr-18	CNY	Caixin Manufacturing PMI	51.0	51.8	51.6
3-Apr-18	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI	59.3	60.1	60.8
3-Apr-18	EUR	German Retail Sales	-0.7%	0.7%	-0.7%
4-Apr-18	CNY	Caixin Services PMI	52.3	54.5	54.2
4-Apr-18	GBP	Construction PMI	47.0	51.2	51.4
4-Apr-18	EUR	CPI Flash Estimate	1.4%	1.4%	1.1%
5-Apr-18	GBP	Services PMI		54.2	54.5
6-Apr-18	USD	Average Hourly Earnings		0.3%	0.1%
6-Apr-18	USD	Non-Farm Payrolls		190K	313K
6-Apr-18	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks		0.2%	0.3%

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.31	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.50
USD	1.74	1.89	2.32	2.46	2.68
EUR	-0.42	-0.40	-0.36	-0.32	-0.25
GBP	0.48	0.51	0.74	0.86	1.02
CHF	-0.81	-0.79	-0.74	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	1.45	1.95	2.19	2.15	2.20

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.01	2.30	2.63	2.81	3.04
Germany	-0.71	-0.60	-0.10	0.50	1.15
United Kingdom	0.74	0.84	1.12	1.36	1.76
Japan	-0.14	-0.14	-0.12	0.03	0.72

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	64.64	2.15	Dow Jones	24,264.30	230.94
Brent	64.68	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	21,695.73	376.00
West Texas	63.34	(0.03)	S&P 500	2,644.69	30.24
Gold	1,329.50	(0.32)	KSE	4,823.16	(3.64)

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