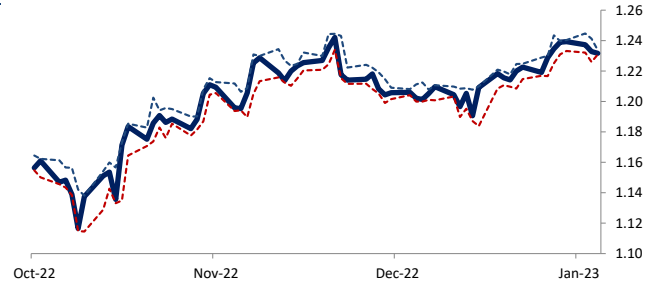


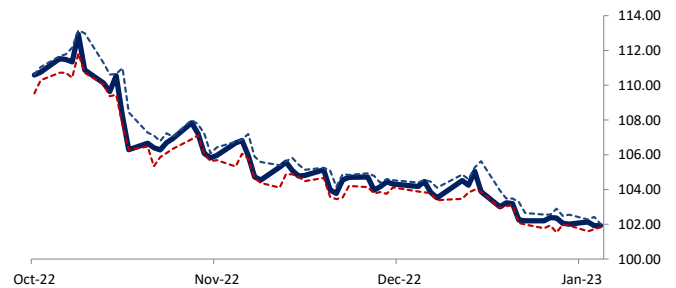
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**GBP/USD**  
3-Month Performance



**US Dollar Index**  
3-Month Performance



**Key Market Highlights:**

- Starting off with the US, its latest S&P flash PMI showed that private sector business activity continued to decline. The flash manufacturing PMI came in at 46.8 compared to 46.2 in the previous reading. Meanwhile, services PMI came in at 46.6 as opposed to 44.7 on December. The composite PMI rose to 46.6 compared to 45 in the previous month. All readings were slightly higher than market expectations. Despite the U.S private sector continuing to decline, although at a softer pace, the U.S dollar index continued to trade slightly below the 102.00 mark signaling that markets are speculating a less hawkish Fed path to monetary policy. U.S equities closed with mixed results on a choppy trading session, as the Dow Jones index gained 0.31% while the S&P 500 slightly fell 0.07%.
- Tuesday evening's PMI figures showed the euro zone economy returning to modest growth in December, boosting hopes that the euro zone could avoid recession. The S&P Global euro zone composite PMI came in at 50.2 in January, up from 49.3 in December and ahead of a consensus forecast of 49.8.
- In contrast to the Euro zone's apparent revival in business activity in January, flash PMI readings from the UK showed the economy contracted at its sharpest rate in two years. The S&P Global composite UK PMI slid to 47.8 in January from 49.0 in December falling short of a 49.6 consensus forecast in a Wall Street Journal poll of economists. Extensive strike action, staff shortages, export losses, the cost of living crisis and sharp increases in interest rates all combined to pressure economic activity. The latest news saw the GBP/USD currency pair escalate past the critical 1.24 range yesterday, however, it is down again and trading at 1.2316.

**Chart Points and Other Technical Input**

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0790	1.0840	<b>1.0895</b>	1.0940	1.1000
GBP	1.2220	1.2290	<b>1.2330</b>	1.2390	1.2440
JPY	129.30	129.90	<b>130.45</b>	131.05	131.60
CHF	0.9120	0.9190	<b>0.9230</b>	0.9280	0.9340

**Brief Technical Commentary**

EUR/USD: During yesterday's trading session, the EUR continued to retrace after making the high and bottomed the retracement at (1.0832), currently trading at (1.0895). We expect the EUR to continue higher towards our resistance levels at (1.0940-1.1000), our support level is set at (1.0840).

GBP/USD: During yesterday's trading session, the cable continued to retrace and bottomed at (1.2260), currently trading at (1.2330). We expect the cable to continue higher and retest the highs at (1.2447). Our resistance levels are set at (1.2390-1.2440) and support at (1.2290).

**Major Currencies**

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0885	<b>1.78</b>	EUR/GBP	0.8828	(0.02)
GBP/USD	1.2328	<b>1.81</b>	GBP/JPY	160.48	<b>1.37</b>
USD/JPY	130.1500	(0.45)	EUR/JPY	141.70	<b>1.34</b>
USD/CHF	0.9226	(0.13)	EUR/CHF	1.0042	<b>1.62</b>

**Local & Global Rates**

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	3.38	3.56	4.06	4.31	4.56
USD	4.30	4.53	4.67	4.82	4.85
EUR	1.89	2.01	2.45	2.92	3.35
GBP	3.43	3.75	3.95	4.17	4.33

**Economic Events**

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
23-Jan-23	EUR	ECB President Lagarde Speaks			
24-Jan-23	GBP	Flash Services PMI	48.0	49.6	49.9
24-Jan-23	USD	Flash Services PMI	46.6	45.0	44.7
24-Jan-23	EUR	German Flash Services PMI	50.4	49.6	49.2
25-Jan-23	AUD	CPI y/y	8.4%	7.5%	7.3%
25-Jan-23	CAD	BOC Monetary Policy Report			
26-Jan-23	USD	Advance GDP q/q		2.6%	3.2%
26-Jan-23	USD	Unemployment Claims		203K	190K
27-Jan-23	JPY	Tokyo Core CPI y/y		4.2%	4.0%
27-Jan-23	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m		0.3%	0.2%

**Government Yields**

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	4.65	4.16	3.59	3.46	3.61
Germany	2.61	2.54	2.19	2.15	2.02
United Kingdom	3.46	3.33	3.18	3.28	3.63
Japan	-0.05	-0.02	0.18	0.43	1.52

**Commodities**

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	86.09	(0.94)	Dow Jones	33,733.96	0.31
Brent	86.47	1.49	Nikkei 225	27,434.23	0.49
West Texas	80.31	1.88	S&P 500	4,016.95	(0.07)
Gold	1,926.94	(0.55)	KuwaitSE	7,374.66	0.16

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