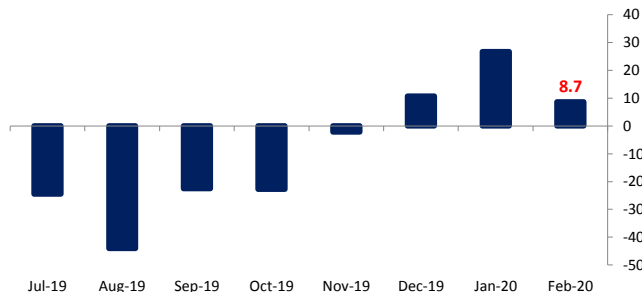


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The German ZEW headline numbers for February showed that the Economic Sentiment Index dropped to 8.7 versus the 21.5 expected and the 26.7 seen last. The sharp drop in investment sentiment follows a string of bad news for the German economy. The manufacturing sector suffered its worst year in a decade last year. The German economy produced zero growth in the fourth quarter of 2019. Earlier we saw German's Industrial Production fall 3.5% m/m in December and 6.8% y/y. The figures were -2.1% and -4.1% respectively. Manufacturers appeared more optimistic over the last few months as tensions between China and the US began easing. However, sentiment took a turn due to China's coronavirus outbreak. The data added pressure to the EUR/USD pair which is currently trading near its 2017 lows at approximately 1.0795.
- In Australia, the highly anticipated release of wage price data is critical to the RBA which is currently monitoring employment closely to maintain price stability. Wage price increases typically means higher prices for customers, thus the increase needs to be steady and above the inflation rate. Quarter 4 wages grew 0.5% q/q, in line with expectations. On an annual basis, wages increased barely above the inflation target at 2.2%. Further weakness in the labor market and lack of growth in wages may prompt the Reserve Bank of Australia to cut rates again. Industrial production in the country has been shrinking in the last several quarters. The Australian dollar has fallen around 4.7% so far in 2020, currently trading near its 4 month low at 0.6692.

German ZEW Economic Sentiment Index

8-Month Performance



AUD/USD

3-Month Performance

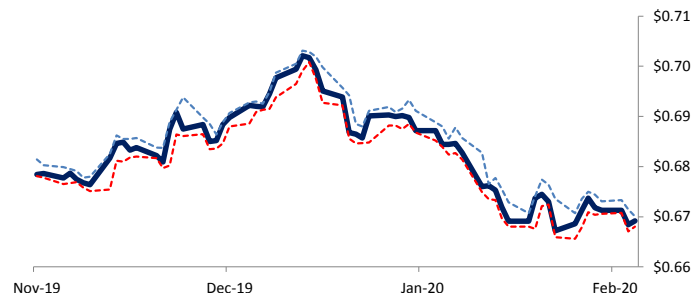


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0690	1.0745	1.0796	1.0845	1.0895
GBP	1.2900	1.2950	1.3000	1.3050	1.3100
JPY	108.50	109.50	110.03	110.50	111.00
CHF	0.9730	0.9780	0.9830	0.9885	0.9930

Major Currencies

Major Crosses

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0791	(3.68)	EUR/GBP	0.8300	(1.73)
GBP/USD	1.2998	(2.01)	GBP/JPY	142.79	0.14
USD/JPY	109.8600	1.08	EUR/JPY	118.55	(2.58)
USD/CHF	0.9831	1.56	EUR/CHF	1.0609	(2.18)

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD:The pair moved down to the 1.0784 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.0796. EUR/USD Supports are at (1.0690-1.0745) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0635 Short term outlook is Bearish.

GBP/USD:The pair moved up to the 1.3048 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3000. GBP/USD Supports are at (1.2900-1.2950) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2875. Short term outlook is Neutral.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.00	2.31	2.50	2.75	3.06
USD	1.58	1.65	1.69	1.72	1.79
EUR	-0.55	-0.52	-0.43	-0.39	-0.32
GBP	0.70	0.71	0.76	0.81	0.90
CHF	-0.80	-0.78	-0.71	-0.66	-0.53
AUD	0.78	0.83	0.88	0.92	1.09

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
12-Feb-20	EUR	Industrial Production m/m	-2.1%	-1.8%	0.0%
13-Feb-20	EUR	EU Economic Forecasts			
13-Feb-20	USD	CPI m/m	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
14-Feb-20	EUR	German Prelim GDP q/q	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
18-Feb-20	AUD	Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes			
18-Feb-20	EUR	German ZEW Economic Sentiment	8.7	20.0	26.7
19-Feb-20	GBP	CPI y/y		1.7%	1.3%
19-Feb-20	CAD	CPI m/m		0.3%	0.0%
19-Feb-20	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
20-Feb-20	GBP	Retail Sales m/m		0.7%	-0.6%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.46	1.42	1.40	1.56	2.00
Germany	-0.63	-0.66	-0.62	-0.41	0.11
United Kingdom	0.62	0.51	0.47	0.60	1.10
Japan	-0.16	-0.16	-0.16	-0.05	0.36

Commodities

Global Indices

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	58.62	2.55	Dow Jones	29,232.19	(0.56)
Brent	58.17	0.73	Nikkei 225	23,400.70	0.89
West Texas	52.50	0.86	S&P 500	3,370.29	(0.29)
Gold	1,604.02	0.15	KuwaitSE	6,125.13	(0.81)

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