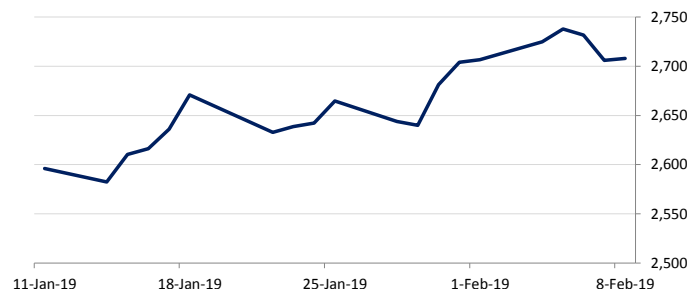


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- US-China trade talks will resume today as US Trade Representative Robert Lightizer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin meet with the Chinese vice Premier Liu He. Last week President Trump had shattered hopes of an agreement, claiming he's unlikely to meet with Chinese president Xi Jinping before the March 1st deadline. If the world powers do not strike a deal by the set deadline, tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese exports to the US will rise from 10% to 25%. The CSI 300 index reversed its December losses and has risen around 10% this year as Beijing took measures to support the slowing economy. Looking at equities in the US, it appears that investors have shrugged off concerns regarding the trade dispute. The S&P 500 gained around 0.8% on Friday and ended at a high for the day at 2,707.90
- In the UK, Brexit talks will dominate political news once again this week as Prime Minister Theresa May continues to battle for a Brexit deal. The main topic of discussion in Brussels will be to try and replace the controversial backstop - which prevents a hard border in Ireland - with new "alternative arrangements". EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier and UK Brexit Secretary Stephen Barclay are expected to discuss this in further detail as they meet in Strasbourg today. If no agreement is made by Wednesday, May will likely issue a "neutral motion" for debate on Thursday in which a series of amendments will be put forward. The sterling is down 1.3% so far for the month of February, and is currently trading at around the 1.2930 level.

S&P 500
1-Month Performance



GBP/USD
2-Month Performance



Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1215	1.1265	1.1318	1.1370	1.1425
GBP	1.2825	1.2875	1.2926	1.2980	1.3030
JPY	108.90	109.40	109.93	110.45	110.95
CHF	0.9905	0.9955	1.0005	1.0050	1.0095

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1328	(1.28)	EUR/GBP	0.8741	(2.56)
GBP/USD	1.2947	1.38	GBP/JPY	142.06	1.56
USD/JPY	109.72	(0.26)	EUR/JPY	124.23	(1.35)
USD/CHF	1.0000	1.86	EUR/CHF	1.1322	0.60

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1317 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1318. EUR/USD Support is at (1.1215-1.1265) any break below would take the pair to 1.1015. Short term and medium term outlook are Bearish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved down to the 109.63 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 109.93. USD/JPY Resistance is at (110.45-110.95) any break above targets 111.65. Short term and medium term outlook are Bullish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.94	2.31	2.56	2.81	3.06
USD	2.41	2.50	2.70	2.74	2.94
EUR	-0.45	-0.42	-0.33	-0.30	-0.17
GBP	0.70	0.73	0.88	1.01	1.14
CHF	-0.80	-0.78	-0.71	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	1.60	1.90	2.15	2.08	2.23

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
11-Feb-19	GBP	GDP m/m		0.0%	0.2%
12-Feb-19	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			
12-Feb-19	GBP	BOE Gov Carney Speaks			
13-Feb-19	USD	CPI m/m		0.1%	-0.1%
13-Feb-19	GBP	CPI y/y		1.9%	2.1%
13-Feb-19	USD	Core CPI m/m		0.2%	0.2%
14-Feb-19	USD	Core Retail Sales m/m		0.0%	0.2%
14-Feb-19	USD	PPI m/m		0.1%	-0.2%
15-Feb-19	GBP	Retail Sales m/m		0.2%	-0.9%
15-Feb-19	CNY	CPI y/y			1.9%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.52	2.47	2.44	2.63	2.98
Germany	-0.57	-0.59	-0.41	0.09	0.70
United Kingdom	0.71	0.69	0.79	1.14	1.66
Japan	-0.18	-0.17	-0.17	-0.03	0.58

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	61.43	(0.60)	Dow Jones	25,106.33	(0.25)
Brent	61.46	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	20,333.17	(2.01)
West Texas	52.70	(0.19)	S&P 500	2,707.88	0.07
Gold	1,311.20	(0.21)	KuwaitSE	5,204.99	0.10

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