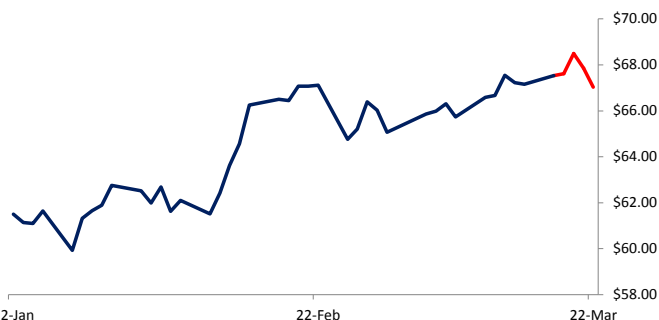


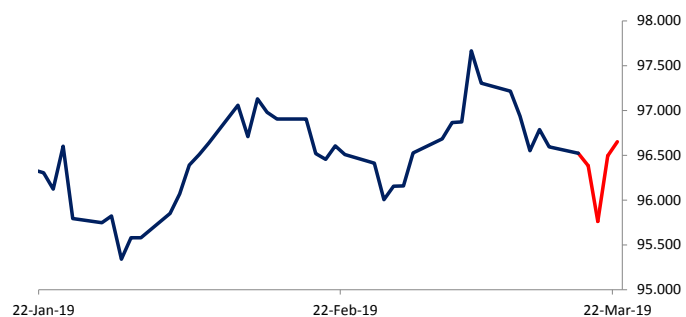
#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The economic calendar last week was filled with central bank meetings on both sides of the Atlantic, however all eyes were focused on the US Federal Reserve. The dovishness from US monetary policy officials should have been widely negative for the greenback but instead of extending Wednesday's loss of around 0.70%, the dollar rebounded. Better than expected manufacturing data out of the Philadelphia region, lower US jobless claims and the lingering Brexit puzzle paved the way for a slightly stronger dollar. The dollar index opened the week at 96.481 and ended Friday's session at 96.495.
- Looking at the US yield curve, financial markets confirmed the dovish interpretation as the US 10 year treasury yield tumbled to a 14-month low of 2.416%. Back in October the 10-year yield reached a high of 3.26%. The 10-year yield was also pressured by weakening economic data out of the US and Europe. This caused the short term interest rate (3-month treasury yield) to rise above the longer termed treasuries especially the 10 year. The inversion has previously taken place in 2007, before the Great Financial Crises. Hence, market signals may be indicating that a recession is on the way.
- In the commodities complex, oil prices were set for a third straight week of gains due to supply cuts by OPEC and US sanctions on Iran and Venezuela. However, prices dipped after reaching new 2019 highs on Friday. As economic growth has slowed across Asia, Europe and North America and no breakthrough emerging in the trade stand-off between Washington and Beijing could potentially dent fuel consumption. Benchmark Brent crude closed out the week at \$67.03.
- As for Brexit, European leaders have offered PM May an additional 2-week extension from the March 29 deadline until April 12. The small extension gives the UK a tight window to secure MPs' backing for a third vote in the British parliament or plan for another course of action. The April 12 date is important since it is the last day that the British government can issue an order under UK law to take part in EU parliamentary elections in May. EU representatives explained that Theresa May wanted to extend the deadline until June 30, however Britain's refusal to take part in EU elections meant that Britain must exit the block before May 22. Subsequently, in order for the UK to further extend the Brexit deadline, it must participate in EU election.

**Brent Crude**  
2 Month Performance



**US Dollar Index**  
2 Month Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1120	1.1215	<b>1.1315</b>	1.1420	1.1515
GBP	1.3020	1.3115	<b>1.3214</b>	1.3315	1.3420
JPY	107.95	108.90	<b>109.91</b>	110.90	111.90
CHF	0.9735	0.9830	<b>0.9935</b>	1.0030	1.0135

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1271 level during Friday's trading session and closed for the week at 1.1315 EUR/USD. Support is at (1.1120-1.1170) any break above would take the pair down to 1.1030. Short term outlook is neutral.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.3223 level during Friday's trading session and closed for the week at 1.3214 GBP/USD. Support is at (1.3020-1.3115) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2945. Short term outlook is neutral.

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
25-Mar-19	EUR	German Ifo Business Climate		98.7	98.5
26-Mar-19	USD	Building Permits		1.32M	1.32M
26-Jun-19	USD	CB Consumer Confidence		132.1	131.4
27-Mar-19	EUR	ECB President Draghi Speaks			
28-Mar-19	EUR	German Prelim CPI m/m		0.6%	0.4%
28-Mar-19	USD	Final GDP q/q		2.4%	2.6%
29-Mar-19	GBP	Current Account		-22.9B	26.5B
29-Mar-19	GBP	Final GDP q/q		0.2%	0.2%
29-Mar-19	CAD	GDP m/m			-0.1%
29-Mar-19	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m		0.2%	0.2%

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#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1313	(1.37)	EUR/GBP	0.8555	(4.74)
GBP/USD	1.3209	3.58	GBP/JPY	145.15	3.65
USD/JPY	109.9100	(0.32)	EUR/JPY	124.21	(1.59)
USD/CHF	0.9935	1.23	EUR/CHF	1.1228	(0.23)

#### Major Crosses

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.06	2.44	2.69	2.88	3.13
USD	2.41	2.50	2.61	2.68	2.79
EUR	-0.45	-0.42	-0.34	-0.30	-0.18
GBP	0.69	0.73	0.83	0.94	1.06
CHF	-0.82	-0.79	-0.71	-0.65	-0.51
AUD	1.40	1.92	1.94	1.98	1.90

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.44	2.31	2.24	2.44	2.87
Germany	-0.60	-0.56	-0.43	-0.02	0.59
United Kingdom	0.65	0.65	0.78	1.01	1.49
Japan	-0.19	-0.18	-0.20	-0.08	0.51

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	67.26	(0.09)	Dow Jones	25,502.32	(1.77)
Brent	66.73	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	21,627.34	0.09
West Texas	58.82	(0.17)	S&P 500	2,800.71	(1.96)
Gold	1,313.13	0.30	KuwaitSE	5,553.70	1.04

#### Global Indices