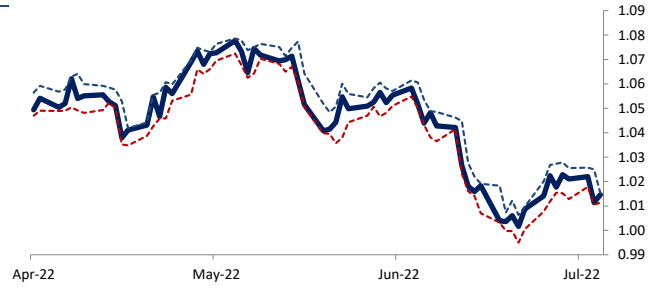


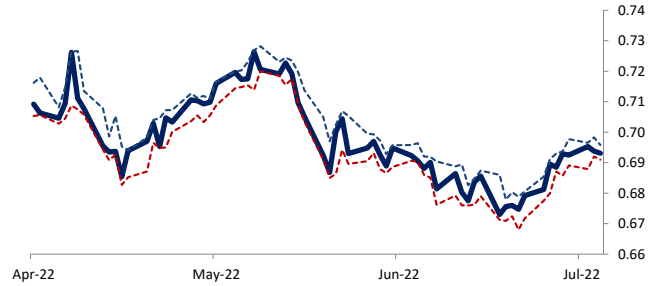
**Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:**

- Consumer confidence in the US dropped for the third month in a row to its lowest level since February 2021 as dimmer views of the economy and persistent inflation bite. The index reinforced recent commentary from large US corporate bellwethers that rising food and gas prices are forcing consumers to dedicate much of their budget to essentials, leaving no room for other discretionary purchases. The Federal Reserve meeting kick-starts later today with another 75bps hike expected. Despite signs the US economy is slowing down, inflation remains sticky.
- Across the Atlantic, the European Union (EU) reached an agreement to cut their natural gas use by 15% through next winter as the likelihood of Russia cutting off gas supplies completely becomes more likely. In an effort to pressure EU nations on the sanctions imposed on Russia, Russian President Vladimir Putin is expected to keep gas flows at minimal levels, stoking recession fears in an already fragile economic environment.
- In a sigh of relief, inflation Down Under came in lower than expected. CPI in Australia rose by 1.8% quarterly (6.1% annually), falling below expectations of a 1.9% quarterly rise (6.3% annually). RBA Governor Philip Lowe expects inflation will peak around 7% by year-end and markets are pricing in a cash rate of 3.2% by then. With inflation easing, bets for a jumbo 75bps hike from the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) are being abandoned ahead of their meeting next week.
- The dollar held ground ahead of the Fed meeting with the US Dollar index rising close to 107. The euro slipped to 1.0150 as hopes of avoiding a recession in the region fade in the midst of Russian gas supply cuts and soaring energy prices. The sterling was steady trading close to 1.2060. The softer-than-expected inflation report sent the aussie dipping slightly to 0.6930 after oscillating in 0.6950. The yen continued its steady slide and trespassed 137.

**EUR/USD**  
3-Month Performance



**AUD/USD**  
3-Month Performance



**Chart Points and Other Technical Input**

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0045	1.0105	<b>1.0149</b>	1.0210	1.0260
GBP	1.1950	1.2000	<b>1.2055</b>	1.2120	1.2180
JPY	135.90	136.45	<b>137.01</b>	137.55	138.10
CHF	0.9510	0.9560	<b>0.9618</b>	0.9670	0.9730

**Major Currencies**

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	Major Crosses	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0114	(0.76)	EUR/GBP	0.8411	0.19	
GBP/USD	1.2025	(0.94)	GBP/JPY	164.69	6.27	
USD/JPY	136.9100	19.02	EUR/JPY	138.52	6.62	
USD/CHF	0.9626	5.43	EUR/CHF	0.9741	(5.91)	

**Brief Technical Commentary**

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.0106 level during Tuesday trading session and currently trading at 1.0149. EUR/USD Support levels are at (1.0105-1.0045) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0005. Short term outlook is Bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.2090 level during Tuesday trading session and currently trading at 1.2055. GBP/USD Support levels are at (1.2000-1.1950) any break below would take the pair down to 1.1890. Short term outlook is Bearish.

**Local & Global Rates**

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.56	1.81	2.13	2.38	2.69
USD	1.53	2.32	2.56	2.94	3.12
EUR	-0.28	-0.13	0.23	0.63	1.04
GBP	1.19	1.52	1.81	2.21	2.55

**Economic Events**

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
25-Jul-22	EUR	German ifo Business Climate	88.6	90.0	92.3
26-Jul-22	USD	CB Consumer Confidence	95.7	96.8	98.7
27-Jul-22	AUD	CPI q/q	1.8%	1.9%	2.1%
27-Jul-22	USD	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m		0.2%	0.7%
27-Jul-22	USD	Durable Goods Orders m/m		-0.5%	0.8%
27-Jul-22	USD	Federal Funds Rate	2.50%	1.75%	
28-Jul-22	USD	Advance GDP q/q	0.4%	-1.6%	
28-Jul-22	USD	Unemployment Claims	253K	251K	
29-Jul-22	EUR	CPI Flash Estimate y/y	8.7%	8.6%	
29-Jul-22	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m	0.5%	0.3%	

**Government Yields**

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	3.00	3.05	2.90	2.80	3.02
Germany	0.37	0.33	0.67	0.93	1.19
United Kingdom	1.91	1.79	1.66	1.90	2.48
Japan	-0.14	-0.08	-0.01	0.20	1.14

**Commodities**

Index	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	109.28	(2.00)	Dow Jones	31,761.54	(0.71)	
Brent	104.49	0.09	Nikkei 225	27,764.88	0.40	
West Texas	95.27	0.40	S&P 500	3,921.05	(1.15)	
Gold	1,716.29	(0.10)	KuwaitSE	7,721.85	0.29	

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