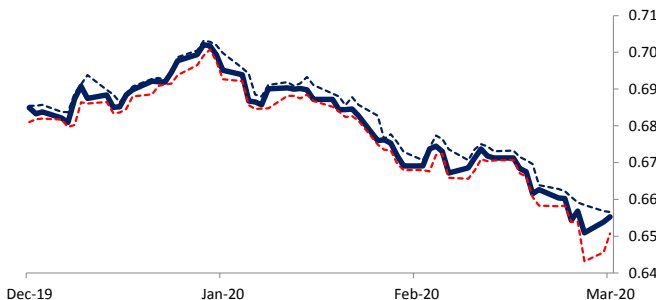


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Manufacturing activity in the US grew at a slower than expected pace in February, falling to 50.1 from the 50.9 in January. The slow growth has coincided with the coronavirus spreading throughout China and the rest of the world, denting expectations over global economic growth and corporate profits. Last week the Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, and Nasdaq Composite all posted their worst weekly performance since the financial crisis. US 10-year Treasury yields continued to slide, currently at 1.1207, while the Chinese yuan dipped.
- The Reserve Bank of Australia cut its official cash rate by 25bps to a record low of 0.50% in today's meeting as they contemplated coronavirus outbreak risks. This marks the fourth reduction by the RBA in less than a year, as the country's record run of 28 years without a recession may now be challenged. A third of Australia's exports go to China, and a bulk of its trade is done with countries in Asia, placing the country in a position uniquely vulnerable to any slowdown in China. Governor Philip Lowe said further action was likely, claiming "The global outbreak of the coronavirus is expected to delay progress in Australia towards full employment and the inflation target...The Board is prepared to ease monetary policy further to support the Australian economy." The cut makes the RBA the first developed market central bank to cut rates in response to the coronavirus, while other major central banks such as the US Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank are expected to act in their next meetings. The AUD/USD pair has fallen around 6.7% so far this year as the economy is expected to contract in Q1 of 2020.

AUD/USD
3-Month Performance



US 10-Year Treasury Yield
3-Month Performance

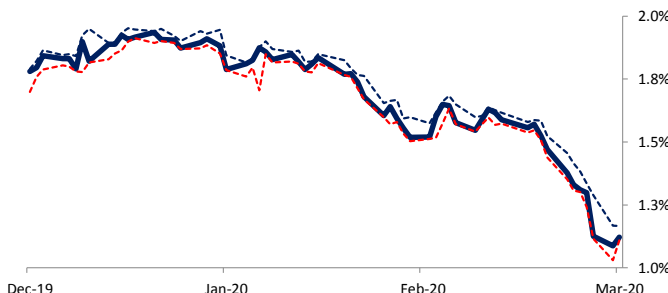


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

| CCY | 2nd Support | 1st Support | Spot | 1st Resistance | 2nd Resistance |
|-----|-------------|-------------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| EUR | 1.1045 | 1.1090 | 1.1144 | 1.1195 | 1.1240 |
| GBP | 1.2680 | 1.2725 | 1.2783 | 1.2830 | 1.2885 |
| JPY | 106.70 | 107.20 | 107.72 | 108.20 | 108.75 |
| CHF | 0.9475 | 0.9525 | 0.9575 | 0.9630 | 0.9680 |

Major Currencies

| CCY | Closing Rate | YTD % | CCY | Closing Rate | YTD % |
|---------|--------------|--------|---------|--------------|--------|
| EUR/USD | 1.1132 | (0.55) | EUR/GBP | 0.8728 | 3.17 |
| GBP/USD | 1.2750 | (3.61) | GBP/JPY | 138.13 | (3.48) |
| USD/JPY | 108.3000 | (0.96) | EUR/JPY | 120.59 | (1.44) |
| USD/CHF | 0.9591 | (1.06) | EUR/CHF | 1.0678 | (1.61) |

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1185 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1144. EUR/USD Resistance are at (1.1195-1.1240) any break above would take the pair up to 1.1325. Short term outlook is Bullish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.2736 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2783. GBP/USD Supports are at (1.2680-1.2725) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2605. Short term outlook is Neutral.

Local & Global Rates

| CCY | 1-Week | 1-Month | 3-Month | 6-Month | 1-Year |
|-----|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| KWD | 1.94 | 2.31 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 |
| USD | 1.57 | 1.52 | 1.46 | 1.40 | 1.38 |
| EUR | -0.55 | -0.53 | -0.47 | -0.43 | -0.35 |
| GBP | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.67 | 0.69 | 0.75 |
| CHF | -0.81 | -0.83 | -0.74 | -0.71 | -0.60 |
| AUD | 0.60 | 0.65 | 0.79 | 0.79 | 0.99 |

Economic Events

| Date | Country | Event | Actual | Forecast | Previous |
|----------|---------|----------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
| 2-Mar-20 | CNY | Caixin Manufacturing PMI | 40.3 | 46.1 | 51.1 |
| 2-Mar-20 | USD | ISM Manufacturing PMI | 50.1 | 50.5 | 50.9 |
| 3-Mar-20 | AUD | RBA Rate Statement | | | |
| 4-Mar-20 | AUD | GDP q/q | | 0.4% | 0.4% |
| 4-Mar-20 | CAD | BOC Rate Statement | | | |
| 4-Mar-20 | USD | ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI | | 55.1 | 55.5 |
| 5-Mar-20 | ALL | OPEC Meetings | | | |
| 5-Mar-20 | GBP | BOE Gov Carney Speaks | | | |
| 6-Mar-20 | USD | Non-Farm Employment Change | | 185K | 225K |
| 6-Mar-20 | USD | Unemployment Rate | | 3.5% | 3.6% |

Government Yields

| Country | 1-Year | 2-Year | 5-Year | 10-Year | 30-Year |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| United States | 0.91 | 0.85 | 0.89 | 1.12 | 1.68 |
| Germany | -0.81 | -0.82 | -0.80 | -0.62 | -0.16 |
| United Kingdom | 0.41 | 0.26 | 0.28 | 0.40 | 0.92 |
| Japan | -0.22 | -0.25 | -0.24 | -0.11 | 0.31 |

Commodities

| Index | Last Price | % Change | Index | Last Price | % Change |
|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|----------|
| Kuwait Oil | 53.65 | 5.57 | Dow Jones | 26,703.32 | 5.09 |
| Brent | 52.97 | 2.06 | Nikkei 225 | 21,212.82 | (0.62) |
| West Texas | 47.82 | 2.29 | S&P 500 | 3,090.23 | 4.60 |
| Gold | 1,598.72 | 0.52 | KuwaitSE | 5,784.16 | 4.86 |

Global Indices

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