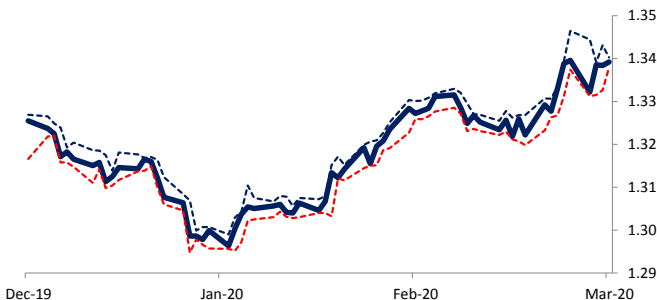


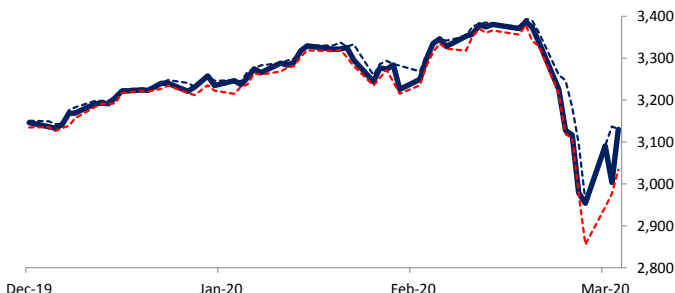
#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Yesterday, Kuwait's central bank followed the US Federal Reserve's lead and lowered its discount rate to 2.5% from 2.75%. The move comes just a day after the Fed's emergency rate cut to soften the impact of the coronavirus outbreak. Other Gulf States such as Saudi Arabia and the UAE have opted to cut key interest rates as well. CBK Governor Mohammad Al-Hashel assured the move is designed to preserve monetary and fiscal stability, along with maintaining the "attractiveness and competitiveness" of the Kuwaiti dinar. The Governor concluded his statement by adding; "CBK is closely monitoring the developments in the global economy and its impact on local markets and the banking sector, and will not hesitate to take the necessary decisions to ensure monetary and financial stability".
- The Bank of Canada also lowered its target for the overnight rate by 50 bps to 1.25% in its meeting yesterday. Though the economy has been sturdy and inflation remained close to target, the coronavirus has represented a significant health threat in a number of countries. The drop in business activity and disruption in supply chains pulled down commodity prices, leading to the depreciation of the Canadian dollar. The USD/CAD pair has risen around 3.18% so far in 2020 to the 1.3392 level seen now.
- US stock markets recovered slightly after the Fed's emergency meeting to cut rates. Adding to the rally was the House of Representatives authorization of nearly \$8 billion for virus protection. The S&P 500 closed higher in yesterday's trading while the 10-year Treasury yield rose above the 1% level.

USD/CAD  
3-Month Performance



S&P 500  
3-Month Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1035	1.1085	1.1137	1.1190	1.1245
GBP	1.2775	1.2820	1.2873	1.2920	1.2975
JPY	106.30	106.85	107.29	107.85	108.35
CHF	0.9455	0.9510	0.9559	0.9615	0.9670

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1134	(0.68)	EUR/GBP	0.8649	2.27
GBP/USD	1.2870	(2.89)	GBP/JPY	138.39	(3.17)
USD/JPY	107.5200	(1.38)	EUR/JPY	119.74	(1.98)
USD/CHF	0.9567	(1.19)	EUR/CHF	1.0655	(1.84)

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1186 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1137. EUR/USD Resistance are at (1.1190-1.1245) any break above would take the pair up to 1.1325. Short term outlook is Bullish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved down to the 106.84 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 107.29. USD/JPY Supports are at (106.30-106.85) any break below would take the pair down to 105.70. Short term outlook is Bearish.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.94	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00
USD	1.54	1.38	1.31	1.25	1.25
EUR	-0.56	-0.55	-0.49	-0.45	-0.38
GBP	0.65	0.64	0.64	0.63	0.71
CHF	-0.82	-0.84	-0.77	-0.74	-0.64
AUD	0.25	0.45	0.45	0.55	0.74

#### 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	0.5%	0.4%	0.6%
4-Mar-20	CAD	BOC Rate Statement			
4-Mar-20	USD	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI	57.3	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	0.58	0.64	0.75	1.02	1.66
Germany	-0.80	-0.83	-0.82	-0.64	-0.16
United Kingdom	0.31	0.20	0.24	0.36	0.90
Japan	-0.24	-0.26	-0.24	-0.12	0.34

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	52.96	(0.58)	Dow Jones	27,090.86	4.53
Brent	51.97	1.64	Nikkei 225	21,320.43	1.04
West Texas	47.47	1.48	S&P 500	3,130.12	4.22
Gold	1,638.26	0.17	KuwaitSE	5,842.22	(0.85)

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