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Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Asian equities started the week lower as higher Treasury yields halted the optimism over President Biden's \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief package. China's CSI 300 index lead the losses as the index shed 1.91% during midmorning trade, while the Nikkei index of Japan dipped by 0.32%. US 10-year Treasury yield reached a 13-month high of 1.62% as continuous vaccine rollouts globally proved effective.
- China's 2021 Fiscal Budget draft showed the reduction of fiscal stimulus is likely more modest than expected. The focus of fiscal spending will shift towards supporting the main development strategies of the 14th Five-Year Plan. Advancing innovation-driven technology and industrial upgrading is on top of the spending list. Public expenditure is also likely to increase for expanding social security and employment, improving education and supporting the green economy. More structural tax and fee reductions will be introduced this year, targeting mainly small businesses and manufacturing enterprises. In particular, a rise in the tax deduction ratio for manufacturers' R&D costs to 100% is likely to incentivize more business investment in innovation and technology upgrading in 2021.
- On the FX front, the US dollar remained supported at 92.081 on the back of jobs data released last Friday which beat estimates. The single currency is trading at a 5-month low of 1.1903 while the sterling pound reversed the bullish move towards 1.42 and now trading at 1.3820.

Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1805	1.1855	1.1905	1.1955	1.2010
GBP	1.3720	1.3770	1.3818	1.3875	1.3925
JPY	107.40	107.90	108.39	108.90	109.40
CHF	0.9215	0.9275	0.9318	0.9370	0.9420

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1892 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1905. EUR/USD Support levels are at (1.1805-1.1855) any break below would take the pair down to 1.1650. Short term outlook is Neutral.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.3777 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3818. GBP/USD support levels are at (1.3720-1.3770) any break below would take the pair down to 1.3560. Short term outlook is Neutral.

Economic Events

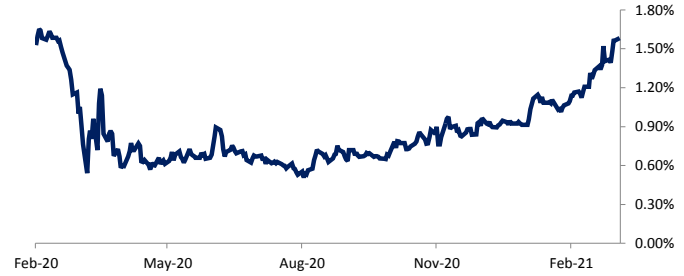
Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
4-Mar-21	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			
5-Mar-21	USD	Average Hourly Earnings m/m	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
5-Mar-21	USD	Non-Farm Employment Change	379K	197K	166K
5-Mar-21	USD	Unemployment Rate	6.2%	6.3%	6.3%
8-Mar-21	GBP	BOE Gov Bailey Speaks			
10-Mar-21	USD	CPI m/m		0.4%	0.3%
10-Mar-21	USD	Core CPI m/m		0.2%	0.0%
10-Mar-21	CAD	Overnight Rate		0.25%	0.25%
10-Mar-21	USD	Crude Oil Inventories			21.6M
11-Mar-21	EUR	Main Refinancing Rate		0.00%	0.00%

All information has been sourced from Bloomberg

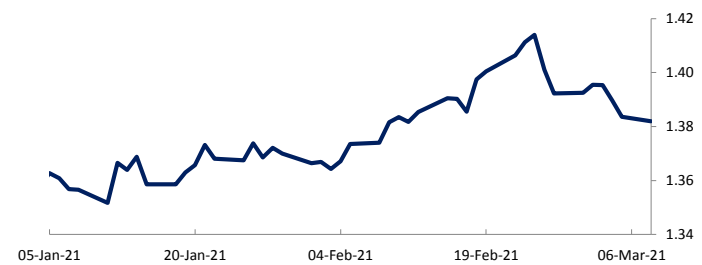
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US 10-Year Treasury Yield- 12 Months Performance



GBP/USD - YTD Performance



Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1915	-2.52
GBP/USD	1.3841	1.16
USD/JPY	108.31	-4.72
USD/CHF	0.9292	-4.98

Major Crosses

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/GBP	0.8612	3.79
GBP/JPY	149.92	-5.81
EUR/JPY	128.98	-2.22
EUR/CHF	1.11	-2.53

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	0.00	1.19	1.44	1.69	2.00
USD	0.09	0.10	0.19	0.20	0.28
EUR	-0.58	-0.58	-0.55	-0.52	-0.49
GBP	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.09	0.15
CHF	-0.82	-0.80	-0.75	-0.70	-0.59
AUD	2.78	2.87	2.96	3.06	3.34

Government Yields

Country	2-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	0.14	0.32	0.82	1.58	2.30
Germany	-0.70	-0.71	-0.62	-0.30	0.20
United Kingdom	0.08	0.17	0.36	0.75	1.28
Japan	-0.13	-0.13	-0.08	0.10	0.67

Commodities

Index	Last Price	1D % Change	Index	Last Price	1D % Change
Kuwait Oil	67.03	6.91	Dow Jones	31,496.30	1.85
Brent	70.71	1.95	Nikkei 225	28,705.40	-0.55
West Texas	67.36	1.92	S&P 500	3,841.94	1.95
Gold	1,708.01	0.43	KuwaitSE	5,697.73	0.79

Global Indices