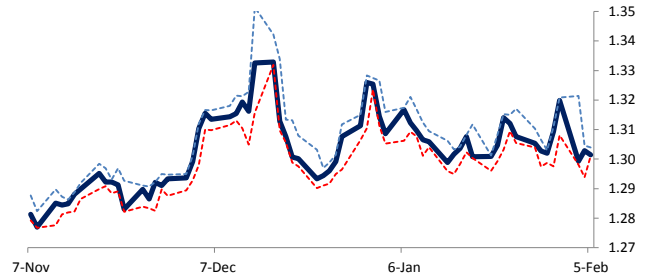


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The Japanese central bank indicated that it stands ready to boost the economy with additional stimulus measures if the economy's recovery is disrupted, Deputy Governor Masazumi Wakatabe said today morning. The aforementioned cautionary statement comes at a time when the coronavirus outbreak could hurt business sentiment and global trade. Moreover, the deputy governor stated "the BoJ won't hesitate to take additional easing steps if there is a greater possibility that the momentum toward achieving its 2% price target will be lost." The Bank of Japan has consistently failed to achieve its 2% target for some time. Consumer inflation is at 0.7% y/y and with the coronavirus depressing global growth could pave the way for additional easing from the Bank. Markets are currently pricing in a 50% probability of a cut by 0.1% in October.
- As it looks, the oil market seems to be set for a few months of subdued demand due to China's coronavirus outbreak. Analysts are saying that the large crude surplus is not expected to clear at least until August. News that OPEC and its producer allies are weighing further output cuts to counter a potential squeeze on global oil demand saw oil prices climb more than 1% today. Sources say that OPEC+ producers are weighing in further output cuts and moving a planned policy meeting to February rather than March. Brent crude is trading at around \$54.65 while West Texas is around the \$50.18 level.
- In the forex markets, a drop was seen in safe havens Japanese yen and Swiss franc for two straight sessions against the US dollar. Risk appetite seems to be on the rise as investors were encouraged about the Chinese government measures to contain the coronavirus and limit its economic fallout. On the other side of the pond, the British pound steadied following sharp declines as the cable recovered back to the 1.30 level, with volatile movement still being a possibility as markets focus on the tough EU-UK trade negotiations.

GBP/USD
3-Month Performance



Brent Crude
3-Month Performance

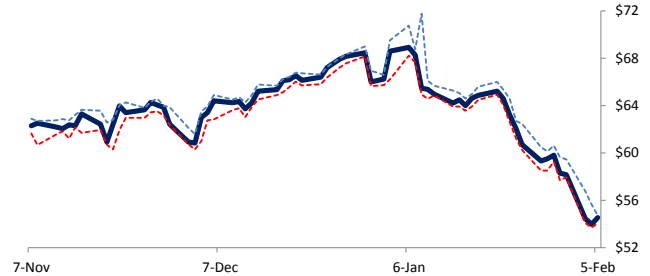


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0935	1.0985	1.1034	1.1085	1.1140
GBP	1.2920	1.2970	1.3022	1.3075	1.3125
JPY	108.45	108.95	109.47	110.00	110.50
CHF	0.9600	0.9650	0.9696	0.9750	0.9800

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1042	(1.54)	EUR/GBP	0.8474	0.27
GBP/USD	1.3029	(1.80)	GBP/JPY	142.72	(0.21)
USD/JPY	109.5100	0.52	EUR/JPY	120.96	(0.96)
USD/CHF	0.9690	0.13	EUR/CHF	1.0702	(1.43)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1031 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1034. EUR/USD Supports are at (1.0935-1.0985) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0870. Short term outlook is Neutral.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.2939 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3022. GBP/USD Supports are at (1.2920-1.2970) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2773. Short term outlook is Neutral.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.25	2.56	2.75	3.00	3.19
USD	1.59	1.67	1.74	1.74	1.80
EUR	-0.55	-0.51	-0.43	-0.39	-0.31
GBP	0.68	0.71	0.76	0.83	0.89
CHF	-0.80	-0.77	-0.69	-0.64	-0.51
AUD	0.85	0.91	0.97	0.97	1.02

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
29-Jan-20	USD	Federal Funds Rate	<1.75%	<1.75%	<1.75%
30-Jan-20	GBP	Official Bank Rate	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%
30-Jan-20	USD	Advance GDP q/q	2.1%	2.2%	2.1%
31-Jan-20	CNY	Manufacturing PMI	50.0	50.1	50.2
3-Feb-20	CNY	Caixin Manufacturing PMI	51.1	51.0	51.5
3-Feb-20	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI	50.9	48.5	47.2
4-Feb-20	AUD	Cash Rate	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%
4-Feb-20	AUD	RBA Rate Statement			
5-Feb-20	NZD	Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%
5-Feb-20	AUD	RBA Gov Lowe Speaks			

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.47	1.39	1.40	1.58	2.06
Germany	-0.64	-0.65	-0.62	-0.40	0.11
United Kingdom	0.57	0.47	0.41	0.55	1.07
Japan	-0.15	-0.15	-0.15	-0.05	0.41

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	54.95	(0.58)	Dow Jones	28,807.63	1.44
Brent	54.56	1.11	Nikkei 225	23,082.96	0.48
West Texas	50.10	0.99	S&P 500	3,297.59	1.50
Gold	1,558.60	0.41	KuwaitSE	6,273.71	0.09

Global Indices

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