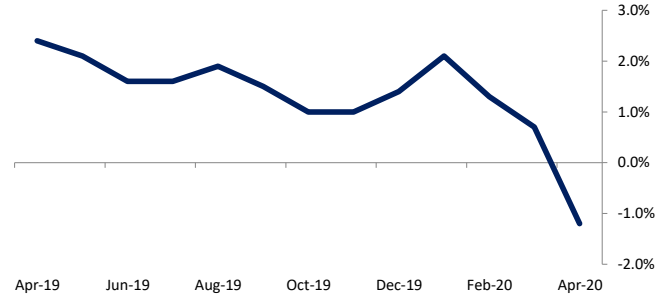


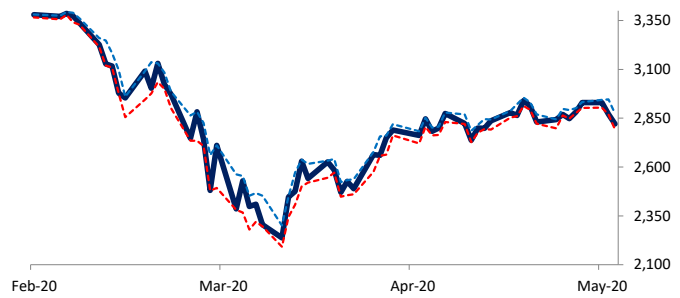
#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- US Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell warned of an "extended period" of weak economic growth, calling for additional fiscal spending to stem the fallout of the pandemic. Powell pointed to the uncertainty over how well a second round of cases can be controlled and how quickly a vaccine can be developed, adding policymakers needed to prepare for "a range" of possible outcomes. He reassured the Fed will continue to "use our tools to their fullest until the crisis has passed and the economic recovery is well under way." Powell added that pushing interest rates below zero as some other central banks did fighting the global financial crisis is "not something that we are considering."
- Meanwhile, producer prices fell more than expected in April leading to the largest annual decline since 2015. The US Labor Department said on Wednesday its PPI for final demand dropped 1.3% last month after slipping 0.2% in March. In the 12 months through April, the PPI decreased 1.2%, registering the biggest decline since 2015 following a 0.7% increase in March. The core figure moved down 0.3%, marking its first yearly decline.
- In Australia, employment fell by 594,300 in April while the unemployment rate rose 1% to 6.2%. The plunge in labor force participation exceeded forecasts though unemployment was well below the estimated 8.2%. The Reserve Bank of Australia predicts the economy will contract 10% over the first half of 2020 and unemployment to surge to around 10% by June.
- The dollar rose against the euro and sterling sending the index above the 100-mark yet again. The sterling is trading at its lowest in 5 weeks, breaking below the 1.22 level. Looking at equities, in the past two days the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 4.48% & 4.67% respectively. Gold prices are trading above the \$1,700 level.

US PPI y/y  
1-Year Performance



S&P 500 index  
3-Month Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0715	1.0760	1.0808	1.0865	1.0905
GBP	1.2095	1.2155	1.2207	1.2260	1.2310
JPY	105.90	106.35	106.86	107.35	107.85
CHF	0.9630	0.9680	0.9729	0.9780	0.9825

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0816	(3.58)	EUR/GBP	0.8842	4.73
GBP/USD	1.2229	(7.93)	GBP/JPY	130.92	(8.66)
USD/JPY	107.0200	(1.86)	EUR/JPY	115.77	(5.29)
USD/CHF	0.9719	0.49	EUR/CHF	1.0517	(3.10)

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.0811 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.0808. EUR/USD Supports are at (1.0715-1.0760) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0635. Short term outlook is Neutral.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.2210 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2207. GBP/USD Supports are at (1.2095-1.2155) any break below would take the pair down to 1.1945. Short term outlook is Bearish.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.25	1.50	1.69	1.94	2.19
USD	0.10	0.18	0.42	0.66	0.77
EUR	-0.51	-0.44	-0.23	-0.11	-0.04
GBP	0.08	0.14	0.34	0.53	0.71
CHF	-0.79	-0.73	-0.61	-0.56	-0.45
AUD	0.04	0.05	0.27	0.22	0.53

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
8-May-20	USD	Non-Farm Employment Change	-20500K	-22000K	-870K
8-May-20	USD	Unemployment Rate	14.7%	16%	4.4%
8-May-20	USD	Average Hourly Earnings m/m	4.7%	0.5%	0.5%
11-May-20	NZD	ANZ Business Confidence	-45.6		-66.6
12-May-20	USD	CPI m/m	-0.8%	-0.7%	-0.4%
12-May-20	USD	Core CPI m/m	-0.4%	-0.2%	-0.1%
13-May-20	GBP	Prelim GDP q/q	-2.0%	-2.5%	0.0%
14-May-20	AUD	Employment Change	-594.3K	-575K	0.7K
14-May-20	USD	Unemployment Claims			3169K
15-May-20	USD	Retail Sales m/m		-11%	-8.7%

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	0.13	0.16	0.31	0.63	1.32
Germany	-0.60	-0.77	-0.75	-0.55	-0.12
United Kingdom	0.01	-0.04	0.05	0.20	0.58
Japan	-0.19	-0.17	-0.13	-0.01	0.45

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	23.52	0.81	Dow Jones	23,247.97	(2.17)
Brent	29.83	2.19	Nikkei 225	20,267.05	(0.49)
West Texas	25.79	1.98	S&P 500	2,820.00	(1.75)
Gold	1,715.45	0.01	KuwaitSE	4,705.18	(1.31)

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