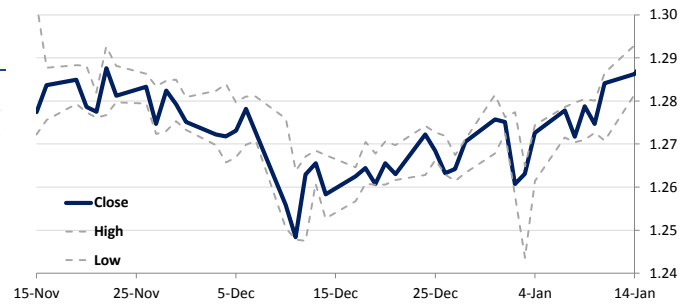


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The safe haven Japanese yen and the Swiss franc were among the best performers at the start of the week as investors globally rushed into safety assets. Chinese trade data on Monday revealed that exports in December declined by the sharpest amount in two years, sending stock markets lower in Asia and Europe. The Hang Seng Index lost 1.38% of its value, while all equity indices in Europe were trading in the red zone. As for the currencies market, the USD depreciated by 0.31% versus the JPY and 0.32% against the CHF. The Sterling pound rose to a 2-month high to 1.2929 yesterday after Prime Minister May stated that no Brexit was more likely than no deal. The British parliament is scheduled to vote on Theresa May's Brexit deal with the EU today.
- In details, China's export sector contracted by 4.4% y/y in December and imports also followed the lower momentum as it declined by 7.6% y/y. Diminishing import demand indicates weakening investments domestically and a subdued consumption resulting from the government's determination to reduce debt in the economy. Moreover, weakening demand in China is rippling throughout the global economy. Sales of iPhones and vehicles are shrinking tremendously, prompting warnings from the likes of Apple and from Jaguar Land Rover, which publicized extensive job cuts mostly in Britain. Auto sales in China, the world's biggest car market, also deteriorated last year for the first time since 1990, further adding worries that consumers are reducing spending. The depressed trade data advocates that China's economy may have slowed down faster than expected, despite the government's effort to boost the economy through infrastructure spending to tax cuts.

GBP/USD
2-Month Performance



USD/JPY
2-Month Performance

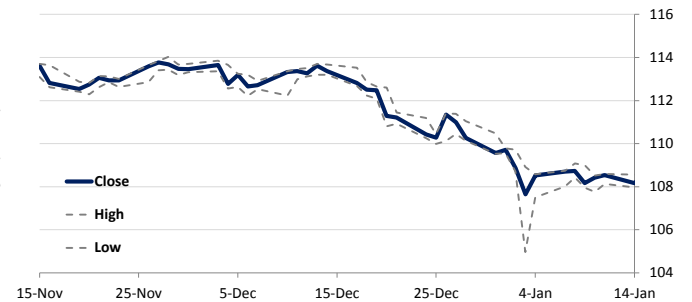


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1375	1.1425	1.1479	1.1530	1.1580
GBP	1.2785	1.2835	1.2894	1.2945	1.2995
JPY	107.55	108.05	108.54	109.05	109.55
CHF	0.9710	0.9760	0.9811	0.9865	0.9915

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1483 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1479. EUR/USD Support is at (1.1375-1.1425) any break below would take the pair to 1.1265. Short term and medium term outlook are Neutral.

USD/JPY: The pair moved up to the 108.56 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 108.54. USD/JPY Support is at (107.05-107.55) any break below targets 104.95. Short term and medium term outlook are Neutral.

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
13-Jan-19	CNY	Trade Balance	395B	345B	306B
15-Jan-19	USD	PPI m/m		-0.1%	0.1%
15-Jan-19	EUR	ECB President Speaks			
15-Jan-19	GBP	Parliament Brexit Vote		Reject	
16-Jan-19	GBP	BOE Governor Speaks			
16-Jan-19	GBP	CPI y/y		2.1%	2.3%
16-Jan-19	All	G20 Meetings			
16-Jan-19	JPY	BOJ Governor Speaks		0.4%	-0.9%
18-Jan-19	GBP	Retail Sales m/m		-0.8%	1.4%
18-Jan-19	USD	Prelim UoM Consumer Sentiment		96.1	98.3

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Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1474	0.06	EUR/GBP	0.8913	(1.00)
GBP/USD	1.2863	1.12	GBP/JPY	139.12	0.16
USD/JPY	108.16	(1.41)	EUR/JPY	124.02	(1.16)
USD/CHF	0.9807	(0.03)	EUR/CHF	1.1249	0.07

Major Crosses

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.81	2.19	2.50	2.69	3.00
USD	2.40	2.51	2.78	2.85	3.01
EUR	-0.44	-0.42	-0.33	-0.30	-0.18
GBP	0.70	0.73	0.92	1.04	1.18
CHF	-0.81	-0.78	-0.70	-0.64	-0.50
AUD	1.82	1.97	2.21	2.27	2.33

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.56	2.55	2.54	2.71	3.06
Germany	-0.62	-0.61	-0.34	0.23	0.83
United Kingdom	0.77	0.80	0.95	1.29	1.82
Japan	-0.16	-0.16	-0.15	0.00	0.69

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	58.70	(0.12)	Dow Jones	23,909.84	(0.36)
Brent	58.44	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	20,529.93	0.84
West Texas	50.26	(0.20)	S&P 500	2,582.61	(0.53)
Gold	1,290.46	(0.10)	KuwaitSE	5,227.54	0.24

Global Indices