

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- In typical Donald Trump fashion, the president has pulled a complete 180° turn regarding his attitude towards trade relations with China. The President pledged to help ZTE Corp "get back into business, fast" after a U.S. ban crippled the Chinese technology company. He also tweeted "Too many jobs in China lost. Commerce Department has been instructed to get it done!", increasing hopes of an imminent end to the trade war. Trump's comments were made yesterday ahead of a second round of trade talks between U.S. and Chinese officials this week to resolve an escalating trade dispute.
- Hopes of a reversal of trade war sentiments lifted Asian equities to near two-month highs on Monday. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan rose 0.5 %, while Japan's Nikkei added on 0.3%. Elsewhere in Asia, the Malaysian ringgit slid 1% to a four-month low against the dollar in the first onshore trade since a shock election upset last week. Malaysian stocks sank as much as 2.7% at one point but were up 0.5% by midday.
- Meanwhile in the UK, Prime Minister Theresa May faces another tough decision, the latest in the ever-dramatic Brexit saga. This time, the spotlight falls on Britain's future customs arrangements with the European Union. Under pressure from the EU to move forward with talks on a future partnership, May must settle on a customs proposal to unite, or at least not tear apart, her government, her party, Britain's parliament and one that could be backed by the EU.

Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1865	1.1920	1.1957	1.1980	1.2040
GBP	1.3480	1.3530	1.3562	1.3620	1.3670
JPY	108.80	109.10	109.36	109.70	110.05
CHF	0.9940	0.9970	1.0002	1.0014	1.0060

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1968 level this morning and currently trading at 1.1957. EUR Resistance is at (1.1980-1.2040) any break above targets 1.2120 and Support is at (1.1865-1.1920) any break below targets 1.1750. The pair is currently Bearish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved up to the 109.45 level this morning and currently trading at 109.39. USD/JPY Resistance is at (109.70-110.05) any break above targets 111.20. The pair is currently Bullish.

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
14-May-18	USD	FOMC Member Mester Speaks	-	-	-
15-May-18	CNY	Industrial Production y/y	-	6.4%	6.0%
15-May-18	GBP	Average Earnings Index 3m/y	-	2.7%	2.8%
15-May-18	GBP	Unemployment Rate	-	4.2%	4.2%
15-May-18	EUR	Flash GDP q/q	-	0.4%	0.4%
15-May-18	GBP	Inflation Report Hearings	-	-	-
15-May-18	USD	Retail Sales m/m	-	0.4%	0.6%
16-May-18	EUR	Final CPI y/y	-	1.2%	1.2%
16-May-18	EUR	ECB President Draghi Speaks	-	-	-
16-May-18	CHF	SNB Chairman Jordan Speaks	-	-	-

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USD/MYR



GBP/USD



Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1942	(0.20)	EUR/GBP	0.8817	(0.70)
GBP/USD	1.3541	0.47	GBP/JPY	148.12	(2.28)
USD/JPY	109.38	(2.80)	EUR/JPY	130.59	(3.00)
USD/CHF	1.0004	2.52	EUR/CHF	1.1944	2.32

Major Crosses

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.19	1.69	1.94	2.13	2.44
USD	1.75	1.92	2.34	2.52	2.77
EUR	-0.43	-0.40	-0.35	-0.32	-0.24
GBP	0.48	0.50	0.65	0.76	0.93
CHF	-0.80	-0.78	-0.72	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	1.40	1.85	1.97	2.01	2.15

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.23	2.53	2.84	2.97	3.11
Germany	-0.69	-0.57	-0.04	0.58	1.25
United Kingdom	0.70	0.80	1.15	1.47	1.90
Japan	-0.14	-0.14	-0.11	0.04	0.74

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	72.44	(0.89)	Dow Jones	24,831.17	91.64
Brent	78.36	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	22,865.86	107.38
West Texas	70.64	(0.14)	S&P 500	2,727.72	4.65
Gold	1,320.88	0.24	KuwaitSE	4,820.45	1.15