

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Last week was relatively uneventful, there was no theme to the market per se. Anxiety did ease in the market over trade wars between the US and China as they are back on the table for trade negotiations. US treasury secretary Steve Mnuchin, and trade representative Robert Lighthizer are reported to have sent a letter to their Chinese counterparts outlining the steps that the country needs to take in order to avoid direct tariffs that could reach up to USD 60bn of goods and services trade.
- The most important figure that came out last week was related to US inflation. PCE, the Fed's most favored inflation measure has picked up to its strongest level for almost a year. This supports the case that a solid economy accompanied with tight labor market is pushing price growth towards the central bank's target. The commerce department said on Thursday that the personal consumption price index rose 0.2% in February from the prior month.
- Disposable income in the UK rose 0.1% in Q4 with households saving no more of their incomes than they did in the previous three months. Consumer spending climbed 0.3%, matching the weakest reading in three years. As for GDP, the ONS has confirmed gross domestic product grew 0.4% q/q. A slowdown from 0.5% in the third quarter and 1.4% compared to the fourth quarter of 2016. The economy in the UK was held back by relatively sluggish business investment as the Brexit uncertainty has led firms to put their projects on hold.

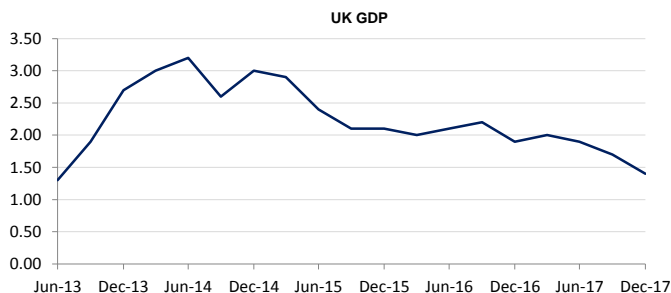
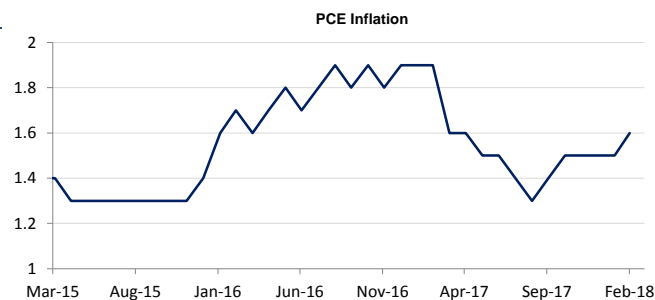


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.2125	1.2235	1.2321	1.2425	1.2520
GBP	1.3805	1.3910	1.4006	1.4110	1.4210
JPY	104.25	105.20	106.26	107.25	108.20
CHF	0.9335	0.9430	0.9534	0.9635	0.9730

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.2321	2.71	EUR/GBP	0.8788	(1.04)
GBP/USD	1.4015	3.66	GBP/JPY	148.93	(2.09)
USD/JPY	106.26	(5.69)	EUR/JPY	130.97	(3.12)
USD/CHF	0.9534	(2.15)	EUR/CHF	1.1747	0.50

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.2330 level during Friday's trading session and closed the week at 1.2321. EUR Resistance is at (1.2520-1.2555) any break above targets 1.2640 and Support is at (1.2095-1.2125) any break below targets 1.2020. The pair is currently Neutral.

USD/JPY: The pair moved down to the 106.09 level during Friday's trading session and closed the week at 106.26. USD/JPY Resistance is at (107.90-108.20) any break above targets 109.35 and Support is at (104.25-104.55) any break below targets 103.15. The pair is currently Neutral.

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
2-Apr-18	CNY	Caixin Manufacturing PMI		51.8	51.6
3-Apr-18	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI		60.1	60.8
3-Apr-18	EUR	German Retail Sales		0.7%	-0.7%
4-Apr-18	CNY	Caixin Services PMI			54.2
4-Apr-18	GBP	Construction PMI		51.2	51.4
4-Apr-18	EUR	CPI Flash Estimate		1.4%	1.1%
5-Apr-18	GBP	Services PMI		54.2	54.5
6-Apr-18	USD	Average Hourly Earnings		0.3%	0.1%
6-Apr-18	USD	Non-Farm Payrolls		190K	313K
6-Apr-18	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks		0.2%	0.3%

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Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.31	1.75	2.00	2.19	2.50
USD	1.75	1.88	2.31	2.45	2.66
EUR	-0.42	-0.41	-0.37	-0.33	-0.25
GBP	0.49	0.51	0.71	0.83	1.00
CHF	-0.81	-0.79	-0.74	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	1.32	1.93	2.15	2.21	2.20

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.08	2.27	2.56	2.74	2.97
Germany	-0.72	-0.60	-0.11	0.49	1.15
United Kingdom	0.72	0.81	1.10	1.34	1.70
Japan	-0.15	-0.14	-0.11	0.04	0.73

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	66.50	0.00	Dow Jones	24,103.11	254.69
Brent	68.21	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	21,454.30	295.22
West Texas	64.86	(0.03)	S&P 500	2,640.87	35.87
Gold	1,326.00	(0.05)	KuwaitSE	6,633.44	29.93

Global Indices