

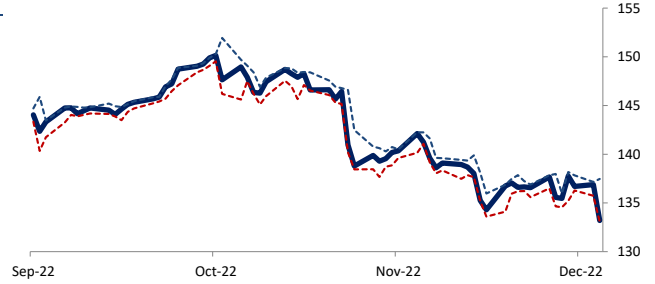
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Key Market Highlights:

- Asian markets are in meltdown as major news comes out from Japan's central bank. The relatively dovish central bank went hawkish by tweaking their longstanding monetary policy, in a surprise move that saw the Tokyo stock market fall as the yen strengthened quickly in return against the dollar. The greenback fell from a daily high of 137 to 133 against the yen. Meanwhile, when markets reopened, the Nikkei 225 index fell by 2.6%. Clearly, the Bank of Japan finally gave in to the pressure of hiking interest rates to tackle inflation like other major central banks after sticking with their ultra-loose policy. Governor Haruhiko Kuroda, whose term ends in April, had set a longstanding two-percent price target. However, as reports suggested, Kuroda will be working with his successor to move away from that set price target.
- Over in the Eurozone, the German IFO Business Climate Index was released as it climbed to 88.6, greater than the previous of 86.4, and better than the forecasted 87.6. According to IFO, companies rated their current situation as "better again," and the IFO stated that "German business is entering the holiday season with a sense of hope".
- The US Dollar Index continues to take its toll as a result of the discouraging PMIs that were released, as they raised doubts about the Fed's hawkish bias. US Treasury bond yields remain firmer for the third consecutive day.

USD/JPY
3-Month Performance



US Dollar Index
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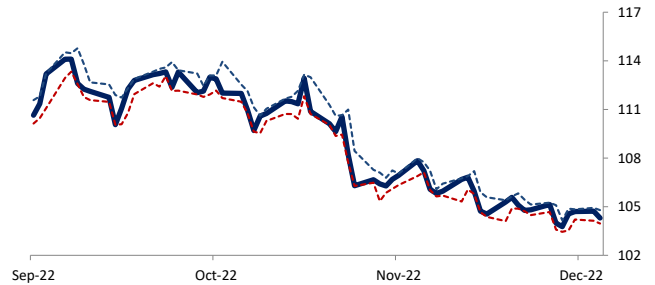


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0510	1.0570	1.0615	1.0665	1.0720
GBP	1.2030	1.2075	1.2135	1.2190	1.2240
JPY	132.10	132.80	133.35	133.90	134.55
CHF	0.9175	0.9230	0.9285	0.9330	0.9400

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	Major Crosses	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0605	(6.86)	EUR/GBP	0.8729	3.99	
GBP/USD	1.2146	(10.41)	GBP/JPY	166.27	3.61	
USD/JPY	136.8800	15.36	EUR/JPY	145.20	7.86	
USD/CHF	0.9284	1.75	EUR/CHF	0.9848	(5.20)	

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The EUR is currently trading in a range of (1.0570-1.0665) and trading at the level (1.0615). We expect the pair to continue lower towards our support at (1.0570) and we have our resistance level at (1.0665). A breakout below (1.0510) will determine the bearish direction.

GBP/USD: The cable is currently trading in a range of (1.2075-1.2190) and trading at the level (1.2135). We expect the pair to continue lower towards our support at (1.2075) and we have our resistance level at (1.2190). A breakout below (1.2030) will determine the bearish direction.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	3.38	3.56	4.00	4.31	4.56
USD	4.32	4.32	4.51	4.70	4.79
EUR	1.54	1.75	2.05	2.57	2.99
GBP	3.43	3.43	3.67	4.03	4.41

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
16-Dec-22	EUR	French Flash Services PMI	48.1	49.1	49.3
16-Dec-22	EUR	French Flash Manufacturing PMI	48.9	48.1	48.3
16-Dec-22	EUR	German Flash Services PMI	47.4	46.3	46.2
16-Dec-22	EUR	German Flash Manufacturing PMI	49	46.4	46.1
20-Dec-22	JPY	BOJ Press Conference			
20-Dec-22	JPY	Monetary Policy Statement			
21-Dec-22	USD	CB Consumer Confidence		101	100.2
21-Dec-22	CAD	CPI m/m		-0.1%	0.7%
22-Dec-22	USD	Final GDP q/q		2.9%	2.9%
23-Dec-22	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m		0.2%	0.2%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	4.56	4.27	3.77	3.68	3.73
Germany	2.38	2.42	2.22	2.19	1.97
United Kingdom	3.26	3.61	3.44	3.47	3.79
Japan	-0.05	0.00	0.17	0.41	1.56

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	80.77	0.44	Dow Jones	32,757.54	(0.49)	
Brent	79.85	0.02	Nikkei 225	26,503.36	(2.70)	
West Texas	75.39	0.27	S&P 500	3,817.66	(0.90)	
Gold	1,789.56	0.11	KuwaitSE	7,297.32	0.26	

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