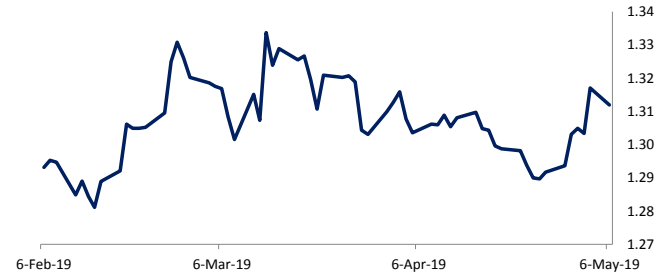


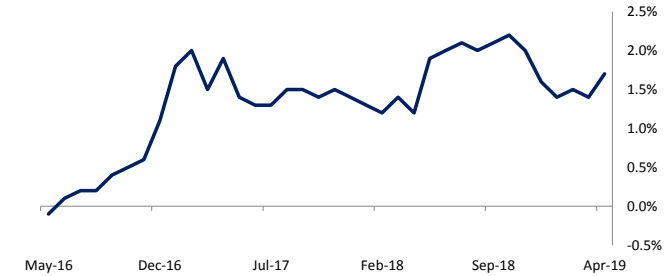
#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Safe haven assets are the top performers in today's trading session after President Trump's tone changed dramatically towards trade talks with China. Trump threatened to impose 25% tariffs on virtually all imports of Chinese goods as trade talks between the two largest economies hindered. The US dollar is trading in the green zone against most currencies, while the Japanese yen is the best performer in the FX market. USD/JPY is currently down 0.38%. As demand for safety intensified, Chinese stock markets are deep in negative territory and the Yuan depreciated to a 4-month low versus the USD.
- In its statement, the Bank of England continued to signal that it believes a "gradual" and "limited" amount of monetary tightening would be appropriate to return inflation sustainably to their 2% target over a conventional horizon. This stance contrasted other major central banks that have recently shifted in a more dovish direction. The BoE did not provide any signal that it is planning to raise rates further in the coming quarters which disappointed some of the more hawkish expectations for the meeting.
- Eurozone inflation, a key metric for the ECB's monetary policy, had picked up with consumer spending rising 1.7% in April from a year earlier; the number had surpassed forecasts of 1.6%. The narrower inflation gauge that strips out volatile components such as energy and food came in at 1.2% hitting a 6 month high and surging from 0.8% in March. The pickup in inflation came just days after a report showed the pace of growth in euro-area economy unexpectedly doubled in the first quarter amid a surge in Spain, resilience in France and a rebound in Italy. Such readings should mean that additional stimulus is less urgent, in line with policy makers already expressing some confidence that the economy is stabilizing.

GBP/USD  
3 Month Performance



Euro Flash CPI  
3 Year Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1110	1.1150	1.1190	1.1240	1.1295
GBP	1.3015	1.3075	1.3115	1.3165	1.3220
JPY	109.65	110.15	110.67	111.15	111.70
CHF	0.9965	1.0110	1.0161	1.0210	1.0265

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	Major Crosses	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1200	0.00	EUR/GBP	0.8502	(5.09)
GBP/USD	1.3171	2.83	GBP/JPY	146.29	3.79
USD/JPY	111.0900	0.00	EUR/JPY	124.45	(1.80)
USD/CHF	1.0164	0.00	EUR/CHF	1.1383	1.05

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1176 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1190 EUR/USD. Resistance is at (1.1240-1.1295) any break above would take the pair up to 1.1390. Short term outlook is Neutral, however a break under the 1.1110 will change the outlook to Bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.3176 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3115 GBP/USD. Support is at (1.3015-1.3075) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2865. Short term outlook is Neutral.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.06	2.44	2.69	2.88	3.13
USD	2.41	2.47	2.56	2.62	2.75
EUR	-0.44	-0.42	-0.34	-0.30	-0.21
GBP	0.70	0.73	0.81	0.92	1.08
CHF	-0.81	-0.79	-0.72	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	1.55	1.57	1.66	1.63	1.68

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
6-May-19	CAD	BOC Gov Poloz Speaks			
7-May-19	AUD	Retail Sales m/m		0.2%	0.8%
7-May-19	NZD	Inflation Expectations q/q			2.0%
7-May-19	AUD	Cash Rate		1.25%	1.50%
8-May-19	NZD	Official Cash Rate		1.75%	1.75%
8-May-19	NZD	RBNZ Monetary Policy Statement			
9-May-19	CAD	Trade Balance			-2.9B
9-May-19	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			
9-May-19	USD	PPI m/m		0.2%	0.6%
10-May-19	GBP	GDP m/m		0.0%	0.2%

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.38	2.31	2.32	2.52	2.91
Germany	-0.59	-0.62	-0.43	0.00	0.65
United Kingdom	0.77	0.77	0.94	1.21	1.73
Japan	-0.18	-0.17	-0.19	-0.07	0.55

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	70.07	(1.42)	Dow Jones	26,504.95	0.75
Brent	72.15	(3.00)	Nikkei 225	22,258.73	(0.22)
West Texas	63.30	(3.70)	S&P 500	2,945.64	0.96
Gold	1,281.18	0.17	KuwaitSE	5,708.85	0.24

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