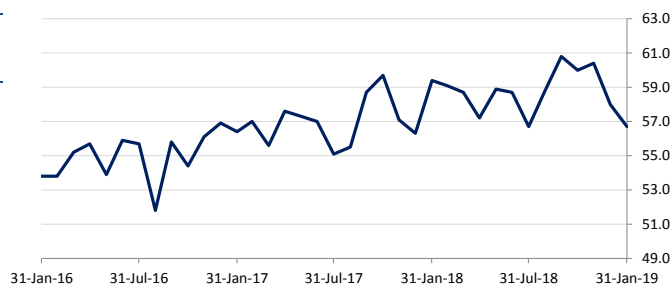


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- US service industries began 2019 on a softer note as a gauge of new orders dropped sharply in January to a one-year low, though a gain in employment signaled support for demand. The ISM-non-Manufacturing PMI index fell to 56.7 in January from a 57.6 reading in December of last year and well below the forecasted reading of 57.2. January's reading is the lowest since July 2018, and economists attribute it to the tax-cut boost fading and the renewed worries of trade wars weighing on business plans.
- The Bank of England held its latest meeting last Thursday where members of the Monetary Policy Committee voted unanimously (9-0) to keep policy unchanged and interest rates at 0.75%. It also kept QE and corporate bond purchases unchanged at GBP 435 billion and GBP 10 billion respectively. The members of the MPC also highlighted their concerns over the looming uncertainty over Brexit, which in their opinion, had intensified since November leading to a hit on investment spending. The committee also noted that despite higher wage growth, UK consumers will act more cautiously as a measure to the development of the Brexit rhetoric. When it comes to growth forecasts, the Bank of England slashed their outlook on growth this year to the lowest since 2009; the BOE expects growth to be only at 1.20%. When it comes to currencies The Sterling pound had a volatile week opening the week at 1.3109 and started losing ground to the US dollar. The cable depreciated to as much as 1.94% to reach 1.2854 during Thursday trading session after the BOE meeting and closed the week at 1.2944.

US ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI
2 Year Performance



GBP/USD
2 Month Performance



Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1120	1.1215	1.1328	1.1430	1.1530
GBP	1.2745	1.2845	1.2947	1.3050	1.3150
JPY	107.55	108.65	109.72	110.75	111.65
CHF	0.9805	0.9910	1.0005	1.0100	1.0195

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1328	(1.23)	EUR/GBP	0.8741	(2.75)
GBP/USD	1.2947	1.45	GBP/JPY	142.06	1.44
USD/JPY	109.72	(0.49)	EUR/JPY	124.23	(1.55)
USD/CHF	1.0000	1.90	EUR/CHF	1.1322	0.60

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1317 level during Friday's trading session and closed the week at 1.1328. EUR/USD Support is at (1.1120-1.1180) any break below would take the pair to 1.1015. Short term and medium term outlook are Bearish.

USD/JPY: The pair moved up to the 109.89 level during Friday's trading session and closed the week at 109.72. USD/JPY Resistance is at (110.45-110.75) any break above targets 111.65. Short term and medium term outlook are Bullish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.94	2.31	2.56	2.81	3.06
USD	2.41	2.50	2.70	2.74	2.94
EUR	-0.45	-0.42	-0.33	-0.30	-0.17
GBP	0.70	0.73	0.88	1.01	1.14
CHF	-0.80	-0.78	-0.71	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	1.77	1.90	2.15	2.24	2.15

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
11-Feb-19	GBP	GDP m/m		0.0%	0.2%
12-Feb-19	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			
12-Feb-19	GBP	BOE Gov Carney Speaks			
13-Feb-19	USD	CPI m/m		0.1%	-0.1%
13-Feb-19	GBP	CPI y/y		1.9%	2.1%
13-Feb-19	USD	Core CPI m/m		0.2%	0.2%
14-Feb-19	USD	Core Retail Sales m/m		0.0%	0.2%
14-Feb-19	USD	PPI m/m		0.1%	-0.2%
15-Feb-19	GBP	Retail Sales m/m		0.2%	-0.9%
15-Feb-19	CNY	CPI y/y			1.9%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.52	2.47	2.44	2.63	2.98
Germany	-0.57	-0.59	-0.41	0.09	0.70
United Kingdom	0.71	0.69	0.79	1.14	1.67
Japan	-0.18	-0.17	-0.17	-0.03	0.58

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	62.02	0.36	Dow Jones	25,106.33	(0.25)
Brent	61.46	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	20,333.17	(2.01)
West Texas	52.70	(0.19)	S&P 500	2,707.88	0.07
Gold	1,313.99	0.30	KuwaitSE	5,199.64	(0.01)

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