

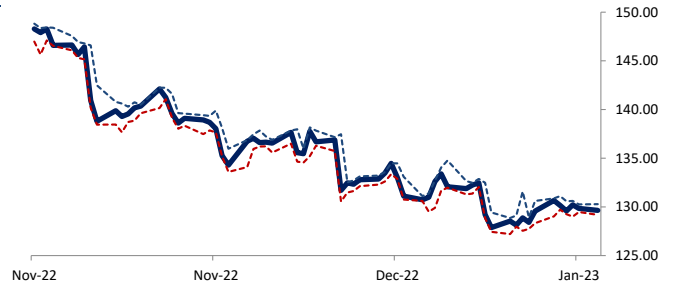
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Key Market Highlights:

- A panel of business executives and academics on Monday urged the Bank of Japan to make its 2% inflation goal a long-term target instead of something that needs to be achieved as soon as possible, in light of the rising cost of prolonged monetary easing policy. The proposal also called for the need to line interest rates more with economic fundamentals, and normalize Japanese bond market function. Among the panel members are people like Yuri Okina, who is one of the candidates to become the next deputy governor of the Bank of Japan. USD/JPY pair dropped nearly 70 pips on the news to 129.20 before settling at the 129.50 range.
- Over in the US, inflation has steadily extended a sustained decline since mid-2022, thanks to large interest-rate increases by the Federal Reserve. Annual increases in the CPI slowed to 6.5% in December, the least in over a year, as disruptions to supply chains caused by COVID-19 eased. Nevertheless, a four-month drop in the dollar is threatening to overturn that shift by raising the cost of imported goods. The dollar extended its losses against other major currencies with the Dollar Index falling by more than 11% from a peak reached in late September.
- Meanwhile, early Asia trade showed an increase in oil prices amid tensions in the Middle East. Brent crude rose 0.6% to \$87.20, while WTI rose 0.7% to \$80.22. China's swift reopening, along with Beijing's pledge to promote a consumption recovery, are all likely to signal an increase in fuel demand.

USD/JPY
3-Month Performance



US Dollar Index
3-Month Performance

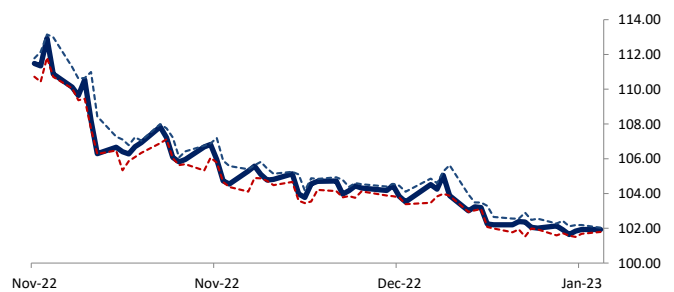


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0780	1.0830	1.0875	1.0925	1.1000
GBP	1.2280	1.2340	1.2400	1.2450	1.2510
JPY	128.35	129.00	129.45	130.05	130.60
CHF	0.9080	0.9150	0.9205	0.9260	0.9330

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0867	1.50	EUR/GBP	0.8770	(0.89)
GBP/USD	1.2397	2.43	GBP/JPY	161.02	1.20
USD/JPY	129.8500	(1.21)	EUR/JPY	141.11	0.29
USD/CHF	0.9206	(0.35)	EUR/CHF	1.0010	1.13

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair is in a choppy consolidation to the upside, currently trading at (1.0875) and our support is at (1.0830) a breakout below this level will take us lower. Our resistance levels are at (1.0925-1.1000).

GBP/USD: The cable has been moving similarly to the EUR and it retested December's high at (1.2445) but failed to break above it. Our first resistance is at (1.2450) a breakout above that resistance will take us higher towards (1.2510) and support level is set at (1.2340).

Local & Global Rates

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	3.63	3.88	4.19	4.44	4.69
USD	4.30	4.56	4.68	4.82	4.84
EUR	1.88	2.13	2.49	2.94	3.36
GBP	3.43	3.80	3.98	4.18	4.31

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
31-Jan-23	JPY	Unemployment Rate		2.5%	2.5%
01-Feb-23	EUR	CPI Flash Estimate y/y		9.0%	9.2%
01-Feb-23	USD	ADP Non-Farm Employment Change		168K	235K
01-Feb-23	USD	FOMC Statement			
01-Feb-23	USD	Federal Funds Rate		4.75%	4.5%
02-Feb-23	EUR	ECB Press Conference			
02-Feb-23	GBP	BOE Monetary Policy Report			
02-Feb-23	GBP	Official Bank Rate		4.0%	3.5%
02-Feb-23	CHF	SNB Chairman Jordan Speaks			
03-Feb-23	USD	Unemployment Rate		3.6%	3.5%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	4.64	4.20	3.60	3.49	3.61
Germany	2.64	2.55	2.23	2.22	2.18
United Kingdom	3.62	3.43	3.20	3.32	3.68
Japan	-0.06	-0.02	0.17	0.47	1.58

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	85.05	(2.83)	Dow Jones	33,978.08	0.98
Brent	86.06	(0.65)	Nikkei 225	27,362.65	(0.07)
West Texas	79.21	(0.65)	S&P 500	4,070.56	0.25
Gold	1,929.72	(0.06)	KuwaitSE	7,314.92	(0.23)

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