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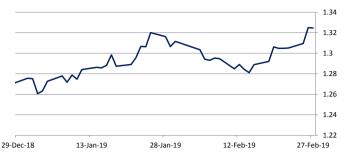


GBP/USD

2 Month Performance

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- In the UK, the likelihood of a Brexit delay saw the pound rally against the dollar reaching its strongest level since October, on expectations that the UK will avoid a no-deal crash out of the EU. The Cable is now trading at around the 1.3252 level. The rise in the Sterling came after Prime Minister Theresa May gave way for a delay in Britain's planned departure from the EU if MPs continued to block the exit deal she had negotiated with Brussels. Her move came after opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn announced that the Labor Party would back a second referendum on Britain's membership in the EU. If MPs reject a revised deal in a vote set to take place before March 12, Mrs May will then offer a vote on whether to press ahead with a nodeal Brexit on March 29 or take a "short extension" of the Article 50 divorce process.
- In a testimony to a US Senate committee, Federal Reserve Chair Jeremy Powell said that slowing growth in Europe and China and "elevated" uncertainty over Brexit is continuing to weigh on the Fed's policy outlook. In his testimony Mr Powell repeated the Central Bank's "patient" approach to interest rate changes, vowing to carefully monitor a host of unsolved questions, including the direction of Brexit talks and ongoing US-China trade negotiations.
- American consumers felt more confident this month after the end of the longest ever government shutdown, a rally in the stock market, and a solid job market. The consumer confidence index rose to 131.4 up from 121.7 reached in January. The Federal Reserve's pledge to be patient on raising interest rates may have also been a factor in supporting the economic



CB Consumer Confidence

3 Year Performance

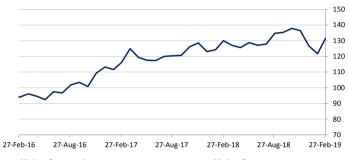


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

| CCY | 2nd Support | 1st Support | Spot | 1st Resistance | 2nd Resistance |
|-----|----------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| EUR | 1.1270 | 1.1325 | 1.1376 | 1.1430 | 1.1485 |
| GBP | 1.3140 | 1.3195 | 1.3245 | 1.3310 | 1.3365 |
| JPY | 109.65 | 110.10 | 110.59 | 111.09 | 111.60 |
| CHF | 0.9905 | 0.9955 | 1.0004 | 1.0055 | 1.0105 |

Major Currencies Major Crosses

| CCY | Closing Rate | YTD % | CCY | Closing Rate | YTD % |
|---------|-----------------|--------|---------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| EUR/USD | 1.1385 | (0.80) | EUR/GBP | 0.8593 | (<mark>4.</mark> 42) |
| GBP/USD | 1.3250 | 3.83 | GBP/JPY | 146.51 | 4. <mark>59</mark> |
| USD/JPY | 110.57 | 0.27 | EUR/JPY | 125.93 | (0.34) |
| USD/CHF | 0.9996 | 1.93 | EUR/CHF | 1.1385 | 1.14 |

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1402 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1376 EUR/USD Support is at (1.1270-1.1325) any break below would take the pair to 1.1215. Short term outlook is neutral however the medium term outlook remains bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.3288 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3245 GBP/USD Resistance is at (1.3310-1.3365) any break above would take the pair up to 1.3420. Short term outlook is neutral however the medium term outlook remains bearish.

Local & Global Rates

| CCY | 1-Week | 1-Month | 3-Month | 6-Month | 1-Year |
|-----|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| KWD | 2.06 | 2.44 | 2.63 | 2.88 | 3.13 |
| USD | 2.41 | 2.49 | 2.63 | 2.69 | 2.88 |
| EUR | -0.45 | -0.41 | -0.34 | -0.30 | -0.16 |
| GBP | 0.70 | 0.73 | 0.86 | 0.99 | 1.13 |
| CHF | -0.80 | -0.78 | -0.72 | -0.65 | -0.51 |
| AUD | 1.73 | 1.85 | 2.03 | 2.14 | 2.14 |

Economic Events

| Date | Country | Event | Actual | Forecast | Previous | | |
|--|---------|----------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|--|
| 25-Feb-19 | GBP | BOE Gove Carney Speaks | | | | | |
| 26-Feb-19 | GBP | Inflation Report Hearings | | | | | |
| 26-Feb-19 | USD | Fed Chiar Powell Testifies | | | | | |
| 26-Feb-19 | USD | CB Consumer Confidence | 131.4 | 124.8 | 121.7 | | |
| 27-Feb-19 | CAD | CPI m/m | | 0.2% | -0.1% | | |
| 28-Feb-19 | USD | Advance GDP q/q | | 2.6% | 3.4% | | |
| 28-Feb-19 | USD | Fed Chiar Powell Speaks | | | | | |
| 1-Mar-19 | GBP | Manufacturing PMI | | 52.0 | 52.8 | | |
| 1-Mar-19 | EUR | CPI Flash Estimate y/y | | 1.5% | 1.4% | | |
| 1-Mar-19 | USD | ISM Manufacturing PMI | | 56.0 | 56.6 | | |
| All information has been sourced from Reuters. | | | | | | | |

Government Yields

| Country | 1-Year | 2-Year | 5-Year | 10-Year | 30-Year |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| United States | 2.54 | 2.48 | 2.45 | 2.64 | 3.01 |
| Germany | -0.59 | -0.56 | -0.37 | 0.11 | 0.74 |
| United Kingdom | 0.79 | 0.78 | 0.93 | 1.20 | 1.75 |
| Japan | -0.18 | -0.17 | -0.17 | -0.03 | 0.60 |

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|-------------|------------|---|----------|----------------|------------|---|----------|
| Commodities | | | | Global Indices | | | |
| Index | Last Price | 9 | % Change | Index | Last Price | % | 6 Change |
| Kuwait Oil | 65.56 | | 0.95 | Dow Jones | 26,057.98 | ı | (0.13) |
| Brent | 65.05 | | (0.03) | Nikkei 225 | 21,578.54 | | 0.60 |
| West Texas | 55.35 | | (0.18) | S&P 500 | 2,793.90 | | (80.0) |
| Gold | 1,327.68 | | (0.07) | KuwaitSE | 5,251.07 | | 0.36 |

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