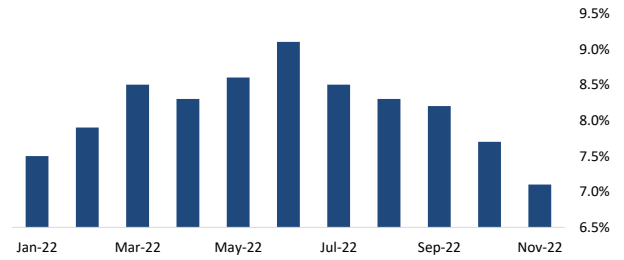
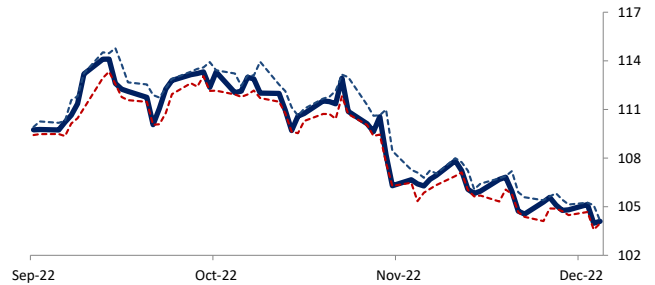


**Key Market Highlights:**

- Consumer prices in the US cooled more than expected in a promising sign that the Federal Reserve's strategy to tame inflation is working. Headline prices slowed to 7.1% year-on-year in November, down from 7.7% in October. Core prices also slowed to 6.0% year-on-year in November from 6.3% in October. The deceleration further validates a slower tightening pace for the Fed. However, despite price pressures appearing to have peaked, CPI remains significantly above the Fed's target, suggesting there is more work to do when they meet later today.
- Across the Atlantic, the economic outlook for Germany improved to its highest level since Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The latest ZEW Economic Sentiment survey flashed the latest sign that concerns over a deep winter slump and natural gas shortages are receding. Nevertheless, it is still below a long-term average, as consumers and companies grapple with higher inflation.
- Faster-than-expected falls in US figures and the anticipated slowdown from the Fed pushed the dollar lower. The US Dollar dropped to the lower edge of 104. Peers eagerly waiting on dovish murmurs from the Fed picked up. An uplifted mood in Europe pushed the euro above 1.0620. The sterling inched close to 1.2350. The Japanese yen hovered in the 135.50 region.



US Dollar Index  
3-Month Performance



**Chart Points and Other Technical Input**

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0510	1.0570	<b>1.0620</b>	1.0670	1.0720
GBP	1.2235	1.2290	<b>1.2345</b>	1.2390	1.2445
JPY	134.50	135.10	<b>135.60</b>	136.05	136.85
CHF	0.9195	0.9245	<b>0.9295</b>	0.9350	0.9400

**Major Currencies**

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	Major Crosses	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0630	-6.53	EUR/GBP	0.8599	-2.38	
GBP/USD	1.2354	-8.67	GBP/JPY	167.59	-7.74	
USD/JPY	135.5700	-7.70	EUR/JPY	144.16	-10.43	
USD/CHF	0.9288	-1.80	EUR/CHF	0.9873	-4.82	

**Brief Technical Commentary**

EUR/USD: The pair rallied with the US Inflation numbers coming in lower than expected and the pair reached the high at (1.0673), currently trading at (1.0620). We expect a the pair to continue higher after a retracement. We have our support levels at (1.0570-1.0510) and our resistance levels at (1.0670-1.0720).

GBP/USD: The cable rallied with the news similarly to the EURO and the pair reached the high at (1.2443), currently trading at (1.2345). We expect the cable to continue higher. We have our support level at (1.2290) and our resistance levels at (1.2390-1.2445).

**Local & Global Rates**

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	3.38	3.56	4.00	4.25	4.56
USD	3.80	4.34	4.53	4.76	4.90
EUR	1.42	1.62	2.05	2.53	2.88
GBP	2.93	3.46	3.70	4.06	4.43

**Economic Events**

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
12-Dec-22	GBP	GDP m/m	0.5%	0.4%	-0.6%
12-Dec-22	CAD	BOC Gov Macklem Speaks			
13-Dec-22	GBP	BOE Gov Bailey Speaks			
13-Dec-22	USD	CPI m/m	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%
13-Dec-22	USD	CPI y/y	7.1%	7.3%	7.7%
14-Dec-22	GBP	CPI y/y		10.9%	11.1%
14-Dec-22	USD	Federal Funds Rate		4.5%	4.0%
15-Dec-22	CHF	SNB Policy Rate		1.00%	0.5%
15-Dec-22	GBP	Official Bank Rate		3.5%	3.0%
15-Dec-22	USD	Retail Sales m/m		-0.2%	1.3%

**Government Yields**

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	4.57	4.20	3.63	3.49	3.52
Germany	2.27	2.11	1.92	1.92	1.67
United Kingdom	3.18	3.46	3.33	3.30	3.71
Japan	-0.10	-0.03	0.12	0.24	1.38

**Commodities**

Index	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	80.54	1.71	Dow Jones	34,108.64	-0.30	
Brent	80.36	0.02	Nikkei 225	28,164.39	-0.75	
West Texas	75.14	0.26	S&P 500	4,019.65	-0.73	
Gold	1,810.52	0.01	KuwaitSE	7,384.85	-0.36	

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