

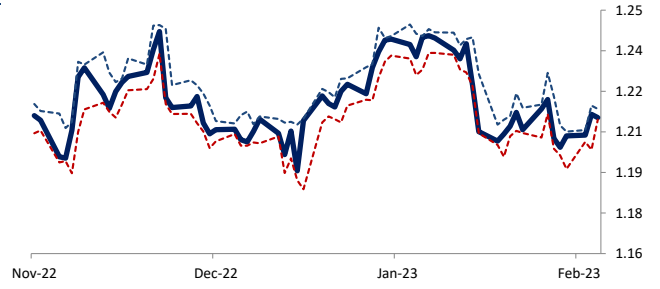
**Kuwaiti Dinar Today**

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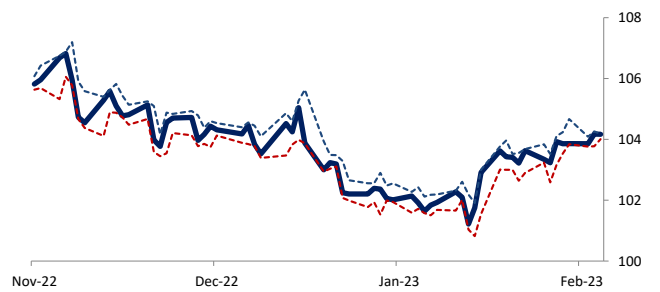
**Key Market Highlights:**

- In the United States, business activity improved significantly with services PMI coming in at 50.5 versus 46.8 in the previous month. Meanwhile, manufacturing PMI rose to 47.8 from 46.9 previously. The services print brings the composite PMI back to expansion territory for the first time since last June. Despite improvements in business activities, markets remain wary of "higher for longer" interest rates and an inflation problem that is still sticky as signaled by several Fed speakers. The US dollar index rose above the 104.00 mark amid fears that a strong rebound in business activity could encourage the Fed to go further in raising interest rates. On the other hand, US equities closed deep in red, with the Dow Jones, S&P 500, and Nasdaq declining 2% or more. Markets will turn their attention to the FOMC minutes and further economic data to gauge the outlook for monetary policy.
- The UK reported a composite PMI that surprised on the upside as it surged unexpectedly in February. The preliminary flash reading of the UK Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) jumped to 53.0 in February from 48.5 in January, above the 50 threshold for growth for the first time since July, exceeding all forecasts, which anticipated a reading of 49.0. The Flash PMI for the services sector rose to 53.3 in February from January's 48.7, the highest reading since June last year, beating forecasts of 49.2. Factory activity continued to contract but at a much reduced pace, with the manufacturing PMI increasing from 47.0 to 49.2, whilst exceeding expectations of 47.5.
- Furthermore, the UK identified a January budget surplus of GBP 5.4 billion, well above a projection of 400 million. The Sterling is benefitting from the stronger than expected PMI and better public finances. Britain looks on course to sidestep a forecast recession as businesses reported an unexpected bounce in activity this month along with receding price pressures. GBP rose against the dollar as British government bond prices fell on the back of the upbeat PMI readings. GBP/USD opened Wednesday at 1.2111, with a high of 1.2135 and a low of 1.2107.

**GBP/USD**  
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	1.0570	1.0610	<b>1.0657</b>	1.0705	1.0760
GBP	1.2010	1.2060	<b>1.2110</b>	1.2170	1.2220
JPY	133.90	134.40	<b>134.90</b>	135.50	136.05
CHF	0.9160	0.9220	<b>0.9264</b>	0.9330	0.9405

**Major Currencies**

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0646	(0.44)	EUR/GBP	0.8786	(0.46)
GBP/USD	1.2115	0.06	GBP/JPY	163.57	<b>2.94</b>
USD/JPY	134.9900	<b>2.87</b>	EUR/JPY	143.77	<b>2.46</b>
USD/CHF	0.9277	0.24	EUR/CHF	0.9876	(0.20)

**Brief Technical Commentary**

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.0636 level during Tuesday trading session and currently trading at 1.0657. EUR/USD Support levels are at (1.0570-1.0610) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0520. Short term outlook is Neutral.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.2147 level during Tuesday trading session and currently trading at 1.2110. GBP/USD Support levels are at (1.2010-1.2060) any break below would take the pair down to 1.1960. Short term outlook is Neutral.

**Local & Global Rates**

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	3.75	3.94	4.25	4.44	4.69
USD	4.55	4.56	4.83	5.07	5.22
EUR	2.39	2.38	2.65	3.19	3.58
GBP	3.93	3.93	4.13	4.31	4.47

**Economic Events**

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
21-Feb-23	AUD	Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes			
21-Feb-23	EUR	German Flash Manufacturing PMI	46.5	48.0	47.3
21-Feb-23	EUR	Flash Services PMI	53.0	51.0	50.7
21-Feb-23	CAD	CPI m/m	0.5%	0.7%	-0.6%
21-Feb-23	USD	Flash Services PMI	50.5	47.3	46.8
22-Feb-23	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
23-Feb-23	USD	Prelim GDP q/q			
23-Feb-23	USD	Unemployment Claims		200k	194k
23-Feb-23	ALL	G20 Meetings			
24-Feb-23	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m		0.4%	0.3%

**Government Yields**

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	5.03	4.68	4.16	3.94	3.96
Germany	3.05	2.95	2.61	2.55	2.47
United Kingdom	3.91	3.88	3.56	3.61	4.01
Japan	-0.10	-0.03	0.24	0.50	1.45

**Commodities**

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	82.84	(1.30)	Dow Jones	33,129.59	(2.06)
Brent	82.80	(0.33)	Nikkei 225	27,119.67	(1.29)
West Texas	76.11	(0.33)	S&P 500	3,997.34	(2.00)
Gold	1,883.36	(0.06)	KuwaitSE	7,350.27	(0.10)

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