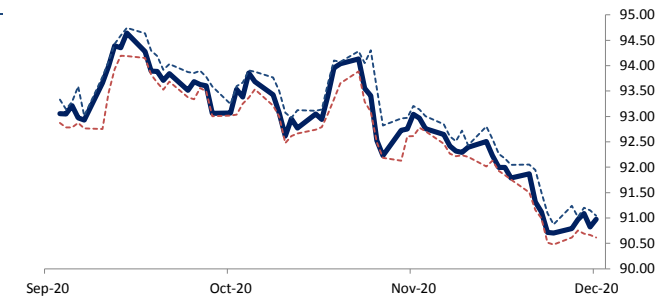


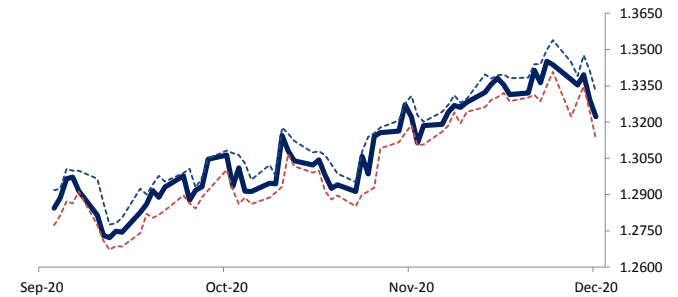
#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The US dollar's three month decline took pause last week as market participants weighed their risk appetites in lieu significant economic developments. US politicians restarted stimulus talks, US government faced a government shutdown, Brexit negotiations approached a make-or-break moment, and the EU pumped new money while also debating the bloc's own budget.
- The British pound saw increased volatility last week as talks of a disruptive British split from the EU grew with just three weeks left to break a deadlock in trade negotiations. Both sides of the aisle issued warnings and called for preparations to be made for a no deal scenario. UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson stated that there was "a strong possibility" talks would fail and EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier told the bloc's ministers that he believed a no-deal scenario was now more likely than a deal. In a last ditch effort, PM Johnson went for a crisis meeting in Brussels with the EU's chief executive Ursula von der Leyen. Both sides have now given negotiators until Sunday to try to engineer a breakthrough with Johnson instructing UK's David Frost to go the "extra mile" in talks with his counterpart Michel Barnier. While the mood was turning pessimistic, consensus among analysts and investors is that a last-minute deal can still be reached. Without one, the pound sterling is likely to drop.
- Oil prices rose for the sixth consecutive week as progress towards COVID-19 vaccination programs fed hopes that demand for fuel would rebound next year. The optimism was strong enough to overshadow last week's increased US stock piles and OPEC's to increase production. Benchmark Brent crude broke the \$50 mark which was the level it was last at before the pandemic.

US Dollar Index  
3-Month Performance



GBP/USD  
3-Month Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.2000	1.2075	1.2111	1.2175	1.2300
GBP	1.3100	1.3175	1.3223	1.3350	1.3400
JPY	102.50	103.50	104.00	105.00	105.75
CHF	0.8800	0.8850	0.8893	0.8925	0.8950

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.2111	8.04	EUR/GBP	0.9154	3.28
GBP/USD	1.3223	(0.27)	GBP/JPY	137.63	(3.61)
USD/JPY	104.0100	(4.46)	EUR/JPY	125.96	(3.29)
USD/CHF	0.8893	(8.11)	EUR/CHF	1.0774	(0.72)

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

Volatility is the cable's new surname. GBPUSD is moving 2 figures a day until we have a BREXIT accord. Cable crashed from 1.3400 to 1.3225 based on news that a no deal is looking more likely. 1.35 was the top for early December, expect to reach there again in 2021.

USDJPY trend is ongoing, as long as a weaker USD is in place. With the upcoming stimulus from the FED, JPY is expected to break 103 to 102.00. Lower lows will help the drift going; the descending channel since March of this year is a solid development which needs much effort in changing direction.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	0.94	1.19	1.44	1.69	1.94
USD	0.10	0.16	0.22	0.25	0.34
EUR	-0.58	-0.58	-0.57	-0.54	-0.50
GBP	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.08
CHF	-0.82	-0.83	-0.79	-0.75	-0.62
AUD	-0.20	-0.20	-0.09	-0.05	-0.15

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
10-Dec-20	USD	Unemployment Claims	853K	723K	716K
11-Dec-20	USD	Core PPI m/m	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
16-Dec-20	EUR	Flash Manufacturing PMI		53.0	53.8
16-Dec-20	EUR	Flash Services PMI		41.1	41.7
16-Dec-20	GBP	Flash Manufacturing PMI			55.6
16-Dec-20	GBP	Flash Services PMI		50.3	47.6
16-Dec-20	USD	Retail Sales m/m		-0.2%	0.3%
16-Dec-20	USD	Federal Funds Rate		<0.25%	<0.25%
17-Dec-20	CHF	SNB Policy Rate		-0.75%	-0.75%
17-Dec-20	GBP	Official Bank Rate		0.1%	0.1%

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	0.08	0.12	0.36	0.89	1.63
Germany	-0.75	-0.79	-0.81	-0.63	-0.24
United Kingdom	-0.09	-0.14	-0.10	0.17	0.71
Japan	-0.15	-0.15	-0.13	0.00	0.61

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	48.44	(0.14)	Dow Jones	30,046.37	0.16
Brent	49.97	(0.56)	Nikkei 225	26,652.52	(0.39)
West Texas	46.57	(0.45)	S&P 500	3,663.46	(0.13)
Gold	1,839.03	0.20	KuwaitSE	5,559.90	0.20

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