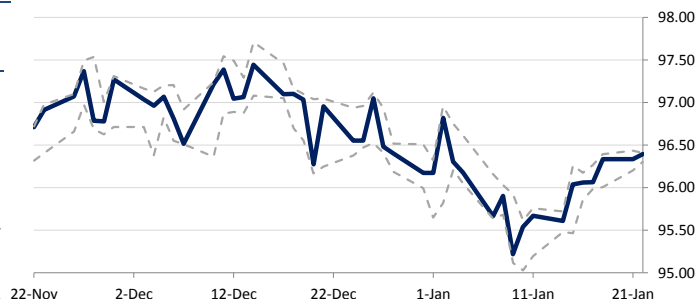


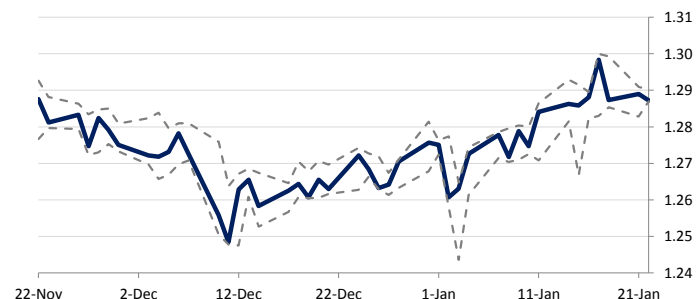
#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- UK Prime Minister Theresa May returned to parliament on Monday to set out her "plan B" for a way forward on the Brexit dilemma. She highlighted that any deal would protect worker's rights and the environment, both aspects that are of key concern to the opposition Labor party. She also added that the government would waive a fee for the new settled status of EU citizens in post-Brexit Britain. In regards to the Irish border issue, she said she would hold further consultations to "find the broadest possible consensus". With 67 days left until the UK is due to leave the EU, May's plan B will be debated and voted on next week. Essentially, May will press ahead with largely the same plan with a few tweaks given that more than one-third of lawmakers from her Conservative Party voted against her divorce proposal last week. The pound was steady after the Prime Minister declined to rule out a delay to the March 29 Brexit departure date, and is currently trading at around the 1.2875 level.
- The International Monetary Fund cut its world economic growth forecasts in for 2019 and 2020, due to weakness in Europe and some emerging markets. The IMF said in Davos on Monday that failure to resolve trade tensions could further destabilize a slowing global economy. It cited a bigger than expected slowdown in China's economy and the possibility of a "No Deal" Brexit as risks to its outlook, claiming that these could worsen market turbulence in the financial markets. In its predictions, the IMF expected the global economy to grow at 3.5% in 2019 and 3.6% in 2020, down 0.2% 0.1% respectively from its last forecast in October. Stock markets in Asia took a hit as the IMF painted a weakening picture of the world economy and quoted the trade war as a variable. The Hang Seng index fell 0.5% and Japan's Topix slipped 0.2%. Stocks in China slipped with the CSI 300 down 0.9% after president Xi Jinping called for stability in the face of political risks, indicating a cause for worry for investors.

US Dollar Index  
2 Month Performance



GBP/USD  
2 Month Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1260	1.1300	<b>1.1358</b>	1.1405	1.1445
GBP	1.2765	1.2820	<b>1.2877</b>	1.2910	1.2960
JPY	108.70	109.05	<b>109.43</b>	109.90	110.50
CHF	0.9890	0.9940	<b>0.9981</b>	1.0010	1.0070

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1364	(0.99)	EUR/GBP	0.8815	(1.79)
GBP/USD	1.2890	0.92	GBP/JPY	141.37	0.58
USD/JPY	109.66	(0.78)	EUR/JPY	124.64	(1.54)
USD/CHF	0.9970	1.61	EUR/CHF	1.1333	0.68

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1350 level during Monday's trading session and opened this morning at 1.1364. EUR/USD Support is at (1.1260-1.1300) any break below would take the pair to 1.1215. Short term and medium term outlook are Neutral.

USD/JPY: The pair moved down to the 109.40 level during Asian trading session and currently trading at 109.43. USD/JPY Support is at (108.70-109.05) any break below targets 108.10. Short term and medium term outlook are Neutral.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.94	2.31	2.56	2.81	3.00
USD	2.41	2.51	2.77	2.85	3.04
EUR	-0.44	-0.42	-0.33	-0.30	-0.18
GBP	0.70	0.73	0.92	1.03	1.17
CHF	-0.81	-0.77	-0.70	-0.64	-0.51
AUD	1.75	1.99	2.13	2.21	2.31

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
20-Jan-19	CNY	GDP q/y	6.4%	6.4%	6.5%
22-Jan-19	GBP	Average Earnings Index 3m/y		3.3%	3.3%
22-Jan-19	NZD	CPI q/q		0.0%	0.9%
22-Jan-19	JPY	BOJ Outlook Report			
22-Jan-19	JPY	Monetary Policy Statement			
23-Jan-19	CAD	Core Retail Sales m/m			0.0%
23-Jan-19	AUD	Unemployment Rate		5.1%	5.1%
24-Jan-19	EUR	Main Refinancing Rate		0.00%	0.00%
24-Jan-19	EUR	ECB Press Conference			
25-Jan-19	EUR	German Ifo Business Climate		100.7	101.0

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.59	2.58	2.59	2.75	3.08
Germany	-0.59	-0.59	-0.32	0.25	0.86
United Kingdom	0.75	0.77	0.95	1.32	1.83
Japan	-0.19	-0.18	-0.17	-0.01	0.67

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	61.42	(0.76)	Dow Jones	24,706.35	1.38
Brent	62.19	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	20,574.13	(0.70)
West Texas	53.55	3.22	S&P 500	2,670.71	1.32
Gold	1,278.43	(0.09)	KuwaitSE	5,250.08	0.13

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