

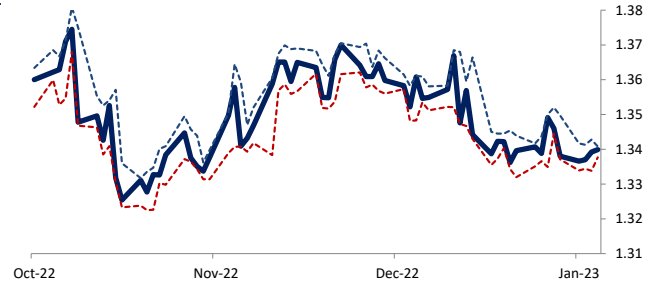
**Kuwaiti Dinar Today**

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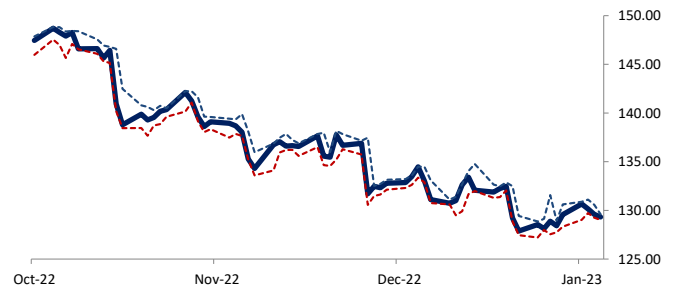
**Key Market Highlights:**

- In its first meeting of the New Year, the Bank of Canada hiked rates by 25bps raising it to 4.5%. The Bank of Canada was one of the fastest developed market central banks to hike rates in 2022, hiking by a total of 425bps. The additional 25bps hike and 4.5% interest rate makes it the highest level seen in Canada in nearly 15 years. Despite this, Bank of Canada governor Tiff Macklem signaled that even though Canada is a long way from its inflation target, they will likely pause and assess the effects of rate hikes over the past year. Doing so makes the Bank of Canada the first major central bank to signal a pause. The USD/CAD pair gained slightly, trading around 1.3397 as markets turn their attention to next week's all-important FOMC meeting.
- Further east, USD/JPY is edging lower on Thursday after the Bank of Japan's summary of opinions from its latest meeting showed policymakers were divided on forecasts for achieving their 2% inflation target, with warning that it could take time for wages to rise sustainably. The summary showed that while some board members pointed to increasing price hikes and heightening prospects of wage increases, others expect price growth will begin to slow as cost-push pressures ease. The rise in Japan's core consumer prices in December to a fresh 41-year high is likely to lead to the BOJ's phasing out of ultra-low rates. In the last BOJ meeting, held on the 18th of January, low interest rates were maintained, accompanied by the persistence of the BOJ to prevent the 10-year bond from breaking the 0.5% cap set a month ago. Furthermore, BOJ Governor Haruhiko Kuroda stressed the need to maintain the loose policy settings until wages rise sufficiently, and keep inflation sustainably around the bank's 2% target. Meanwhile, The USD/JPY currency pair is trading around 129.32, still below the critical 130 mark.

**USD/CAD**  
3-Month Performance



**USD/JPY**  
3-Month Performance



**Chart Points and Other Technical Input**

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0790	1.0870	<b>1.0915</b>	1.0960	1.1030
GBP	1.2290	1.2350	<b>1.2400</b>	1.2460	1.2510
JPY	128.10	128.75	<b>129.20</b>	129.70	130.50
CHF	0.9080	0.9120	<b>0.9175</b>	0.9220	0.9280

**Major Currencies**

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0915	1.95	EUR/GBP	0.8799	(0.46)
GBP/USD	1.2400	2.43	GBP/JPY	160.70	1.10
USD/JPY	129.5900	(1.32)	EUR/JPY	141.42	0.63
USD/CHF	0.9178	(0.75)	EUR/CHF	1.0017	1.17

**Brief Technical Commentary**

EUR/USD: The dollar continued to drop against the EUR and the EUR found support at (1.0854), currently trading at (1.0915). We expect the pair to continue higher and our resistance levels are set at (1.0960-1.1030) and support at (1.0870).

GBP/USD: The cable continued higher and retested the high at (1.2447) and currently trading at (1.2400). We expect the cable to continue higher with our resistance levels set at (1.2460-1.2510) and support at (1.2350).

**Local & Global Rates**

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	3.38	3.56	4.06	4.31	4.56
USD	4.30	4.54	4.67	4.82	4.86
EUR	1.89	2.05	2.50	2.92	3.35
GBP	3.43	3.77	3.95	4.16	4.28

**Economic Events**

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
23-Jan-23	EUR	ECB President Lagarde Speaks			
24-Jan-23	GBP	Flash Services PMI	48.0	49.6	49.9
24-Jan-23	USD	Flash Services PMI	46.6	45.0	44.7
24-Jan-23	EUR	German Flash Services PMI	50.4	49.6	49.2
25-Jan-23	AUD	CPI y/y	8.4%	7.5%	7.3%
25-Jan-23	CAD	BOC Monetary Policy Report			
26-Jan-23	USD	Advance GDP q/q		2.6%	3.2%
26-Jan-23	USD	Unemployment Claims		203K	190K
27-Jan-23	JPY	Tokyo Core CPI y/y		4.2%	4.0%
27-Jan-23	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m		0.3%	0.2%

**Government Yields**

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	4.62	4.13	3.53	3.44	3.59
Germany	2.64	2.51	2.17	2.14	2.10
United Kingdom	3.61	3.38	3.14	3.26	3.61
Japan	-0.06	-0.02	0.17	0.45	1.50

**Commodities**

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	86.00	0.07	Dow Jones	33,743.84	0.03
Brent	86.05	1.49	Nikkei 225	27,338.26	(0.21)
West Texas	80.24	1.88	S&P 500	4,016.22	(0.02)
Gold	1,945.92	(0.03)	KuwaitSE	7,338.66	(0.49)

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