

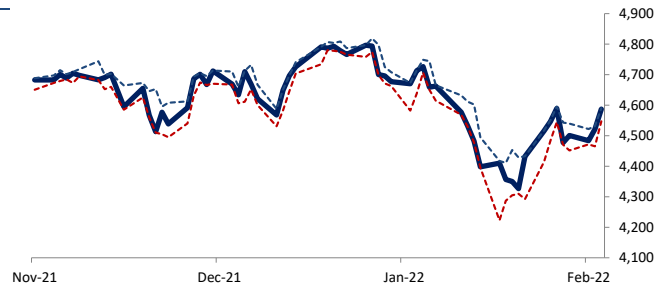
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Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Global equities rallied yesterday and gave the bond market a breather. In the US, the Dow Jones rose 0.86%, the S&P 500 rose 1.45%, and the Nasdaq 100 rose the highest by 2.08%. European equities also gained, the Euro Stoxx was up 1.81% and the FTSE 100 was up 1.01%. The US 10-year Treasury yield ticked down slightly to 1.93% and the 2-year yield ticked up to 1.36%. However, bond and equity markets are bracing themselves for more volatility ahead of the US CPI result out today, expected to show inflation exceeding 7% and revive aggressive Fed tightening worries in the near future.
- Bank of Canada's Tiff Macklem sounded hawkish and confident that easing supply chain issues will help tame inflation but reiterated that interest rate hikes are coming. Over in Europe, the German trade balance came in more modest than expected with a surplus of €6.8 billion versus an expected €11.3 billion surplus, signaling a slow but steady economic progress. The EU economic forecasts out today will be instrumental in contributing to the inflation and interest rate outlook. Leaks of the report suggested that the EU Commission sees inflation is likely to reach 3.5% this year and ease in 2023 and that GDP may improve this year. The growth outlook for the region this year is anticipated at 4.0%.
- Players on the forex front await the highly anticipated US CPI data to determine their next moves. The dollar steadied as yields calmed and an optimistic global equity rally provided support across the board, but still stands ahead of its peers. The euro was maintained below 1.1450. The sterling also held steady below 1.3550. The Canadian loonie ranged 1.2670 and stands to benefit from elevated oil prices.

S&P 500 Index
3-Month Performance



US Dollar Index
3-Month Performance

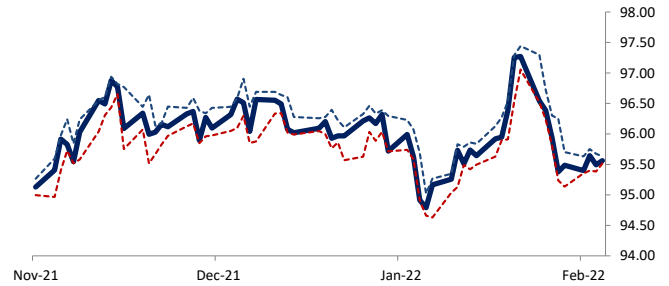


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1335	1.1375	1.1423	1.1480	1.1530
GBP	1.3430	1.3485	1.3530	1.3585	1.3630
JPY	114.65	115.00	115.62	116.15	116.55
CHF	0.9150	0.9190	0.9244	0.9295	0.9345

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	Major Crosses	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1422	0.49	EUR/GBP	0.8441	0.50	
GBP/USD	1.3532	0.00	GBP/JPY	156.29	0.70	
USD/JPY	115.4900	0.45	EUR/JPY	131.99	1.34	
USD/CHF	0.9243	1.33	EUR/CHF	1.0555	1.82	

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1401 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1423. EUR/USD Support levels are at (1.1335-1.1375) any break below would take the pair down to 1.1265. Short term outlook is Bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.3524 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3530 GBP/USD Support levels are at (1.3430-1.3485) any break below would take the pair down to 1.3380. Short term outlook is Bearish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	0.88	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00
USD	0.05	0.06	0.27	0.54	0.89
EUR	-0.57	-0.55	-0.54	-0.46	-0.31
GBP	0.44	0.45	0.66	0.95	1.31

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
4-Feb-22	USD	Non-Farm Employment Change	467K	110K	510K
4-Feb-22	USD	Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.9%	3.9%
7-Feb-22	EUR	ECB President Lagarde Speaks			
9-Feb-22	CAD	BOC Governor Macklem Speaks			
10-Feb-22	USD	CPI m/m		0.4%	0.5%
10-Feb-22	USD	Core CPI m/m		0.5%	0.6%
10-Feb-22	GBP	BoE Governor Bailey Speaks			
11-Feb-22	AUD	RBA Governor Lowe Speaks			
11-Feb-22	GBP	Preliminary GDP q/q		1.1%	1.1%
11-Feb-22	USD	Preliminary UoM Consumer Sentiment		67.6	67.2

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	0.84	1.35	1.81	1.93	2.23
Germany	-0.66	-0.35	-0.04	0.21	0.42
United Kingdom	1.11	1.27	1.31	1.42	1.52
Japan	-0.08	-0.04	0.03	0.22	0.87

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	92.01	1.15	Dow Jones	35,768.06	0.86	
Brent	91.27	(0.31)	Nikkei 225	27,664.34	0.31	
West Texas	89.62	0.11	S&P 500	4,587.18	(0.54)	
Gold	1,834.75	0.10	KuwaitSE	7,447.35	1.45	

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