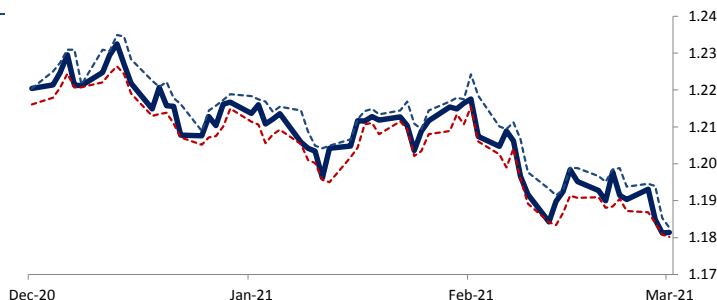


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Eurozone business activity grew for the first time in 6 months, with the gauge for manufacturing and services activity hitting 52.5 in March versus 48.1 in February. The above 50 level represents a far better economic expansion than expected, mainly due to a surge in manufacturing output. Germany's manufacturing flash composite output index rose to 56.8 from 51.1 in February, representing a 37-month high. The services sector - which was hit hardest by the pandemic - also rose and reached a seven month high.
- However, the outlook has deteriorated as Germany imposes lockdowns and extends stricter restrictions. This year, the European Central Bank expects a GDP rate of 4% for the euro area and 4.1% for 2022. However with the recent bumps on the road to recovery, the forecast will depend on the evolution of the pandemic and the pace of vaccine rollouts.
- Looking at oil, US commercial crude oil inventories increased by 1.9 million barrels compared to the previous week. At 502.7 million barrels, inventories are about 6% above the five year average for this time of year, according to the EIA. Prices saw volatility this week as traders monitored a massive ship blocking the Suez Canal, with prices of brent crude declining more than 6% before recovering to the current \$63.25 level.

EUR/USD
3-Month Performance



Brent Crude
3-Month Performance

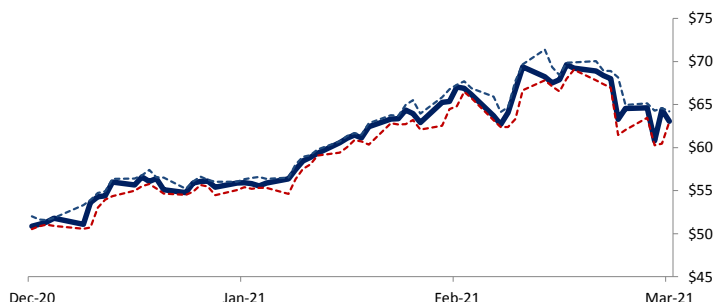


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1725	1.1775	1.1823	1.1875	1.1920
GBP	1.3600	1.3650	1.3698	1.3750	1.3800
JPY	107.90	108.45	108.95	109.45	109.95
CHF	0.9255	0.9305	0.9356	0.9405	0.9455

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1812	(3.28)	EUR/GBP	0.8629	(3.40)
GBP/USD	1.3683	0.07	GBP/JPY	148.82	6.12
USD/JPY	108.7200	5.61	EUR/JPY	128.42	1.42
USD/CHF	0.9355	5.73	EUR/CHF	1.1052	2.32

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1809 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1823. EUR/USD Resistance levels are at (1.1875-1.1920) any break above would take the pair up to 1.2075. Short term outlook is Bullish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.3673 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3698. GBP/USD Resistance levels are at (1.3750-1.3850) any break above would take the pair up to 1.3995. Short term outlook is Bullish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	0.94	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00
USD	0.09	0.11	0.20	0.21	0.28
EUR	-0.58	-0.58	-0.55	-0.52	-0.49
GBP	0.05	0.05	0.09	0.10	0.16
CHF	-0.83	-0.81	-0.76	-0.71	-0.59
AUD	-0.18	-0.04	-0.02	-0.17	-0.02

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
22-Mar-21	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			
23-Mar-21	GBP	BOE Gov Bailey Speaks			
24-Mar-21	GBP	CPI y/y	0.4%	0.8%	0.7%
24-Mar-21	EUR	Flash Manufacturing PMI	62.4	57.9	57.9
24-Mar-21	USD	Crude Oil Inventories	1.9M	1.4M	2.4M
24-Mar-21	EUR	ECB President Lagarde Speaks			
25-Mar-21	JPY	BOJ Gov Kuroda Speaks			
25-Mar-21	CHF	SNB Monetary Policy Assessment			
25-Mar-21	USD	Final GDP		4.1%	4.1%
26-Mar-21	GBP	Retail Sales m/m		2.2%	-8.2%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	0.06	0.15	0.83	1.62	2.32
Germany	-0.66	-0.72	-0.69	-0.36	0.18
United Kingdom	-0.04	0.04	0.32	0.76	1.28
Japan	-0.13	-0.14	-0.10	0.07	0.62

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	61.81	1.23	Dow Jones	32,420.06	(0.01)
Brent	64.05	0.03	Nikkei 225	28,729.88	1.14
West Texas	61.07	0.16	S&P 500	3,889.14	(0.55)
Gold	1,733.41	(0.00)	KuwaitSE	5,778.28	(0.07)

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