

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The greenback rose against a basket of major of currencies. Investors applauded the economic data pointing to a strong US economy, and the US Dollar index upped by 0.36%. The ISM non-manufacturing index came at 59.9, a jump above the expected 56.5. Fifteen out of eighteen non-manufacturing industries reported growth this month. It needs to be noted that the services sector is an essential component of the US economy accounting to 80% of the private-sector's GDP.
- In the UK, the services PMI came at 53 against the forecasted 54.1. This figure is a 16 month low that was not seen since the blowback of the Brexit in September 2016. It shows a slowdown in the UK's economy as four fifths of UK's GDP is derived from the services sector.
- The ECB is not claiming success in the struggle to regain inflation, as stated by Mario Draghi while defending the ECB's policies from critics saying that they widen inequalities. "While our confidence that inflation will converge toward our aim of below, but close to, 2% has strengthened, we cannot yet declare victory on this front,". In the wake of fast expanding Euro economy, and unemployment falling, policy makers are considering a smooth way out of their 2.6 trillion-Euro asset purchases program. They still want to move with caution in consideration of the exchange rate volatility that Draghi said required monitoring.

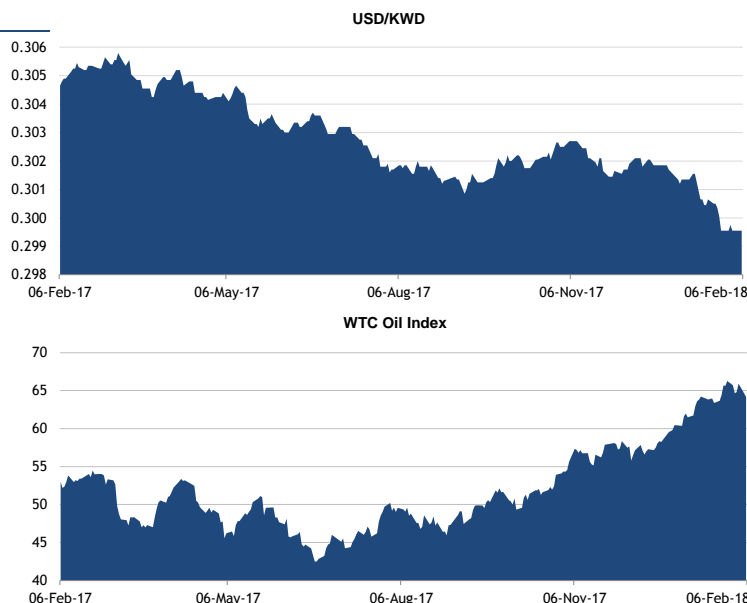


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.2255	1.2315	1.2362	1.2410	1.2465
GBP	1.3835	1.3890	1.3940	1.4015	1.4055
JPY	107.35	107.95	108.54	109.05	109.50
CHF	0.9150	0.9200	0.9255	0.9300	0.9350

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.2367	3.19	EUR/GBP	0.8858	(0.28)
GBP/USD	1.3957	3.40	GBP/JPY	152.22	(0.05)
USD/JPY	109.09	(3.42)	EUR/JPY	134.92	(0.36)
USD/CHF	0.9314	(4.39)	EUR/CHF	1.1518	(1.34)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

The EUR/USD pair moved down to the 1.2361 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2362. EUR Resistance is at (1.2445-1.2465) any break above targets 1.2540 and Support is at (1.2225-1.2255) any break below targets 1.2160. The pair is currently Neutral.

The USD/JPY pair moved down to the 108.97 level during Monday's trading session and currently trading at 108.57. USD/JPY Resistance is at (109.30-109.50) any break above targets 110.45 and Support is at (107.35-107.55) any break below targets 106.50. The pair is currently Neutral.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.38	1.69	1.88	2.13	2.38
USD	1.47	1.58	1.79	2.00	2.29
EUR	-0.43	-0.41	-0.38	-0.33	-0.26
GBP	0.48	0.50	0.52	0.61	0.82
CHF	-0.80	-0.80	-0.75	-0.66	-0.53
AUD	1.85	1.87	2.01	2.06	2.00

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
5-Feb-18	CNY	Caixin Services PMI	54.7	53.6	53.9
5-Feb-18	GBP	Services PMI	53	54.1	54.2
5-Feb-18	USD	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI	59.9	56.5	55.9
6-Feb-18	AUD	RBA Monetary Policy Meeting			
7-Feb-18	GBP	FOMCE Dudley Speaks			
8-Feb-18	CNY	Trade Balance		325B	362B
8-Feb-18	GBP	BOE Monetary Policy Meeting			
9-Feb-18	CNY	CPI y/y		1.5%	1.8%
9-Feb-18	CNY	PPI y/y		4.3%	4.9%
9-Feb-18	GBP	Manufacturing Production		0.3%	0.4%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.84	2.00	2.42	2.69	3.00
Germany	-0.68	-0.58	-0.02	0.72	1.37
United Kingdom	0.36	0.63	1.03	1.56	1.94
Japan	-0.15	-0.15	-0.09	0.07	0.80

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	63.79	(1.57)	Dow Jones	24,345.75	(1,175.21)
Brent	67.37	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	22,743.82	(530.87)
West Texas	64.16	(0.06)	S&P 500	2,648.94	(113.19)
Gold	1,344.46	0.38	KuwaitSE	6,687.81	23.74

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