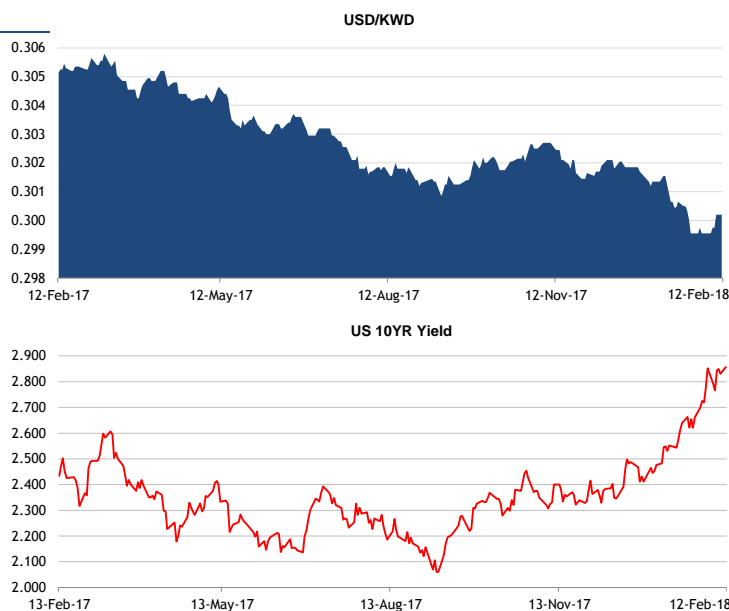


#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The global sell off in equity markets persisted today in Asia due to expectations for higher inflation and interest rates. The Nikkei was the worst performer on Friday, down 2.32% as the Japanese yen appreciated against the US dollar last week. Markets will be closely monitoring US inflation data set to be released on Wednesday. Market analysts expect consumer prices to rise 0.3% with the core inflation is forecasted to increase by 0.2%. In addition, UK CPI figures are expected to slow down to 2.9% with the core inflation expected to edge up to 2.6%, traders will focus on the monthly retail sales data as an indication on the effect of the Brexit decision on the economy.
- As for the debt market, US treasury yields had a bull-run last week, rising up to 80 basis points since September 2017 lows. Government debt sales are set to more than double in 2018, lifting net issuance to \$1.3 trillion, the most since 2010, according to estimates. With the Federal Reserve shrinking its bond holdings and deficits poised to swell even before taking into account the tax overhaul, all signs point to higher financing costs. The challenge going forward for Treasury Secretary Mnuchin is that some analysts expect buying by central banks may be reduced as reserve growth stabilizes; which makes the case for the more price sensitive buyers to play a role here such as private-equity firm, hedge funds and wealthy individuals.
- In China the consumer price index came at 1.5%, this moderation from the 1.8% that we saw on December was expected. The producer price index rose 4.3% following the same trend of the CPI by slowing down from the last seen 4.9%.



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.2180	1.2225	<b>1.2283</b>	1.2330	1.2380
GBP	1.3760	1.3810	<b>1.3860</b>	1.3920	1.3985
JPY	107.75	108.15	<b>108.67</b>	109.30	109.85
CHF	0.9285	0.9335	<b>0.9385</b>	0.9440	0.9490

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.2233	2.40
GBP/USD	1.3835	2.60
USD/JPY	108.78	(3.56)
USD/CHF	0.9399	(3.74)

#### Major Crosses

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/GBP	0.8860	(0.27)
GBP/JPY	150.34	(0.95)
EUR/JPY	133.30	(1.24)
EUR/CHF	1.1501	(1.42)

#### Brief Technical Commentary

The EUR/USD pair moved down to the 1.2204 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2283. EUR Resistance is at (1.2380-1.2410) any break above targets 1.2520 and Support is at (1.2160-1.2180) any break below targets 1.2095. The pair is currently Neutral.

The USD/JPY pair moved down to the 108.03 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 108.67. USD/JPY Resistance is at (109.85-110.25) any break above targets 111.20 and Support is at (107.75-108.05) any break below targets 106.45. 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	1.82	2.04	2.31
EUR	-0.43	-0.40	-0.38	-0.33	-0.25
GBP	0.48	0.50	0.54	0.64	0.85
CHF	-0.80	-0.80	-0.74	-0.66	-0.53
AUD	1.84	1.79	1.97	2.14	2.00

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
13-Feb-18	GBP	CPI y/y		2.9%	3.0%
13-Feb-18	GBP	PPI m/m		0.7%	0.1%
14-Feb-18	USD	CPI m/m		0.3%	0.1%
14-Feb-18	USD	Core CPI m/m		0.2%	0.3%
14-Feb-18	USD	Retail Sales m/m		0.5%	0.4%
15-Feb-18	AUD	Unemployment Rate		5.5%	5.5%
15-Feb-18	USD	PPI m/m		0.4%	-0.1%
16-Feb-18	GBP	Retail Sales m/m		0.6%	-1.5%
16-Feb-18	USD	Building Permits		1.31M	1.30M
16-Feb-18	USD	Housing Starts		1.23M	1.19M

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.88	2.07	2.54	2.85	3.16
Germany	-0.69	-0.59	-0.01	0.75	1.34
United Kingdom	0.38	0.67	1.04	1.56	1.94
Japan	-0.16	-0.16	-0.09	0.06	0.80

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	59.77	(1.66)
Brent	62.98	(0.03)
West Texas	59.18	(0.07)
Gold	1,324.06	0.53

#### Global Indices

Index	Last Price	Change
Dow Jones	24,190.90	330.44
Nikkei 225	21,382.62	(508.24)
S&P 500	2,619.55	38.55
KuwaitSE	6,687.81	23.74

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