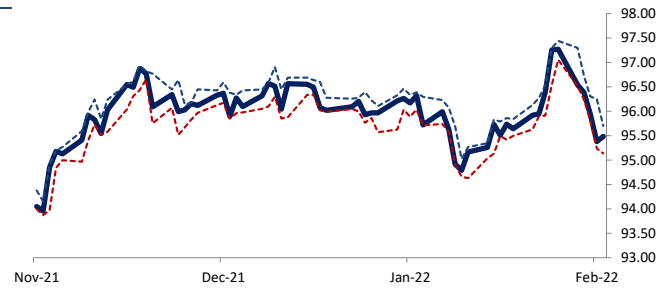


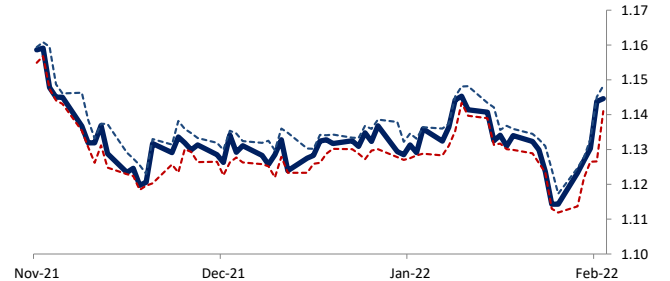
#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Global divergence on the war against inflation narrowed slightly as the question moves from whether to tighten to how much and how fast to tighten. The UK's interest rate stands at 0.50% after it took off with its first rate hike of the year by 25bps. Despite staying put without a policy change, Lagarde's narrative turned hawkish as she brought Europe more in line with its peers in the face of forecast-beating inflation data. Markets are pricing a total of 50bps worth of rate hikes for the ECB's rate to reach 0% by year-end.
- The US came in with unexpected strength and robust demand in the labor market. Nonfarm payrolls exceeded its modest expectation of a 110K gain and witnessed a 467K gain, despite a spike in infections and business closures. However, unemployment ticked up slightly to 4.0% from 3.9%. Average hourly earnings rose the most since the end of 2020, rising 0.7% in January and 5.7% annually, fanning worries over persistent inflation and validating the Fed's hike plan in March. Treasury yields advanced several basis points with the 10-year yield standing close to 2% at 1.91% and the 2-year yield to 1.31%.
- The greenback latched on its upbeat employment data as it attempted to snatch gains from its major peers. Lagarde's comments supported the single currency, which managed to maintain its position above 1.14. The cable, however, failed to preserve its momentum above 1.36 after the BoE's hawkish push and succumbed to the greenback, tumbling back into 1.35.
- The commodities complex has not been spared of the volatility. Intensifying tensions and insufficient output during peak demand season have kept bets on oil prices higher than \$100 a barrel - WTI traded as \$92.31 a barrel and Brent traded at \$93.27 a barrel. Refreshed bets on more aggressive tightening from the Fed after the strong jobs report and hawkish pivots from major central banks threaten gold's position, which traded at \$1,808.28 an ounce after inching towards \$1,815 an ounce.

US Dollar Index  
3-Month Performance



EUR/USD  
3-Month Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1266	1.1310	1.1450	1.1487	1.1554
GBP	1.3575	1.3400	1.3530	1.3620	1.3670
JPY	113.50	114.20	115.20	115.46	115.84
CHF	0.9100	0.9175	0.9254	0.9294	0.9329

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	Major Crosses	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1447	0.69	EUR/GBP	0.8464	0.76	
GBP/USD	1.3529	0.00	GBP/JPY	155.82	0.34	
USD/JPY	115.2000	0.12	EUR/JPY	131.90	1.21	
USD/CHF	0.9254	1.45	EUR/CHF	1.0592	2.15	

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR / USD: What a week for EUR, it's been the strongest among all G7 currencies breaking all resistance levels to reach as high as 1.1483 from the low of the week of 1.1137. With a hawkish stance from the ECB, been the largest weekly gain since March 2020, yet it was oversold for several weeks and might stop at 1.1400 support. Resistance for the week would be at 1.1600.

GBP / USD: More steady and higher for the week but got pulled back from the NFP figures to support level of 1.3500 from the high of the week of 1.3630. Whether its political or BOE news, the market had mixed of updates and high volatility which stalled Cable to support at 1.3500 and 1.3400 with resistance levels at 1.3600.

#### 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	0.05	0.23	0.45	0.77
EUR	-0.57	-0.55	-0.55	-0.47	-0.35
GBP	0.44	0.45	0.63	0.92	1.27

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
04-Feb-22	USD	Non-Farm Employment Change	467K	110K	510K
04-Feb-22	USD	Unemployment Rate	4.00%	3.90%	3.90%
07-Feb-22	EUR	ECB President Lagarde Speaks			
09-Feb-22	CAD	BOC Governor Macklem Speaks			
10-Feb-22	USD	CPI m/m		0.40%	0.50%
10-Feb-22	USD	Core CPI m/m		0.50%	0.60%
10-Feb-22	GBP	BoE Governor Bailey Speaks			
11-Feb-22	AUD	RBA Governor Lowe Speaks			
11-Feb-22	GBP	Prelim GDP q/q		1.10%	1.10%
11-Feb-22	USD	Prelim UoM Consumer Sentiment		67.6	67.2

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	0.86	1.31	1.77	1.91	2.21
Germany	-0.65	-0.27	0.01	0.20	0.35
United Kingdom	1.11	1.24	1.30	1.41	1.47
Japan	-0.08	-0.05	0.00	0.19	0.80

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	93.31	0.27	Dow Jones	35,089.74	(0.06)
Brent	93.27	2.37	Nikkei 225	27,439.99	0.73
West Texas	92.32	2.26	S&P 500	4,500.53	0.52
Gold	1,808.28	0.19	KuwaitSE	7,400.40	0.28

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