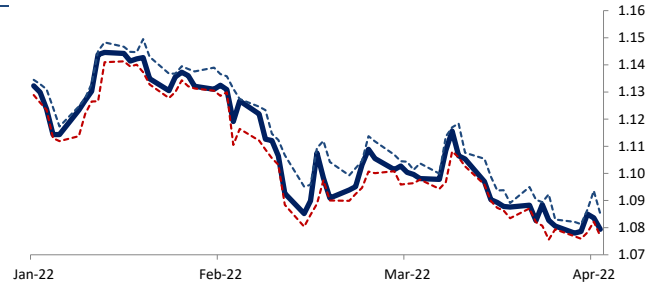


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Last week, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell affirmed the central bank's determination to fight inflation, adding that aggressive rate hikes are possible at the Fed's upcoming meeting on May 4th. At the International Monetary Fund panel, Powell confirmed markets expectations after stating, "I would say 50 basis points will be on the table for the May meeting." He added, "It's absolutely essential to restore price stability." Regarding the central bank's balance sheet, the Fed is soon expected to start reducing the amount of bonds in its holding, with an announcement to be made at the May 3-4 meeting. With a balance sheet close to \$9 trillion mainly consisting of Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities, the March meeting indicated the Fed eventually will allow \$95 billion of proceeds from maturing bonds to roll off each month. At its last meeting in March the central bank went ahead with a 25 basis point hike, however with consumer inflation running at a 40-year high of 8.5% y/y, concerns are undeniably mounting. An increase in May would mark the first time since 2006 that the central bank hiked at back-to-back meetings, and it would be the first half point increase since 2000.
- The greenback continued to draw support From Powell's comments, surging to a more than two-year high on Friday. The dollar index hit 101.33, its highest level since March 2020. The index was last up 0.6% to close at 101.16, the largest daily percentage gain since mid-March; overall, the dollar index has gained 5.7% so far this year. Across the Atlantic, the euro fell 0.4% to \$1.0792 following Lagarde's cautious tone. The sterling also fell against the dollar to its lowest since November 2020 after sales data and recent Bank of England comments, which signaled a possible slowdown in the expected rate hike. The pound fell 1.5 against the dollar to close the week at \$ 1.2832.

EUR/USD
3-Month Performance



GBP/USD
3-Month Performance

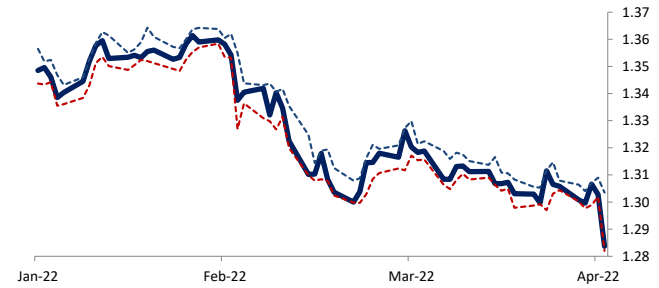


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0700	1.0760	1.0794	1.0851	1.0940
GBP	1.2740	1.2800	1.2840	1.2900	1.2975
JPY	127.00	127.72	128.56	129.40	130.00
CHF	0.9456	0.9520	0.9571	0.9600	0.9640

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0794	(5.05)	EUR/GBP	0.8410	0.12
GBP/USD	1.2837	(5.11)	GBP/JPY	164.91	6.19
USD/JPY	128.5600	1.73	EUR/JPY	138.78	6.49
USD/CHF	0.9571	4.92	EUR/CHF	1.0333	(0.35)

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR / USD: The weak EUR was trying to break the 1.07 figure last week, but seems inevitable that it will do so to reach new support level of 1.06 area. 1.0750 was bounced several times but with weak fundamental news, the next target should be 1.07 and 1.0640. Any reversal will resume the touch to the 1.0850 resistance.

GBP / USD: Cable dropped significantly to break the 1.3 and 1.29 support level after weak data from the UK adding a fierce US dollar. Fridays decline; the bearish trend should target 1.28 and 1.2740 level. Any reversal is minimum to the oversold GBP yet might retreat to 1.29 and 1.2950.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.06	1.44	1.69	1.94	2.19
USD	0.26	0.65	0.98	1.45	2.10
EUR	-0.57	-0.52	-0.43	-0.27	0.08
GBP	0.69	0.90	1.12	1.44	1.91

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
22-Apr-22	EUR	German Flash Manufacturing PMI	54.1	54.6	56.9
22-Apr-22	GBP	BoE Governor Bailey Speaks			
25-Apr-22	CAD	BOC Gov Macklem Speaks		455K	475K
27-Apr-22	USD	Crude Oil Inventories			-8.0M
27-Apr-22	AUD	CPI q/q		1.7%	1.3%
28-Apr-22	JPY	BOJ Outlook Report			
28-Apr-22	USD	Advance GDP q/q		1.0%	6.9%
28-Apr-22	USD	Unemployment Claims		178K	184K
29-Apr-22	CAD	GDP m/m			0.2%
29-Apr-22	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m		0.3%	0.4%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.02	2.68	2.94	2.90	2.95
Germany	-0.36	0.27	0.74	0.96	1.05
United Kingdom	1.59	1.68	1.75	1.97	2.04
Japan	-0.09	-0.06	0.01	0.24	1.01

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	109.80	(0.03)	Dow Jones	33,811.40	(2.82)
Brent	106.65	(1.55)	Nikkei 225	27,972.74	(0.63)
West Texas	102.07	(1.66)	S&P 500	4,271.78	(2.77)
Gold	1,931.73	(1.12)	KuwaitSE	8,226.66	(0.49)

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