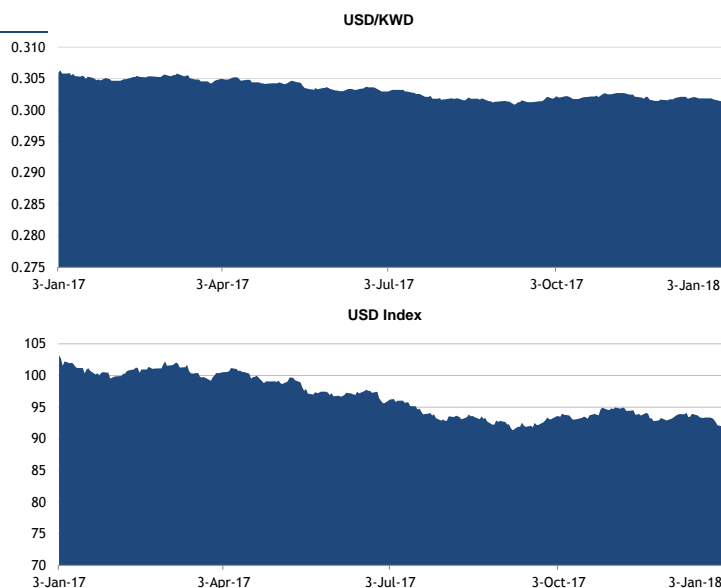


#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- The US dollar remained at its new subdued levels against the majors after dipping following the Tax overhaul. The euro started 2018 on a strong note as European economies strengthened and expectations grew that the European Central Bank will wind down its monetary stimulus. As for the British pound, it remained at a three-month high as the Brexit negotiations continued to progress. Markets will be analyzing to the release of the US FOMC minutes later today to better understand the Fed's plans for 2018.
- Britain's manufacturers finished the year on a positive amid resurgent eurozone growth lifting demand for goods. The UK manufacturing PMI showed an average of 57 in the three months to December, in the strongest reading since the three months to June 2014. The surveys showed activity and new orders expanding throughout the past 17 months in the UK, as firms reported increasing production in response to new orders and the launch of new product lines at home and abroad.
- Canadian consumer confidence neared record levels as the year came to a close last week, with sentiment buoyed by a booming jobs market, a strong housing market and an end-of-year jump in commodity prices. The Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index was at 62.2 for the week ended Dec. 29. That's the highest reading since the final week of 2009.



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1940	1.1990	<b>1.2050</b>	1.2095	1.2155
GBP	1.3490	1.3540	<b>1.3598</b>	1.3655	1.3710
JPY	111.35	111.80	<b>112.31</b>	112.80	113.35
CHF	0.9620	0.9670	<b>0.9719</b>	0.9770	0.9915

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.2057	0.49	EUR/GBP	0.8874	(0.26)
GBP/USD	1.3586	0.67	GBP/JPY	152.58	0.41
USD/JPY	112.28	(0.35)	EUR/JPY	135.38	0.14
USD/CHF	0.9714	(0.29)	EUR/CHF	1.1714	0.22

#### Major Crosses

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: pair moved up to the 1.2082 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2050. EUR Resistance is at (1.2085-1.2095) any break above targets 1.2250 level and Support is at (1.1910-1.1940) any break below targets 1.1810. The pair is currently Neutral.

USD/JPY: pair moved down to the 112.04 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 112.31. USD/JPY Resistance is at (113.35-113.65) any break above targets 114.45 and Support is at (111.15-111.35) any break below targets 110.15. 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	1.48	1.56	1.70	1.84	2.11
EUR	-0.43	-0.41	-0.38	-0.32	-0.24
GBP	0.48	0.50	0.52	0.58	0.77
CHF	-0.81	-0.80	-0.74	-0.65	-0.52
AUD	2.78	2.86	2.95	3.05	3.33

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
31-Dec-18	CNY	Manufacturing PMI	51.6	51.6	51.8
31-Dec-18	CNY	Non-Manufacturing PMI	55.0	-	54.8
2-Jan-18	GBP	Manufacturing PMI	56.3	58.0	58.2
3-Jan-18	GBP	Construction PMI	-	53.2	53.1
4-Jan-18	GBP	Services PMI	-	54.1	53.8
4-Jan-18	USD	ADP Non-Fam Employment	-	192K	190K
5-Jan-18	EUR	German Retail Sales	-	1.1%	-1.2%
5-Jan-18	EUR	Flash CPI Estimate	-	1.4%	1.5%
5-Jan-18	USD	Non-Farm Employment	-	189K	228K
5-Jan-18	USD	Average Hourly Earnings	-	0.3%	0.3%

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.82	1.92	2.25	2.46	2.81
Germany	-0.70	-0.63	-0.20	0.46	1.30
United Kingdom	0.35	0.47	0.77	1.28	1.84
Japan	-0.15	-0.14	-0.11	0.04	0.81

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	63.72	-0.17	Dow Jones	24,824.01	104.79
Brent	66.56	-0.02	Nikkei 225	22,764.94	(19.04)
West Texas	60.40	0.05	S&P 500	2,695.81	22.20
Gold	1,314.79	-0.26	KuwaitSE	6,312.52	(95.49)

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