

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Asian stocks inched up but remained near four-month lows amid concerns about U.S.-China tensions while the euro stayed in a narrow range after the weekend's European Parliament elections. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan rose 0.2 percent, off a four-month low touched on Friday. Market holidays in the U.S. and U.K. today are expected to reduce trading volumes.
- Recent data out of the IHS Markit flash survey of U.S. manufacturers fell to a nine and a half year low of 50.6 in May from 52.6 in April. Additionally, services PMI dipped to 39-month low of 50.8 down from the previous reading of 52.7. This massive drop in both sectors can be attributed to the escalating trade tensions with China. The growth in new orders from both domestic and foreign buyers declined and the surveyed firms said to be "putting the brakes on hiring."
- Japan's government downgraded its assessment of the economy but maintained the view it was recovering, suggesting that escalating U.S.-China trade tensions have yet to hit growth enough to put off this year's scheduled sales tax hike. In its economic report for May, the government described the economy as "recovering at a moderate pace, while weakness in exports and industrial production continues." The government also cut its view on output and capital expenditure due to the trade war and expected slowing Chinese demand.

Markit Manufacturing PMI
7-Month Performance

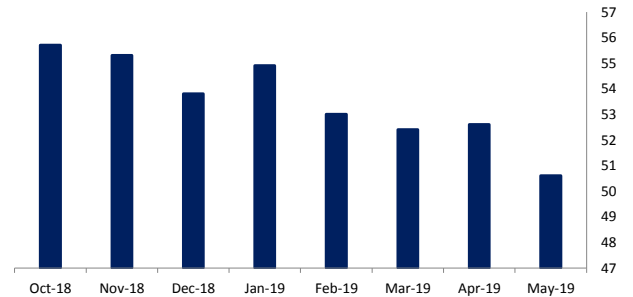


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1105	1.1155	1.1205	1.1265	1.1315
GBP	1.2635	1.2690	1.2740	1.2795	1.2845
JPY	108.50	109.00	109.53	110.05	110.55
CHF	0.9930	0.9975	1.0035	1.0080	1.0130

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1202	(2.42)	EUR/GBP	0.8815	(2.04)
GBP/USD	1.2712	(0.31)	GBP/JPY	138.91	(0.55)
USD/JPY	109.2900	(0.67)	EUR/JPY	122.45	(2.88)
USD/CHF	1.0016	2.48	EUR/CHF	1.1223	0.03

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1212 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1205 EUR/USD Resistance is at (1.1265-1.1315) any break above would take the pair up to 1.1425. Short term outlook is Bullish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down up to the 1.2732 level during Friday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2741 GBP/USD Resistance is at (1.2795-1.2845) any break above would take the pair up to 1.2960. Short term outlook is Bullish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.19	2.50	2.69	2.94	3.13
USD	2.40	2.43	2.52	2.55	2.62
EUR	-0.45	-0.42	-0.36	-0.32	-0.22
GBP	0.70	0.73	0.80	0.89	1.02
CHF	-0.82	-0.79	-0.71	-0.66	-0.52
AUD	1.62	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.56

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
26-May-19	EUR	European Parliamentary Elections			
26-May-19	JPY	BOJ Gov Kuroda Speaks			
28-May-19	USD	CB Consumer Confidence		130.1	129.2
29-May-19	CAD	Bank of Canada Meeting			
30-May-19	USD	Preliminary GDP q/q		3.1%	3.2%
31-May-19	USD	Treasury Currency Report			
31-May-19	CNY	Manufacturing PMI		49.9	50.1
31-May-19	EUR	German Preliminary CPI		0.3%	1.0%
31-May-19	USD	Core PCE Price Ir m/m		0.2%	0.0%
31-May-19	CAD	GDP m/m			-0.1%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.32	2.17	2.12	2.32	2.75
Germany	-0.60	-0.64	-0.53	-0.13	0.52
United Kingdom	0.66	0.62	0.70	0.95	1.52
Japan	-0.17	-0.16	-0.18	-0.07	0.50

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	67.66	(0.18)	Dow Jones	25,585.69	0.37
Brent	68.69	1.03	Nikkei 225	21,182.58	0.31
West Texas	58.63	1.20	S&P 500	2,826.06	0.14
Gold	1,285.95	0.10	KuwaitSE	5,606.71	0.23

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