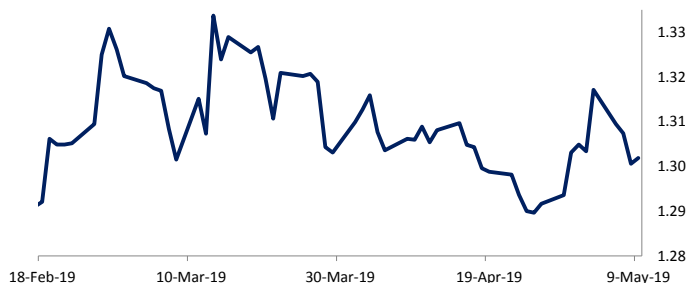


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- After Theresa May's deal was defeated for the third time at the end of March, it became obvious that no deal was getting through Parliament without cross party support. During the discussions, both parties were sounding positive, but the talks seem to have cooled off a bit recently. However, in the aftermath of the terrible local election results, both Corbyn and May claimed that their parties losing votes in the ballot box was due to the fact that they hadn't got Brexit sorted out yet. This has provided some extra incentive for them to get a deal together and Brexit through. As a result, the Sterling gained momentum and achieved a high of 1.3184. We then started to see things not go as smoothly, as pressures rose on May asking her to resign her position. A spokesman for May said that she did not plan to leave until the House of Commons has approved her withdrawal agreement with Brussels. The UK Government ended conceding that there will be no Brexit compromise with the opposition Labor any time soon. Thus the UK is prepared to participate in the European election on May 23rd. As a result, the Sterling has lost its momentum sliding 1.42% hitting a low of 1.2988, and is now trading around the 1.3022 level.
- On the trading front, China has vowed to retaliate against the US with "necessary countermeasures" if Washington proceeds with its plan to increase tariffs on its imports later this week. The retaliation vow from China has further raised the stakes as China's Vice Premier Liu He was due to arrive in Washington today to meet with Robert Lighthizer and Steve Mnuchin, the US Trade Representative and its Treasury Secretary. China's CSI 300 is now down more than 8% and on course for its worst week since October. The Australian dollar which is seen as a proxy for China's economic prospects fell 0.2% to 0.6970.
- Switching gears to oil prices, both Brent and the West Texas Intermediate have risen more than 30% so far this year from signs of tighter global supply. However, this past week prices were fairly weighed down by both the heightened tensions and news of Iran seeking support of European allies to curb sanctions on the sale of crude. Brent fell to 69.83 following a high of 74.57 in April.

GBP/USD
3 Month Performance



Brent Crude
3 Month Performance

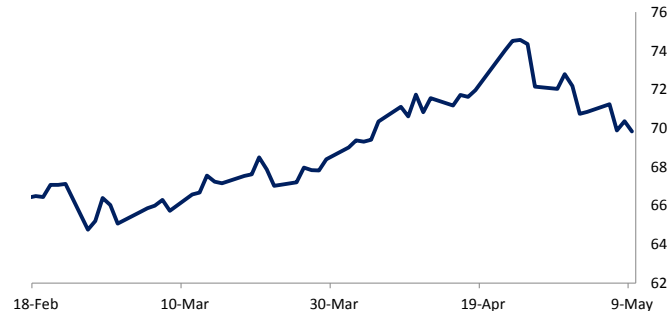


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1110	1.1155	1.1201	1.1255	1.1305
GBP	1.2920	1.2970	1.3021	1.3070	1.3125
JPY	108.85	109.35	109.86	110.35	110.90
CHF	1.0085	1.0140	1.0193	1.0245	1.0295

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1191	(2.39)	EUR/GBP	0.8603	(4.23)
GBP/USD	1.3006	1.97	GBP/JPY	143.17	1.91
USD/JPY	110.1000	(0.50)	EUR/JPY	123.19	(2.70)
USD/CHF	1.0200	3.77	EUR/CHF	1.1416	1.31

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.1181 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1201 EUR/USD. Resistance is at (1.1255-1.1305) any break above would take the pair up to 1.1390. Short term outlook is Bullish, however a break under the 1.1110 will change the outlook to Bearish.

GBP/USD: The pair moved down to the 1.2985 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3020 GBP/USD. Support is at (1.2920-1.2970) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2865. Short term outlook is Bullish.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.13	2.44	2.69	2.88	3.13
USD	2.40	2.45	2.55	2.58	2.71
EUR	-0.44	-0.42	-0.35	-0.31	-0.21
GBP	0.70	0.73	0.81	0.92	1.07
CHF	-0.80	-0.79	-0.71	-0.65	-0.51
AUD	1.62	1.64	1.60	1.71	1.74

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
6-May-19	CAD	BOC Gov Poloz Speaks			
7-May-19	AUD	Retail Sales m/m	0.3%	0.2%	0.8%
7-May-19	NZD	Inflation Expectations q/q			2.0%
7-May-19	AUD	Cash Rate	1.50%	1.25%	1.50%
8-May-19	NZD	Official Cash Rate	1.50%	1.75%	1.75%
8-May-19	NZD	RBNZ Monetary Policy Statement			
9-May-19	CAD	Trade Balance			-2.9B
9-May-19	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			
9-May-19	USD	PPI m/m		0.2%	0.6%
10-May-19	GBP	GDP m/m		0.0%	0.2%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.36	2.28	2.25	2.45	2.87
Germany	-0.62	-0.64	-0.48	-0.06	0.58
United Kingdom	0.71	0.72	0.86	1.12	1.65
Japan	-0.17	-0.16	-0.17	-0.06	0.53

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	69.97	(0.17)	Dow Jones	25,967.33	0.01
Brent	72.15	(3.00)	Nikkei 225	21,402.13	(0.93)
West Texas	63.30	(3.70)	S&P 500	2,879.42	(0.16)
Gold	1,283.23	0.21	KuwaitSE	5,853.11	0.57

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