



Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- US stock markets ended Tuesday's session relatively unchanged as optimism over the FED's anticipated dovish stance towards monetary policy was counterbalanced by news of fault lines emerging in US-China trade talks. American representatives fear China is backing out on certain trade concessions, Bloomberg News reported on Tuesday. Individuals familiar with the talks informed Bloomberg that they are worried that China's stalling of discussions could threaten President Trump's chance to win his 2020 re-election bid. The Dow Jones and S&P 500 were slightly in the red zone, while the Nasdaq index edged up by 0.12%.
- Looking at Brexit, Prime Minister Theresa May will ask the European Union to delay Brexit by at least three months after her plans for another vote on her twice-defeated divorce deal were thrown into crisis by a surprise intervention from the speaker of parliament. German Chancellor Angela Merkel, said: "I will fight until the last minute of the time to March 29 for an orderly exit." However, her foreign minister, Heiko Maas, said: "If more time is needed, it's always better to do another round than a no-deal Brexit."
- On the economic front, UK businesses employed individuals at the fastest pace in three years. The number of employees in the work force rose 220,000 in the three to January versus expectations of 120,000. At the same time, unemployment declined to the lowest level in 44 years at 3.9%. Total earnings for the same period declined slightly from 3.5% to 3.4%, however stronger than a median forecast of 3.2% in the Reuters poll. Overall, the British labor market remained resilient despite the Brexit complications and may further assist in boosting the UK's dominant service sector. Private surveys have advocated that employers turned more alert in last month as May struggled to get parliament behind her deal.

Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1245	1.1295	1.1346	1.1395	1.1455
GBP	1.3150	1.3205	1.3254	1.3305	1.3360
JPY	110.60	111.05	111.59	112.10	112.65
CHF	0.9895	0.9945	0.9995	1.0045	1.0095

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1349	(1.08)	EUR/GBP	0.8557	(4.74)
GBP/USD	1.3267	3.90	GBP/JPY	147.77	5.59
USD/JPY	111.3700	1.15	EUR/JPY	126.45	0.29
USD/CHF	0.9990	1.80	EUR/CHF	1.1340	0.78

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1362 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.1346 EUR/USD. Resistance is at (1.1395-1.1455) any break above would take the pair up to 1.1515. Short term outlook is bullish, however medium term outlook is neutral.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.3310 level during Tuesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.3255 GBP/USD. Support is at (1.3150-1.3205) any break below would take the pair down to 1.2945. Short term outlook is neutral.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.06	2.44	2.63	2.88	3.13
USD	2.41	2.49	2.61	2.67	2.81
EUR	-0.45	-0.41	-0.34	-0.30	-0.18
GBP	0.70	0.73	0.84	0.97	1.11
CHF	-0.81	-0.79	-0.71	-0.65	-0.51
AUD	1.75	1.97	1.95	1.96	1.90

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
19-Mar-19	GBP	Average Earnings Index 3m/y	3.4%	3.2%	3.4%
19-Mar-19	EUR	German ZEW Sentiment	-3.6	-11.0	-13.4
20-Mar-19	GBP	CPI y/y		1.8%	1.8%
20-Mar-19	USD	FOMC Meeting			
20-Mar-19	USD	Federal Funds Rate		<2.5%	<2.5%
21-Mar-19	CHF	SNB Monetary Policy Meeting			
21-Mar-19	GBP	BoE Monetary Policy Meeting			
21-Mar-19	GBP	Retail Sales m/m		-0.4%	1.0%
22-Mar-19	EUR	Flash Manufacturing PMI		49.6	49.3
22-Mar-19	EUR	Flash Services PMI		52.7	52.8

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.49	2.47	2.42	2.61	3.02
Germany	-0.57	-0.55	-0.36	0.10	0.75
United Kingdom	0.73	0.73	0.91	1.18	1.67
Japan	-0.17	-0.17	-0.17	-0.05	0.56

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	67.86	(0.69)	Dow Jones	25,887.38	(0.10)
Brent	67.47	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	21,588.51	0.10
West Texas	59.07	(0.17)	S&P 500	2,832.57	(0.01)
Gold	1,305.59	(0.05)	KuwaitSE	5,414.34	0.77

Global Indices

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