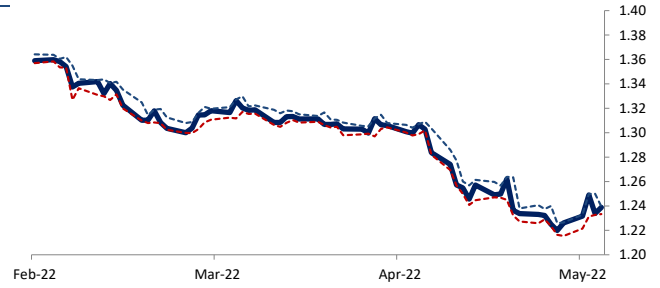


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- UK inflation in April scorched to yet another high not seen in 40 years as rises in energy and fuel prices sizzled CPI to 9% and core CPI to 6.2%. The pain is far from abating with the Bank of England's (BoE) prediction of double-digit inflation by October when energy bills jump again. The heat did not spare the labor market. Unemployment ticked down to 3.7% and employees' average total pay rose to 7.0%. However, regular pay (excluding bonuses) rose to 4.2%, way behind the pace of inflation, squeezing consumer spending power. Retail sales released tomorrow likely fell for the third consecutive month.
- Down Under, current wage growth acceleration and tightness in the labor market is making way for the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) to extend its rate hiking cycle that began in April. Annual wage growth stood at 2.4%, its highest rate since 2018 and way behind upstanding 5.1% inflation. Affirming the narrative, Australian unemployment dipped to 3.9% in April, its lowest level in 50 years. However, the overall change in employment for the month was much lower than anticipated. Minutes from the latest RBA meeting signaled rate hikes bigger than 25bps are possible in June.
- Fragile risk sentiment kept the scavenge for the greenback going. Inflation-related concerns and a poor news stream across the Atlantic trapped the single currency to the lower edge of 1.0500. The cable faltered below 1.2400 as faith dwindled in the BoE to rein in prices and avoid a recession. The aussie tackled 0.7000 in an attempt to hold its ground after a mixed slew of labor data.

GBP/USD  
3-Month Performance



AUD/USD  
3-Month Performance

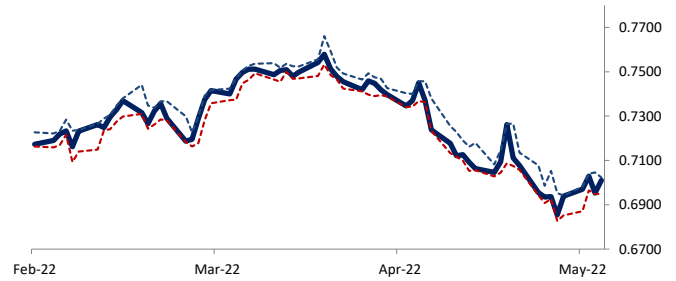


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0350	1.0430	1.0500	1.0575	1.0640
GBP	1.2220	1.2330	1.2390	1.2475	1.2550
JPY	127.00	127.90	128.80	129.50	130.00
CHF	0.9706	0.9815	0.9857	0.9990	1.0065

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	Major Crosses	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.0466	(2.64)	EUR/GBP	0.8477	0.88	
GBP/USD	1.2338	(6.42)	GBP/JPY	158.26	2.79	
USD/JPY	128.2200	11.97	EUR/JPY	134.12	3.80	
USD/CHF	0.9877	8.06	EUR/CHF	1.0338	(0.19)	

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR / USD: EUR's higher highs came to a stop at 1.0563 on the daily chart edging to the bearish trend. Support levels at 1.0430 and 1.0350 seem the next targets. Any bounce will test 1.0575 and 1.0600.

GBP / USD: Cable as well corrected from its bullish trend recently stopping at 1.2500, currently at 1.2386. US dollar will continue moving GBP lower and now the support level is at 1.2330 then 1.2200 area. In case of any reversal, we will resume to see the 1.2500.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.31	1.63	1.94	2.19	2.44
USD	0.80	0.87	1.31	1.73	2.32
EUR	-0.56	-0.54	-0.38	-0.17	0.24
GBP	0.94	0.98	1.21	1.50	1.88

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
11-May-22	USD	CPI m/m	0.3%	0.2%	1.2%
11-May-22	USD	Core CPI m/m	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%
17-May-22	USD	Core Retail Sales m/m	0.6%	0.3%	1.1%
17-May-22	USD	Retail Sales m/m	0.9%	1.1%	0.5%
18-May-22	AUD	Wage Price Index q/q	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%
18-May-22	GBP	CPI y/y	9.0%	9.1%	7.0%
18-May-22	GBP	Core CPI y/y	6.2%	6.2%	5.7%
19-May-22	AUD	Employment Change	4.0K	30.0K	17.9K
19-May-22	AUD	Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.9%	4.0%
20-May-22	GBP	Retail Sales m/m		-0.3%	-1.4%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.12	2.68	2.91	2.91	3.09
Germany	-0.07	0.37	0.72	1.02	1.14
United Kingdom	1.35	1.43	1.56	1.85	2.08
Japan	-0.09	-0.06	0.01	0.24	1.01

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	116.12	(2.32)	Dow Jones	31,490.07	(3.52)	
Brent	110.70	1.46	Nikkei 225	26,368.84	(2.02)	
West Texas	110.61	0.89	S&P 500	3,923.68	(4.06)	
Gold	1,815.00	(0.06)	KuwaitSE	7,937.96	1.85	

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