

Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

Asian stock markets are in the green zone today thanks to a softening tone from the White House on tariffs. Trump's administration raised the prospect that Canada, Mexico and other countries could be exempted. On the other hand, US equity indices were mostly lower with the Dow Jones and S&P closing in negative territory. As for the US dollar, the green back recovered from a two weeks low late Wednesday from an earlier decline. The US dollar index is currently flat, trading at 89.603.

In the US, the private sector added far more jobs than expected in February at 235K marking the fifth straight month of greater than 200K jobs added. Markets will now be looking towards Friday's non-farm payrolls and wage growth to see if the momentum would continue. Fed policy makers will be paying close attention to wage growth as it is an indicator of rising economic inflation.

The Bank of Canada held the benchmark overnight lending rate at 1.25% and indicated it's no rush to pursue aggressive rate hikes amid growing global trade tensions and softer housing data. The statement repeated dovish language about moving cautiously in an economy that will require continued stimulus. Though policy makers made no explicit mention of Trump's threats to impose tariffs on steel and aluminum, they did mention that recent trade policy developments were a growing source of uncertainty.

The European Central Bank is set to meet later today and is expected to keep policies unchanged. The question on everyone's mind however, is when will the ECB end its asset buying program. While growth has blown past expectations, inflation remains weak in the Euro zone, having hit a 14-month low in February and staying well short of its target of 2%. Combined with recent market turbulence and a strong euro, officials will likely prefer waiting before signaling any major changes in policy.

Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.2305	1.2355	1.2404	1.2455	1.2515
GBP	1.3795	1.3845	1.3905	1.3955	1.4005
JPY	104.95	105.45	106.03	106.55	107.10
CHF	0.9335	0.9375	0.9430	0.9475	0.9530

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: pair moved up to the 1.2443 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 1.2404. EUR Resistance is at (1.2515-1.2535) any break above targets 1.2640 and Support is at (1.2285-1.2305) any break below targets 1.2185. The pair is currently Neutral.

USD/JPY: pair moved up to the 106.21 level during Wednesday's trading session and currently trading at 106.03. USD/JPY Resistance is at (106.90-107.10) any break above targets 107.90 and Support is at (104.75-104.95) any break below targets 103.85. The pair is currently Neutral.

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
4-Mar-18	EUR	Italian Parliamentary Election	-	-	-
5-Mar-18	GBP	Services PMI	54.5	53.3	53.0
5-Mar-18	USD	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI	59.5	58.9	59.9
6-Mar-18	AUD	Cash Rate	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%
6-Mar-18	AUD	RBA Rate Statement	-	-	-
6-Mar-18	GBP	MPC Member Haldane Speaks	-	-	-
7-Mar-18	USD	ADP Non-Farm Employment	235K	194K	234K
8-Mar-18	EUR	Minimum Bid Rate	-	0.00%	0.00%
9-Mar-18	JPY	BOJ Policy Rate	-	-0.10%	-0.10%
9-Mar-18	USD	Average Hourly Earnings m/m	-	0.3%	0.3%

All information has been sourced from Reuters

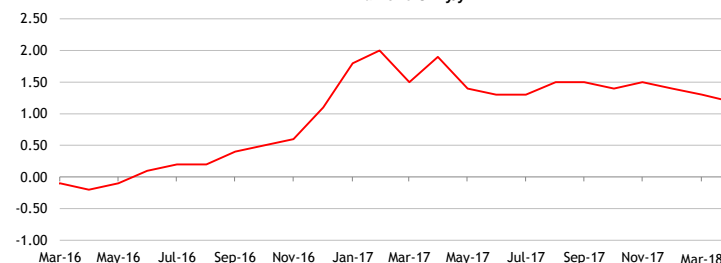
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Eurzone CPI y/y



Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.2412	3.41	EUR/GBP	0.8926	0.45
GBP/USD	1.3899	2.86	GBP/JPY	147.38	(3.17)
USD/JPY	106.06	(5.96)	EUR/JPY	131.63	(2.76)
USD/CHF	0.9433	(3.21)	EUR/CHF	1.1706	0.10

Major Crosses

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	1.31	1.69	1.88	2.13	2.38
USD	1.48	1.72	2.06	2.25	2.52
EUR	-0.42	-0.41	-0.38	-0.33	-0.26
GBP	0.49	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.92
CHF	-0.80	-0.81	-0.74	-0.66	-0.53
AUD	1.55	2.40	2.14	2.17	2.00

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	2.04	2.25	2.64	2.88	3.15
Germany	-0.71	-0.56	0.03	0.66	1.30
United Kingdom	0.68	0.80	1.15	1.50	1.90
Japan	-0.17	-0.16	-0.12	0.05	0.75

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	Change
Kuwait Oil	60.82	(1.20)	Dow Jones	24,801.36	(82.76)
Brent	65.18	(0.03)	Nikkei 225	21,350.21	97.49
West Texas	61.08	(0.03)	S&P 500	2,726.80	(1.32)
Gold	1,327.81	0.17	KuwaitSE	6,791.10	(17.35)

Global Indices