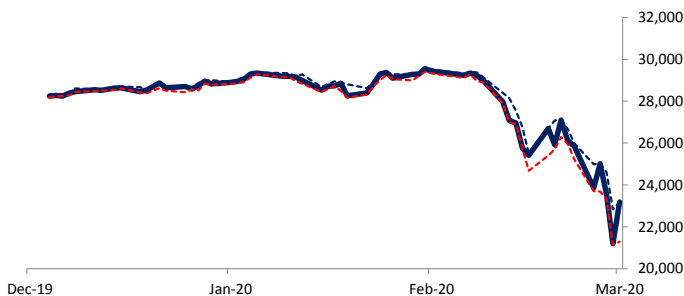


Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

- Last week, the European Central Bank opted not to follow the US Federal Reserve and the Bank of England's rate cut decisions to support their respective economies. Existing fears of a Eurozone recession has already held the deposit rate low at -0.50%. Nevertheless, the Central Bank did announce measures to support bank lending and expanded its asset purchase program by 120 billion euros. Towards the end of 2019, Italy contracted 0.3% in the final quarter. Now, the euro zone's third largest economy is facing the highest number of cases outside China and has implemented a nationwide lockdown. Speaking at a press conference, Lagarde said Thursday that the "spread of the coronavirus covid-19 has been a major shock to the growth prospects of the global economy and the euro areas economy and it has heightened market volatility."
- The US dollar index rallied to a two-week high of 98.81 amid the virus scare as haven demand rushes back into play. Some recovery was seen in US Treasury yields, as the 10-year yield closed at 0.9540 following its plummet to 0.3180 last week. The euro and sterling both weakened against the heavily demanded USD, while currencies of smaller economies such as Australia and New Zealand also took a noteworthy hit.
- Meanwhile on Wall Street, the Dow Jones Industrial Average registered a more than 2,000 point drop as the continued sell-off in equities reflects the lack of confidence amongst investors. Equities then saw slight relief following the Fed's \$1.5 trillion liquidity announcement, but have remained significantly lower for the week. Looking at the bigger picture, volatility and risk aversion seem far from gone and recession rhetoric remains.

Dow Jones Industrial Average

3-Month Performance



US Dollar Index

3-Month Performance

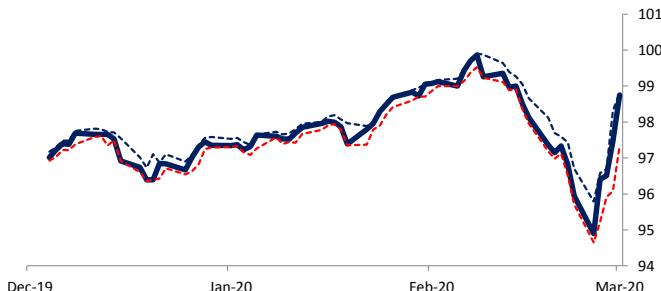


Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0960	1.1040	1.1037	1.1180	1.1220
GBP	1.2030	1.2100	1.2198	1.2300	1.2360
JPY	105.40	106.20	106.89	108.40	109.60
CHF	0.9200	0.9250	0.9400	0.9400	0.9525

Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1105	(0.94)	EUR/GBP	0.9045	6.99
GBP/USD	1.2276	(7.47)	GBP/JPY	132.47	(7.23)
USD/JPY	107.9100	(0.87)	EUR/JPY	119.91	(1.67)
USD/CHF	0.9496	(1.88)	EUR/CHF	1.0559	(2.70)

Major Crosses

Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: ECB didn't follow most Central banks in cutting rates, yet expanded the asset purchasing program. Again, USD was the currency to be bought, as safe haven status took its toll. Euro will continue the bearish trend to 1.09 and surely to 1.07 unless a strong rebound / correction from Fridays sell off.

GBPUSD: Strong USD was cleared all across the currencies, beating the GBP to the ground. After PM Boris leadership speech, market starting to panicky buy USD and sell GBP forecasting more measures need to be taken both by Boris and new giverner Andrew Baily. GBP will continue to break support.

Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.00	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00
USD	0.85	0.80	0.84	0.82	0.82
EUR	-0.55	-0.53	-0.43	-0.38	-0.30
GBP	0.21	0.28	0.51	0.61	0.71
CHF	-0.85	-0.85	-0.79	-0.75	-0.64
AUD	0.60	0.70	0.65	0.70	1.05

Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
13-Mar-20	EUR	Main Refinancing Rate	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
16-Mar-20	CNY	Industrial Production y/y		-3.0%	6.9%
16-Mar-20	All	G7 Meetings			
17-Mar-20	AUD	Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes			
17-Mar-20	EUR	German ZEW Economic Sentiment		-25	8.7
17-Mar-20	USD	Retail Sales		0.2%	0.3%
18-Mar-20	CAD	CPI m/m			0.3%
18-Mar-20	USD	FOMC Statement			
18-Mar-20	USD	Federal Funds Rate		<0.75%	<1.25%
19-Mar-20	NZD	GDP q/q		0.5%	0.7%

Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	0.34	0.50	0.72	0.97	1.57
Germany	-0.91	-0.91	-0.77	-0.55	-0.23
United Kingdom	0.31	0.27	0.35	0.41	0.86
Japan	-0.29	-0.22	-0.14	-0.02	0.31

Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	35.14	(2.09)	Dow Jones	23,185.62	9.36
Brent	33.85	1.90	Nikkei 225	17,431.05	(6.08)
West Texas	31.73	0.73	S&P 500	2,711.02	9.29
Gold	1,529.31	(3.01)	KuwaitSE	4,577.68	(0.87)

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