

Daily Forex Insight

KEY HEADLINES:

- Needs less to say, the USD had a terrible December in line with its seasonal tendency. Yet prices are undergoing a much-needed correction after such a volatile move. The question now becomes as to whether it will provide bears another entry point at a higher-prices, or can it perform a complete reversal? Given the Fed continue to inflate their balance sheet, we suspect dollar gains are merely corrective at this stage. USD/CHF: A bearish engulfing month was confirmed for the Swissy, although our forward returns analysis showed the following month has a positive expectancy.
- > U.S. crude oil refinery inputs averaged 17.3 million barrels per day during the week ending December 27, 2019, which was 303,000 barrels per day more than the previous week's average. Refineries operated at 94.5% of their operable capacity last week. Gasoline production decreased last week, averaging 10.2 million barrels per day. Distillate fuel production decreased last week, averaging 5.3 million barrels per day. U.S. crude oil imports averaged 6.4 million barrels per day last week, down by 457,000 barrels per day from the previous week.
- > Escalating tension between the US and Iran has seen ICE Brent rallying more than 4%, following a US airstrike which killed a key Iranian commander in Baghdad. The strength we have seen in the oil market is more a reflection of the uncertainty about what happens next between Iran and the US, rather than a change in oil fundamentals. Iran's supreme leader has vowed "severe retaliation" for the attack, and until it becomes clearer how the Iranians will respond, the oil market is likely to continue pricing in some form of risk premium.
- Markets will get back into full gear next week as traders return from their festive breaks and the economic data start rolling again. The spotlight will be on the nonfarm payrolls report in the United States, but key indicators out of the Eurozone, China, Canada and Japan should also attract attention. With the trade optimism setting the market mood at the end of 2019 and the start of 2020, there's a risk the incoming data may not support the brightening picture that many investors have embraced lately, setting the stage for a possible correction.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
German Retail Sales m/m	EUR	1.1%	-1.9%	MEDIUM
Final Services PMI	EUR	52.4	52.4	MEDIUM
Final Services PMI	GBP	49.1	49.0	MEDIUM
PPI m/m	EUR	0.1%	0.1%	MEDIUM
Final Services PMI	USD	52.2	52.2	MEDIUM

Support Resistance Levels - Currency Future:

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	71.96	71.85	71.75	72.10	72.20	BULLISH
EURINR FUTURE	80.19	80.00	79.80	80.40	80.60	Sideways
GBPINR FUTURE	94.12	93.90	93.70	94.30	94.50	Sideways
JPYINR FUTURE	66.62	66.40	66.20	66.80	67.00	BULLISH

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