

Daily Forex Insight

KEY HEADLINES:

- The Japanese yen held onto gains against the dollar on Friday as renewed worries about the coronavirus outbreak supported demand for safe-haven currencies and weighed on prices of riskier assets. The Chinese yuan nursed losses in offshore trade as the flu-like virus, which emerged late last year in China's Hubei province, slammed the brakes on consumer spending and manufacturing. The euro languished at multi-year lows versus the dollar and the Swiss franc as investors grow more pessimistic about the outlook in the euro zone before the release of gross domestic product data later on Friday.
- Stocks have generally shrugged off the coronavirus scare briefly falling when the outbreak looks to be accelerating before continuing on an upward trajectory. In other corners of the market, however, the coronavirus has been much more consequential. Brent crude futures, the global benchmark for oil prices, had their best day since early January on Wednesday, finishing up 3.3%. But they're off again on Thursday after the International Energy Agency said that quarterly global oil demand will shrink for the first time in more than a decade reinforcing broader concerns about the energy outlook.
- The number of Americans who applied for unemployment benefits in early February rose slightly, but there's still no sign of widespread layoffs in an economy that has been expanding for a record 10 and a half years. Initial jobless claims edged up by 2,000 to 205,000 in the seven days ended Feb. 8, the government said Thursday. The figures are seasonally adjusted. Economists polled by MarketWatch had forecast a 211,000 reading. The more stable monthly average of jobless claims, which filters out the weekly ups and downs, was unchanged at 212,000.
- > The US Dollar is back to being bid after a quick respite around the start of Humphrey Hawkins testimony on Tuesday of this week. Yet another strong US data point was released this morning with January CPI numbers. Headline CPI continued to grow, printing at an annualized 2.5%, the highest level since October of 2018. This is also the fourth consecutive month of growth in that data point, and the third straight month of a print above the 2% marker. This also shows a brisk response in inflation to the Fed's three rate cuts last year, taking place on August 1st, September 19th and October 31st.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
German Prelim GDP q/q	EUR	0.1%	0.1%	HIGH
Flash Employment Change q/q	EUR	0.1%	0.1%	MEDIUM
Core Retail Sales m/m	USD	0.3%	0.7%	HIGH
Retail Sales m/m	USD	0.3%	0.3%	HIGH
Industrial Production m/m	USD	-0.2%	-0.3%	MEDIUM
Business Inventories m/m	USD	0.1%	-0.2%	MEDIUM

Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future:

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	71.40	71.25	71.15	71.50	71.60	Sideways
EURINR FUTURE	77.70	77.55	77.40	77.85	78.00	Sideways
GBPINR FUTURE	92.74	92.55	92.40	92.95	93.15	BULLISH
JPYINR FUTURE	65.14	65.00	64.90	65.30	65.40	Sideways

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