

Daily Forex Insight

KEY HEADLINES:

- The dollar stood tall over the languishing euro and heavily sold exporter currencies on Wednesday, as investors reckoned with a deepening economic fallout from the coronavirus. The new coronavirus has caused 2,004 deaths in China and infected more than 74,000 people, while measures to contain it have paralysed the economy and the supply chains it feeds. Apple Inc has warned it will probably miss its March quarter sales guidance amid disrupted production and shopping habits. Car makers are idling plants for lack of parts.
- The Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) 12-month inflation rate was 1.8% in January 2020, increasing from 1.4% in December 2019. The largest contribution to the CPIH 12-month inflation rate in January 2020 came from housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (+0.55 percentage points), which increased by 0.19 percentage points since December 2019. The largest upward contributions to the change in the CPIH 12-month inflation rate between December 2019 and January 2020 came from gas and electricity prices; fuels and lubricants; clothing; and airfares.
- The Japanese Yen remains clearly on the back foot against the US Dollar, but USD/JPY's rise has stalled somewhat in the last two weeks. The pair is currently stuck around the top of a broad trading band which the market has been reluctant to abandon for very long in either direction since mid-October 2019. Market action around that level has been maddeningly inconclusive and characterized by quite narrow daily ranges since February 9. Clearly there's no great profit-taking impulse on the part of Dollar buyers.
- The headline rate of output inflation for goods leaving the factory gate was 1.1% on the year to January 2020, up from 0.9% in December 2019. The growth rate of prices for materials and fuels used in the manufacturing process was 2.1% on the year to January 2020, up from 0.9% in December 2019. Petroleum products made the largest upward contribution to the change in the annual rate of output inflation. Imported metals provided the largest upward contribution to the change in the annual rate of input inflation.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
Retail Sales m/m	GBP	0.7%	-0.6%	HIGH
Philly Fed Manufacturing Index	USD	10.1	17.0	HIGH
Consumer Confidence	EUR	-8	-8	MEDIUM
Natural Gas Storage	USD	-143B	-115B	MEDIUM
Crude Oil Inventories	USD	3.3M	7.5M	HIGH

Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future:

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	71.55	71.40	71.25	71.70	71.85	BULLISH
EURINR FUTURE	77.57	77.40	77.25	77.70	77.90	BULLISH
GBPINR FUTURE	93.28	93.10	92.95	93.55	93.80	BULLISH
JPYINR FUTURE	65.24	65.10	65.00	65.40	65.50	BULLISH

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