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**Dollar Index Performance**
- **Last Week Close**: 98.75
- **Monthly High**: 102.99
- **Week Open**: 98.70
- **Monthly Low**: 94.65
- **Week Close**: 101.09
- **30 Days Average**: 98.66
- **Weekly High**: 102.99
- **90 Days Average**: 97.95
- **Weekly Low**: 97.45
- **YTD Change**: +6.43%

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**Dollar Index Economic Events**
- **Existing Home Sales**
  - Period: Feb
  - Date: 20-Mar
  - Forecast: 5.50M
  - Previous: 5.46M
- **Markit Mfg Flash PMI**
  - Period: Mar
  - Date: 24-Mar
  - Forecast: 49.6
- **Markit Svcs Flash PMI**
  - Period: Mar
  - Date: 24-Mar
  - Forecast: 48.8
- **New Home Sales-Units**
  - Period: Feb
  - Date: 24-Mar
  - Forecast: 0.750M
  - Previous: 0.764M
- **Durable Goods**
  - Period: Feb
  - Date: 25-Mar
  - Forecast: -0.9%
  - Previous: -0.2%
- **GDP Final**
  - Period: Q4
  - Date: 26-Mar
  - Forecast: 2.1%
  - Previous: 2.1%
- **Initial Jobless Claims**
  - Period: 16 Mar, w/ 26-Mar
- **Consumption, Adjusted MM**
  - Period: Feb
  - Date: 27-Mar
  - Forecast: 0.3%
  - Previous: 0.2%
- **U Mich Sentiment Final**
  - Period: Mar
  - Date: 27-Mar
  - Forecast: 95.0
  - Previous: 95.9
Thai Baht

**Thai Baht Graph**

- The baht weakened to over 32.73 THB/USD on concern over coronavirus.
- The Bank of Thailand (BoT) has no plan to call an emergency meeting following the US Federal Reserve’s weekend decision to cut its rate to zero.
- The Monetary Policy Committee’s meeting schedule remains unchanged at March 25.
- Fitch Ratings has lowered Thailand’s long-term foreign currency issuer rating to stable from positive.
- Thailand central bank cut the key policy by 25 bps and introduced measures, including a liquidity support fund worth 70 – 100 billion baht to reduce risk in the debt market on Sunday (22/3).

**Thai Baht News**

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• EUR dropped to six-month lows on March 17 as markets has turned bearish on the euro.
• The euro was also weighed down by awful German ZEW Survey results which showed the economic sentiment dropped sharply to -49.5 in March, the largest drop on records.
• European Central Bank (ECB) held emergency meeting on Wednesday (18/3) and announced a 750 billion euro asset-purchase program in response to coronavirus outbreak.

• The downward momentum in euro could get extended further in near future.
• The euro could find support around 1.0600 region.
• With France, Spain and Italy in lockdown, the recession in Eurozone seems unavoidable.
WEEKLY FOREIGN EXCHANGE OUTLOOK

Pound Sterling

**Pound Sterling Graph**

- Markets will focus on the Bank of England (BoE) monetary policy meeting on March 26.
- The UK government’s stimulus package might help limit the losses in Sterling.
- As the economic data is quiet, the pair could be factored by the USD price movement and any developments surrounding coronavirus saga.

**Pound Sterling News**

- The GBP dropped and bouncing back to above 1.2050 after the UK is pondering a GBP350 billion stimulus package.
- The labor market has remained strong in the UK despite growing uncertainties.
- The Sterling crashes to 1.1440, the lowest since 1985.
- The BoE cut rates to 0.1% and added GBP 200 billion in QE.

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Australian Dollar Outlook

- As risk-off continues to dominate direction, the AUD could extend its loss as investors are panicking and seeking for the world’s base currency.
- As the comments from the RBA’s Assistant Governor Ellis can offer immediate direction, investors will be interesting to hear government or central bank actions to counter the impact of the coronavirus.
- The AUD could be extending loses after it went to below 0.60 hurdle. It could test 0.55 handle, and if it closes below 0.55, it would open chance to more downside.

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Australian Dollar News

- The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) released the minutes statement of latest monetary policy meeting held in early March which showed that the RBA Board feared the virus would be a significant drag on economic growth.
- The Board was prepared to ease monetary policy further to support the Australian economy.
- The AUD has now broken below multi-year support on selling pressure.
- On Thursday, the RBA held its emergency monetary and cut its official rate (OCR) by 25bps to a record low of 0.25% as widely expected.

Lower Bound 0.5500  Upper Bound 0.6000
Forecast Depreciation
Japanese Yen

**Japanese Yen Graph**

Source: Thomson Reuters

**Japanese Yen Outlook**

- As the coronavirus pandemic has become a real threat to global growth, the JPY is possibly remain strong as safe-haven asset.
- As the focus remains on any fresh developments surrounding coronavirus, the pair might continue to attract some buying amid absence in economic release.
- However, the Yen could be possibly sold as the BoJ favors further easing.

**Japanese Yen News**

- Bank of Japan (BoJ) announced on Tuesday (17/3), it offers to buy JPY 100bn worth of Japanese Government Bonds (JGBs) of 3-5 years and 5-10 years maturity.
- Central bank increased the step of the ETF purchases to tackle the coronavirus-led economic fallout.
- Japan CPI data came out below expectations.

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