

In Focus

EUR
AUD
USD
CAD

Economic Environment

Brexit news could send pound either way.
Weak Euro.
Strong \$.
Strong Bonds and yield curve inversion.
Markets resilient after a very strong Q1.
Chinese trade negotiations ongoing.
RBA could move turn dovish in line with February announcement.
SEK the only major currency to decline against EUR in 2019

Setups in Context

Monday.

8:50 UTC. Eurozone manufacturing numbers.

10:00 UTC. Eurozone HICP forecast 1%.

EUR/USD downtrending for a year, has now lost 200W SMA. Week opens below pivot. Either way the numbers are unlikely to affect the downtrend. Look to sell.

13:30 UTC. US Retail numbers. Forecast: 0.3%.

14:00 UTC. US Retail (ex auto) numbers. Forecast 0.4%.

Could affect any trade involving USD.

Tuesday.

4:30. UTC. RBA overnight rate. The Reserve Bank of Australia made a major shift in policy in February by signalling that a rate cut was just as likely as a rate hike, abandoning its long-held tightening bias. However, investors have gone a step further and are pricing a 25-basis point reduction in the cash rate by August. With recent economic data suggesting the RBA's recently downgraded growth forecasts are already looking overoptimistic, the RBA will have a hard time maintaining its current neutral stance and could be tempted to join its New Zealand counterpart in making another dovish turn.

AUD/USD. Bearish market structure. Opens just below weekly pivot. Especially if DXY is strong, AUD bias is bearish until pivot reclaimed. Be mindful of correlations between trades.

Wednesday.

1:30 UTC. Australian retail numbers. Forecast 0.3%.

13:15 UTC. US employment numbers. Forecast 180k.

15:00 UTC. ISM business numbers. Forecast 58.

Thursday.

No key events scheduled.

Friday.

13:30 UTC. US hourly earnings. Forecast 0.2%.

13:30 UTC. US private payrolls. Forecast 180k.

13:30 UTC. US Unemployment rate. Forecast 3.8%. (N.B. higher is bearish for USD).

13:30 UTC. US Nonfarm payroll. Forecast 170k.

13:30 UTC. Canada. Net change in employment. Forecast -10%.

13:30 UTC. Canada. Unemployment rate. Forecast 5.8%.

USD/CAD. Opens below weekly pivot. Wait for a pullback for any LTF short. Weekly uptrend, so in any case look out for a HTF buy setup around pivot supports. This opportunity may present well before Friday's news catalysts.

Expect volatility in USD around the release of nonfarm.