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Technical Analysis





EUR/USD muted after Draghi's comments

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"Longer term we still have major concerns over China but for the moment it backstops risk sentiment and that's negative for the ven and euro."

- Royal Bank of Canada (based on Bloomberg)

■ Pair's Outlook

ECB President Draghi confirmed his readiness to act in March, which used to have an immediate bearish impact on the Euro vs Dollar. The pair slumped towards 1.1150, therefore closing the session almost 90 pips lower from the opening mark. The bears are aiming at the support cluster near 1.11, namely the monthly R2, weekly S1 and 20-day SMA. Success here should imply a sell-off down to the major 200-day SMA at 1.1053. This level will be expected to contain a decline for some period of time, given that daily technical indicators remain committed to the bullish scenario.

■ Traders' Sentiment

The number of long positions in the SWFX market declined to 44% by Tuesday morning from 46% a day earlier. Meantime, pending orders remain slightly bearish with respect to the pair.

Net Sentiment	Last	1 day ago	5 days ago	10-day avg.
Open Positions	-12%	-8%	-24%	-17%
Orders (±50 pips)	-8%	-12%	36%	6%
Orders (±100 pips)	-6%	-6%	34%	8%

Indicator/Period	Day 🕗	Week	Month 🕥
MACD (12; 26; 9)	Buy	Sell	Buy
RSI (14)	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Stochastic (5; 3; 3)	Neutral	Sell	Neutral
ADX (14)	Neutral	Neutral	Sell
CCI (14)	Neutral	Sell	Neutral
AROON (14)	Buy	Buy	Sell
Alligator (13; 8; 5)	Buy	Sell	Sell
SAR (0.02; 0.2)	Buy	Buy	Sell



ala	Level	Rationale
■ Resistance 3	1.1448/60	Bollinger band; Sep 2015 high
Resistance 2	1.1382/90	Up-trend; weekly R1
Resistance 1	1.1238/46	Weekly PP; monthly R3
Support 1	1.1115/1.1092	Monthly R2; weekly S1; 20-day SMA
Support 2	1.1053	200-day SMA
Support 3	1.0972/47	Monthly R1; 100-day SMA; weekly S2; 55-day SMA





GBP/USD risks breaking the four-week bullish trend

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"If there was a Brexit scenario, the market is considering the probability that could provide another headwind to growth in the UK and could result in lower rates from the Bank of England later this year."

- Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ (based on Business Recorder)

■ Pair's Outlook

The British currency started the week with a rather serious decline, but with the support line untested. Technical indicators are shifted from bullish to mixed signals in the daily timeframe, suggesting a possibility of a bearish reaction today exists. The up-trend is reinforced by the monthly PP, the weekly S1 and the 20-day SMA, thus, we should not see a more than 50-pip slump; unless inflation data disappoints dramatically. Meanwhile, the weekly PP is the closest resistance, but is unlikely to provide sufficient supply and limit the gains.

■ Traders' Sentiment

Today 60% of all open positions are long, compared to 53%. At the same time, the number of purchase orders surged from 47 to 65%.

Net Sentiment	Last	1 day ago	5 days ago	10-day avg.
Open Positions	20%	6%	8%	7%
Orders (±50 pips)	36%	10%	2%	4%
Orders (±100 pips)	30%	-6%	-12%	-2%

Indicator/Period	Day 🕡	Week 🕥	Month 🕥
MACD (12; 26; 9)	Buy	Buy	Sell
RSI (14)	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Stochastic (5; 3; 3)	Neutral	Neutral	Buy
ADX (14)	Neutral	Sell	Sell
CCI (14)	Neutral	Neutral	Buy
AROON (14)	Buy	Sell	Sell
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■ Resistance 3	1.4681/1.4708	Monthly R1; weekly R2
Resistance 2	1.4611/59	Weekly R1; Bollinger band; 55-day SMA
Resistance 1	1.4481	Weekly PP
Support 1	1.4397/80	20-day SMA; up-trend; weekly S1; monthly PP
Support 2	1.4255	Weekly S2
Support 3	1.4157/51	Weekly S3; Bollinger band





USD/JPY consolidates around 114.50

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"The JPY was the victim of improved risk sentiment, its 'safe haven' appeal fading."
- BNZ (based on WBP Online)

■ Pair's Outlook

With demand for less riskier assets, namely the Yen, lower, the US Dollar was able to post significant gains against it on Monday. Daily and weekly technical studies keep insisting that the given pair is likely to resume its bearish momentum rather sooner than later. The monthly S2 and the weekly PP form the nearest support cluster just under 114.00, but if bears manage to push the USD/JPY lower, this level will doubtfully hold. At the same time, the closest area to stop USD-buying is located above the 117.00 major level, more than 200-pips away from the spot price.

■ Traders' Sentiment

Although more traders (64%) have a positive outlook towards the Buck (previously 48%), the share of buy orders slid from 59 to 51%.

Net Sentiment	Last	1 day ago	5 days ago	10-day avg.
Open Positions	28%	-4%	-46%	-21%
Orders (±50 pips)	-12%	22%	34%	-6%
Orders (±100 pips)	2%	18%	20%	2%

Indicator/Period	Day 🕥	Week	Month 🕗
MACD (12; 26; 9)	Buy	Buy	Sell
RSI (14)	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Stochastic (5; 3; 3)	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
ADX (14)	Neutral	Sell	Buy
CCI (14)	Neutral	Buy	Neutral
AROON (14)	Sell	Sell	Buy
Alligator (13; 8; 5)	Sell	Sell	Buy
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■ Resistance 3	120.08/44	100-day SMA; weekly R2
Resistance 2	119.10/59	55-day SMA; monthly PP
Resistance 1	116.81/117.50	Weekly R1; 20-day SMA; monthly S1
Support 1	113.89/88	Weekly PP; monthly S2
Support 2	112.07/111.78	Bollinger band; monthly S3
Support 3	110.27	Weekly S1





Gold continues to slide as markets grow

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"The (precious metals) complex has benefited from the recent global risk-off attitude and heightened volatility. However, a pull-back was inevitable at some stage."

- MKS Group (based on CNBC)

■ Pair's Outlook

Yesterday markets were encouraged by dovish comments made by ECB President Draghi, while equities and many commodities rallied. Gold has therefore closed below the first target, namely monthly R3 at 1,209. Tuesday morning we are observing more selling pressure, which is pushing prices towards the October 2015 high at 1,191. By violating this initial daily support for today, the bullion will be in a good position to plummet down to the Feb 10 low at 1,181.50, followed by the bunch of demand levels between 1,170 and 1,165 (Aug 2015 high; monthly R2; 20-day SMA).

■ Traders' Sentiment

Monday has seen a sharp plunge in the total number of long open positions in the SWFX market. The bullish share went down to 31% from 44%, which is the lowest level we have seen while analysing this commodity.

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■ Resistance 3	1,232	May 2015 high
Resistance 2	1,221	Weekly PP
Resistance 1	1,209	Monthly R3
Support 1	1,191	Oct 2015 high
Support 2	1,180	Weekly S1
Support 3	1,170/65	Aug 2015 high; monthly R2; 20-day SMA





EXPLANATIONS

Signals

- Buy the pair shows a clear uptrend
- Sell the pair shows a clear downtrend
- Neutral no specific trend for the pair

Chart

- SMA (55) Simple Moving Average of 55 periods
- SMA (200) Simple Moving Average of 200 periods

Indicators

- MACD Moving average convergence divergence momentum indicator
- RSI Relative strength index compares the magnitude of recent gains to recent losses in attempt to determine 'overbought' and 'oversold' conditions of the asset
- Stochastic technical momentum indicator that compares a currency pair's closing price to its price range over a given time period
- ADX Average directional index trend strength indicators
- CCI oscillator used in technical analysis to help determine when a currency has been overbought or oversold
- SAR trending indicator shows the direction of a trend
- AROON measures strength of a trend and likelihood that it will continue
- Alligator trending indicator demonstrates presence of a trend and its direction

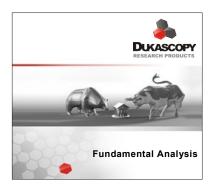
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Third Quartile - separates 25% of the highest forecasts

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First Quartile - separates 25% of the lowest forecasts













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