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There have been three stories weighing on sentiment into Thursday. Those stories are coronavirus outlook worry, US-China trade tension, and the latest IMF downgrade the global growth outlook. We also propose another possible source of the risk off flow.

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Performance vs. US dollar since Weekly Open (%)



Suggested reading

- [Investors Won't Be Happy on Election Night](#), C. Sen, **Bloomberg** (June 24, 2020)
- [These Are The 3 Narratives Driving Markets](#), K. Rapoza, **Forbes** (June 22, 2020)

EURUSD - technical overview

A higher low is now sought out above the multi-year low from 2017, ahead of the next major upside extension. Look for the major pair to be well supported into dips ahead of the next big run through the 2019 high at 1.1570. Ultimately, only a weekly close below 1.0700 would compromise this outlook.



- **R2 1.1423** - 10 June high - Strong
- **R1 1.1354** - 16 June high - Medium
- **S1 1.1168** - 19 June low - Medium
- **S2 1.0992** - 28 May low - Medium

EURUSD - fundamental overview

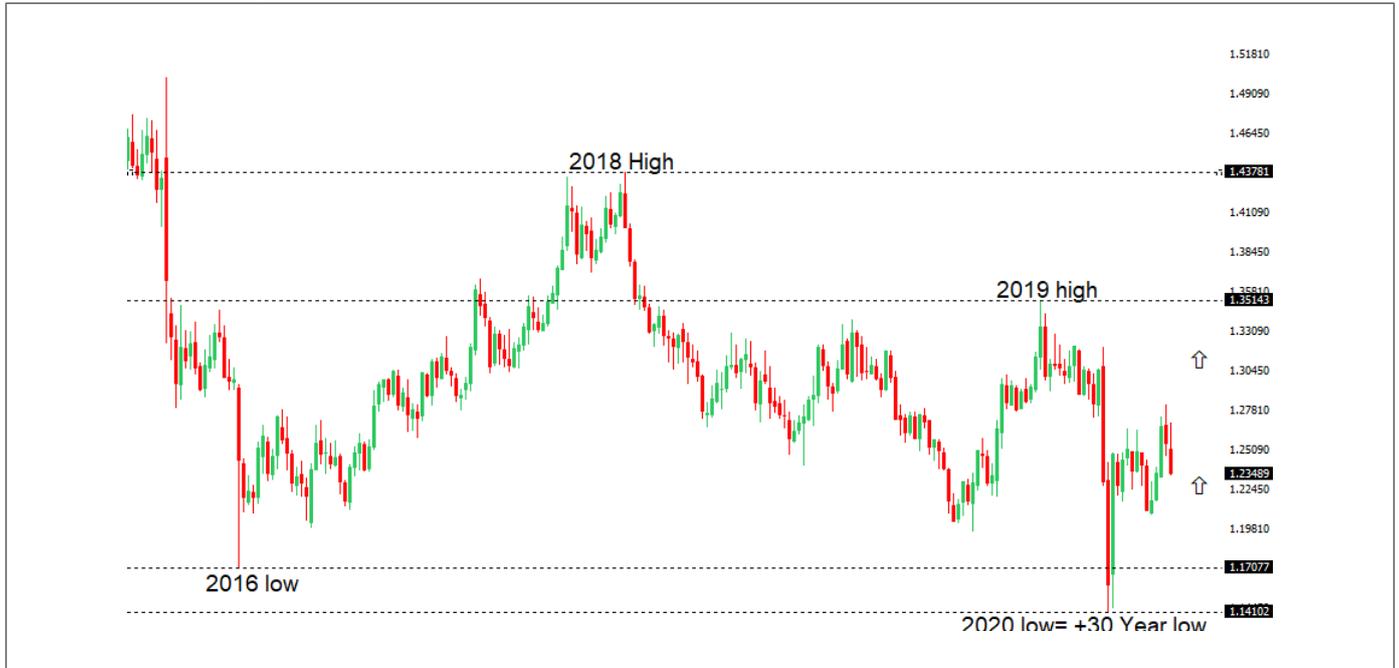
Economic data out of the Eurozone has been solid of late, which could be helping to prop the Euro, though we're also seeing broad based outflows in the US Dollar, which seems to be the primary driver of Euro demand at the moment. On Wednesday, the ECB agreed to provide documents to Bundesbank containing objections raised against last month's German Constitutional Court ruling on ECB debt. Looking ahead, we get German confidence reads, the ECB Minutes, ECB Schnabel, a batch of US reads highlighted by GDP, durable goods and initial jobless claims, ECB Mersch, Fed Kaplan, Fed Bostic, Fed Mester, and the Fed stress tests results for big banks.

EURUSD - Technical charts in detail

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GBPUSD - technical overview

The market has rebounded sharply, after collapsing to a +30 year low below 1.1500. This supports the longer-term constructive outlook, with a major bottom sought out ahead of the start to a big run to the topside back through 1.3000. Look for the major pair to hold up well into setbacks, and ultimately above 1.2000 on a monthly close basis for confirmation.



- **R2 1.2688** - 16 June high - Strong
- **R1 1.2568** - 18 June high - Medium
- **S1 1.2325** - 1 June low - Medium
- **S2 1.2300** - Figure - Medium

GBPUSD - fundamental overview

No major updates out of the UK into Thursday, with the Pound suffering a round of setbacks at the hands of the latest risk off flow in global markets. Looking ahead, we get UK CBI distributive trades, a batch of US reads highlighted by GDP, durable goods and initial jobless claims, Fed Kaplan, Fed Bostic, Fed Mester, and the Fed stress tests results for big banks.

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USDJPY - technical overview

We're seeing signs of a pickup in volatility in the major pair, with the market chopping around quite a bit. Still, there is no clear directional insight, with the price confined to a larger triangle formation. Overall, rallies have been well capped above 110.00 and dips well supported below 104.00.



- **R2 108.55** - 9 June high - Medium
- **R1 107.64** - 16 June high - Medium
- **S1 106.07** - 23 June low - Medium
- **S2 105.99** - 6 May low - Strong

Interestingly enough, the latest wave of risk off flow in markets has failed to generate additional demand for the Yen, with the US Dollar outperforming. Still, overall, the Yen has been mostly bid and is expected to find more demand as the global economy grapples with coronavirus worry, US-China trade tension, and the IMF's latest downgrade of the global growth outlook. Looking ahead, we get a batch of US reads highlighted by GDP, durable goods and initial jobless claims, Fed Kaplan, Fed Bostic, Fed Mester, and the Fed stress tests results for big banks.

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EURCHF - technical overview

The market remains very well capped into offers and the medium-term picture continues to favour the downside. A weekly close back above 1.1000 would be required to take the immediate pressure off the downside.



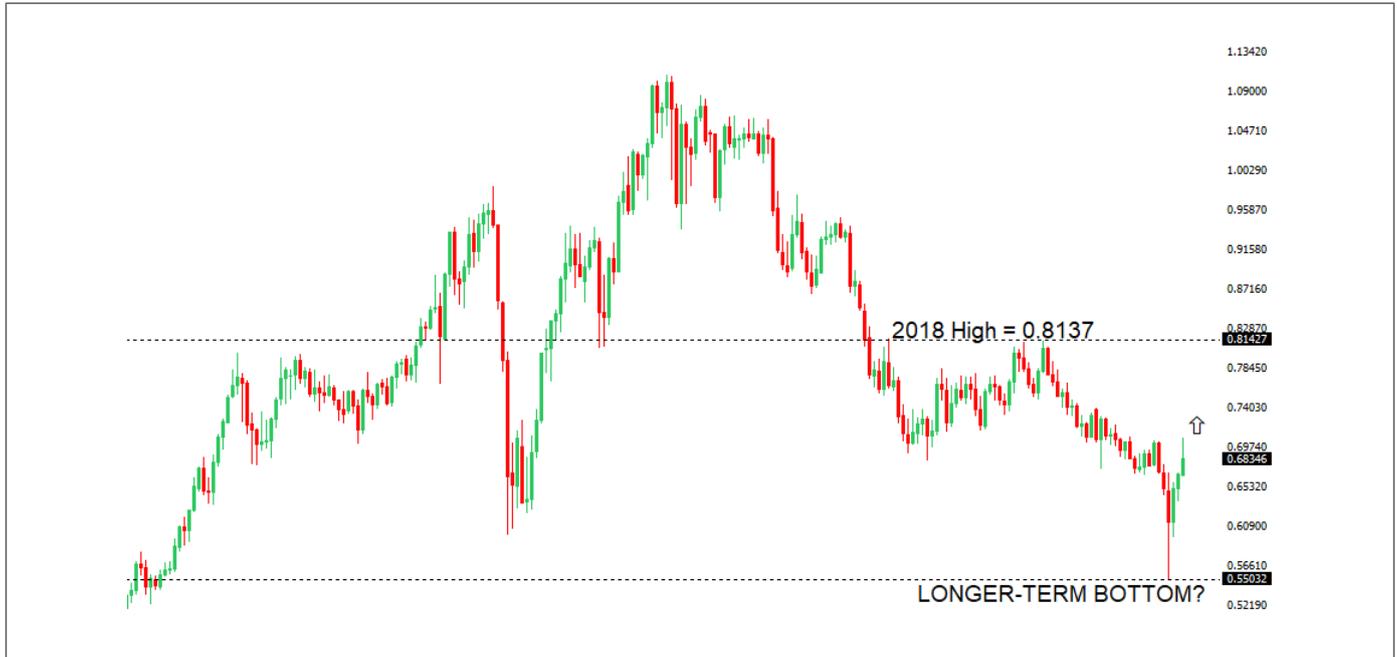
- **R2 1.0916** - 5 June/2020 high - Strong
- **R1 1.0791** - 10 June high - Medium
- **S1 1.0638** - 12 June low - Medium
- **S2 1.0577** - 25 May low - Strong

EURCHF - fundamental overview

The SNB remains uncomfortable with Franc appreciation and continues to remind the market it will need to be careful about any attempts at trying to force an appreciation in the currency. But the SNB will also need to be careful right now, as its strategy to weaken the Franc is facing headwinds from a less certain global outlook. Any signs of renewed risk liquidation in 2020, will likely invite a very large wave of demand for the Franc that will put the SNB in the more challenging position of needing to back up its talk with action, that ultimately, may not prove to be as effective as it once was, given where we're at in the monetary policy cycle.

AUDUSD - technical overview

Technical studies have turned up in recent weeks, after the market traded down to its lowest levels since 2003 earlier this year. There is evidence of a longer-term bottom, though at this stage, there is risk for a pullback to allow for shorter term studies to unwind. Setbacks should now be well supported ahead of 0.6000.



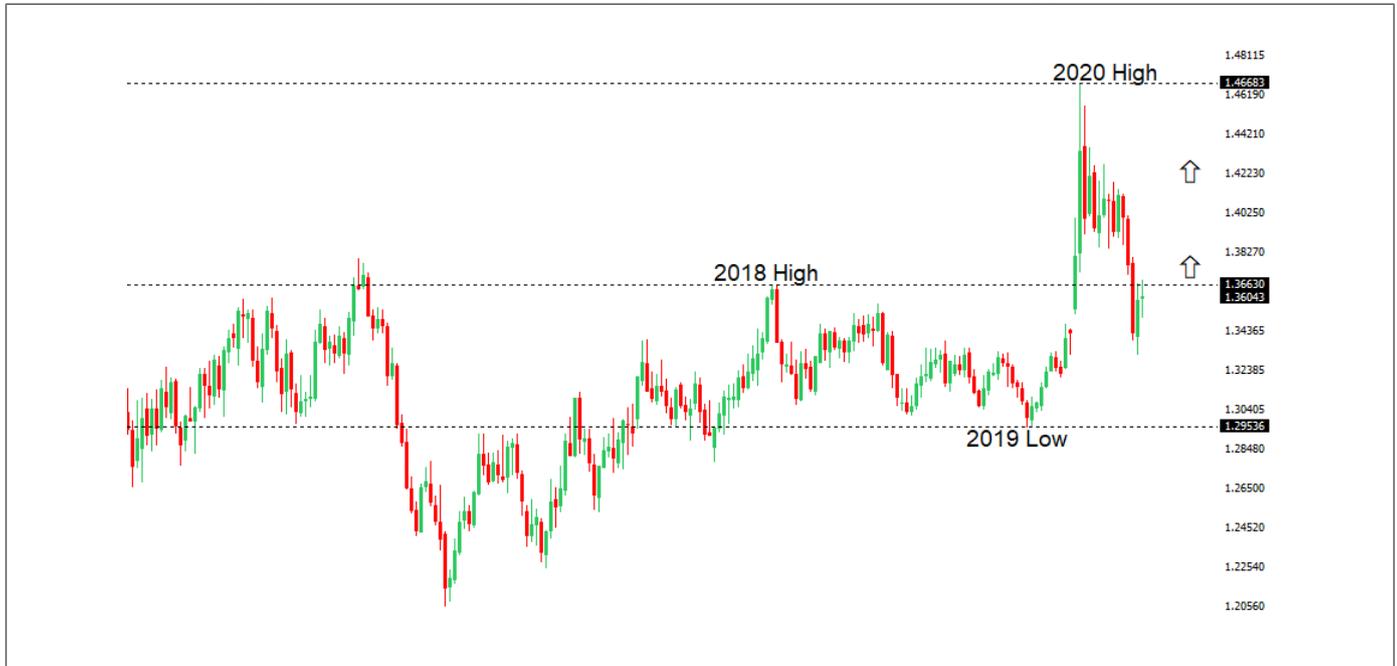
- **R2 0.7100** - Figure - Medium
- **R1 0.7065** - 10 June/2020 high - Medium
- **S1 0.6800** - 12 June low - Medium
- **S2 0.6775** - 2 June low - Strong

AUDUSD - fundamental overview

There doesn't seem to be any reason for the Australian Dollar to be wanting to hold up into Thursday. The currency has come under local pressure on the back of soft job vacancy numbers and the news that Qantas will cut at least 6k jobs (while keeping 15k employees furloughed). Meanwhile, there has been a downturn in global sentiment, on the back of coronavirus recovery worry, US-China trade tension and IMF global growth downgrades. Looking ahead, we get a batch of US reads highlighted by GDP, durable goods and initial jobless claims, Fed Kaplan, Fed Bostic, Fed Mester, and the Fed stress tests results for big banks.

USDCAD - technical overview

Has been in the process of correcting since topping out earlier this year above 1.4600. At this stage, with the correction well extended, the market is likely to find solid support in the 1.3200-1.3400 area, ahead of a resumption of gains. Ultimately, only a weekly close below 1.3300 would suggest otherwise.



- **R2 1.3833** - 29 May high - Strong
- **R1 1.3687** - 15 June high - Medium
- **S1 1.3315** - 10 June low - Medium
- **S2 1.3202** - 21 February low - Strong

USDCAD - fundamental overview

Rating agency **Fitch was out on Wednesday** offering up a downgrade to Canada's long term foreign currency issuer default rating due to 'deterioration of Canada's public finances' as a result of the pandemic. Looking ahead, we get Canada weekly earnings, a batch of US reads highlighted by GDP, durable goods and initial jobless claims, Fed Kaplan, Fed Bostic, Fed Mester, and the Fed stress tests results for big banks.

NZDUSD - technical overview

There's a case to be made for a meaningful bottom, after the market collapsed below massive psychological support at 0.5500 earlier this year. A break back above the 0.6600 area would be required to officially put this market in an uptrend on the weekly chart, though daily studies are now trending up with any setbacks expected to be well supported ahead of 0.6000.



- **R2 0.6600** - Psychological - Strong
- **R1 0.6585** - 10 June high - Medium
- **S1 0.6394** - 12 June low - Medium
- **S2 0.6263** - 2 June low - Strong

NZDUSD - fundamental overview

Nothing alarming from the latest Kiwi trade data, though the currency has come under pressure into Thursday on the back of a downturn in global sentiment on account of coronavirus recovery worry, US-China trade tension, and IMG downgrades to the global growth outlook. Looking ahead, we get a batch of US reads highlighted by GDP, durable goods and initial jobless claims, Fed Kaplan, Fed Bostic, Fed Mester, and the Fed stress tests results for big banks.

US SPX 500 - technical overview

The market has been in recovery mode since bottoming out in March. Still, the recovery is classified as corrective, with a lower top sought out below the record high from February, ahead of the next major downside extension, eventually back below the March low.



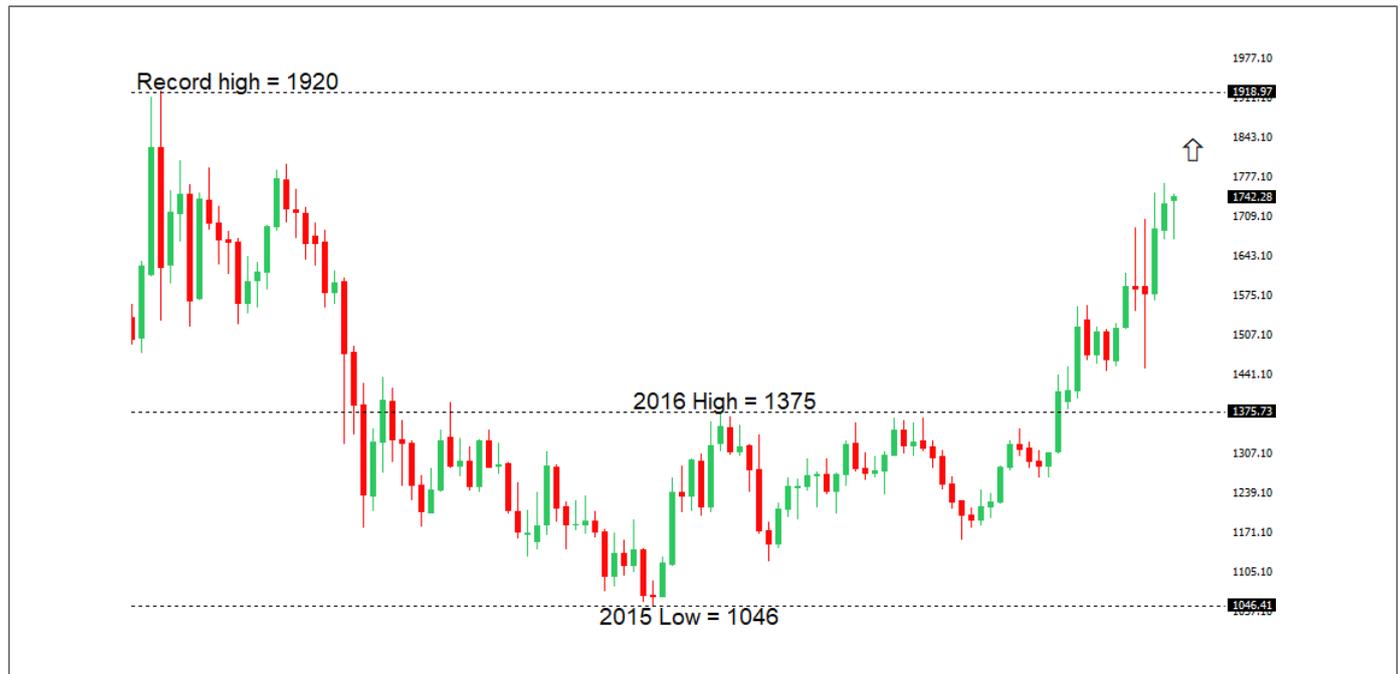
- **R2 3261** - 25 February high - Strong
- **R1 3235** - 9 June high - Medium
- **S1 2936** - 15 May low - Medium
- **S2 2909** - 22 May low - Strong

US SPX 500 - fundamental overview

Although we've seen attempts at recovery in response to unlimited QE from the Fed and massive US stimulus, with so little room for additional central bank accommodation, given an already depressed interest rate environment, the prospect for additional runs to the topside, on easy money policy incentives and government stimulus, should no longer be as enticing to investors. Meanwhile, tension on the global trade front, geopolitical risk, and ongoing worry associated with recovery post coronavirus, should weigh more heavily on investor sentiment in 2020.

GOLD (SPOT) - technical overview

The 2019 breakout above the 2016 high at 1375 was a significant development, and suggests the market is in the early stages of a bullish move towards and through the record high (just ahead of 2000), following a multi-month consolidation. The next major level of resistance comes in around 1800 (measured move extension target, 2012 high), while in the interim, look for any setbacks to be well supported above 1500.



- **R2 1796** - 2012 high - Strong
- **R1 1780** - 24 June/2020 high - Medium
- **S1 1641** - 8 April low - Medium
- **S2 1568** - 1 April low - Strong

GOLD (SPOT) - fundamental overview

The yellow metal continues to be well supported on dips with solid demand from medium and longer-term accounts. These players are more concerned about exhausted monetary policy, extended global equities, political uncertainty, coronavirus fallout, systemic risk and trade war threats. All of this should keep the commodity well supported, with many market participants also fleeing to the hard asset as the grand dichotomy of record high equities and record low yields comes to an unnerving climax.

BTCUSD - technical overview

Setbacks should be very well supported ahead of the 2018 low, with a higher low sought out in favour of a bullish continuation back above the 2019 high and towards the record high from late 2017 further up. Ultimately, only a weekly close below 5,000 would compromise the constructive outlook. Back above 10,500 further encourages the bullish prospect. Shorter studies are however stretched and warn of a pullback ahead.



- **R2 10,477** - 9 February/**2020 high** - Strong
- **R1 10,360** - 2 June high - Medium
- **S1 8,000** - Psychological - Medium
- **S2 7,704** - 29 April low - Strong

BTCUSD - fundamental overview

Bitcoin has enjoyed a nice recovery since bottoming in March, with the runup in stocks and hype around the halving event contributing to a lot of the momentum. Interest from well known traditional market participants is helping to generate plenty of buzz as well. At the same time, given the extended nature of technical readings into important resistance, we see this as timing well for a sell the fact with the halving event now officially behind us and global equities once again looking vulnerable.

BTCUSD - Technical charts in detail

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ETHUSD - technical overview

The market is in the process of attempting to establish a meaningful base after stalling out in the latter half of 2019. Look for setbacks to be well supported above the 2018 low, in favour of another big bounce, eventually back towards and through the 2019 high up at 363.



- **R2 289** - 15 February/2020 high - Strong
- **R1 253** - 2 June high - Medium
- **S1 176** - 11 May low - Medium
- **S2 148** - 16 April low - Strong

ETHUSD - fundamental overview

While there is plenty of Ether demand built up, with so much optimism around prospects for the blockchain, given all of the development going on in the decentralised finance space, macroeconomics will likely play a negative role in 2020, with Ether expected to underperform in a mostly risk off backdrop, in light of Ethereum's higher sensitivity and correlation with risk themes.



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