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# **FOREX OUTLOOK**



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# **AUD-USD Jumped On Job Data**

AUD-USD jumped more than half a US cent to its highest level in more than a month after official figures showed the strongest domestic jobs growth in Australia since 2000. The Australian Bureau of Statistics data showed a large rise in the participation rate - the percentage of the working age population either in work or looking for a job - while the unemployment rate remained steady at 5.4 per cent with total employment grew by 71,500 in February.

At 1200 AEDT on Thursday, AUD-USD was trading at 1.03813, up from 1.02967 from New York closing overnight.

The surprise surge in jobs growth had reduced expectations of further interest rate cuts, which had provided a boost for the Australian Dollar.

The Reserve Bank of Australia kept the cash rate on hold at 3.0 per cent in February and March.

Traders now believe the rally is likely to continue into the European and US sessions and could see AUD-USD push past 1.04000 handle for the first time since early February.

Overnight the U.S. Dollar hovered at 7-month highs against a basket of currencies on Thursday as traders warmed to the Dollar following U.S. retail sales rose at their fastest clip in five months in February. The report is the latest in a string of data putting the U.S. economy well on the recovery path.

USD-JPY edged up to 96.063, bringing it within a hair's breadth of a 3-1/2 year peak of 96.699 set on Tuesday.

While the improving US economic picture is unlikely to compel the Federal Reserve to reduce its monetary policy support, it has helped boost demand for the US Dollar, particularly against the Euro and Yen, both of which are facing bigger economic problems of their own at home.

For the Japanese Yen, expectations of aggressive policy easing from the Bank of Japan and talk of an inter-meeting move are keeping investors well away, while economic weakness in the Euro zone and political uncertainty in Italy are weighing on the Euro.

EUR-USD skidded to a 3-month low of 1.29226, before finding a tentative footing to settle at 1.29596. It has shed nearly 6 percent from a peak of 1.37101 set early last month.

Further weighing on EUR-USD was a lukewarm bond auction in Italy that saw investors demand higher yields for its three-year paper, following a recent credit ratings downgrade triggered by Italy's political paralysis.

In Europe, the Swiss National Bank is also expected to hold fire at its policy meeting, but will keep defending the lid it set on the Swiss Franc at least through 2013 and probably well into 2014.

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#### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Starting Monday, 11 March, the U.S. session will commence at 8:00pm Singapore time; marking the start of Daylight Savings in the U.S. U.K. and Switzerland will only revert to DST on Sunday, 31 March 2013; followed by Australia will on Sunday, 7 April 2013.

# **EUR-USD DAILY**



# **EUR-USD 4-HOURLY**



# **EUR-USD 1-HOURLY**



# **EUR-USD Short Term Outlook**

Since last Friday's sharp fall from the high of 1.31337 to 1.29544, this market has been struggling to find a direction the entire week – until last night. Overnight, this market resolved to the downside with a print at 1.29226. More importantly, it marked the first time this market was able to close below the 1.30000 handle. This could be a game changer in the short-term. Numerous attempts at this psychological level were make since the beginning of March but never once did this market close below this level on a daily basis. With a close below 1.29653, the D1 chart has reverted back to negative. Immediate focus is the demand pocket at 1.28758-1.28922 where a Fibonacci cluster of the 50.0% retracement of 1.20416 to 1.37101 at 1.28759 and the 78.6% retracement of 1.26610 to 1.37101 at 1.28855 are located. Further fall below this price pocket would suggest the resumption of the fall from way back on 1 February from 1.37101. For those managed to sell at/near the 23.6% retracement of 1.37101 to 1.29657 at 1.31414 where a minor supply pocket at 1.31157-1.31608 is last Friday, they may now move their protective stops to the break-even level. Only a close above 1.31056 would jeopardize this immediate bearish view.

#### TRADE IDEAS

Action	Exit Condition	Entry Price	Stop-Loss	Profit Target 1	Profit Target 2	Exposure %	Exposure Units
Sold	Exit on D1 close above 1.31056	1.31120		1.28922	1.27090	3	0.03m

#### **TRADE JOURNAL**

Open Date	Sell (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Buy (units)	Close Price	Unrealized P/L						Accumulative Balance	
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$		
2013.03.01										3.02	10,302.10		
2013.03.08	0.03m	1.31120	2013.03.13	0.03m	1.29596	457.2	457.20						
13:57			23:59										

# **GBP-USD DAILY**



### **GBP-USD 4-HOURLY**



# **GBP-USD 1-HOURLY**



# **GBP-USD Short Term Outlook**

The rebound from 1.48305 appears to be extending to possibly the 100.0% extension of 1.48305 to 1.49806 from 1.49064 at **1.50565** which located within the supply pocket at **1.50400-1.50820**. This is despite Tuesday's data showing the UK economy may have dipped into its 3<sup>rd</sup> recession since 2008. This, however, did not come as a complete surprise. Since the early part of the week, it was noted that in spite of this latest negative news, this market has not been able to close decisively below the 100.0% extension of 1.67462 to 1.52674 from 1.63801 at **1.49013** on a daily basis. This, in turn, suggests that a rebound from here may be in works. This view was reinforced by the appearance of a *Hammer* in the D1 chart on Tuesday. A close above **1.50121** in the D1 chart next would suggest the onset of a more meaningful correction.

#### **GBP-USD TRADE IDEAS**

Action	Entry Condition	Entry Price	Stop-Loss	Profit Target 1	Profit Target 2	Exposure %	Exposure Units
Sold	Exit on D1 close above 1.50121	1.52999		1.50954 Realized	1.43422	3	0.03m
Sell	Sell on sell signal between 1.50400-1.50820		1.50920	1.48516	1.43422	2%	0.02m

#### **GBP-USD TRADE JOURNAL**

Open Date	Sell (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Buy (units)	Close Price	Unrealized P/L				Accumulative Balance	
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$
2013.03.01										15.4	11,544.60
2013.02.22	0.02m	1.52999	2013.03.12	0.02m	1.48961	807.6	807.60				
06:23			23:59								

# **USD-CHF DAILY**



#### **USD-CHF 4-HOURLY**



#### **USD-CHF 1-HOURLY**



# **USD-CHF Short Term Outlook**

After having rallied to a 6-month high on the back of a much better than expected NFP last Friday, this market appears poised to extend after last night strong rally although last Friday's high at 0.95511 remains unmolested. As noted, last Friday's strong rally has reinforced the idea that the longer-term correction from the all-time low of 0.70614 is still on-going. The obvious target is the high of 0.99709 registered last July. However, there are a number of barriers ahead. Immediate resistance may emerge from the overhead supply pocket at 0.96086-0.96346 where the 61.8% retracement of 0.99709 to 0.90212 at 0.96081 is sited. This followed by another at 0.97867-0.98085. However, the barrier to beat is the supply zone at 0.99178-1.00659. This is because the previous rally stalled at this very price bracket where a Fibonacci cluster made up of the 61.8% extension of 0.70614 to 0.93150 from 0.85676 at 0.99603 and the 61.8% extension of 0.85676 to 0.99709 from 0.90212 at 0.98884 reside. The nearest support is the demand pocket at 0.93925-0.94165.

#### **USD-CHF TRADE IDEAS**

Acti	n Entry Condition	Entry Price	Stop-Loss	Profit Target 1	Profit Target 2	Exposure %	Exposure Units
						3	0.03m
Bu	Buy on buy signal between <b>0.93925-0.94165</b>		0.93825	0.96086	0.99178		

### **USD-CHF TRADE JOURNAL**

Open Date	Sell (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Buy Close (units) Price						umulative Balance	
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$
2013.03.01										4.93	10,493.17

# **USD-JPY DAILY**



# **USD-JPY 4-HOURLY**



#### **USD-JPY 1-HOURLY**



#### USD-JPY Short Term Outlook

Since hitting a fresh 3 1/2 years high of 96.699 on Tuesday, this market appears to be doing a 3-wave corrective pullback which may extends towards either the 100.0% or 127.2% extension of 96.699 to 95.439 from 62.255 at 94.995 and 94.652 respectively (see H1 chart). However, should this pullback accelerates below these levels; the possibility of a change in trend has to be factored in. This is because a pullback to as deep as the 261.8% extension of 96.699 to 95.439 from 62.255 at 92.956 (which can theoretically happen) signifies a change of character for this market. At the moment, the minor demand pocket at 95.487-95.722 has held up pottery well and may continue to do so – thus keeping the bullish bias alive. Based on its 6-month upward trajectory, the Fibonacci cluster at the 261.8% extension of 75.565 to 84.170 from 77.126 at 99.654 and the 50.0% retracement of 124.130 to 75.565 at 99.848 where the supply zone at 99.227-101.437 is located is an obvious long-term target. For those still looking to chase this rally, a word of caution is timely. Bear in mind that this almost 6-month long rally, impressive as it is, has yet to have any meaningful correction to date; notwithstanding the 370 pips fall on 25 February three Mondays ago. Continued chasing of this rally offers poor odds at this elevated level. On the contrary, traders may consider scaling in speculative short positions within the supply zone at 99.227-101.437 beginning from the Fibonacci cluster of the 261.8% extension of 75.565 to 84.170 from 77.126 at 99.654 and the 50.0% retracement of 124.130 to 75.565 at 99.848 if this rally powers on.

Action	Exit Condition	Entry Price	Stop-Loss	Profit Target 1	Profit Target 2	Exposure %	Exposure Units
Sell	Scale in selling between 99.227-101.437 at 100 pips interval		101.637	93.047	91.296	3	0.03m

#### **USD-JPY TRADE JOURNAL**

Open Date	Sell (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Buy (units)	Close Price					mulative alance	
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$
2013.03.08										22.59	12,258.68

# **AUD-USD DAILY**



### **AUD-USD 4-HOURLY**



# **AUD-USD 1-HOURLY**



#### **AUD-USD Short Term Outlook**

The rally from Monday surged past the supply pocket at **1.03372-1.03727** as well as the supply pocket at **1.03628-1.03738** and is gunning for the next supply pocket at **1.04425-1.04755** located just above the 127.2% extension of 1.01143 to 1.03001 from 1.02027 at **1.04390**. This is stronger than expected. It was originally thought that the supply pocket at **1.03628-1.03738** located just above the 50.0% retracement of 1.05972 to 1.01143 at **1.03558** could cap this corrective rebound and a sell from there offers an execellent low risk/high reward setup to re-position shorts. Well, that obviously did not work out as planned. This morning run up was inspired by the surprise job data which showed the strongest domestic job growth in Australia since 2000. Should this market closes above **1.03016** by tomorrow NY closing session, it would change the character of this market to positive with the medium-term focus on the **1.05500** level This is roughly the resistance line of the triangle pattern (see W1 chart). At this moment, it is premature to suggest a complete turnm-around in this market as the next supply pocket at **1.04425-1.04755** may yet cap this run.

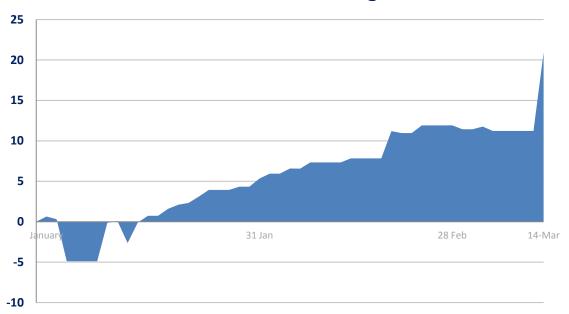
# **AUD-USD TRADE IDEAS**

Action	Entry Condition	Entry Price	Stop-Loss	Profit Target 1	Profit Target 2	Exposure %	Exposure Units
Sell	Sell on sell signals between 1.03628-1.03727	1.03738	1.03838	1.02184	1.01917	3	0.03m

#### **AUD-USD TRADE JOURNAL**

Open Date	Buy (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Sell (units)	Close Price	-	ealized P/L	Real P			cumulative Balance	
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$	
2013.03.08										11.01	11,011.60	
2013.03.01 09:33	0.02m	1.01205	2013.03.14 02:31	0.02m	1.03628			484.6	484.60	15.86	15,862.00	
Open Date	Sell (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Buy (units)	Close Price		ealized P/L	Realized P/L			mulative alance	
2013.03.14 03:10	0.03m	1.03738										

# **Accumulative Percentage P/L**



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