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# **FOREX OUTLOOK**



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#### **BoJ On Watch**

The Japanese Yen was broadly softer in Asia on Thursday as markets waited for clues to see how quickly the new Bank of Japan will deliver aggressive easing policies when he gives his first media conference later in the day.

USD-JPY rose to 96.126 overnight, within striking distance of a 3-1/2 year high of 96.699 reached last week, while EUR-JPY is at 124.133, not too far from a 34-month peak of 127.698 set early in February.

Reports said the new BOJ governor, Haruhiko Kuroda, will announce a policy shift aimed at quickly reaching the 2 percent inflation target through radical reform. Among the proposals will be buying longer term JGBs and an early start to open-ended asset buying. That would bring Japan more in line with the United States, where the Federal Reserve has been buying assets for years.

Chairman Ben Bernanke on Wednesday said the U.S. central bank would only slow the pace of its bond buying after the labor market showed sustained improvement. The open-ended QE program is set to run into early 2014 at the very least.

Cyprus is still scrambling to secure a deal to avert a financial meltdown, having rejected terms of a bailout from the European Union. It extended a bank lockdown to next week to prevent a run on banks and has turned to Russia for a lifeline. Despite this, EUR-USD managed to drift up to 1.29773 from a four-month trough around 1.28432 set on Tuesday as traders clung to hopes that a last minute deal will be struck.

Traders are now looking to a report on China's manufacturing sector for fresh cues. In February, the survey by HSBC showed factory activity in Asia's biggest economy grew at its slowest pace in four months.

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#### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Starting Monday, 11 March, the U.S. session has reverted 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 31 March 2013; followed by Australia will on 7 April 2013.

# **EUR-USD DAILY**



# **EUR-USD 4-HOURLY**



# **EUR-USD 1-HOURLY**



# **EUR-USD Short Term Outlook**

In spite of the uncertainties surrounding the emergency funding for a bailout package for Cyprus, EUR-USD rebounded. Depending on one's time horizon, this could well turn out to be a godsend. Prices rallied to the overhead supply pocket at **1.29653-1.29951** and promptly retreated. Short-term wise, this is a definite sell. Immediate target is the demand pocket at **1.28432-1.28575**. Sustained fall below **1.28432** would signal the resumption of fall from 1.37101. If so, focus would shift towards the demand pocket at **1.26610-1.27090** where the 61.8% retracement of 1.20416 to 1.37101 at **1.26790** is located. However, in the medium-term, because prices have rebounded off a sufficient demand zone yesterday, this market may see sustained biddings going forward (see D1 chart). This conflict of signals should be resolved by today. A daily close above **1.29571** would invariably trigger a buy signal in the D1 chart; shifting bias to the upside – at least for the immediate future.

### TRADE IDEAS

| Action | Exit Condition                 | Entry<br>Price | Stop-Loss | Profit<br>Target 1 | Profit<br>Target 2 | Exposure<br>% | Exposure<br>Units |
|--------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Sold   | Exit on D1 close above 1.29571 | 1.29643        |           | 1.27090            | 1.25103            | 3             | 0.03m             |

### TRADE JOURNAL

| Open Date           | Buy<br>(units)  | Open<br>Price | Close Date          | Sell<br>(units) | Close<br>Price | -    | ealized<br>P/L | Realized<br>P/L |            | Accumulative<br>Balance |                    |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|------|----------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                     |                 |               |                     |                 |                | Pips | + / - (\$)     | Pips            | + / - (\$) | %                       | \$                 |
| 2013.03.15          |                 |               |                     |                 |                |      |                |                 |            | 10.55                   | 10,553.50          |
| 2013.03.18<br>07:59 | 0.03m           | 1.28885       | 2013.03.19<br>23:39 | 0.03m           | 1.28658        |      |                | -68.1           | -68.10     | 10.49                   | 10,490.40          |
| Open Date           | Sell<br>(units) | Open<br>Price | Close Date          | Buy<br>(units)  | Close<br>Price |      | ealized<br>P/L | Real<br>P       |            |                         | mulative<br>alance |
| 2013.03.19          |                 |               |                     |                 |                |      |                |                 |            | 10.49                   | 10,490.40          |
| 2013.03.20<br>20:41 | 0.03m           | 1.29643       | 2013.03.20<br>23:59 | 0.03m           | 1.29433        | 63.0 | 63.00          |                 |            |                         |                    |

# **GBP-USD DAILY**



# **GBP-USD 4-HOURLY**



### **GBP-USD 1-HOURLY**



# **GBP-USD Short Term Outlook**

After marking time for almost a week, this market saw a spike in volatility. Despite the pickup in volatility, nothing material has changed. This market is roughly where it started at the beginning of the week. Trading band has, however, expanded to between the overnight low of 1.50258 and the 161.8% extension of 1.48305 to 1.49806 from 1.49064 at 1.51493. Tuesday's update allured to the possibility of positioning short-term long positions within the minor demand pocket at 1.50677-1.50798 for a test of the minor supply pocket at 1.51795-1.52210 where the 23.6% retracement of 1.63801 to 1.48305 at 1.51962 is located. For those managed to buy, yesterday was a mixed bag. First, the long position was stopped out but the spike to the supply pocket 1.51795-1.52210 presented an excellent selling opportunity as mentioned in the previous update. Short-term target is redefined demand pocket at 1.50258-1.50456. In the bigger picture, last Friday's close above 1.50761 may have set the stage for an extension of this rebound to test the previous support-line (now turned resistance) of the triangle pattern (see D1 chart). Such a view would gain credence should price action clears above the supply pocket at 1.51795-1.52210. In the meantime, short-term bias in this market is neutral to down.

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

| Action | Entry Condition | Entry<br>Price | Stop-Loss | Profit<br>Target 1 | Profit<br>Target 2 | Exposure<br>% | Exposure<br>Units |
|--------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Sold   |                 | 1.51731        | 1.52310   | 1.50456            | 1.48516            | 3             | 0.03m             |

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

| Open Date           | Buy<br>(units)  | Open<br>Price | Close Date          | Sell<br>(units) | Close<br>Price |                   | ealized<br>P/L | Real<br>P |            | Accumulative<br>Balance |                    |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                     |                 |               |                     |                 |                | Pips              | + / - (\$)     | Pips      | + / - (\$) | %                       | \$                 |
| 2013.03.15          |                 |               |                     |                 |                |                   |                |           |            | 21.20                   | 12,120.20          |
| 2013.03.19<br>10:44 | 0.01            | 1.50793       | 2013.03.20<br>14:47 | 0.01            | 1.50577        |                   |                | -21.6     | -21.60     | 20.99                   | 12,098.60          |
| Open Date           | Sell<br>(units) | Open<br>Price | Close Date          | Buy<br>(units)  | Close<br>Price | Unrealized<br>P/L |                | Real<br>P |            |                         | mulative<br>alance |
| 2013.03.20          |                 |               |                     |                 |                |                   |                |           |            | 20.99                   | 12,098.60          |
| 2013.03.20<br>16:26 | 0.03            | 1.51731       | 2013.03.20<br>23:59 | 0.03            | 1.51017        | 214.2             | 214.20         |           |            |                         |                    |

# **USD-CHF DAILY**



#### USD-CHF 4-HOURLY



# **USD-CHF 1-HOURLY**



# **USD-CHF Short Term Outlook**

Though the short-term undertone of this market is firm, momentum is still lacking. This plus the fact that this market is now stuck roughly in the middle of a demand pocket and supply pocket makes trading at current level unattractive. That said, the massive wave of long liquidations seen late last week may return at any time. Last Friday's selloff may have been broken the back of this rally. In the meantime, it's best to stand aside until a clearer picture emerges.

# **USD-CHF TRADE IDEAS**

|   | Action | Entry Condition | Entry<br>Price | Stop-Loss | Profit<br>Target 1 | Profit<br>Target 2 | Exposure<br>% | Exposure<br>Units |
|---|--------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
|   |        |                 |                |           |                    |                    | 3             | 0.03m             |
| Г |        |                 |                |           |                    |                    |               |                   |

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

| Open Date  | Sell<br>(units) | Open<br>Price | Close Date | Buy<br>(units) | Close<br>Price |      | ealized<br>P/L |      | alized<br>P/L |      | umulative<br>Balance |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------|----------------|------|---------------|------|----------------------|
|            |                 |               |            |                |                | Pips | + / - (\$)     | Pips | + / - (\$)    | %    | \$                   |
| 2013.03.18 |                 |               |            |                |                |      |                |      |               | 4.93 | 10,493.17            |

# **USD-JPY DAILY**



# **USD-JPY 4-HOURLY**



# **USD-JPY 1-HOURLY**



### **USD-JPY Short Term Outlook**

In spite of the uncertainties surrounding the bailout package for Cyprus, traders seem to think a last minute deal may yet be struck. This may help explain why risk is back on with the Euro buying and Yen selling back in favor overnight. No matter, this 6-month rally in USD-JPY is looking fatigue. As such, there is now a real possibility that this market may either consolidates or falls deeper. To this end, the odds of this market testing Monday's low of 94.304 to possibly the next cluster of Fibonacci levels remains. Targets include (1) the 261.8% extension of 96.699 to 95.439 from 96.584 at 93.285, (2) 100.0% extension of 96.699 to 94.304 from 95.591 at 93.196 and (3) 61.8% retracement of 90.852 to 96.699 at 93.086. Sited just above all these is a minor demand pocket at 92.908-93.047. Together, these areas represent an excellent area to re-position long positions. Yesterday's speculative short was unsuccessful but another low-risk selling opportunity may arise next within the redefined supply pocket at 96.049-96.266. Only a sustained rally above 96.699 would discredit this short-term bearish scenario; signaling the resumption of the rally from 77.126. If so, focus would revert back to the longer-term target 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.

### **USD-JPY TRADE IDEAS**

| Action | Exit Condition                            | Entry<br>Price | Stop-Loss | Profit<br>Target 1 | Profit<br>Target 2 | Exposure<br>% | Exposure<br>Units |
|--------|---|----------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Sell   | Sell on sell signal between 96.049-96.266 |                | 96.366    | 94.838             | 93.047             | 2             | 0.02m             |

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

| Open Date           | Sell<br>(units) | Open<br>Price | Close Date          | Buy<br>(units) | , i    |      | Unrealized Realized P/L P/L |       |            | mulative<br>alance |           |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|--------|------|-----------------------------|-------|------------|--------------------|-----------|
|                     |                 |               |                     |                |        | Pips | + / - (\$)                  | Pips  | + / - (\$) | %                  | \$        |
| 2013.03.15          |                 |               |                     |                |        |      |                             |       |            | 22.59              | 12,258.68 |
| 2013.03.19<br>02:55 | 0.02            | 95.485        | 2013.03.19<br>04:10 | 0.02           | 95.691 |      |                             | -41.2 | -43.06     | 22.16              | 12,215.62 |
| 2013.03.19<br>04:22 | 0.02            | 95.687        | 2013.03.20<br>0:09  | 0.02           | 95.838 |      |                             | -30.2 | -31.51     | 21.84              | 12,184.11 |

# **AUD-USD DAILY**



# **AUD-USD 4-HOURLY**



### **AUD-USD 1-HOURLY**



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

From near the low established early on Monday at 1.03432 and just when it appeared that this market might once again test this low, prices rebounded back into the overhead supply pocket at 1.03972-1.04128 where the 61.8% retracement of 1.05972 to 1.01143 at 1.04127 is located. Prices just missed dipping into the minor demand pocket at 1.03360-1.03474 from which it was orgiginally thought that such a rebound might unfold. The idea was to position a long position there for a run-up to the immediate supply pocket at 1.03972-1.04128. However, it was also noted that actions this week is locked within this two bands and yesterday's sharp spike into the supply pocket at 1.03972-1.04128 and equally sharp retreat is testament to this analysis. That said, sustained rally above last Friday's high of 1.04128 would shift focus to the next supply pocket at 1.04425-1.04755 located just above the 127.2% of 1.0443 to 1.03001 from 1.02027 at 1.04390. In the medium-term, focus is on the resistance line of the triangle pattern – at roughly the 1.05500 level (see W1 chart). Sustained trading above 1.06240 would, for all intents and purposes, debunk the triangle pattern scenario and open up the possibility of an imminent challenge of the all-time high at 1.10796.

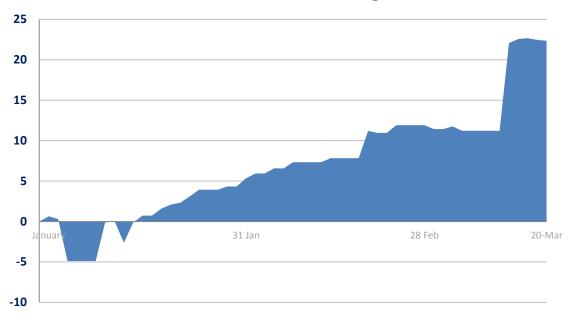
#### **AUD-USD TRADE IDEAS**

| Action | Entry Condition                           | Entry<br>Price | Stop-Loss | Profit<br>Target 1  | Profit<br>Target 2 | Exposure<br>% | Exposure<br>Units |
|--------|---|----------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Bought | Exit on D1 close below 1.03522            | 1.03482        |           | 1.03972<br>Realized | 1.04425            | 2             | 0.02m             |
| Buy    | Buy on buy signal between 1.03360-1.03474 |                | 1.03260   | 1.03972             | 1.04425            | 1             | 0.01m             |
| Sell   | Sell on signal between 1.04425-1.04755    |                | 1.04855   | 1.03474             | 1.02921            | 3             | 0.03m             |

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

| Open Date  | Buy<br>(units) | Open<br>Price | Close Date | Sell<br>(units) | Close<br>Price |      | Unrealized Realized P/L P/L |      |            |       | mulative<br>alance |
|------------|----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|------|-----------------------------|------|------------|-------|--------------------|
|            |                |               |            |                 |                | Pips | + / - (\$)                  | Pips | + / - (\$) | %     | \$                 |
| 2013.03.15 |                |               |            |                 |                |      |                             |      |            | 15.86 | 15,859.00          |
| 2013.03.18 | 0.02m          | 1.03482       | 2013.03.18 | 0.01m           | 1.03972        |      |                             | 49.0 | 49.00      | 15.91 | 15,911.00          |
| 03:42      |                |               | 18:02      |                 |                |      |                             |      |            |       |                    |
| 2013.03.18 | 0.01m          | 1.03482       | 2013.03.20 | 0.01m           | 1.03779        | 29.7 | 29.70                       |      |            |       |                    |
| 03:42      |                |               | 23:59      |                 |                |      |                             |      |            |       |                    |

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