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FOREX OUTLOOK



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All Eyes On Central Banks

EUR-USD languished near a 3-month low on Tuesday as traders kept a wary eye on political developments in Italy, while commodity currencies proved resilient with AUD-USD bouncing off an 8-month trough.

Gains on Wall Street, despite steep losses in many Asian bourses on Monday, helped sparked a revival in risk sentiment that saw AUD-USD jump towards 1.02000 from a low of 1.01135.

By contrast, the other major currencies were much more subdued. EUR-USD settled at 1.30250, finding a steadier footing after Friday's slide to 1.29655. EUR-JPY was little changed at 121.739.

USD-JPY drifted to a 1-week high of 93.709, continuing to recover slowly from last week's violent slide to 90.853. It settled at 93.467.

Traders in Asia took fright on Monday after China announced fresh tightening measures to cool its housing sector, darkening sentiment in a market already fretting about prospects of a new Italian election and U.S. budget spending cuts.

But risk assets were later thrown a lifeline after the U.S. Federal Reserve's influential vice chair, Janet Yellen, said the central bank's aggressive monetary stimulus is warranted given how far below its full potential the economy is operating.

A slew of central bank policy meetings this week will also be closely watched, starting with the Reserve Bank of Australia which makes its announcement at 0330 GMT (11:30AM Singapore time). The RBA is considered almost certain to keep its cash rate unchanged at a record low 3.0 percent, having already lowered it by 175 basis points in the past 15 months. The RBA is expected to reiterate an easing bias if needed, and markets still have at least one quarter-point cut priced in over the next 12 months. Some think it will not have to pull the trigger again.

Later in the week, the Bank of Japan, European Central Bank and Bank of England all hold their respective meetings. The BOJ and the ECB are both expected to hold steady, while the BOE is seen under mounting pressure to re-launch its bond buying programme.

GBP-USD settled at 1.51136, having skidded to a 2-1/2 year low of 1.49843 last Friday.

Analysts said case for further easing by the ECB was also growing. Due to the economic weakness signalled by the poor PMI data for February, the chance of another cut in the refinancing rate appears higher to us than a month ago, especially if the ECB lowers both the growth and inflation outlooks again. Any dovish signal from the ECB could see EUR-USD come under pressure.

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EUR-USD DAILY



EUR-USD 4-HOURLY



EUR-USD Short Term Outlook

It's all quiet in the western front as the Euro marked time – stabilizing after last week's fall from a height of 1.37101. Last Friday saw this market dipping momentarily into the demand zone at 1.2877-1.30475 and spent the entire Monday within this price bracket. (see D1 chart). As mentioned, this fall may be arrested is in between the 161.8% projection of 1.37101 to 1.33523 from 1.35189 at 1.29400 and the 50.0% retracement of 1.20414 to 1.37101 at 1.28758 (see D1 chart) and this was this market did. This is the second time this year prices have dipped below the 1.30000 handle. Going forward, a close above 1.30811 in the H4 chart would shift short-term bias back to the upside. That said, topside potential is probably limited to the 23.6% retracement of 1.37101 to 1.29655 at 1.31412 where a minor supply pocket at 1.31345-1.31608 is located (see H1 chart). If so, a low risk selling opportunity may arise within this price bracket – assuming there is no acceleration in this nascent recovery.

EUR-USD 1-HOURLY



TRADE IDEAS

Action	Exit Condition	Entry Price	Stop-Loss	Profit Target 1	Profit Target 2	Exposure %	Exposure Units
Sell	Sell on sell signals between 1.31345-1.31608		1.31708	1.29400	1.27214	3	0.03m

TRADE JOURNAL

	Open Date	Buy (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Sell (units)			Unrealized P/L							Accumulative Balance	
		,			, ,		Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+/-(\$)	%	\$				
2	2013.03.01										3.02	10,302.10				

GBP-USD DAILY



GBP-USD 4-HOURLY



GBP-USD Short Term Outlook

Despite losing its prized Aaa rating, this market has held out reasonably well after last week's selloff. This, however, did not come as a surprise as last Friday's update suggested the possibility of this fall being held at the 127.0% projection of 1.63799 to 1.56731 from 1.58768 at 1.49792; where the demand pockets at 1.48730-1.49830 is located (see H4 chart). The rebound from 1.49843 last Friday was thus a testament to the relevance of this price bracket. However, if the demand pocket at 1.48730-1.49830 fails to hold the line, the medium-term target is the next lower rung demand pocket at 1.42300-1.43422. To put things in perspective, this market has fallen from a 3-year high in January to a 32-month low in just two months. Such was the ferocity of this fall. Other than the Japanese Yen, the Sterling Pound is now the second weakest major currency. For those who managed to sell on the brief rebound last Friday at the minor supply pocket at 1.52955-1.53161, a close above 1.51617 in the D1 chart may signal the onset of a more robust recovery. If so, the minor supply pocket at 1.52955-1.53161 is an immediate barrier to higher prices. This is followed by another at 1.54526-1.55481.

GBP-USD 1-HOURLY



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 1.51617	1.52999		1.50954 Realized	1.43422	3	0.03m

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Open Date	Sell (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Buy (units)	Close Unrealized Realized Price P/L P/L						umulative Balance
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$
2013.03.01										15.4	11,544.60
2013.02.22	0.03m	1.52999	2013.03.01	0.02m	1.51136	865.8	865.80				
06:23			23:59								

USD-CHF DAILY



USD-CHF 4-HOURLY



USD-CHF Short Term Outlook

This week saw this market finally resolved to the upside after two weeks of consolidation. Over the last two days, there appears to be an acceleration in the rally from the February 1 low of 0.90204. At this rate of climb, this market is poised to challenge the supply zone at **0.94058-0.95109** where the 50.0% retracement of 0.99709 to 0.90204 at **0.94956** is located. If so, this may present a selling opportunity. In perspective, this market is bounded by the demand zone at **0.90010-0.90587** and the supply zone at **0.94058-0.95109** (see D1 chart). Unless and until this rally from 0.90204 accelerates beyond the supply zone at **0.94058-0.95109**, positioning speculative short positions there made sense; especially near the 50.0% retracement of 0.99709 to 0.90204 at **0.94957** (see D1 chart). Should this scenario pan out; primary target is the demand pocket at **0.92641-0.92825**, with the possibility of this market testing the demand pocket at **0.90010-0.90587** in due time.

USD-CHF 1-HOURLY



USD-CHF TRADE IDEAS

Action	Entry Condition	Entry Price	Stop-Loss	Profit Target 1	Profit Target 2	Exposure %	Exposure Units
Sold		0.94491	0.95209	0.93572	0.92928	2	0.02m

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Open Date	Sell (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Buy (units)											umulative Balance
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$				
2013.03.01										4.93	10,493.17				
2013.03.01 17:27	0.02m	0.94491	2013.03.01 23:59	0.02m	0.94072	83.8	89.08								

USD-JPY DAILY



USD-JPY 4-HOURLY



USD-JPY Short Term Outlook

This market managed to hold on to most its gains from the sharp rebound from last Monday low of 90.853. However, this recovery has stalled just under the 78.6% retracement of 94.550 to 90.853 at 93.759 throughout the day, managing only a high at 93.709 during London session. Though the odd of this market testing the 34-month high at 94.550 again remains, last Monday massive fall may have damaged the incredible rally from 77.119 some 6 months back. As mentioned in the weekend update, despite the rather impressive recovery, the back of this almost 6-month rally may be broken. After all, the D1 chart has turned negative with a successful close below 92.72 last Monday. Only a sustained rally above the SZ at 93.129-94.979 would suggest the resumption of the log-term rally. Should this market fail to clear the SZ at 94.330-94.970 next; another round of selling may be in store (see H4 chart). Should this market take out last Monday's low at 90.853 as well as the 61.8% retracement of 88.044 to 94.550 at 90.529 and the 23.6% retracement of 77.119 to 94.550 at 90.436 including the minor demand pocket at 90.272-90.420 (see H1 chart), this may signals the resumption of a more robust correction of the rally from 77.119. Ultimately, the resulting fall has the potential to correct all the way back to the demand zone at 86.908-88.326 where the 38.2% retracement of 77.119 to 94.447 at 87.828 is located (see D1 chart).

USD-JPY 1-HOURLY

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USD-JPY TRADE IDEAS

Action	Exit Condition	Entry	Stop-Loss	Profit	Profit	Exposure	Exposure
		Price		Target 1	Target 2	%	Units
Sold		93.560	95.070	92.173	90.529	1	0.01
Sell	Sell on sell signals between 94.330-94.970		95.070	92.173	90.529	2	0.02

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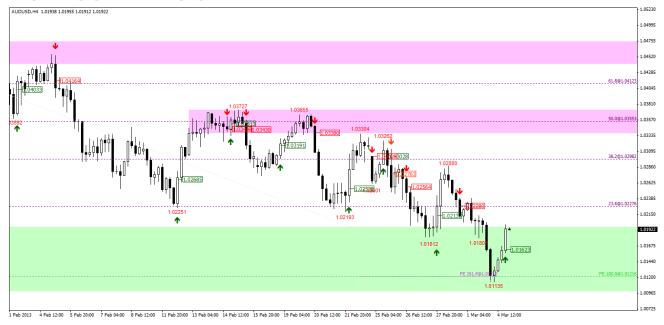
Open Date	Sell (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Buy (units)	Close Price	Unrealized P/L				Realized P/L		Accumulative Balance	
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$		
2013.03.01										25.28	12,528.38		
2013.03.04	0.01	93.560	2013.03.04 10:40	0.01	93.467	9.3	9.95						

AUD-USD DAILY

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AUD-USD 4-HOURLY



AUD-USD Short Term Outlook

This market began the week by extending its fall falling from last Thursday and took out the 20-week low at 1.01812 with a print at 1.01135 and hit the the price bracket between the 100.0% projection of 1.06239 to 1.01485 from 1.05970 at 1.01216 cum the 261.8% projection of 1.03384 to 1.02601 from 1.03262 at 1.01212 and the 50.0% retracement of 0.95795 to 1.06239 at 1.01017 within the demand pocket at 1.00995-1.01917. As mentioned in the weekend report, this is an excellent area to position a countertrend trade by going long. Despite the massive fall, this market is, as noted locked between the demand pocket at 1.00995-1.01917 and the supply pocket at 1.05675-1.06692 (see D1 chart). In the short-term, the immediate barrier to higher prices are the minor supply pockets at 1.01881-1.02133 (where the market s right now) as well as 1.02198-1.02395 which is incidentally where the 23.6% retracement of 1.05970 to 1.01135 at 1.02276 is located (see H1 chart). In the medium-term, the litmus test for this overnight rebound is the supply pocket at 1.03372-1.103727 where the 50.0% retracement of 1.05970 to 1.01135 at 1.03553 is sited (see H4 chart).

AUD-USD 1-HOURLY FOREX OUTLOOK



AUD-USD TRADE IDEAS

Action	Entry Condition	Entry Price	Stop-Loss	Profit	Profit	Exposure	Exposure
				Target 1	Target 2	%	Units
Bought		1.01205	1.00895	1.03156	1.04416	3	0.03m

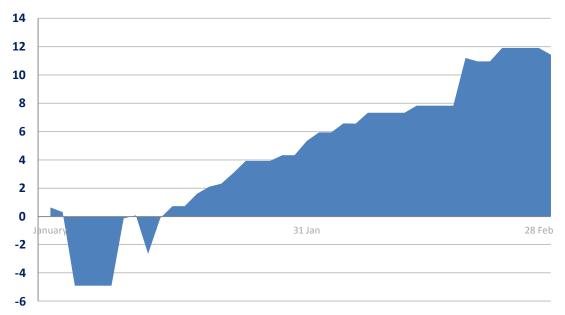
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Open Date	Buy (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Sell (units)								umulative Balance
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$	
2013.03.01										8.49	10,849.00	
2013.03.01	0.03m	1.01205	2013.03.01	0.03m	1.01935	219.0	219.00					
09:33			23:59									

Daily Realized P/L



Accumulative Percentage P/L



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