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FOREX OUTLOOK



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DJIA At Record High As Dollar Dipped

EUR-USD rose for a second straight day on Tuesday while commodity currencies such as AUD-USD and NZD-USD gained as risk sentiment improved after the Dow Jones industrial average surged to all-time highs. The Dow Jones industrial average hit a record, blowing past lifetime peaks last seen in October 2007, when the world was heading toward the financial crisis.

The US Dollar is still a function of risk sentiment. So when you see the stock market rise, tangentially, that means a lower Dollar. Traders tend to buy riskier currencies such as the Euro and Australian Dollar in times of increased appetite for risk.

The Dow's impact on the currency market was not as strong as many had expected and risk sentiment may not to continue to driving currencies. Many have moved away from that risk dynamic a few weeks ago and many still think domestic developments would continue to drive currencies going forward.

Further lifting the mood in financial markets was a report showing the pace of growth in the vast U.S. services sector last month accelerated to its fastest rate in a year, helped by a pick-up in new orders and demand for exports.

EUR-USD settled up 0.19 percent at 1.30499, near the day's high of 1.3075. AUD-USD and NZD-USD were also higher, up 0.61 percent and 0.42 percent to 1.02561 and 0.83088, respectively.

EUR-USD earlier climbed to a session high after a Euro zone composite PMI survey came in at 47.9, marginally better than the preliminary reading of 47.3. Euro zone retail sales data also beat expectations and provided a slight boost to the EUR-USD. The Euro zone PMI remained well below the 50 mark dividing growth from contraction, however, and dipped from the previous month.

Early gains were capped as traders weighed the chances the European Central Bank will cut interest rates this week. And as the Euro zone continues to falter despite Tuesday's data, there is the possibility the ECB will ease policy in the coming months if not this week. Whether the ECB cuts rates this Thursday will depend on its inflation outlook. The market has seen a preliminary figure of 1.8 percent which is below the 2 percent level and that gives the ECB some window to ease.

Some analysts think the ECB will wait for its inflation and growth forecasts which it will publish a week later. They believe the ECB will take this into account if it does decide to ease in April.

The euro has also been hurt by political concerns in Italy. Last week's election left no group with a working majority in parliament and that meant Italy could be inching closer towards another election within months. Uncertainty about Italy could escalate if there is no government in place before the end of the month.

USD-JPY fell after confirmation hearings of the government's nominees for two Bank of Japan deputy governor posts, which had been widely expected by the market. Analysts said USD-JPY early drop was mostly a reflection of market positioning as traders were probably long USD-JPY going into Tuesday's confirmation hearings.

The Japanese government has signalled it wants the BoJ to pursue aggressive monetary easing to stimulate the economy, a stance that has weighed heavily on the yen since November. USD-JPY settled down 0.21 percent at 93.274, falling for a second straight day.

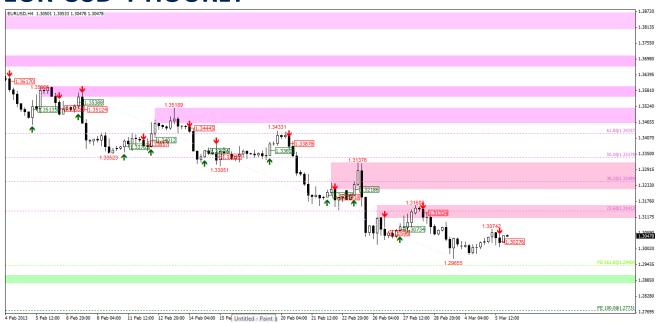
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EUR-USD DAILY



EUR-USD 4-HOURLY



EUR-USD Short Term Outlook

Trading remains subdued – stabilizing after last week's fall from 1.37101. Last Friday saw this market dipping momentarily into the demand zone at 1.2877-1.30475 and after spending the entire Monday within this price bracket, this market appears poised to recover (see D1 chart). As mentioned, this fall is likely to be arrested 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 and it did after all 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 which is stacked just below the 127.0% projection of 1.29655 to 1.30742 from 1.30092 at 1.31472 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)	Close Price	Unrealized P/L		Realized P/L		Accumulative Balance	
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$
2013.03.01										3.02	10,302.10

GBP-USD DAILY



GBP-USD 4-HOURLY



GBP-USD Short Term Outlook

The overnight rebound from 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 may have hit a barrier with an intraday high of 1.51879 (see H4 chart). Likewise, the fall from there has found initial support at the 50.0% retracement of 1.49843 to 1.51879 at **1.50910** with a low at 1.50926. That said, the overall bias is still to the downside. The underlying trend favors anther challenge of the demand pocket at **1.48730-1.49830** and if it fails to hold the line, focus would shift to the lower 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



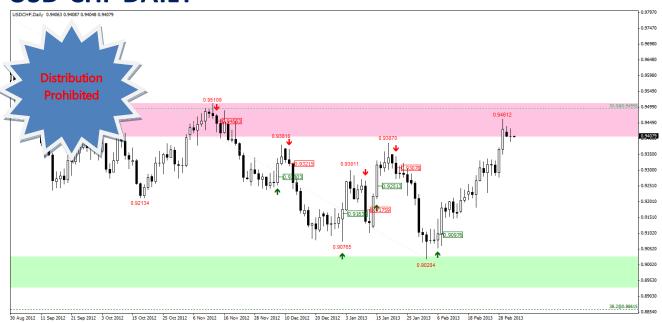
GBP-USD TRADE IDEAS

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	

GBP-USD TRADE JOURNAL

Open Date	Sell (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Buy Close (units) Price						umulative Balance	
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$
2013.03.01										15.4	11,544.60
2013.02.22	0.02m	1.52999	2013.03.05	0.02m	1.51246	350.6	350.60				
06:23			23:59								

USD-CHF DAILY



USD-CHF 4-HOURLY



USD-CHF Short Term Outlook

The acceleration in the rise from 0.90204 seen late last week after two weeks of consolidation appears 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. However, after 48 hours of trading this week, no new high was registered since last Friday's high of 0.94612. The original idea was to into the supply zone at **0.94058-0.95109**. In perspective, this market remains 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). Because no new high was registered this week so far, a classic *bearish harami* has appeared in the D1 chart. A close below **0.93664** in the D1 chart would suggest that further weakness ahead that may ultimately take this market to the demand pocket at **0.92641-0.92825**, with the possibility of 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	ı

USD-CHF TRADE JOURNAL

Open Date	Sell (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Buy (units)	Close Price	Unrealized P/L								umulative Balance
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$			
2013.03.01										4.93	10,493.17			
2013.03.01	0.02m	0.94491	2013.03.05	0.02m	0.94069	84.4	89.72							
17:27			23:59											

USD-JPY DAILY



USD-JPY 4-HOURLY



USD-JPY Short Term Outlook

Though this market managed a marginal high at 93.709 on Monday, short-term upward momentum is waning. The sharp rebound from last Monday low of 90.853 has stalled just under the 78.6% retracement of 94.550 to 90.853 at 93.759 in the last 24 hours. 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



USD-JPY TRADE IDEAS

Action	Exit Condition	Entry Price	Stop-Loss	Profit Target 1	Profit Target 2	Exposure %	Exposure 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

USD-JPY TRADE JOURNAL

Open Date	Sell (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Buy (units)	Close Price	Unrealized P/L				Accumulative Balance	
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$
2013.03.01										25.28	12,528.38
2013.03.04	0.01	93.560	2013.03.05 10:40	0.01	93.274	28.6	30.66				

AUD-USD DAILY



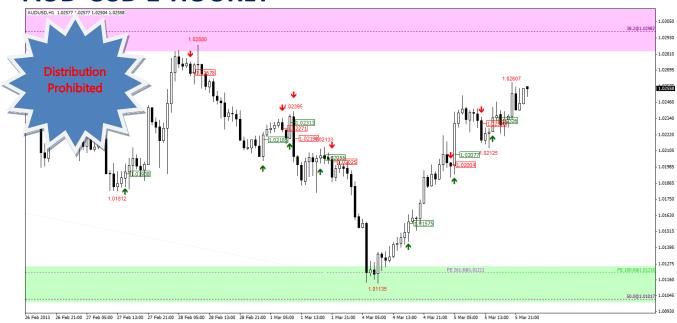
AUD-USD 4-HOURLY



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). Overnight, the rebound from 1.01135 has accelearted and gaining momentum having punched through the minor supply pockets at 1.01881-1.02133 as well as 1.02198-1.02395 - beyond the 23.6% retracement of 1.05970 to 1.01135 at 1.02276 is located (see H1 chart). As stated, in the medium-term, the litmus test for this 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). In the menatime, the barrier to overcome is the supply pocket at 1.02831-1.03262 where the 38.2% retracement of 1.05970 to 1.01135 at 1.02982 is located (see H1 chart).

AUD-USD 1-HOURLY



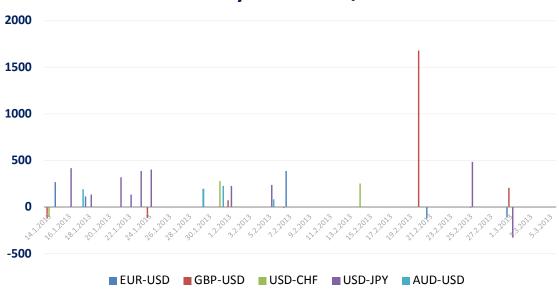
AUD-USD TRADE IDEAS

Action	Entry Condition	Entry Price	Stop-Loss	Profit Target 1	Profit Target 2	Exposure %	Exposure Units
Bought		1.01205	Breakeven	1.02831	1.03372	3	0.03m

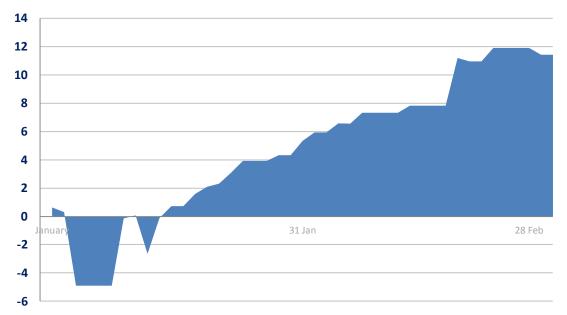
AUD-USD TRADE JOURNAL

Open Date	Buy (units)	Open Close Date Price		Sell Close (units) Price								umulative Balance
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$	
2013.03.01										8.49	10,849.00	
2013.03.01	0.03m	1.01205	2013.03.05	0.03m	1.02561	406.8	406.80					
09:33			23:59									

Daily Realized P/L



Accumulative Percentage P/L



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