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Euro Recovers But Italy Worries Remain

EUR-USD rose on Wednesday, bolstered by solid demand for Italy's first bond sale since its general elections, but the current political uncertainty in the Euro zone's third-largest country will likely contain any upside. Robust demand for Italy's bonds despite a rise in the country's 10-year debt costs helped spur buying in EUR-USD, which had fallen nearly 1.0 percent on Monday in the wake of Italy's inconclusive elections.

Italy is fuelling renewed concern about a possible re-emergence of the Euro zone debt crisis. Doubts about Italy's ability to reform its indebted economy resurfaced as the weekend elections showcased the lack of popular support for austerity policies and resulted in a hung parliament. The uncertainty in Italy does not bode well for the Italian economy which is going through a tough recession as it is. It does not need yet another stumbling block while trying to recover.

EUR-USD settled at 1.31374, up 0.59 percent on the day. It briefly pared gains after European Central Bank President Mario Draghi said on Wednesday the bank is far from exiting its easy monetary policy as the recovery in the Euro zone is going slowly.

EUR-USD also found support from a survey showing Euro zone economic and business confidence improved for a fourth straight month in February.

It held above Tuesday's trough of 1.30171, which was its weakest since January 7. Further losses are likely as uneasy traders wait to see whether Italian politicians can form a coalition, or will call fresh elections.

In the options market, the one-month EUR-USD risk reversals had shown on Tuesday their highest bias for Euro weakness since late June as traders bought Euro put options - bets the currency will weaken. Risk reversals had flipped to Euro calls - bets it will rise - toward the end of last month.

Also on Wednesday, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke in testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives reiterated his comments the previous day before the Senate that the central bank would keep buying bonds for some time. The remarks have helped alleviate some market concerns about an early end to the Fed's easing program.

The safe-haven Japanese Yen fell against the US Dollar as risk appetite increased.

USD-JPY settled at 92.215, up 0.28 percent, above a one-month low of 90.853 but below a 33-month high of 94.550 touched on Monday. EUR-JPY settled at 121.154, up 0.86 percent on the day.

The Japanese Yen has been one of the worst performing major currencies so far this year as traders bet on more aggressive policies from the Bank of Japan to beat deflation, and positioned for more monetary stimulus.

Analysts said the Japanese Yen's strength will likely be temporary given demand among Japanese investors for higher-yielding foreign assets.

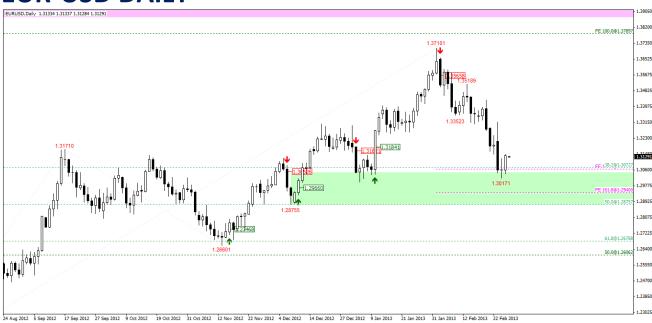
The British Pound is second weakest major currency this year. British government bonds rose on Wednesday after a top central banker said Britain's economy might need more bond purchases over a longer period than before.

Elsewhere, the Swiss National Bank is far from abandoning its policy of capping the strong Swiss Franc, Chairman Thomas Jordan said on Wednesday, pointing to new risks from the indecisive outcome of the Italian election.

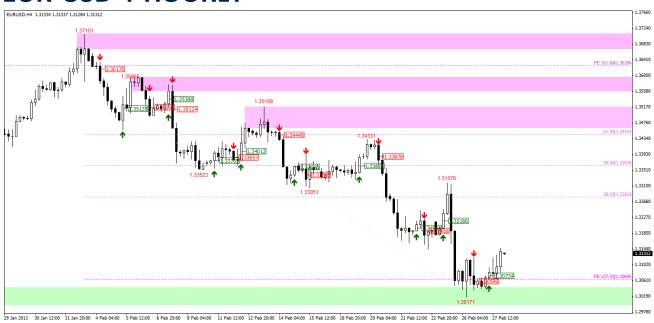
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EUR-USD DAILY



EUR-USD 4-HOURLY



EUR-USD Short Term Outlook

Tuesday's low of 1.30171 remains un-violated as this market consolidates and rebounded late in NY in overnight trading despite continued concerns in the aftermath of the Italian elections over the weekend. The possibility of a hung parliament in Italy is largely viewed as negative for the Euro. Price action briefly dipped into a significant demand zone at 1.29963-1.30439 with a print at 1.30171 on Tuesday. As noted, this market is vulnerable to a rebound and so far price action has held firm around this price pocket. Also worth noting is the fact that prices have hit a Fibonacci cluster at the 38.2% retracement of 1.20414 to 1.37101 at 1.30727 and the 127.0% projection of 1.37101 to 1.33523 from 1.35189 at 1.30645 in the D1 chart. This plus the fact that Tuesday ended as long-legged shadow doji — a classic reversal signal, setting the stage for a rebound. As expected, prices once again dipped into 1.29963-1.30439 in overnight actions. So far, this price bracket has held and triggered buy signals in both the H1 and H4 charts. Assuming prices close above 1.32152 in the D1 chart going forward, the immediate target is 1.32827-1.33176, which lies just above where the 38.2% retracement of 1.37101 to 1.30171 at 1.32818 and the 61.8% retracement of 1.34331 to 1.30171 at 1.32742 are located. In the longer term and on a month-to-month basis, should this market close below 1.29826 next; it would invariably trigger a sell signal in the monthly chart, further cementing the longer-term bearish bias.

EUR-USD 1-HOURLY



TRADE IDEAS

Action	Exit Condition	Entry Price	Stop-Loss	Profit Target 1	Profit Target 2	Exposure %	Exposure Units
Bought		1.30237	1.29863	1.31760	1.32818	3	0.03m
Sell	Sell on sell signals between 1.32827-1.33176		1.33276	1.30439	1.27214	3	0.03m

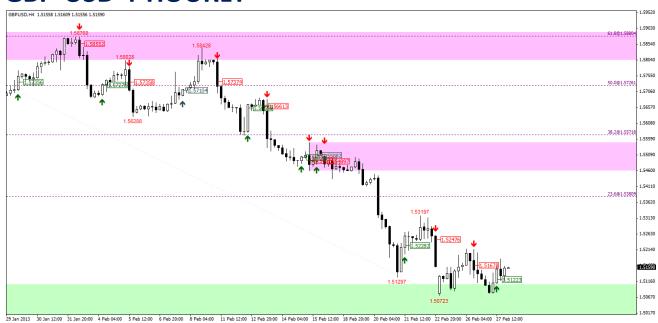
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Open Date	Buy (units)	Open Price	Close Date	Sell (units)	Close Price		Unrealized P/L		Realized P/L		Accumulative Balance	
						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$	
2013.02.22										4.14	10,414.30	
2013.02.26 09:26	0.03	1.30237	2013.02.27 23:59	0.03	1.31374	341.1	341.10					

GBP-USD DAILY



GBP-USD 4-HOURLY



GBP-USD Short Term Outlook

This market tested Monday's low of 1.50723 after a tentative rebound in the aftermath of the knee-jerked reactions to Moody's downgrading of UK Aaa credit rating in late NY trading on Friday. From a 3-year high in January to 31-month low this week, the entire price structure in this market is now the second weakest major currency after the Japanese Yen. For those who managed to sell on the brief rebound last Friday at the minor supply pocket at **1.52955-1.53161**, caution is warranted as this market nears 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). As this market consolidates, there is a possibility that prices may rebound to the 100.0% projection of 1.50723 to 1.52178 from 1.50787 at 1.52242 and possibly the 127.0% level at 1.52635 (see H4 chart). However, should this price pocket fail to arrest the fall at the demand pockets at **1.48730-1.49830**; the medium-term target is the next demand pocket at **1.42300-1.43422**. On the topside, the minor supply pocket at **1.52955-1.53161** act as 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		1.52999	Break-even	1.49792	1.43422	3	0.03m	ı

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						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$	
2013.02.22										13.4	11,340.10	
2013.02.22 06:23	0.03m	1.52999	2013.02.27 23:59	0.03m	1.51575	427.2	427.20					

USD-CHF DAILY



USD-CHF 4-HOURLY



USD-CHF Short Term Outlook

This market has been crisscrossing the 78.6% retracement of 0.93870 to 0.90204 at **0.93085** since last Thursday and after registering an intraday high at 0.93255 eased once again. This marked the fifth time in since last week that this market has difficulties clearing above the immediate supply pocket at **0.93186-0.93372**. Based on its medium-term trajectory, it would appear that this market is poised to mount a challenge at the supply zone at **0.94058-0.95109**. If so, this may well presents 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). As this market consolidates with no apparent sign of exceptionally strong momentum thus far, positioning speculative short position there made sense; especially near the 50.0% retracement of 0.99709 to 0.90204 at **0.94957** (see D1 chart). Should this bearish 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**.

USD-CHF 1-HOURLY



USD-CHF TRADE IDEAS

Action	Entry Condition	Entry Price	Stop-Loss	Profit Target 1	Profit Target 2	Exposure %	Exposure Units	
Sell	Sell on sell signal between 0.94058-0.95109		0.95209	0.91752	0.90587	3	0.03	ı

USD-CHF TRADE JOURNAL

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						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$
2013.02.22										5.00	10,499.96
2013.02.21 19:02	0.01m	0.93140	2013.02.25 11:18	0.01m	0.92825			31.5	33.93	5.34	10,533.89
2013.02.21 19:02	0.02m	0.93140	2013.02.25 22:50	0.02m	0.93330			-38.0	-40.72	4.93	10,493.17

USD-JPY DAILY



USD-JPY 4-HOURLY



USD-JPY Short Term Outlook

Monday is not a classic example of traders reacting to news and paying dearly for doing so, it was also an excellent example of an exhaustion price gap in action. The massive sell-off seen on Monday was one of the most aggressive seen in the last two years – possibly breaking the back of this almost 6-month rally. As noted in earlier updates, only a sustained rally above the SZ at 93.129-94.979 would suggest the resumption of the rally. Also noted was the view that a close below 92.725 in the D1 chart would suggest the onset of a more robust pullback with the potential to retrace all the way 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). Despite the massive fall on Monday, the long-term bullish bias is not compromised - yet. In the longer-term, this incredible bull-run has a target at the 261.8% projection of 75.563 to 84.172 from 77.119 at 99.657 where the supply zone at 99.140-103.057 resides (see D1 chart). As mentioned in Tuesday's update, in the nearterm, the price bracket between the 50.0% and 61.8% retracement of 94.550 to 90.853 at 92.702-93.138 as well as the 100.0% projection of 90.853 to 92.733 from 91.109 at 92.989 offers an opportunity to position speculative short positions for a test of the Monday's low of 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. This Fibonacci cluster, in turn, lies just above a minor demand pocket at 90.272-90.420 (see H1 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
Sell	Sell on sell signal between 92.702-93.138		93.274	90.529	86.908	3	0.03

USD-JPY TRADE JOURNAL

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						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$	
2013.02.22										23.74	12,374.07	
2013.01.28 01:32	0.02m	90.487	2013.02.25 21:00	0.02m	92.725			447.6	482.72	28.57	12,856.79	

AUD-USD DAILY



AUD-USD 4-HOURLY



AUD-USD Short Term Outlook

This market edged slightly lower overnight, taking out the Tuesday's low of 1.01984 to a fresh 20-week low at 1.01812 - into the immediate demand pocket at 1.00995-1.01917 and rebounded strongly in late NY trading. At the day's low, this market was within striking distance of last August's low of 1.01485. In the medium-term, this market remains locked between the demand pocket at 1.00995-1.01917 and the supply pocket at 1.05675-1.06692 (see D1 chart). As noted in recent updates, though sentiment remain bearish, selling is not very attractive option as potential demand is possibly lurking nearby at the immediate demand pocket at 1.00995-1.01917. Now that this market has rebounded from the overnight low, positioning shorts at the immediate supply pocket at 1.04416-1.044749 where the 61.8% retracement of 1.05970 to 1.02193 at 1.04527 is located is an option. On the other hand, if this tentative rebound loses steam and begin to slide once again below the overnight low of 1.01812, a potential target within the immediate demand pocket at 1.00995-1.01917 is 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. This is an excellent area to position a counter-trend trade by going long.

AUD-USD 1-HOURLY



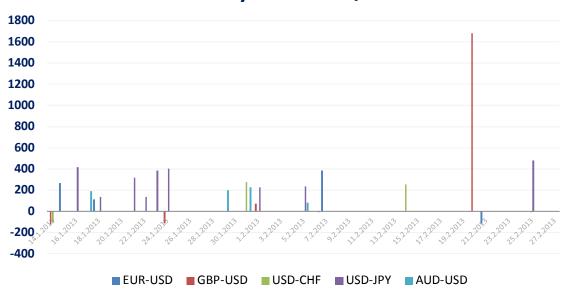
AUD-USD TRADE IDEAS

Action	Entry Condition	Entry Price	Stop-Loss	Profit	Profit	Exposure	Exposure
				Target 1	Target 2	%	Units
Sell	Sell on sell signals between 1.04416-1.04749		1.04849	1.02705	1.01967	3	0.03m
Buy	Buy on buy signal between 1.01017-1.01216		1.00895	1.03156	1.04416	3	0.03m

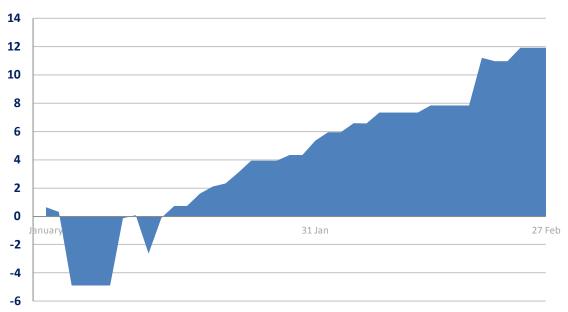
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						Pips	+ / - (\$)	Pips	+ / - (\$)	%	\$
2013.02.22										8.49	10,849.00

Daily Realized P/L



Accumulative Percentage P/L



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