

	CCY	Price	Change
AUD-USD	▼	0.8839	-0.0004
EUR-GBP	▲	0.8721	0.0050
EUR-USD	▲	1.3898	0.0038
GBP-AUD	▼	1.8039	-0.0038
GBP-CAD	▼	1.7061	-0.0043
GBP-EUR	▼	1.1469	-0.0064
GBP-NZD	▼	2.2713	-0.0084
GBP-USD	▼	1.5939	-0.0045
NZD-USD	▲	0.7019	0.0009
USD-CAD	▲	1.0706	0.0002
USD-JPY	▲	90.38	0.1100

USA

- Dollar Near Four-Month High Versus Franc on U.S. Recovery Signs: Feb. 1 (Bloomberg) -- The dollar traded near a four-month high against the Swiss franc as signs the world's largest economy is gaining momentum spurred investors to buy U.S. assets. The greenback approached a three-week high versus the pound before reports that may show U.S. manufacturing expanded for a sixth month and household purchases rose. The euro was near a nine-month low versus the yen on concern Greece's budget problems will spread. The Institute for Supply Management's factory index was 55.5 in January, according to a Bloomberg News survey of economists before the report is released today. Readings greater than 50 signal expansion. U.S. household purchases rose 0.3 percent after climbing 0.5 percent in November, according to a separate survey before the data is released today. The dollar advanced last week as the Commerce Department said U.S. gross domestic product increased at a 5.7 percent annual pace from October through December, the fastest pace in six years.

Figures out today:

Country	Event	GMT	EDT	Expected	Previous
USD	Personal Income (DEC)	13:30	08:30	0.3%	0.4%
USD	Personal Spending (DEC)	13:30	08:30	0.3%	0.5%
USD	ISM Manufacturing (JAN)	15:00	10:00	55.6	55.9

UK

Figures out today:

GBP	Hometrack Housing Survey (YoY) (JAN)	00:01	19:01		-1.9%
GBP	Mortgage Approvals (DEC)	09:30	04:30	61.8K	60.5K
GBP	Net Consumer Credit (DEC)	09:30	04:30	-0.4B	-0.4B
GBP	M4 Money Supply (MoM) (DEC F)	09:30	04:30		-1.1%
GBP	M4 Money Supply (YoY) (DEC F)	09:30	04:30		6.4%
GBP	Purchasing Manager Index Manufacturing (JAN)	09:30	04:30	53.9	54.1

- BOE May Pause Bond Plan as Officials Assess Recovery's Strength Feb. 1 (Bloomberg) -- The Bank of England may this week pause its 200 billion-pound (\$320 billion) bond purchase plan and keep open the option of expanding it further as officials assess if the economic recovery is too anemic to last. The bank will halt spending with newly created money for the first time since it began the so-called quantitative easing program in March last year, according to the median of 51 forecasts in a Bloomberg News survey. The central bank will release its decision on Feb. 4 at 12 p.m. in London.
- U.K. January House Prices Rise for Sixth Month, Hometrack Says: Feb. 1 (Bloomberg) -- U.K. house prices rose for a sixth month in January as a shortage of homes for sale supported property values, Hometrack Ltd. said. The average cost of a home in England and Wales increased 0.1 percent, the same as in the previous month, to 157,100 (\$252,000), the London-based research group said in a statement today. From a year earlier, it dropped 0.8 percent.

Europe

Figures out today:

EUR	German Purchasing Manager Index Manufacturing (JAN F)	08:55	03:55	53.4	53.4
EUR	Euro-Zone Purchasing Manager Index Manufacturing (JAN F)	09:00	04:00	52.0	52.0

- Euro Proving No Reserve Asset as Central Banks Shift: Feb. 1 (Bloomberg) -- Investors are pulling cash out of Europe at a record pace as central banks slow euro purchases, jeopardizing its status as a substitute to the dollar as the world's reserve currency. Last year, policy makers loaded up on euros, while analysts at Barclays Plc in London and Aletti Gestielle SGR SpA in Milan predicted central bankers would make good on threats to reduce the greenback's dominance. Now the euro is down 8.4 percent since Nov. 25 in its fastest slide in 10 months amid concern that cash-

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strapped countries like Greece won't pay their debts. Billionaire investor George Soros said Jan. 28 that there's "no attractive alternative" to the dollar. Traders have spurned European stocks in favor of shares elsewhere for a record 19 straight weeks, "clearly hurting" the currency by draining a net \$13 billion from the market, said Geoffrey Yu, a UBS AG analyst. Investors are as bearish on the euro as they were when the 2008 financial crisis was pushing them to the dollar's perceived safety, futures data show. After buying more euros than ever in 2009's second quarter, central banks pared back, International Monetary Fund data show.

Commodities

- TOKYO (Reuters) - Gold prices steadied to hover near \$1,080 on Monday after posting a third straight week of declines as investors remained wary of gains in the dollar, which weaken bullion's appeal as a currency hedge. A stronger dollar makes commodities denominated in the currency more expensive for holders of other currencies. As expectations for higher interest rates were likely to grow later in 2010, the dollar's strength could become more prominent and weigh on gold in the second half of the year, Poon said. Spot gold was little changed at \$1,079.80 per ounce as of 0620 GMT (1:20 a.m. EST) compared to New York's notional close of \$1,079.20.
- PERTH (Reuters) - Oil prices fell on Monday, extending the worst loss in 13 months in January on concerns about global growth and sluggish oil demand. Fresh economic data out of China, the world's second-largest energy consumer, heightened concerns that Beijing would further tighten monetary policy. An official purchasing managers index remained firmly in expansionary territory, while a companion poll by HSBC scaled an all-time high -- with both reports showing evidence of a further increase in cost pressures. U.S. crude for March delivery fell 24 cents to \$72.65 a barrel by 0524 GMT (12:24 a.m. EST). London Brent crude fell 26 cents to \$71.20. Oil prices ended January down more than 8 percent, pressured by data showing tepid energy demand in the United States, worries about fiscal turmoil in smaller euro zone countries and a stronger U.S. Dollar.

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