

	CCY	Price	Change
	AUD-USD	0.9210	0.0013
	EUR-GBP	0.9009	0.0015
	EUR-USD	1.4368	-0.0040
	GBP-AUD	1.7318	-0.0098
	GBP-CAD	1.6432	-0.0105
	GBP-EUR	1.1097	-0.0019
	GBP-NZD	2.1634	-0.0079
	GBP-USD	1.5950	-0.0063
	NZD-USD	0.7373	-0.0005
	USD-CAD	1.0303	-0.0020
	USD-JPY	92.74	0.4300

USA

- FOREX-Dollar steady before jobs data: TOKYO, Jan 7 (Reuters) - The dollar was steady against a basket of currencies on Thursday as investors waited for U.S. nonfarm payrolls data later in the week for hints on the greenback's direction.
- FOMC Debates Asset Purchases, Inflation as Economy Strengthens: Jan. 7 (Bloomberg) -- Federal Reserve officials discussed whether the economy is strong enough to allow their \$1.73 trillion of asset purchases to end in March and differed over the risk of inflation, minutes of their last meeting showed. A few policy makers said it "might become desirable at some point" to boost or extend securities purchases aimed at lowering mortgage rates, while one person sought a reduction, according to minutes of the Dec. 15-16 meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee released in Washington yesterday.

Figures out today:

Country	Event	GMT	EDT	Expected	Previous
USD	Initial Jobless Claims (JAN 2)	13:30	08:30		

UK

Figures out today:

GBP	Bank of England Interest Rate Decision	12:00	07:00	0.50%	0.50%
GBP	Bank of England Asset Purchase Target	12:00	07:00	200B	200B

China

- China central bank surprises with yield hike: SHANGHAI (Reuters) - China's central bank surprised markets on Thursday by raising the interest rate on its three-month bills for the first time since mid-August, intensifying its grip on liquidity a day after it promised to keep credit growth in check. The move, which was accompanied by the biggest weekly net drain from money markets in 11 weeks, prompted concerns that the central bank could be getting ready to use more forceful measures to cool growth and fight inflation, such as raising benchmark lending rates.

Europe

Figures out today:

EUR	Euro-Zone Retail Sales (MoM) (NOV)	10:00	05:00	0.1%	0.0%
EUR	Euro-Zone Consumer Confidence (DEC)	10:00	05:00	-16	-17
EUR	Euro-Zone Business Climate Indicator (DEC)	10:00	05:00	-1.41	-1.56
EUR	Euro-Zone Economic Confidence (DEC)	10:00	05:00	89.9	88.8
EUR	German Factory Orders s.a. (MoM) (NOV)	11:00	06:00	1.5%	-2.1%

- The euro was in focus earlier in the day after French President Nicolas Sarkozy said the gulf between the euro and US dollar was a "considerable problem". He said the disparity between the currencies created significant difficulties for some big European companies and many might consider relocating some of their industrial activity to dollar-reliant regions. Earlier, a European Central Bank executive board member said the European Union would not rescue Greece from its fiscal difficulties, hurting the euro as the European session opened. "[Jürgen] Stark's comments have led to a sharp blow-out of Greek government bond spreads which is an outright negative for the euro," said Hans Redeker at BNP Paribas. "Sovereign credit issues have become the major factor driving markets."

Commodities

- U.S. crude for February delivery fell 63 cents to \$82.55 a barrel by 0640 GMT, off a morning high of \$83.36, and after settling at \$83.18, its highest close since October 9, 2008.
- Spot gold was at \$1,132.80 an ounce by 0623 GMT, down 0.5 percent from New York's notional close of \$1,137.90. U.S. gold futures for February delivery were at \$1,133.40 per ounce, down 0.3 percent. Spot gold rose as high as \$1,140.20 on Wednesday, up 4 percent since the start of the year, on fresh new year investment flows, partly thanks to a rise in Asian currencies against the dollar inspiring buying from the region, traders said.

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