

	CCY		Price	Change
	AUD-USD	▼	0.8679	-0.0006
	EUR-GBP	▲	0.8781	0.0039
	EUR-USD	▼	1.3671	-0.0009
	GBP-AUD	▼	1.7941	-0.0080
	GBP-CAD	▼	1.6637	-0.0138
	GBP-EUR	▼	1.1390	-0.0052
	GBP-NZD	▼	2.2585	-0.0096
	GBP-USD	▼	1.5571	-0.0082
	NZD-USD	▼	0.6894	-0.0004
	USD-CAD	▼	1.0685	-0.0032
	USD-JPY	▲	89.47	0.2400

USA

- Geithner Says U.S. Will ‘Never’ Lose Its Aaa Debt Rating: Feb. 8 (Bloomberg) -- Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner said the U.S. is in no danger of losing its Aaa debt rating even though the Obama administration has predicted a \$1.6 trillion budget deficit in 2010. “Absolutely not,” Geithner said, when asked in an ABC News interview broadcast yesterday whether a downgrade is a concern. “That will never happen to this country.” Geithner said investors around the world turn to U.S. Treasury securities and dollar-denominated assets whenever they are worried about global stability.
- Haven demand pushes dollar to 7-month high- FT.com - The dollar surged to its highest level in seven months on a trade-weighted basis last week as worries over fiscal problems in Europe boosted haven demand for the US currency. Concerns over the size of Greece’s budget deficit have dogged the euro during the past month, but those fears spilled over into a broad-based flight from risk that saw global equity markets tumble and the dollar push higher across the board. Equity markets slumped as investor concerns not only heightened about Greece but switched to focus on other countries on the periphery of the eurozone, such as Portugal and Spain, which also sport large fiscal deficits and high labour costs. The dollar index, which tracks its progress against a basket of currencies, rose 1 per cent over the week to a high of 80.256, its strongest level since July 13.

UK

- In the U.K., The Bank of England's quarterly inflation report this week will give the market the first glimpse of any revision the Monetary Policy committee has made to its two-year inflation projections. With consumer price inflation coming in higher than expected in the past two months there is some expectation that the projection will be revised quite significantly higher. However, this may not be the case as the BOE's decision last Thursday to keep rates on hold and pause its bond-buying program suggest the MPC's views on that score are little altered. Among the macro-economic data due in the week, U.K. manufacturing output likely grew on month in December--a development that could mean an upward revision to the fourth-quarter gross domestic product reading, economists said.

Europe

Figures out today:

Country	Event	GMT	EDT	Expected	Previous
EUR	Euro-Zone Sentix Investor Confidence (FEB)	09:30	04:30	-2.7	-3.7

- Euro Weakens for Fourth Day Against Dollar on Budget Concerns: Feb. 8 (Bloomberg) -- The euro fell for a fourth day against the dollar on speculation widening budget deficits in European nations such as Greece and Portugal will deter investors from buying the region’s assets. The 16-nation currency approached an 11-month low against the yen as concern about sovereign risk remained elevated even after Group-of-Seven finance ministers pledged to press ahead with stimulus measures. The euro declined to \$1.3632 at 6:52 a.m. in London from \$1.3678 in New York on Feb. 5, when it dropped to \$1.3586, the lowest level since May 20. European finance ministers said during a weekend meeting they will help ensure Greece tackles its deficit. Governments face a growing dilemma as they seek to strengthen the recovery from last year’s recession at a time when rising sovereign debt burdens are being punished by investors and threaten to constrain future growth.

Commodities

- Oil is higher Monday as investors returned to the market after a massive selloff triggered by weak U.S. jobs data and debt woes in the eurozone, analysts said. New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for delivery in March, climbed 49 cents to \$71.68 a barrel.
- Spot gold is at \$1,065.70 a troy ounce, up \$13.50 from New York trade Friday. RBS head of precious metals Charles Dowsett said that while the yellow metal hasn't yet been sought as a safe haven "if the uncertainty (on euro-zone debt crisis) continues, it will be positive for gold."

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