

	CCY	Price	Change
	AUD-USD	0.8959	-0.0037
	EUR-GBP	0.8679	-0.0002
	EUR-USD	1.3564	-0.0042
	GBP-AUD	1.7444	0.0022
	GBP-CAD	1.6376	-0.0023
	GBP-EUR	1.1520	-0.0001
	GBP-NZD	2.2316	0.0054
	GBP-USD	1.5627	-0.0043
	NZD-USD	0.7002	-0.0035
	USD-CAD	1.0476	0.0010
	USD-JPY	90.96	-0.3000

USA

- Dollar Rises Toward 9-Month High Against Euro on U.S. Recovery: Feb. 18 (Bloomberg) -- The dollar rose toward a ninth-month high against the euro as signs the U.S. economy is gaining momentum added to speculation the Federal Reserve will be one of the first major central banks to remove stimulus measures. The greenback advanced versus 14 of the 16 major currencies before U.S. reports today that may show an index of leading indicators increased for a 10th month and manufacturing in the Philadelphia area expanded. The dollar also gained as gold prices fell after the International Monetary Fund said it would begin selling reserves of the metal. The dollar strengthened to \$1.3580 per euro as of 7:20 a.m. in London from \$1.3607 in New York yesterday. It climbed to \$1.3532 on Feb. 12, the strongest since May 19. The yen appreciated to 123.49 per euro from 124.17, and to 90.93 versus the dollar from 91.25.
- Minutes from the late-January meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee released Wednesday painted a brightening picture of the U.S. economy, bolstering the case that the U.S. could normalize monetary policy--and raise ultra-low interest rates--sooner than its peers. When China, which has a voracious appetite for commodities that feed its massive expansion, puts the brakes on economic growth, the effects of its policies reverberate in emerging markets and hit commodity-linked currencies such as the Australian dollar, said Nick Bennenbroek, head of currency strategy at Wells Fargo in New York.

Figures out today:

Country	Event	GMT	EDT	Expected	Previous
USD	Producer Price Index (YoY) (JAN)	13:30	08:30	4.4%	4.4%
USD	Producer Price Index Ex Food & Energy (YoY) (JAN)	13:30	08:30	0.8%	0.9%
USD	Initial Jobless Claims (FEB 13)	13:30	08:30	448K	440K
USD	Philadelphia Fed. (FEB)	15:00	10:00	17.0	15.2

Canada

CAD	Consumer Price Index (YoY) (JAN)	12:00	07:00	1.9%	1.3%
CAD	Bank Canada Consumer Price Index Core (MoM) (JAN)	12:00	07:00	0.0%	-0.3%
CAD	International Securities Transactions (Canadian dollar) (DEC)	13:30	08:30		10.538B

UK

Figures out today:

GBP	Major Banks Mortgage Approvals (JAN)	09:30	04:30	63K	62K
GBP	Public Sector Net Borrowing (Pounds) (JAN)	09:30	04:30	-2.6B	15.7B
GBP	Public Finances (PSNCR) (Pounds) (JAN)	09:30	04:30	-20.0B	23.6B
GBP	U.K. CBI Industrial Trends (FEB)	11:00	06:00		-39

- The British pound is likely to consolidate against the U.S. dollar for the rest of Thursday's session, with offsetting fundamentals on both sides lining up, while it is likely hold steady in a narrow technical range against the euro.

Europe

- The euro continues to fall amid lingering concerns over debt-strapped Greece, and worries that the fiscal contagion could spread to Portugal, Spain or even Italy, while signs of a U.S. rebound firm up.

Commodities

- Oil futures fell below \$77 a barrel Thursday after recent sharp gains, as demand concerns and a stronger dollar weighed on the market. New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for delivery in March, was down 43 cents at \$76.90 a barrel.
- Spot gold fell \$3.60 from the New York close to \$1,103.20 a troy ounce after news the IMF would sell its remaining 191.3 metric tons of gold in open markets.

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