

	CCY		Price	Change
	AUD-USD	▲	0.9036	0.0030
	EUR-GBP	▼	0.8764	-0.0007
	EUR-USD	▼	1.4133	-0.0005
	GBP-AUD	▼	1.7848	-0.0039
	GBP-CAD	▼	1.7031	-0.0009
	GBP-EUR	▲	1.1410	0.0014
	GBP-NZD	▼	2.2665	-0.0036
	GBP-USD	▲	1.6128	0.0016
	NZD-USD	▲	0.7116	0.0019
	USD-CAD	▼	1.0560	-0.0018
	USD-JPY	▲	90.08	0.2500

USA

- Prospects Bernanke to Be Confirmed for 2nd Term: Jan. 25 (Bloomberg) -- The dollar declined against the Australian and New Zealand currencies before a report forecast to show sales of existing U.S. homes dropped last month, backing the case for the Fed to keep interest rates low. President Barack Obama “is very confident” Bernanke will be confirmed, David Axelrod, a senior White House adviser, said on CNN’s “State of the Union” program. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said on NBC’s “Meet the Press” that Bernanke will have “bipartisan support in the Senate” even as a number of his party are opposed.
- FX OUTLOOK-Dollar may extend gains on Greece woes, Fed focus: NEW YORK, Jan 22 (Reuters) - The dollar could extend gains next week as worries about Greece's finances continue to haunt the euro and as investors focus on an interest-rate meeting by the U.S. Federal Reserve. Investors will continue to monitor developments out of Greece, while the outlook for the U.S. economy and monetary policy will also be in focus with the Fed's rate announcement and accompanying policy statement due on Wednesday and the first reading of U.S. fourth-quarter growth on Friday. The Federal Open Market Committee, the Fed's policy-setting panel, will conclude its two-day meeting on Wednesday. With rates widely expected to be left at near zero, investors will focus on the post-meeting statement for the central bank's assessment of the economy, plans to withdraw liquidity, and the timing of future rate hikes. Fed officials have repeatedly signaled that they intend to keep rates low for an extended period, which financial markets have interpreted to mean at least until the second half of 2010. A Reuters poll this week found the Fed is unlikely to lift borrowing costs until the third quarter of the year. The government's release of its advance estimate for U.S. fourth-quarter gross domestic product is scheduled for Friday. Economists polled by Reuters are looking for 4.4 percent growth, with forecasts ranging from 3.5 percent to 6.0 percent.

Figures out today:

Country	Event	GMT	EDT	Expected	Previous
USD	Existing Home Sales (DEC)	15:00	10:00	6.00M	6.54M
USD	Existing Home Sales (MoM) (DEC)	15:00	10:00	-8.3%	7.4%

UK

- Pound Seen as Diminished No Matter Who Wins Election: Jan. 25 (Bloomberg) -- No matter who prevails in this year’s election between U.K. Prime Minister Gordon Brown and opposition leader David Cameron, the loser will be the pound because the next government may not have enough support in parliament to rein in the Group of 20’s biggest budget deficit. Strategists cut forecasts on sterling versus the dollar by as much as 2 percent this month to the lowest since June. The currency will be weighed down by polls that point to the first parliamentary stalemate in a generation, growth that lags behind the four biggest industrialized economies and a fiscal shortfall that has ballooned to almost 13 percent of gross domestic product, double what it was a year ago, the strategists said. SJS Markets Ltd., last year’s second-most accurate forecaster on the pound versus the dollar, sees the U.K. currency falling 1.3 percent by Dec. 31. BNP Paribas SA says the pound will wipe out all of last year’s 11 percent gain, its best since 2006. The last time a U.K. election failed to produce a clear winner was in 1974. The currency fell 28 percent in the next two years as the government’s failure to fund its deficit led to an International Monetary Fund bailout.

Europe

Figures out today:

EUR	German GfK Consumer Confidence Survey (FEB)	07:00	02:00	3.1	3.3

- The European single currency dropped to a near six-month low last week and was on track for its biggest weekly fall against the dollar in a month on concerns about the national finances in some smaller euro zone countries. The euro last traded at \$1.4169 down about 1.2 percent this week. It recovered slightly on Friday after uncertainty over U.S. President Barack Obama's proposals to rein in high-stakes bets by U.S. banks prompted investors to book profits on the dollar's recent strong gains. The premium investors demand to hold 10-year Greek government bonds over benchmark German

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Bunds rose to 318 basis points on Friday, the widest since Greece joined the euro in 2001. Other peripheral spreads have been pulled wider by contagion from worries over Greece, with Spain and Portugal being the most affected. The premium to hold 10-year Portuguese government bonds rather than German Bunds hit its highest level since early May on Friday.

Commodities

- **Ruble Weakens to 2010 Low Versus Dollar as Oil Falls Below \$75:** Jan. 20 (Bloomberg) -- The ruble declined to its weakest level against the dollar this year and fell the most in almost a month versus the euro as oil, Russia's biggest export, traded below \$75 a barrel. The Russian currency depreciated 0.9 percent to 30.1398 per dollar by 10:29 a.m. in Moscow, the weakest since Dec. 30. It fell 1.1 percent, the biggest drop since Dec. 29, to 42.6350 per euro. Oil traded near a one-month low as expectations of interest-rate increases in China dented investor confidence in the strength of the global economic recovery. Crude for March delivery was little changed at \$74.57 in New York after dropping 2 percent on Jan. 22, the lowest settlement since Dec. 22. The movements against the dollar and the euro left the ruble at 35.7898 against the central bank's target currency basket, which is used to manage swings that hurt Russian exporters. The basket is calculated by multiplying the dollar's rate to the ruble by 0.55, the euro to ruble rate by 0.45, then adding them together. The ruble remains within the 26 to 41 band the central bank pledged Jan. 22 to defend.
- **PRECIOUS-Gold comes off one-month low as dollar dips:** TOKYO, Jan 25 (Reuters) - Gold rose on Monday, after the dollar edged down, helping bullion come off a one-month low hit in the previous session when President Barack Obama's proposal to limit risk-taking by banks pressured commodities across the board. Spot gold was at \$1,094.60 per ounce as of 0020 GMT, up about 0.3 percent from New York's notional close of \$1,091.65, after earlier rising as high as \$1,097.60.

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