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AUD-USD	▼	0.8937	-0.0008
EUR-GBP	▼	0.8642	-0.0017
EUR-USD	▼	1.3962	-0.0009
GBP-AUD	▲	1.8078	0.0043
GBP-CAD	▼	1.7195	-0.0015
GBP-EUR	▲	1.1570	0.0020
GBP-NZD	▼	2.2833	-0.0057
GBP-USD	▲	1.6154	0.0019
NZD-USD	▲	0.7075	0.0025
USD-CAD	▼	1.0645	-0.0018
USD-JPY	▲	90.17	0.2300

USA

- **Bernanke wins new term as Fed chief:** Ben Bernanke won a confirmation vote in the US Senate on Thursday for another four-year term as chairman of the Federal Reserve after a debate that underscored the political and economic challenges that lie ahead. The Fed chief suffered the biggest show of dissent since voting on the position began more than 30 years ago. Thirty senators, both Democratic and Republican, voted No and 70 voted Yes. However, the vote was not the knife-edge that had been widely expected. President Barack Obama campaigned to secure senators' support after several Democrats came out in opposition to Mr Bernanke last week. "To have him walk away... would be beyond shameful. It would be the height of irresponsibility," said Chris Dodd, the Democratic chairman of the Senate banking committee, as he appealed for his colleagues to vote in favour. A big bipartisan group of opponents, led by Richard Shelby, the senior Republican on the banking committee, used equal passion to attack Mr Bernanke's record.

Figures out today:

Country	Event	GMT	EDT	Expected	Previous
USD	Gross Domestic Product (Annualized) (4Q A)	13:30	08:30	4.5%	2.2%
USD	Personal Consumption (4Q A)	13:30	08:30	1.8%	2.8%
USD	Gross Domestic Product Price Index (4Q A)	13:30	08:30	1.3%	0.4%
USD	Chicago Purchasing Manager (JAN)	14:45	09:45	57.0	58.7
USD	U. of Michigan Confidence (JAN F)	14:55	09:55	73.0	72.8

UK

Figures out today:

GBP	GfK Consumer Confidence Survey (JAN)	00:01	19:01	-18	-19
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- **Darling rules out help for Greece:** Alistair Darling said on Friday that Britain would not join any European effort to bail out Greece but pledged not to use differences in global financial regulations to promote the City of London. Answering questions about a possible European bail-out of Greece at the World Economic Forum in Davos, the British chancellor made it clear he saw the problem as one for the eurozone and not the wider European Union. "The euro area has primary responsibility for anything that might be happening. We are not involved in that," he said.

Europe

Figures out today:

EUR	Euro-Zone M3 s.a. (3M) (DEC)	09:00	04:00	-0.2%	0.6%
EUR	Euro-Zone M3 s.a. (YoY) (DEC)	09:00	04:00	-0.5%	-0.2%
EUR	Euro-Zone Consumer Price Index Estimate (YoY) (JAN)	10:00	05:00	1.2%	0.9%
EUR	Euro-Zone Unemployment Rate (DEC)	10:00	05:00	10.1%	10.0%

- **Euro Weakens to Six-Month Low Versus Dollar on Greece, Stocks:** Jan. 29 (Bloomberg) -- The euro fell to the lowest level in more than six months against the dollar on concern Greece's fiscal problems will spread, damping demand for European assets. The 16-nation currency slid for a second day against the yen after the cost to protect Greek government bonds from default climbed to a record and before a report forecast to show the euro-zone's unemployment rate reached an 11-year high. Europe's currency fell to \$1.3947 as of 6:55 a.m. in London from \$1.3971 in New York yesterday, after declining to \$1.3913, the lowest level since July 14. The euro dropped to 125.46 yen from 125.63, after weakening to 124.82, the lowest since April 28. The dollar was at 89.95 yen from 89.92.

Commodities

- **Oil futures rose in Asian trade Friday, but remained below \$74 dollars as concerns about demand and a strengthening U.S. dollar kept a lid on prices.** New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for delivery in March, was up 15 cents to \$73.79 a barrel.
- **Spot gold is at \$1,085.30, down 10 cents since the New York close.**

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