



### US trade balance shrinks

According to the figures released on Friday by the Commerce Department, The US trade deficit narrowed more than expected in March to \$58.2 billion, down 5.7 percent from a revised estimate of \$61.7 billion the previous month.

Oil prices stayed near a record high of \$126 a barrel today as worries of supply disruption continued due to the violence in the Middle East.

Mixed week for credit, lots of successful new issues although indices leaked wider. (Itraxx crossover at 455 on Friday).

The focus today in the UK will be on the PPI core output, input prices, output prices and the trade balance.

### Economic Indicators

Country	Indicator	Period	Previous	Forecast
UK	PPI Input s.a	APR	1.80%	1.80%
UK	PPI Output n.s.a	APR	0.90%	0.60%
UK	Visible Trade Balance GBP	MAR	GBP -7487	GBP -7500



### Benchmark Interest Rates

	Today	Dec '07
US FED FUNDS	2.25	4.25
UK BASE RATE	5.00	5.50
ECB REPO RATE	4.00	4.00
Interest Rates	Bid	Offer
US 1MTH DEP	2.41	2.46
US 3MTH DEP	2.58	2.63
US 6MTH DEP	2.70	2.75
US 1YR DEP	2.82	2.87
UK 1MTH DEP	5.25	5.65
UK 3MTH DEP	5.59	5.64
UK 6MTH DEP	5.60	5.65
UK 1YR DEP	5.63	5.68
EUR 1MTH DEP	4.56	4.61
EUR 3MTH DEP	4.74	4.79
EUR 6MTH DEP	4.79	4.84
EUR 1YR DEP	4.83	4.88

### Bond Markets

		Yield	Dec '07
US	6MTH T BILLS	1.74	3.40
US	2 YEAR BOND	2.22	3.08
US	5YEAR BOND	2.95	3.48
US	30 YEAR BOND	4.52	4.49
UK	6MTH T BILLS	4.83	4.89
UK	2 YEAR GILT	4.29	4.38
UK	5 YEAR GILT	4.40	4.53
EUR	2 YEAR BOND	3.68	4.01
EUR	5 YEAR BOND	3.77	4.17



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### FX Markets

	Today	Dec '07
GBP/USD	1.9487	1.9961
EUR/USD	1.5383	1.4712
USD/JPY	103.76	112
GBP/EUR	1.2665	1.357
USD/CHF	1.0503	1.1261
USD/MAD	7.4702	7.7247
USD/ALG	63.94	67.02
USD/TUN	1.185	1.2194
USD/LYD	1.1901	1.217
USD/JOR	0.71	0.71

### Commodities & Metals

	Today	Dec '07
GOLD \$OZ	882.30	841.85
SILVER	16.75	14.90
COPPER GR A	\$8100	\$6830
ALUMINUM HG	\$2885	\$2418
BRENT DATED	123.00	96.58
COFFEE FUTURE	\$2200	\$1850
RUBBER C/KG	899m	846.0m
WHEAT	\$791.50	\$885
SUGAR FUT WHITE	\$333.1	\$315.9

### Equities

	Daily Move	Close	Dec '07
FTSE 100	-66.10	6204.70	6456.90
DAX	-68.73	7003.17	8067.32
DOW JONES	-120.90	12745.88	13264.82
NASDAQ	-6.57	1960.29	2652.28
NIKKEI	88.02	13743.36	15307.78
HANG SENG	-386.62	25063.17	27812.65
CAIRO	-69.26	3729.28	3412.27
JORDAN	-18.47	9228.80	7519.25
MOROCCO	22.72	14470.19	12694.97
KUWAIT	-91.40	14966.30	12558.90
BAHRAIN	9.80	2824.86	2755.27
SAUDI	-76.54	9695.29	7933.29
DUBAI	-88.33	5741.55	5931.95

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