



## ECB hold rates

The European Central Bank as expected held interest rates at a record low of 1 percent for the sixteenth consecutive month and extended its liquidity lifeline for vulnerable euro zone banks until early 2011. The ECB also raised its growth forecasts but maintained caution on the outlook. According to the figures released yesterday by the labour department, US initial jobless claims dropped by 6,000 to a seasonally adjusted 472,000 in the week ending August 28. However, it still remains high, the market will keep a close eye on the non-farm payrolls due out later today. The focus today in the Euro zone will be on retail sales, in the US it will be on non-farm payrolls, unemployment rate, and ISM non-manufacturing PMI.

## Economic Indicators

Country	Indicator	Period	Previous	Forecast
EZ	Retail Sales	Jul	0.00%	0.20%
US	Non farm payrolls	Aug	-131k	-100k
US	Unemployment Rate	Aug	9.50%	9.60%



### Benchmark Interest Rates

	Today	Dec '09
US FED FUNDS	0.25	0.25
UK BASE RATE	0.50	0.50
ECB REPO RATE	1.00	1.00
Interest Rates	Bid	Offer
US 1MTH DEP	0.18	0.26
US 3MTH DEP	0.21	0.29
US 6MTH DEP	0.41	0.49
US 1YR DEP	0.76	0.84
UK 1MTH DEP	0.40	0.50
UK 3MTH DEP	0.60	0.70
UK 6MTH DEP	0.90	1.00
UK 1YR DEP	1.30	1.40
EUR 1MTH DEP	0.40	0.48
EUR 3MTH DEP	0.72	0.80
EUR 6MTH DEP	1.00	1.08
EUR 1YR DEP	1.30	1.38

### Bond Markets

		Yield	Dec '09
US	6MTH T BILLS	0.17	0.19
US	2 YEAR BOND	0.50	1.14
US	5YEAR BOND	1.42	2.68
US	30 YEAR BOND	3.71	4.64
UK	6MTH T BILLS	0.57	0.45
UK	2 YEAR GILT	0.69	1.30
UK	5 YEAR GILT	1.73	2.80
EUR	2 YEAR BOND	0.62	1.33
EUR	5 YEAR BOND	1.29	2.42



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### FX Markets

	Today	Dec '09
GBP/USD	1.5415	1.617
EUR/USD	1.2815	1.4321
USD/JPY	84.27	93.02
GBP/EUR	1.2034	1.1275
USD/CHF	1.0152	1.0352
USD/MAD	8.6601	7.9024
USD/ALG	75.57	71.9136
USD/TUN	1.4836	1.3237
USD/LYD	1.276	1.2313
USD/JOR	0.71	0.71

### Commodities & Metals

	Today	Dec '09
GOLD \$OZ	1252.25	1104.00
SILVER	19.60	16.85
COPPER GR A	\$ 7640.00	\$7375
ALUMINUM HG	\$ 2121.00	\$2241
BRENT DATED	75.57	77.93
COFFEE FUTURE	\$ 1611	\$1294
RUBBER C/KG	\$ 1027.50	953.75m
WHEAT	\$ 680.75	\$541.50
SUGAR FUT WHITE	\$ 592.20	\$710.20

### Equities

	Daily Move	Close	Dec '09
FTSE 100	4.63	5371.04	5412.88
DAX	-0.50	6083.85	5957.43
DOW JONES	50.63	10320.10	10428.05
NASDAQ	23.17	2200.01	2269.15
NIKKEI	51.29	9114.13	10546.44
HANG SENG	59.15	20928.07	21872.50
CAIRO	5.96	1397.04	1400.50
JORDAN	13.64	4854.06	5520.14
MOROCCO	-21.38	11679.62	10443.81
KUWAIT	25.30	6703.20	7005.30
BAHRAIN	-2.92	1420.14	1458.24
SAUDI	Closed	6158.99	6121.76
DUBAI	11.26	1497.78	1803.59

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