

ASIA DAILY FOREX OUTLOOK - Majors

SINGAPORE (Dow Jones)--Following are expected trading ranges and outlooks for nine major currency pairs today:

	Immediate Range	Larger Range
USD/JPY	82.69-83.25	82.37-83.99
EUR/USD	1.3562-1.3667	1.3380-1.3750
AUD/USD	0.9810-0.9919	0.9684-1.0002
NZD/USD	0.7679-0.7779	0.7631-0.7810
GBP/USD	1.6040-1.6123	1.5985-1.6153
USD/CHF	0.9794-0.9871	0.9759-0.9932
USD/CAD	1.0051-1.0145	1.0023-1.0202
EUR/JPY	112.61-113.65	112.04-113.79
EUR/GBP	0.8447-0.8513	0.8390-0.8559

(Ranges are calculated using recent high and lows, information on the placement of option strikes, and technical analysis - Fibonacci levels, trendlines and moving averages.)

USD/JPY - to consolidate with risks skewed higher amid broad flows to safe-haven dollar (ICE spot dollar index last 78.66 vs 78.12 early Monday) as fears over euro-zone sovereign default dominate; risk sentiment dampened further after Wall Street pares early gains to close mixed (DJIA up 0.08%, Nasdaq off 0.17%). USD sentiment also boosted by stronger-than-expected 1.2% increase in U.S. October retail sales (vs +0.8% forecast), increased speculation that Fed may not follow through on the \$600 billion it had dedicated to buy U.S. Treasury bonds over course of 8 months amid calls on Fed Chairman Bernanke from prominent Republican-leaning economists coordinating with GOP lawmakers and strategists to drop his QE2 plan. USD/JPY also underpinned by USD demand for import settlements, higher U.S. Treasury yields. But USD/JPY gains tempered by Japan exporter sales, unwinding of JPY-funded carry trades as risk appetite subdued; much worse-than-expected drop in New York Fed's Empire State business conditions index to minus 11.14 in November from 15.73 in October (vs 13 forecast). Data focus: 2350 GMT Japan September tertiary industry activity index, 1330 GMT U.S. October PPI, 1400 GMT U.S. September Treasury international capital flows, 1415 GMT U.S. October industrial production & capacity utilization, 1500 GMT U.S. November NAHB housing market index. USD/JPY daily chart positive-biased as MACD & stochastics bullish, although latter at overbought. Resistance at 83.25 (yesterday's high); breach would expose upside to 83.99 (Oct. 5 high), then 84.46 (100-day moving average) and 85.38 (Sept. 24 high). Support at 82.69 (hourly chart), then at 82.37 (yesterday's low); breach would expose downside to 81.63-81.55 band (Friday's low-Wednesday's low), then 80.50-80.45 band (Nov. 9 low-Nov. 2 low), 80.21 (15-year low set Nov. 1) and psychological 80.00.

EUR/USD - to consolidate with risks skewed lower. Pair undermined by increased investor fears over peripheral euro-zone sovereign debt default as Greece revised its 2009 budget deficit figure to 15.4% of GDP, almost 2 percentage points more than previously forecast; Ireland still refuses to seek debt bailout even though ECB VP Constancio says euro zone's EUR750 billion bailout facility is ready to help Ireland if they request it. But EUR sentiment soothed by bigger-than-expected euro-zone September trade surplus of EUR2.9 billion (vs EURO.6 billion forecast). Data focus: EU finance ministers meeting, 1000 GMT German November ZEW indicator of economic sentiment, euro-zone October harmonized CPI. EUR/USD daily chart negative-biased as MACD & stochastics bearish, although latter near oversold. Support at 1.3562 (yesterday's low, near 55-day moving average); breach would expose downside to 1.3380 (Sept. 28 low), then 1.3333 (previous cap set Aug. 6) and 1.3237 (100-day moving average). Resistance at 1.3667 (hourly chart); breach would expose upside to 1.3750 (yesterday's high), then 1.3777 (Friday's high), 1.3820-1.3826 band (Thursday's high-Wednesday's high) and 1.3973 (Nov. 9 high).

AUD/USD - to trade with bearish bias. Pair undermined by unwinding of long-Aussie carry trades on reduced investor risk tolerance, contagion from weak euro, speculation of further Chinese monetary tightening measures. But AUD/USD losses tempered by wide AUD-USD interest differential, divergent U.S. Fed-RBA monetary policies, buoyant commodity prices (CRB spot index ended up 2.42 yesterday at 306.02). Data focus: 0030 GMT November RBA monetary policy meeting minutes. AUD/USD daily chart negative-biased as MACD & stochastics in bearish mode; 5-day moving average staged bearish crossover against 15-day. Support at 0.9810 (yesterday's low); breach would expose downside to 0.9684 (55-day moving average), then 0.9676 (Oct. 29 low), 0.9649 (Oct. 27 reaction low), 0.9540 (Oct. 5 low) and 0.9461 (Sept. 24 low). Resistance at 0.9919 (yesterday's high); breach would temper near-term negative outlook, exposing upside to 1.0002 (Friday's high), then 1.0086 (Thursday's high), 1.0176-1.0183 band (Nov. 9 high-Nov. 5 post-float high) and psychological 1.0200.

NZD/USD - to trade lower. Pair undermined by unwinding of long-Kiwi carry trades on reduced investor risk tolerance, contagion from weak euro, speculation of further Chinese monetary tightening measures. But NZD/USD losses tempered by NZD-USD yield advantage, buoyant commodity prices. NZD/USD daily chart negative-biased as stochastics falling from overbought; MACD staged bearish crossover against its exponential moving average. Support at 0.7679 (yesterday's low); breach would expose downside to 0.7631 (Nov. 2 low), then 0.7549 (uptrend support line from Aug. 31 low of 0.6962), 0.7482 (55-day moving average) and 0.7401 (Oct. 27 reaction low). Resistance at 0.7779 (yesterday's high); breach would temper near-term negative outlook, exposing upside to 0.7810 (Friday's high), then 0.7872 (Thursday's high), 0.7915 (Nov. 9 high), 0.7941 (Nov. 8 high) and 0.7976 (Nov. 4 30-month high).

GBP/USD - to consolidate with risks skewed lower. Pair undermined by higher investor risk aversion, speculation over exposure of UK banks to Irish debt, lingering concerns over negative impact of UK government austerity measures on UK economy; Rightmove reporting asking prices for UK houses fell by 3.2% in November for sharpest decline since December 2007. But GBP/USD losses tempered by lingering effect from last week's hawkish BOE quarterly inflation report. Data focus: 0930 GMT UK October CPI & retail price index. GBP/USD daily chart mixed as MACD staged bearish crossover against its exponential moving average, but stochastics neutral, 5-day moving average still meandering sideways, inside-day-range pattern completed yesterday. Support at 1.6040 (yesterday's low); breach would expose downside to 1.5985 (Friday's low), then 1.5958-1.5950 band (Wednesday's low-Nov. 9 low), 1.5876 (Oct. 29 low), 1.5836 (uptrend support line from Sept. 7 low of 1.5294) and 1.5795 (55-day moving average). Resistance at 1.6123 (hourly chart), then at 1.6153 (yesterday's high) and 1.6183 (Friday's high); breach would expose upside to 1.6211 (Nov. 8 high), then 1.6290-1.6300 band (Nov. 5 high-Nov. 4 high) and 1.6457 (Jan. 19 reaction high).

USD/CHF - to consolidate with risks skewed higher. Pair underpinned by broadly stronger USD undertone; surprise 0.4% drop in Swiss October producer & import prices (vs forecast for 0.1% gain). But USD/CHF gains tempered by CHF demand on soft EUR/CHF cross. Daily chart positive-biased as MACD & stochastics in bullish mode; 5-day moving average staging bullish crossover against 15-day. Resistance at 0.9871 (yesterday's high); breach would expose upside to 0.9932 (Nov. 2 high), then 0.9973 (Nov. 1 reaction high), psychological 1.0000 and 1.0114 (100-day moving average). Support at 0.9794 (hourly chart), then at 0.9759 (yesterday's low); breach would temper near-term positive outlook, exposing downside to 0.9719 (Friday's low), then 0.9665 (Wednesday's & Thursday's low), 0.9581 (Nov. 9 low) and 0.9568 (Nov. 8 low).

USD/CAD - to trade higher. Pair supported by negative global risk sentiment, contagion from weak euro, soft oil prices (Nymex crude settled down 2 cents yesterday at \$84.86/bbl, last \$84.42/bbl on Globex). But USD/CAD gains tempered by stronger demand for CAD on CAD crosses as sentiment toward North American currencies improve. Data focus: 1330 GMT Canada September manufacturing survey. USD/CAD daily chart positive-biased as stochastics rising from oversold, MACD staged bullish crossover against its exponential moving average; though inside-day-range pattern completed yesterday. Resistance at 1.0139-1.0145 band (yesterday's high-Friday's high); breach would expose upside to 1.0202 (Nov. 1 high), then 1.0214 (55-day moving average), 1.0247 (Oct. 29 high) and 1.0305 (confluence of 100-day and 200-day moving averages). Support at 1.0051 (yesterday's low); breach would temper near-term positive outlook, targeting 1.0023 (Friday's low), then

0.9971 (Thursday's low), 0.9926 (April 21 low), 0.9816 (May 21, 2008 reaction low) and 0.9708 (Feb. 28, 2008 reaction low).

EUR/JPY - to consolidate with risks skewed lower. Cross undermined by diminished investor risk tolerance, Japan exporter sales, investor worries over debt default by euro-zone peripheral nations. But EUR/JPY losses tempered by Japan importer demand. Daily chart mixed as MACD bearish, but stochastics neutral; 5- & 15-day moving averages meandering sideways. Support at 112.61 (yesterday's low); breach would expose downside to 112.04 (hourly chart), then 111.04 (Friday's low), then 109.55 (previous cap set Aug. 30). Resistance at 113.65 (yesterday's high), then at 113.79 (Wednesday's high); breach would expose upside to 114.28 (Nov. 8 high), then 115.03 (Nov. 5 high), 115.42 (Nov. 4 high), 115.68 (Oct. 7 reaction high, near 200-day moving average).