

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	83.94-84.41	83.35-85.00
EUR/USD	1.3046-1.3180	1.2964-1.3200
AUD/USD	0.9611-0.9698	0.9535-0.9816
NZD/USD	0.7446-0.7510	0.7400-0.7536
GBP/USD	1.5546-1.5647	1.5483-1.5770
USD/CHF	0.9982-1.0066	0.9922-1.0183
USD/CAD	1.0137-1.0215	1.0073-1.0270
EUR/JPY	109.95-110.78	108.33-111.76
EUR/GBP	0.8382-0.8438	0.8330-0.8448

(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 trade with risks skewed higher, underpinned by JPY-funded carry trades amid positive global risk sentiment (VIX fear gauge eased 9.26% to 21.36) as U.S. stocks surged (DJIA up 2.27%) on surveys showing upbeat China, euro-zone and UK manufacturing activity; diminished European debt worries as hopes rise ECB will buy more peripheral euro-zone bonds; ADP U.S. national employment report showing bigger-than-expected 93,000 jobs gain in November (vs +70,000 expected) for largest monthly gain in 3 years; upward revision in U.S. 3Q non-farm productivity to +2.3% from previous estimate of +1.9%; surprise 0.7% rise in U.S. October construction spending (vs forecast for 0.1% decline), Fed's Beige Book saying U.S. economy "continued to improve, on balance". USD/JPY also supported by USD demand for import settlements, higher U.S. Treasury yields. But USD/JPY gains tempered by Japan exporter sales; unexpected drop in U.S. ISM manufacturing PMI to 56.6 in November from October's 56.9 (vs flat forecast); lingering worries over further Chinese monetary policy tightening to combat inflation. Data focus: 2350 GMT Japan November monetary base, 1330 GMT U.S. Nov 27 weekly jobless claims, 1500 GMT U.S. October pending home sales index, 1720 GMT Fed's Plosser speech, 1900 GMT Fed's Duke speech. USD/JPY daily chart mixed as MACD bullish, but stochastics bearish at overbought. Resistance at 84.41 (Monday's high); breach would expose upside to psychological 85.00, then 85.38 (Sept. 24 high) and 85.94 (Sept. 16 reaction high). Support at 83.94 (hourly chart); breach would expose downside to 83.35 (yesterday's low), then 82.92 (Nov. 24 low), 82.76 (Nov. 23 low, near 55-day moving average) and 82.37 (Nov. 15 low).

EUR/USD - to consolidate with risks skewed higher as markets await ECB's interest rate decision due 1245 GMT today and follow-up press conference. Pair supported by improved investor risk sentiment on upbeat manufacturing data globally; easing worries over euro-zone crisis after ECB President Trichet left open possibility of significant expansion in central bank's purchases of peripheral government bonds in bid to push down interest rates. But EUR/USD gains limited as longer-term fiscal stresses in euro zone show no signs of seriously abating. Data focus: 1000 GMT EU October PPI, 1000 GMT EU 3Q revised GDP. EUR/USD daily chart mixed as MACD bearish, but stochastics turned bullish at oversold. Resistance at 1.3180 (yesterday's high); breach would target 1.3200 (previous base set Friday), then 1.3355 (Monday's high), 1.3386 (Nov. 25 high) and 1.3421 (Nov. 24 high). Support at 1.3046 (hourly chart); breach would expose downside to 1.2964 (Tuesday's low), then 1.2642 (Sept. 10 reaction low) and 1.2584 (Aug. 24 trough).

AUD/USD - to trade with risks skewed higher. Pair underpinned by AUD demand for long-AUD carry trades on increased investor risk appetite, stronger commodity prices (CRB spot index closed up 7.5 yesterday at 308.91). But Aussie gains tempered by lingering concerns over further Chinese monetary policy tightening. Data focus:

0030 GMT Australia October retail sales, international trade. AUD/USD daily chart mixed as MACD bearish, but stochastics turned bullish at oversold; bullish key-reversal-day pattern completed yesterday. Resistance at 0.9698 (yesterday's high, matching Monday's high); breach would expose upside to 0.9816 (Friday's high), then 0.9851 (Nov. 24 high). Support at 0.9611 (hourly chart); breach would expose downside to 0.9535 (yesterday's low), then 0.9461 (Sept. 24 low, near 100-day moving average) and 0.9221 (previous cap set August 6).

NZD/USD - to trade with risks skewed higher. Pair underpinned by NZD demand for long-NZD carry trades on improved investor risk appetite, stronger commodity prices; but gains tempered by lingering fears China may tighten monetary policy further. NZD/USD daily chart mixed as MACD bearish, but stochastics turned bullish at oversold. Resistance at 0.7510 (yesterday's high); breach would target 0.7536 (Monday's high), then 0.7559 (55-day moving average), 0.7620-0.7627 band (Friday's high-Nov. 25 high) and 0.7643 (Nov. 24 high). Support at 0.7446 (hourly chart), then at 0.7400 (uptrend line from June 8 low of 0.6569) and 0.7394 (Tuesday's low, just above 100-day moving average); breach would expose downside to 0.7302 (Sept. 30 low), then 0.7259 (Sept. 23 low), 0.7211 (Sept. 16 low) and 0.7203 (200-day moving average).

GBP/USD - to trade with risks skewed higher. Pair supported by positive global risk sentiment, surprise rise in UK manufacturing PMI to 16-year high of 58.0 in November from 55.4 in October (vs forecast for drop to 54.7). But GBP/USD gains tempered by lingering concerns over negative impact of fiscal tightening on UK GDP growth; GBP sales on rebounding EUR/GBP cross. Data focus: 0930 GMT UK November CIPS construction PMI. GBP/USD daily chart mixed as MACD bearish, but stochastics turned bullish at oversold. Resistance at 1.5647 (yesterday's high, matching Monday's high); breach would expose upside to 1.5770 (Friday's high), then 1.5793 (Nov. 25 high), 1.5835 (Nov. 24 high) and 1.5859 (55-day moving average). Support at 1.5546 (yesterday's low); breach would expose downside to 1.5483 (Tuesday's low), then 1.5343 (Sept. 10 reaction low, near 200-day moving average), 1.5294 (Sept. 7 reaction low) and 1.5123 (July 21 reaction low).

USD/CHF - to range-trade. Pair undermined by broadly weaker USD undertone (ICE spot dollar index last 80.76 vs 81.32 early Wednesday), stronger-than-expected rise in Swiss PMI to 61.8 in November from 59.2 in October (vs 59.4 forecast). But USD/CHF losses tempered by short-CHF carry trades on improved investor risk appetite, CHF sales on rebounding EUR/CHF cross. Data focus: 0645 GMT Swiss 3Q GDP, 0815 GMT Swiss October retail sales. Daily chart still positive-biased as MACD bullish, stochastics stay elevated at overbought. Resistance at 1.0066 (yesterday's high); breach would expose upside to 1.0183 (Sept. 17 reaction high), then 1.0277 (Sept. 10 reaction high) and 1.0329 (38.2% Fibonacci correction of decline from June 1 high of 1.1730 to Oct. 14 record low of 0.9463). Support at 0.9982 (yesterday's low); breach would expose downside to 0.9922 (Tuesday's low), then 0.9894 (Nov. 24 low), 0.9844 (Nov. 23 low) and 0.9826 (Nov. 16 low).

USD/CAD - to consolidate with risks skewed lower. Pair undermined by improved investor risk sentiment, stronger commodity and oil prices (Nymex crude settled up \$2.64 yesterday at \$86.75/bbl). USD/CAD daily chart mixed as MACD bullish, but stochastics turning bearish near overbought. Support at 1.0137 (yesterday's low); breach would expose downside to 1.0081-1.0073 band (Friday's low-Nov. 25 low), then 1.0051 (Nov. 15 low), 1.0023 (Nov. 12 low) and 0.9971 (Nov. 11 low). Resistance at 1.0215 (hourly chart); breach would expose upside to 1.0270 (yesterday's high), then 1.0286 (Tuesday's high, matching 200-day moving average), 1.0339 (Oct. 27 reaction high) and 1.0372-1.0379 band (Oct. 19 high-Sept. 23 high).

EUR/JPY - to trade with risks skewed higher. Cross supported by stronger investor risk appetite, Japan importer demand, diminished euro-zone debt worries. But EUR/JPY gains tempered by Japan exporter sales. Daily chart mixed as MACD bearish, but stochastics turned bullish at oversold. Resistance at 110.78 (yesterday's high); breach would expose upside to 111.76 (100-day moving average), then 111.90 (Monday's high), 112.23 (previous base set Nov. 16) and 113.02 (55-day moving average). Support at 109.95 (hourly chart); breach would expose downside to 108.33 (Tuesday's low), then psychological 108 and 107 levels, then 106.71 (Sept. 14 low).

EUR/GBP - to trade with risks skewed higher, supported by reduced euro-zone debt concerns. Daily chart mixed as MACD bearish, stochastics stay suppressed at oversold; but bullish-piercing candlestick pattern completed yesterday. Resistance at 0.8438 (yesterday's high), then at 0.8448 (Tuesday's high); breach would expose upside to 0.8542 (Nov. 23 high, just below 200-day moving average), then 0.8595 (Nov. 22 reaction high) and 0.8619 (55-day moving average). Support at 0.8382 (hourly chart); breach would expose downside to 0.8330 (yesterday's low), then 0.8307 (Sept. 16 reaction low), 0.8200 (Sept. 8 reaction low) and 0.8139 (Aug. 23 trough).