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| Date | UK & Irish Time (GMT) | Release | Previous◆ | Forecast ◆ |
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| This Week: | ECB Speakers: | Trichet Testifies to Parliament (Monday); Quaden (Tuesday); Tumpel-Gugerell (Friday) | | |
| | Fed Speakers: | Santomero (Thursday); Poole, Bernanke (Friday) | | |
| | GER: | Preliminary CPI (February) | -0.5% (+2.1%) | +0.4% (+2.0%) |
| Mon 20th: | US: | Market Holiday - President's Day | | |
| | UK: 00.01 | Rightmove House Prices (February) | +0.1% | |
| | GER: 07.00 | PPI (January) | +0.3% (+5.2%) | +0.4% (+4.8%) |
| | ITL: 08.00 | Industrial Orders (December) | +1.8% (+0.4%) | +1.4% (+1.2%) |
| | UK: 09.30 | PSNCR (January) | £14.9bn | -£16.9bn |
| | BEL: 14.00 | Prelim GDP (Q4) | +0.4% (+1.1%) | +0.2% (+1.0%) |
| Tues 21st: | JAP: | Auction: 20 Year JGB | | |
| | FRA: 07.40 | GDP (Q4 Details) | +0.7% (+1.8%) | +0.2% (+1.2%) |
| | FRA: 07.45 | CPI (January) | +0.1% (+1.5%) | -0.2% (+1.9%) |
| | EU-12: 10.00 | Trade Balance (December) | €0.1bn | €0.0bn |
| | US: 15.00 | Leading Indicators (January) | +0.1% | +0.4% |
| Wed 22nd: | POL: | Base Rate Announcement | | |
| | US: | Auction: 2 Year Notes | | |
| | GER: 07.00 | GDP (Q4 Details) | +0.6% (+1.5%) | +0.0% (+1.6%) |
| | FRA: 07.45 | Business Confidence (February) | 103 | 104 |
| | FRA: 07.50 | Household Consumption (January) | -1.0% (+1.4%) | +0.7% |
| | SP: 08.00 | GDP (Final Q4) | +0.8% (+3.5%) | +0.9% (+3.1%) |
| | ITL: 08.30 | CPI (Final January) | +0.0% (+2.0%) | +0.0% (+2.0%) |
| | ITL: 08.30 | Consumer Confidence (February) | 106.4 | 106.7 |
| | UK: 09.30 | BoE Minutes of 8-9 February MPC Meeting | | |
| | EU-12: 10.00 | Current Account (December) | -€10.7bn | -€5.9bn |
| | EU-12: 10.00 | Industrial Orders (December) | +4.9% (+9.3%) | +3.8% (+2.2%) |
| | UK: 11.00 | CBI Monthly Trends (February) | -28 | -24 |
| | US: 13.30 | CPI (January) | -0.1% | +0.4% |
| | US: 13.30 | - Ex Food & Energy | +0.2% | +0.2% |
| | US: 13.30 | Real Earnings (January) | +0.1% | |
| | BEL: 14.00 | Business Confidence (February) | -2.9 | -0.9 |
| | US: 19.00 | Minutes 31 January FOMC Meeting | | |
| | JAP: 23.50 | Trade Balance (January) | (-19.3%) | (-150%) |
| | JAP: 23.50 | Teritary Industrial Index (December) | +0.1% | +0.3% |
| | JAP: 23.50 | - All Industry Index | +0.3% | +0.5% |
| Thurs 23rd: | US: | Auction: 5 Year Notes | | |
| | SWE: 07.00 | Riksbank Rate Announcement / Inflation Report Published | | |
| | GER: 09.00 | Ifo Index (February) | 102.0 | 101.5 |
| | IRL: 11.00 | Manufacturing Output Prices (January) | -0.9% (+3.5%) | +0.0% (+2.9%) |
| | US: 11.30 | Initial Jobless Claims (w/e 18th February) | 297,000 | |
| | CZE: 14.30 | Base Rate Announced | | |
| Fri 24th: | GER: 07.00 | Gfk Consumer Confidence (March) | 4.6 | |
| | ITL: 08.30 | Business Confidence (February) | 92.7 | 93.0 |
| | UK: 09.30 | GDP (Q4) | +0.6% (+1.7%) (p) | +0.6% (+1.7%) |
| | US: 13.30 | Durable Goods Orders (January) | +1.8% | +0.2% |

◆ Month-on-month changes (year-on-year shown in brackets)

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