

ECONOMIC STATISTICS SUMMARY

Country	Cash Rate		Inflation Rate (%)		Unemployment Rate (%)		GDP Annual Growth (%)	
	Latest	Last Change	Latest	Change	Latest	Change	Past Year	Change
Australia	4.50	-0.25 (Nov-11)	3.50	↓ 0.10	5.20	↓ 0.10	1.40	↔
USA	0.25	-0.75 (Nov-08)	3.90	↓ 0.10	9.00	↓ 0.10	1.60	↔
Japan	0.10	-0.20 (Nov-08)	0.10	↔	4.10	↓ 0.20	-1.10	↔
UK	0.50	-0.50 (Feb-09)	5.60	↑ 0.40	8.10	↑ 0.20	0.50	↓ 0.10
China	6.56	+0.25 (Feb-11)	6.10	↓ 0.10	4.10	↔	9.10	↓ 0.40
Europe	1.25	-0.25 (Nov-11)	3.00	↔	10.20	↑ 0.10	1.60	↔

AUSTRALIAN ECONOMIC COMMENTARY

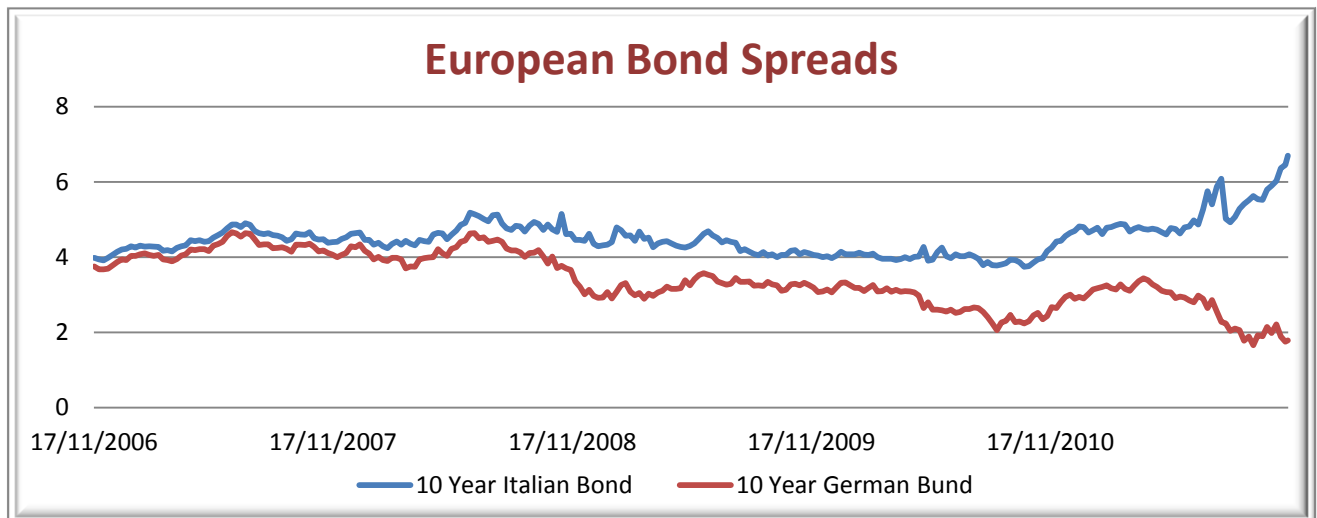
The RBA Board decided to lower the cash rate by 25bps to 4.5% effective November 2nd. Glenn Stevens sighted slowing economic activity in Europe and cautious behaviour by domestic households as having a dampening effect on the economy. The RBA believes the cut has moved their position from a restrictive stance to a more neutral monetary policy.

Job advertisements decreased by 0.7% month to month (m/m), while unemployment surprised on the upside dropping to 5.2%. Quarterly CPI numbers were in line with expectations at 0.6%, reaffirming the RBA's decreasing concern for inflationary pleasures. Retail Sales slightly underperformed expectations up 0.4% m/m and the AIG Manufacturing Index showed improvement, however remained negative at 47.4 (par= 50).

Within the housing sector there were mixed signals, home loans improved up 2.2% m/m, while building approvals declined 13.6% m/m. With spot prices for export commodities coming off a little, the Australian trade balance surplus was below expectations at 2.56B.

GLOBAL ECONOMIC COMMENTARY

On November 3rd Mario Draghi, in his first meeting as president of the European Central Bank, surprised many economists by announcing a cut to the minimum bid rate reducing it to 1.25%. This however has not helped to ease the pressure on the region's most financially vulnerable, including Italy where the spread on the 10 year Italian Bond and the 10 year German Bund widened out to 491bps.

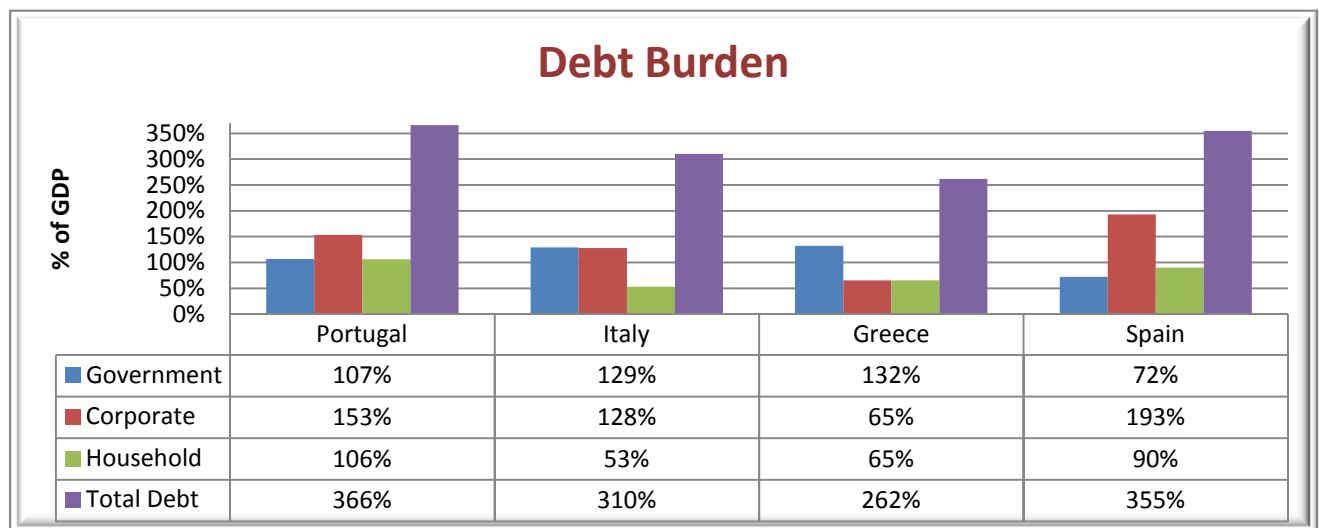


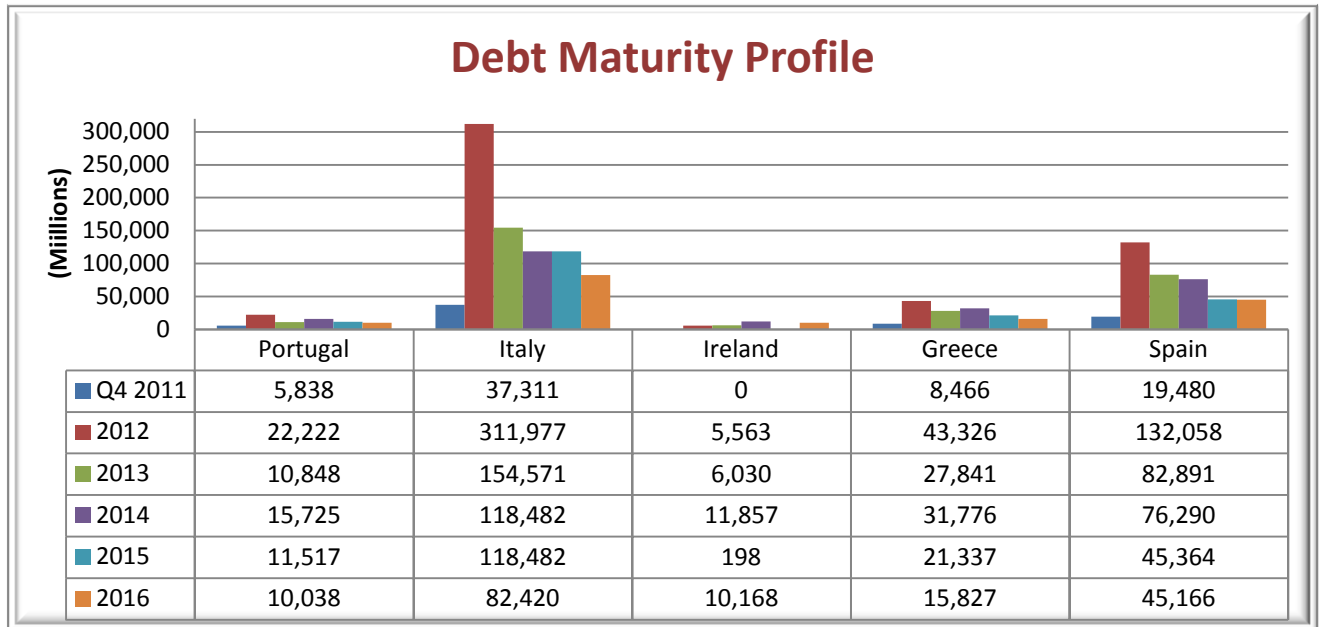
Unemployment within the Euro zone ticked higher to 10.20%, Spain's unemployment rate is at a record high of 22.6%, with over 46% of the countries under 25 year olds (non-students) are unemployed and 3.2% of households are without an income.

Business conditions in Europe continue to prove trying with European Industrial production down 2.0% m/m, being dragged down by countries such as Italy and Germany down 4.8% and 2.7% respectively. German Factory Orders were also down 4.3% m/m.

European investor confidence continued to struggle with the Sentix Investor Index down to -21.2.

The European debt crisis continued unresolved, with heightened concern over Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Spain and Greece (PIIGS) and the prospect of a restructure of the Euro Zone. These countries have in excess of €500 billion bonds maturing in 2012, with Italy accounting for over €310 billion is over 20% of their total sovereign debt.





US Economic data released late October to mid November continued to be varied. Unemployment claims released in October showed a slight improvement while the Unemployment rate released early November pleasingly ticked lower to 9.10%. Month on month CPI was slightly below expectations at 0.10%, and PMI was a touch higher at 0.8% m/m.

US housing market data was fairly flat with building permits and existing home sales down marginally to 0.59M and 4.91M respectively, however new home sales were above expectations at 313K. The US consumer's enthusiasm to spend improved, with retail sales up 1.10% m/m, however the CB Consumer Confidence Index painted a pessimistic picture down to 39.8.

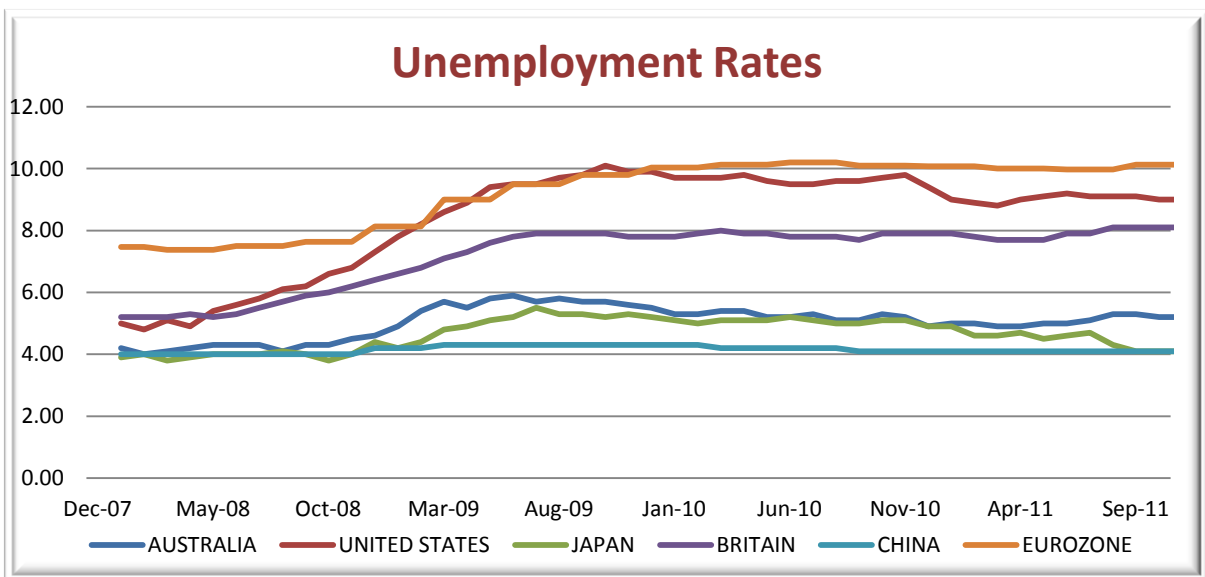
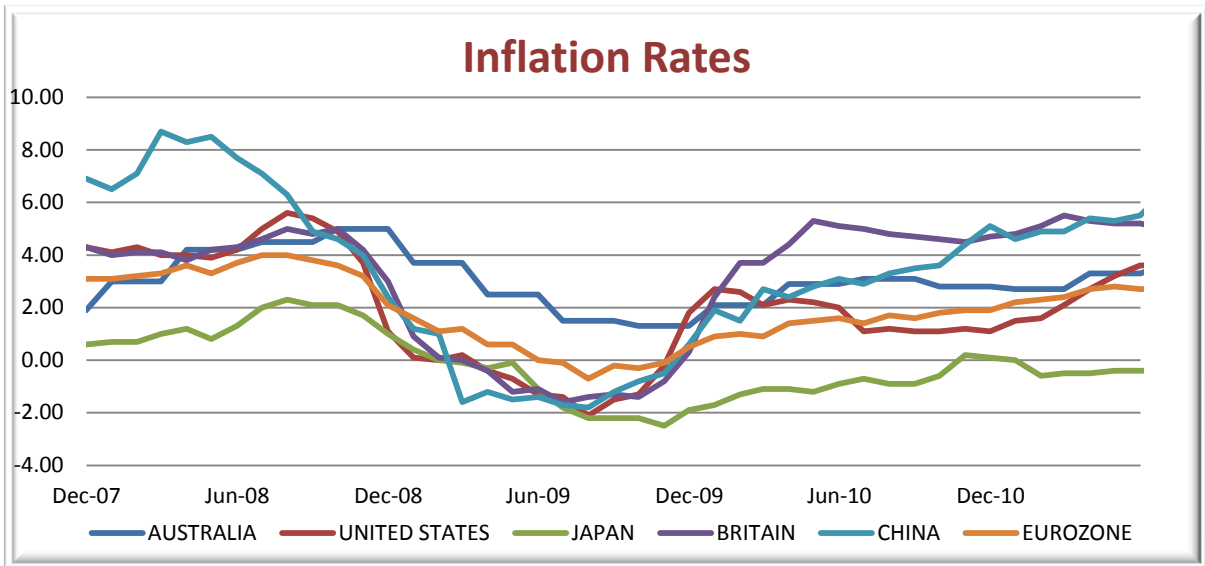
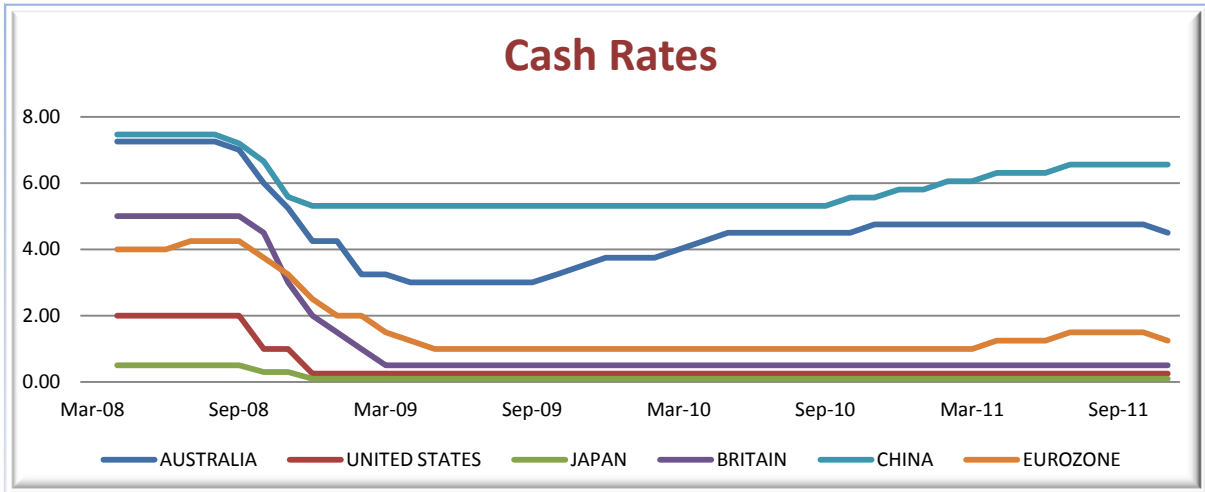
In China the HSBC Flash Manufacturing PMI Index returned to positive territory (51.1), the first time since June 2011, while GDP grew at the more conservative rate of 9.1% for the past quarter. Inflation pressure will remain a significant focus of the Chinese government as CPI numbers released were 10bps above expectations at 5.5%, however remains within its target range.

Japan appears to be starting to recover with Unemployment dropping to 4.10% from 4.30% when many expectations were for an increase. Quarterly GDP expanded in line with expectations at 1.5% and the monthly Manufacturing PMI was positive at 50.6. Yearly Retail sales and Housing starts were not so strong, down -1.2% and -10.8% respectively.

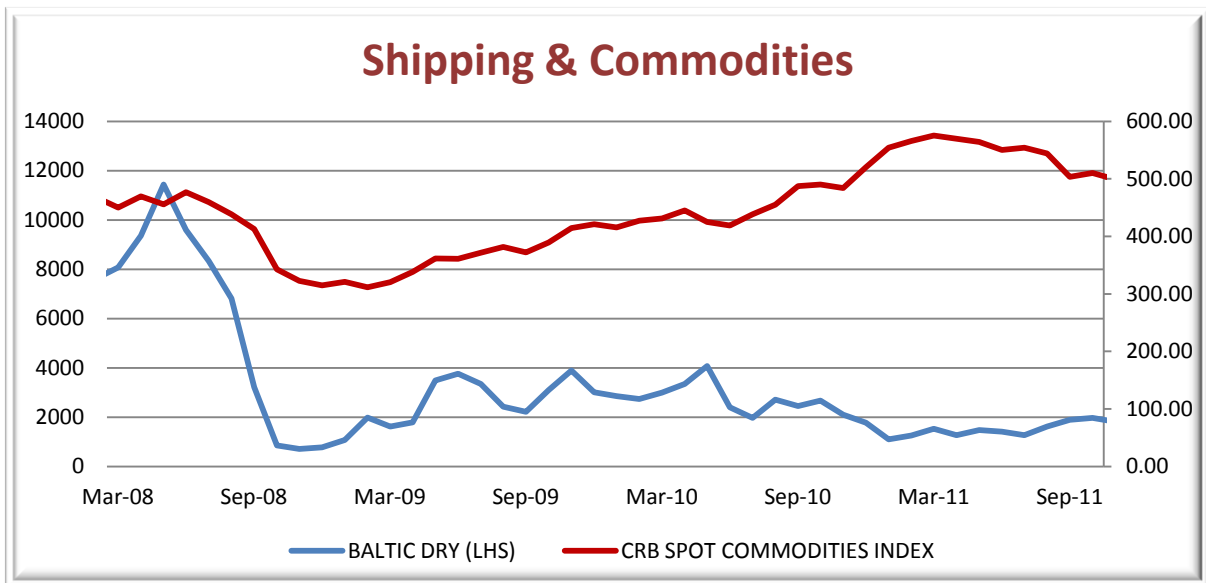
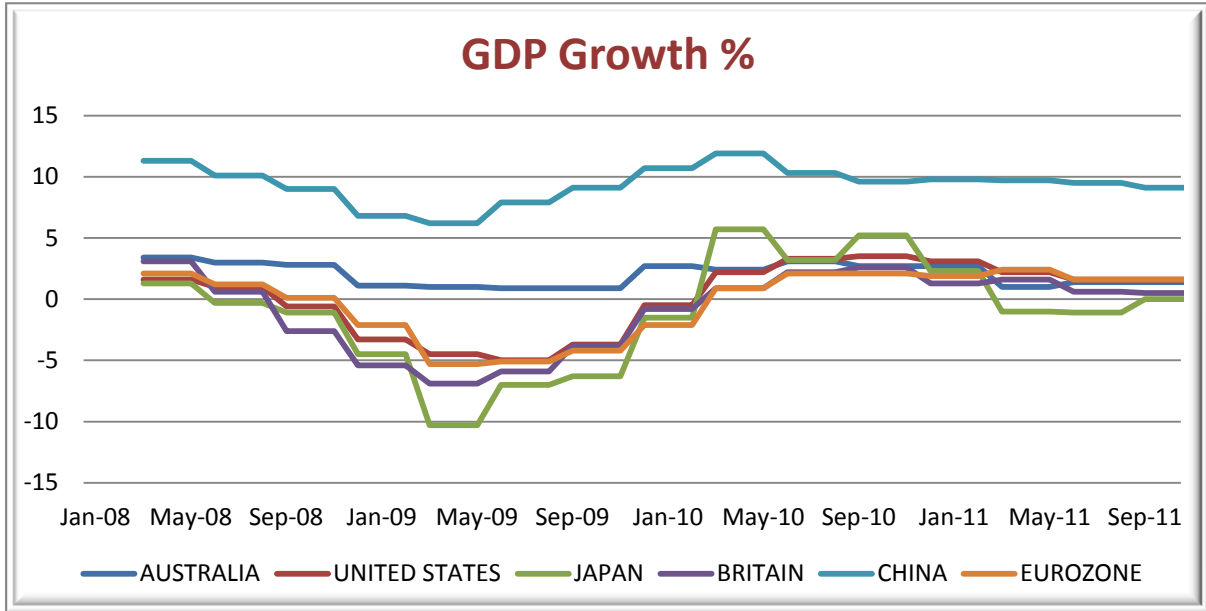
ECONOMIC DATA RELEASE - (MID OCTOBER TO MID NOVEMBER)

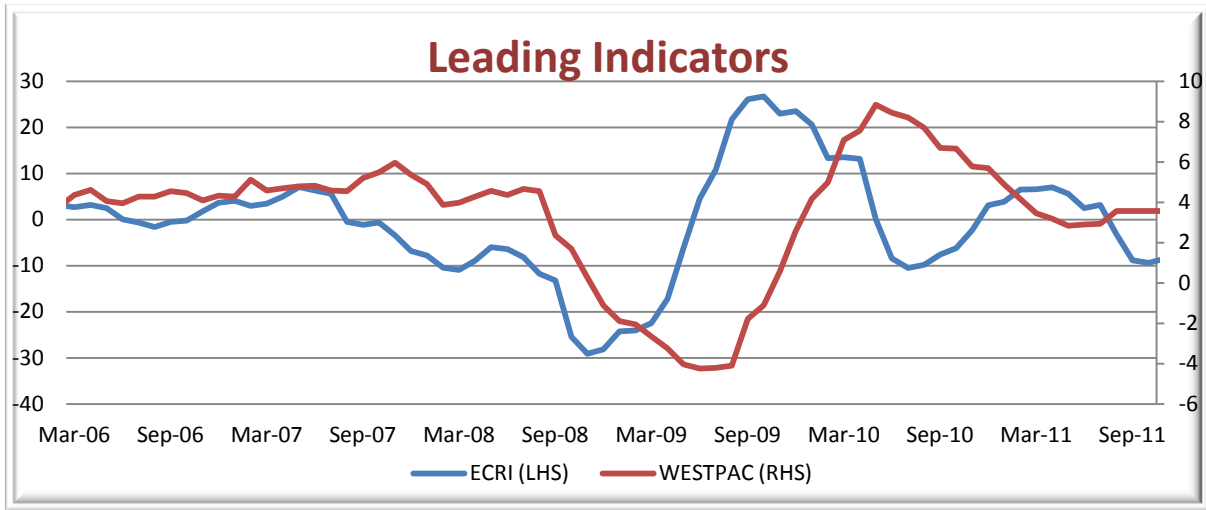
Release Date	Country	data	Actual	Forecast	Prior
14/10/2011	US	Retail Sales m/m	1.10%	0.50%	0.30%
17/10/2011	China	GDP q/y	9.10%	9.30%	9.50%
18/10/2011	UK	CPI y/y	5.20%	4.90%	4.50%
18/10/2011	US	PPI m/m	0.8%	0.2%	0.0%
19/10/2011	US	Core CPI m/m	0.10%	0.20%	0.20%
19/10/2011	US	Building Permits	0.59M	0.61M	0.63M
20/10/2011	UK	Retail Sales m/m	0.60%	0.00%	-0.40%
20/10/2011	US	Existing Home Sales	4.91m	4.94m	5.06m
20/10/2011	US	Unemployment Claims	403K	401K	409K
24/10/2011	China	HSBC Flash Manufacturing PMI	51.1	-	49.9
25/10/2011	AUS	CPI q/q	0.60%	0.60%	0.90%
25/10/2011	US	CB Consumer Confidence	39.8	46.1	46.4
26/10/2011	US	New Home Sales	313k	302k	296k
26/10/2011	Japan	Retail Sales y/y	-1.20%	0.00%	-2.60%
27/10/2011	US	Pending Home Sales m/m	-4.60%	0.20%	-1.20%
27/10/2011	Japan	Unemployment Rate	4.10%	4.50%	4.30%
27/10/2011	Japan	Prelim Industrial Production m/m	-4.00%	-2.00%	0.60%
30/10/2011	Japan	Manufacturing PMI	50.60	-	49.30
31/10/2011	AUS	Cash Rate	4.50%	4.50%	4.75%
31/10/2011	AUS	AIG Manufacturing Index	47.4	-	42.3
31/10/2011	China	Manufacturing PMI	51	-	51.1
31/10/2011	EUR	Unemployment Rate (EA17)	10.20%	-	10.10%
31/10/2011	Japan	Housing Starts y/y	-10.80%	8.30%	14.00%
1/11/2011	AUS	Building Approvals m/m	-13.60%	-4.50%	10.70%
2/11/2011	AUS	Retail Sales m/m	0.40%	0.50%	0.60%
2/11/2011	UK	Construction PMI	53.90%	50.10%	50.10%
3/11/2011	EUR	Minimum Bid Rate	1.25%	1.50%	1.50%
4/11/2011	EUR	German Factory Orders	-4.3%	0.1%	-1.4%
4/11/2011	US	Unemployment Rate	9.00%	9.10%	9.10%
6/11/2011	AUS	ANZ Job Advertisements m/m	-0.70%	-	-2.20%
7/11/2011	AUS	Trade Balance	2.56B	3.04B	3.10B
7/11/2011	EUR	Sentix Investor Confidence	-21.2	-19.7	-18.5
8/11/2011	AUS	Home Loans m/m	2.20%	1.70%	1.20%
8/11/2011	China	CPI y/y	5.50%	5.40%	6.10%
9/11/2011	AUS	Unemployment Rate	5.20%	5.30%	5.30%
10/11/2011	EUR	French Industrial Production m/m	-1.7%	-0.6%	0.5%
10/11/2011	EUR	Italian Industrial Production m/m	-4.8%	-2.6%	3.9%
10/11/2011	US	Trade Balance	(43.1B)	(46.1B)	(45.6B)
13/11/2011	Japan	Prelim GDP q/q	1.50%	1.50%	-0.50%
14/11/2011	EUR	Industrial Production m/m	-2.0%	-2.1%	1.4%
17/11/2011	US	Industrial Production m/m	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%

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CHART	BLOOMBERG DATA SERIES
CASH RATES	Australia RBA Cash Rate Target
	Federal Funds Target Rate US
	Bank Of Japan Target Rate of Unsecured Overnight Call Rate Expected
	UK Bank of England Official Bank Rate
	China 1 Year Best Lending Rates
	ECB Main Refinancing Rate
CPI	Australia CPI All Groups Goods Component YoY
	US CPI Urban Consumers YoY NSA
	Japan CPI Nationwide YoY
	China CPI YoY
	UK RPI YoY NSA
GDP	Australia GDP SA YoY
	GDP US Chained 2005 Dollars YoY SA
	Japan GDP Real Chained NSA YoY%
	UK GDP Chained GDP at Market Prices YoY
	China GDP Constant Price YoY
UNEMPLOYMENT	US Unemployment Rate Total in Labor Force Seasonally Adjusted
	Australia Labor Force Unemployment Rate SA
	Japan Unemployment Rate SA
	UK Unemployment ILO Unemployment Rate SA
RETAIL SALES	Australia Retail Sales YoY SA
	US Adjusted Retail & Food Services Sales Total Yearly % Change SA
	Japan Retail Trade YoY NSA
	UK Retail Sales All Retailing Sales Per Week Chained Volume YoY SA
HOUSE/LAND PRICES	Australia House Price Index Established Homes YoY 2003-2004=100
	S&P/Case-Shiller Composite-20 City Home Price Index YoY (US)
	Japan Land Prices Nationwide All YoY%
	UK Nationwide House Prices All Houses YoY NSA
	China Land Transaction Price YoY
HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION	Australia GDP Final Consumption Expenditure Households QoQ SA
	Eurostat GDP Constant 2000 Prices Eurozone Household Consumption Expenditure QoQ
	Japan GDP Chained Real Private Consumption QoQ% SA
	UK GDP Final Consumption Expenditure Chained Prices Household Expenditure QoQ
	GDP US Personal Consumption Chained 2005 Dollars % Change SAAR
CONSUMER & BUSINESS CONFIDENCE	Westpac-Melbourne Institute Consumer Confidence Consumer Sentiment
	Westpac-Melbourne Coincidence Index
	National Australia Bank Business Indicators Business Confidence SA
LEADING INDICATORS	Baltic Dry Index
	CRB Spot Commodities Index
	ISM Manufacturing PMI SA
	Manufacturing PMI China
	Australia Westpac Leading Index Annualised Growth YoY%
	ECRI Weekly Leading Index Growth Rate

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