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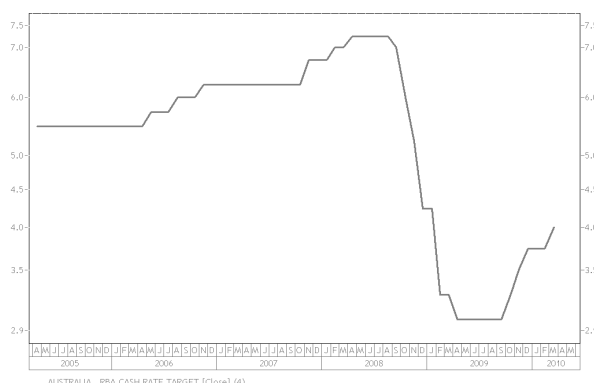
# Asset Management

## Top Stories

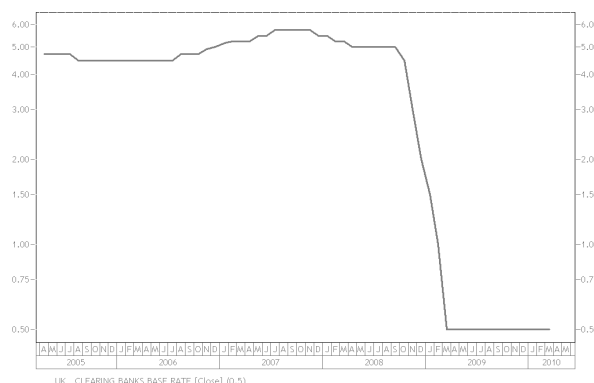
- Euro zone January unemployment stable at 9.9 percent**  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 01 Mar 10
- Japan unemployment eases in January**  
Japan's unemployment rate fell sequentially to a better-than-expected 4.9% in January  
Source: [www.marketwatch.com](http://www.marketwatch.com). 01 Mar 10
- Local vehicle sales jump 20.5 percent in year to Feb**  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 02 Mar 10
- Australia's economic growth picks up pace**  
Australia's gross domestic product grew a seasonally adjusted 0.9% in the October-December quarter  
Source: [www.marketwatch.com](http://www.marketwatch.com). 02 Mar 10
- Australia central bank raises rates; more to come**  
Australia's central bank raised its cash rate by 25 basis points to 4.0 percent  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 02 Mar 10
- SA government raises \$2 billion in largest ever bond**  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 03 Mar 10
- South African reserves decline for third consecutive month**  
Gross gold and foreign currency reserves declined to \$39.4 billion last month from \$39.5 billion  
Source: [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com). 05 Mar 10
- Bank of England keeps rates, quantitative easing on hold**  
Source: [www.businessday.co.za](http://www.businessday.co.za). 05 Mar 10
- Europe: Central banks hold rates low**  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 05 Mar 10
- U.K. producer prices post biggest increase since 2008**  
The cost of goods at factory gates increased an annual 4.1 percent  
Source: [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com). 05 Mar 10

## Top Charts

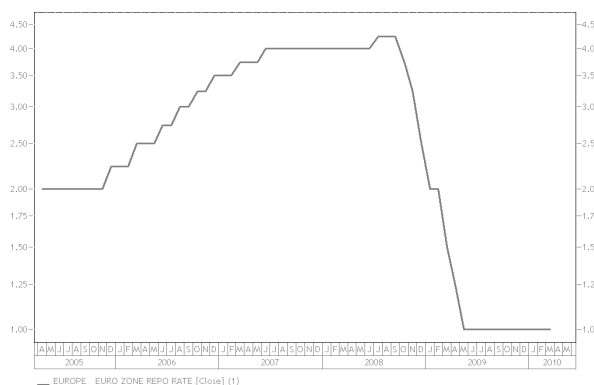
**Australia's Interest Rate, Monthly**  
Apr 05 - Mar 05



**UK Overdraft Rate, Monthly**  
Apr 05 - Mar 10



**Europe's Repo Rate, Monthly**  
Apr 05 - Mar 10



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