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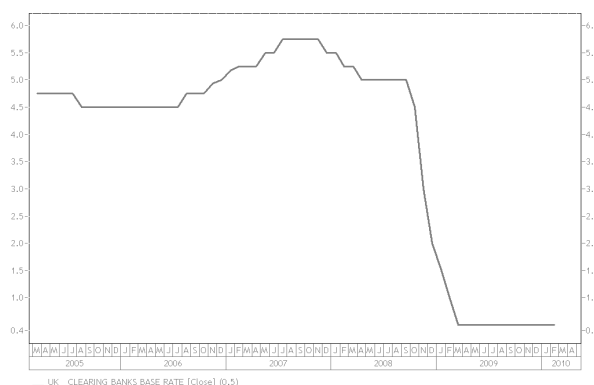
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Top Stories

- 1. Japan recovery continues, but deflation remains**
Japan's gross domestic product grew 1.1% in real terms in the October-December quarter
Source: www.marketwatch.com. 15 Feb 10
- 2. Greece under debt pressure at eurozone talks**
Greece is the first country in the euro's 11-year history to require an emergency statement of political support from other European countries
Source: www.bloomberg.com. 15 Feb 10
- 3. U.S. runs \$43 billion budget deficit in January**
Source: www.marketwatch.com. 17 Feb 10
- 4. BOE policymakers unanimously paused bond buys**
Source: www.marketwatch.com. 17 Feb 10
- 5. S. African banks allowed foreign portfolio investment**
[SA government will allow banks to buy foreign stocks and shares and make other portfolio investments abroad equivalent to a quarter of their deposits]
Source: www.bloomberg.com. 17 Feb 10
- 6. Bank of Japan holds steady, refrains from additional steps**
[The Bank of Japan kept its key interest rate on hold at 0.1% and repeated its pledge to do all it could to pull Japan out of deflation]
Source: www.marketwatch.com. 18 Feb 10
- 7. Fed seeks to calm markets after discount rate rise**
The Fed raised the discount rate by 25 basis points to 0.75 percent
Source: www.busrep.co.za. 19 Feb 10
- 8. Obama sets up fiscal responsibility and reform team**
US President Barack Obama signed an executive order creating an 18-member bipartisan panel to recommend steps to reduce record debt and deficits
Source: www.busrep.co.za. 19 Feb 10
- 9. Euro-zone output grows at steady pace in Feb.**
[The PMI rose from 52.4 in January to 54.1]
Source: www.marketwatch.com. 19 Feb 10
- 10. US consumer prices excluding food and energy fall**
Consumer prices edged up 0.2 percent in January while prices excluding food and energy slipped 0.1 percent
Source: www.busrep.co.za. 19 Feb 10

Top Charts

UK Overdraft Rate, Monthly
Mar 05 - Jan 10



Fed Discount Rate, Monthly
Mar 05 - Jan 10



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