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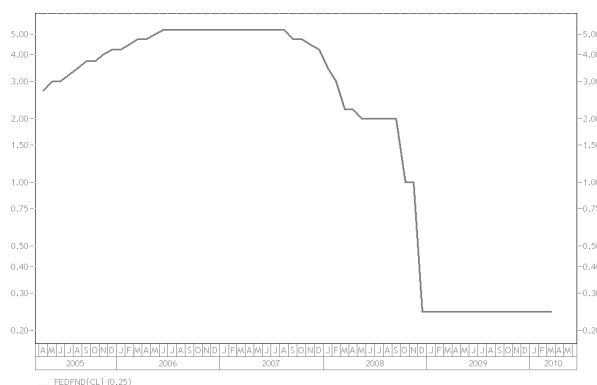
# Asset Management

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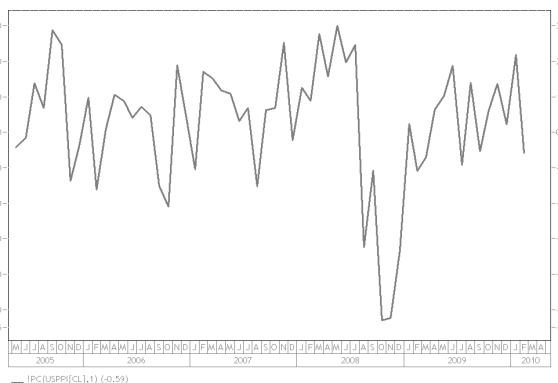
- Moody's rates SA as "stable"**  
Source: [www.businessday.co.za](http://www.businessday.co.za). 16 Mar 10
- Fed renews pledge on rates**  
The US Federal Reserve held benchmark rates near zero on Tuesday and renewed a promise to keep them exceptionally low for an extended period while pointing to increased momentum in the economy's recovery  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 16 Mar 10
- U.S. producer prices fall 0.6% in February**  
Source: [www.marketwatch.com](http://www.marketwatch.com). 17 Mar 10
- British unemployment drops to 7.8%**  
Source: [www.businessday.co.za](http://www.businessday.co.za). 17 Mar 10
- Bank of England voted 9-0 to hold 200 billion-pound bond plan**  
Source: [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com). 17 Mar 10
- Brazil posted biggest February job gain on record**  
Source: [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com). 17 Mar 10
- BoJ bows to pressure for further stimulus**  
[BoJ increased the three-month loan facility to 16520 trillion (R1.6 trillion) and held the overnight rate at 0.1 percent]  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 18 Mar 10
- Consumer prices in U.S. little changed as fuel costs decrease**  
In the 12 months ended February, prices climbed 2.1 percent  
Source: [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com). 18 Mar 10
- India's central bank unexpectedly raises interest rates**  
Reserve Bank of India increased the benchmark reverse repurchase rate to 3.5 percent from a record low of 3.25 percent and the repurchase rate to 5 percent from 4.75 percent  
Source: [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com). 19 Mar 10
- China central bank to drain 213 bln yuan**  
China's central bank will drain as much as 213 billion yuan through open market operations this week  
Source: [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com). 19 Mar 10

## Top Charts

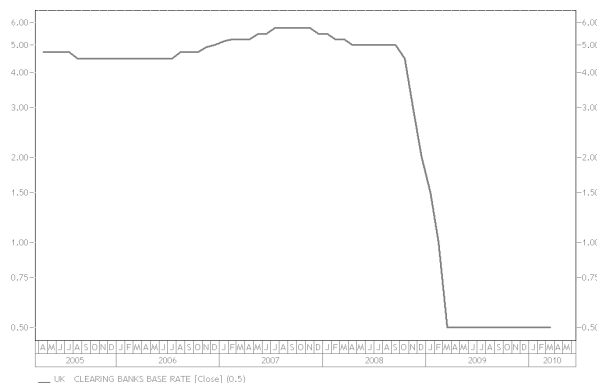
Federal Fund Rate, Monthly  
Apr 05 - Mar 10



US PPI, Monthly  
Apr 05 - Mar 10



UK Overdraft Rate, Monthly  
Apr 05 - Mar 10



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