

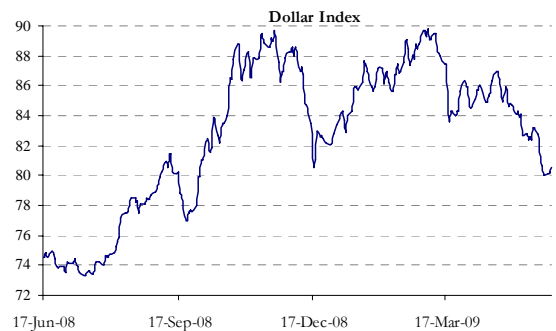
Economic Commentary

- Finance Minister Jim Flaherty admitted that the Canadian deficit would exceed \$50 billion for the current fiscal year. In January, Flaherty had announced a deficit of \$34 billion for the official federal budget. Tiny difference.
- The number of Canadians applying and collecting employment insurance jumped by 10.6% in March – by far the biggest surge since the beginning of the recession. This could signal a sign of further negative figures in employment.
- The loonie considerably appreciated yesterday as the price of crude oil sharply increased. It seems that demand for commodities is picking up globally. Furthermore, the American stock markets had a really nice rally for their first trading day of the week. This is in line with the great confidence numbers that came out yesterday much better-than-expected and that the consumers are ready to spend more and invest in equities. The numbers for the confidence index were the highest since the recession started.
- TSX was also up 2% due to better-than-expected BMO results for the 2nd quarter of the financial year. It might imply that the other Canadian banks will show similar positive results.
- Range CAD/USD : 1.1060-1.1210

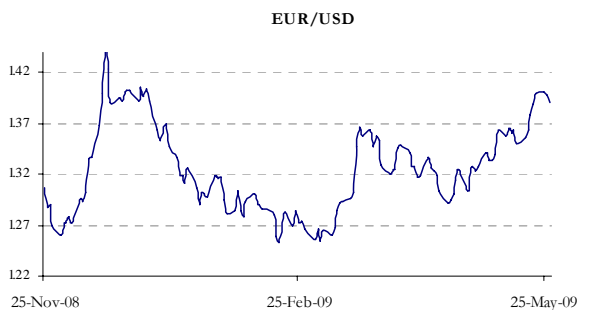
Economic Data

Currency	Time	Description	Expectations	Previous
EUR	2:00	GERMAN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (YoY) (MAY)	0.2%	0.7%
USD	10:00	EXISTING HOME SALES (APR)	1.18%	-3.0%
USD	10:00	HOUSE PRICE INDEX (MAR)	0.2%	0.7%

Forex	Open 27-mai-09	Close 26-mai-09	Change	Year to date
CAD/USD	1.1177	1.1164	0.0013	9.04%
CAD/EUR	1.5541	1.5613	-0.0072	9.63%
CAD/GBP	1.7845	1.7779	0.0066	-0.14%
CAD/CHF	1.0268	1.0300	-0.0032	-10.01%
JPY/CAD	85.2225	85.1300	0.0925	14.51%
CAD/AUD	0.8745	0.8776	-0.0032	-2.11%
USD/EUR	1.3904	1.3984	-0.0080	0.48%
USD/GBP	1.5964	1.5926	0.0037	-8.58%
CHF/USD	0.9185	0.9227	-0.0042	-1.81%
JPY/USD	95.2450	95.0300	0.2150	-4.83%
AUD/USD	0.7824	0.7862	-0.0038	-10.19%
EUR/JPY	132.4312	132.9000	-0.4688	-4.32%
CNY/USD	6.8284	6.8331	0.00	-0.01%



Other markets	Open 27-mai-09	Close 26-mai-09	Change	Year to date
S&P/TSX	10285.90	10069.50	2.149%	14.44%
S&P 500	910.33	#N/A N/A	#VALUE!	0.78%
DOW JONES	8473.49	#N/A N/A	#VALUE!	-3.45%
NASDAQ	1750.43	#N/A N/A	#VALUE!	-0.14%
NIKKEI 225	9438.77	9310.81	1.374%	6.54%
FTSE 100	4410.06	4411.72	-0.038%	-0.55%
DJ EUR STOXX 50	2471.56	2440.23	1.284%	0.98%
CRUDE OIL	62.68	#N/A N/A	#VALUE!	40.54%
GOLD	949.70	958.80	-0.949%	7.72%
CORN	429.50	#N/A N/A	#VALUE!	0.35%
STEEL	327.50	#N/A N/A	#VALUE!	-11.01%



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