

CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS – UNITED KINGDOM

January 19, 2012

U.K. economy at a glance

Year-over-year % change unless otherwise indicated

| | <u>Q3-10</u> | <u>Q4-10</u> | <u>Q1-11</u> | <u>Q2-11</u> | <u>Q3-11</u> | <u>Q4-11</u> |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Real GDP | | | | | | |
| Quarter-over-quarter annualized % change | 2.74 | -1.96 | 1.65 | -0.05 | 2.30 | N/A |
| | 2.83 | 1.90 | 1.26 | 1.61 | 0.37 | N/A |
| Current account balance (US\$ millions, sa) | | | | | | |
| | -19406 | -22292 | -11797 | -12047 | -24506 | N/A |
| % of GDP | -3.39 | -3.81 | -1.97 | -1.96 | -4.01 | N/A |
| BOE/GFK NOP Survey: Inflation expectations | | | | | | |
| | 3.4 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| | <u>Jul-11</u> | <u>Aug-11</u> | <u>Sep-11</u> | <u>Oct-11</u> | <u>Nov-11</u> | <u>Dec-11</u> |
| Labour market | | | | | | |
| Employment (3-month moving average) | -0.16 | -0.37 | -0.05 | 0.09 | N/A | N/A |
| Unemployment rate ((3-month moving average) | 8.1 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.4 | N/A | N/A |
| Average earnings (3-month moving avg., y-o-y %) | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Housing market | | | | | | |
| Nationwide housing price | -0.46 | -0.37 | -0.32 | 0.88 | 1.69 | 1.04 |
| Halifax house price | -2.23 | -3.83 | -0.57 | -0.66 | -1.66 | -2.21 |
| RICS house price balance | -22.0 | -23.0 | -22.0 | -24.0 | -17.0 | -16.0 |
| Manufacturing & industrial production | | | | | | |
| PMI - manufacturing | 49.42 | 49.19 | 50.15 | 47.66 | 47.72 | 49.57 |
| Industrial production | -0.67 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Manufacturing production | 1.99 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Merchandise trade | | | | | | |
| Trade balance (millions of GBP) | -8719 | -8675 | -10175 | -7868 | -8644 | N/A |
| | 13.32 | 10.36 | 9.68 | 13.10 | 10.15 | N/A |
| | 9.68 | 8.40 | 13.01 | 8.32 | 6.94 | N/A |

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|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Consumer | | | | | | |
| Retail sales | 2.86 | 2.67 | 3.62 | 4.27 | 3.31 | N/A |
| Retail sales volume | -0.78 | -1.17 | 0.29 | 1.08 | 0.49 | N/A |
| GfK consumer confidence | -30 | -31 | -30 | -32 | -31 | -33 |
| Prices | | | | | | |
| CPI | 4.46 | 4.53 | 5.22 | 5.03 | 4.84 | 4.20 |
| | 0.00 | 0.59 | 0.67 | 0.08 | 0.17 | 0.41 |
| Core CPI | 3.78 | 3.66 | 3.93 | 3.84 | 3.65 | 3.45 |
| | 0.00 | 0.61 | 0.26 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.43 |
| Retail price index | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| PPI | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Financial market at a glance | | | | | | |
| Official bank rate* | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 0.5000 |
| 2-year yield** | 0.87 | 0.66 | 0.61 | 0.66 | 0.53 | N/A |
| 5-year yield** | 1.99 | 1.51 | 1.38 | 1.47 | 1.24 | N/A |
| 10-year yield** | 3.43 | 2.87 | 2.56 | 2.61 | 2.36 | N/A |
| USD/GBP** | 1.61580 | 1.63560 | 1.57710 | 1.57680 | 1.58060 | 1.55870 |
| FTSE 100 index** | 14.57 | -0.16 | -5.19 | -4.90 | -5.79 | -6.62 |

* End of period

** Average over period

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