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Overseas News

This morning market commentators have cited the internal fighting in Libya as one of the contributing factors in the drop in value of the Euro and GBP against the USD. In addition yesterday saw protests in Saudi Arabia which also unsettled the "Oil" market.

According to some reports investors have again become risk averse.

The aftermath of the earthquake in N.Z. will take many months to clear-up. This may be, according to some observers, something of a benefit to the country as the rebuilding of a large area of Christchurch will provide economic stimulus for the country.

STOP-PRESS

Earthquake 8.9 magnitude some 80 miles off northern Japan sends 10mtr tsunami across region.

Foreign Exchange Markets

As I said in my previous newsletter "volatility is here to stay in 2011" (see below).

GBP and Euro started March on a very positive trend, possibly helped by Barclays Bank's forecast predicting GBP/USD at 1.8500 at the end of 2011.

From 1 March	Open	High	Low	Now
GBP/USD	1.6250	1.6340	1.6020	1.6020
EUR/USD	1.3800	1.4035	1.3710	1.3795
USD/JPY	81.60	83.30	81.60	82.20

Money Markets

No changes in the official rates for the main currencies which remain as below

GBP at 0.50% p.a. (Base Rate)

EUR at 1.00% p.a. (Refinance Rate)

USD at 0.25% p.a. (FedFund Target Rate)

LIBORs at 11:00hrs Thursday 10 March 11

Currency	3months	6months	1year
GBP	0.80813	1.11375	1.58688
USD	0.30950	0.46150	0.78550
EURO	1.12813	1.44375	1.89188

Property

According to recent reports in the newspapers London commercial property, in certain areas is holding its price.

As 2012, and the Olympic games, nears residential property in and around the east of London is also well bid. Other areas of the UK are not experiencing such strong residential price growth.

UNB's 90 Day Notice Gold deposit account pays 2.25%p.a. (gross) AER 2.26%

The bank offers the following **gross** interest rates on retail Fixed Term Deposits

6 months	1.50% , aer 1.51%	min£2.5k, max£1mio
1 year	2.50% , aer 2.50%	min£2.5k, max£1mio
2 years	2.75% , aer 2.72%	min£1, max£1mio
3 years	3.00% , aer 2.92%	min£1, max£1mio

Interest is paid at the final maturity date of a deposit and is not compounded.

Gross Interest – gross is the contractual rate of interest payable before the deduction of income tax at the rate specified by law

AER (Annual Equivalent Rate) – the AER shows the true rate of interest you will have received by the end of the year taking into account the regularity of which interest is added to the account (as the payment frequency has a compounded affect on the amount of interest you receive)

Stock Market

From being in a very "bull" trend in February to what the market commentators are calling an overdue correction (a short term Bear market) the FTSE100 has seen quite dramatic movements since the beginning of March. The current level is approximately 3.25% down from the opening price on 4 Jan 2011 (6,005.00)

The last two weeks trading range is set out below

Open (1 March 2011)	6,020.00	
Low	5,800.95	today
High	6,052.08	04-Mar
Now	5,802.80	

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For our customers in Pakistan we can provide Correspondent Banking facilities, Trade Finance, Inward & Outward payments, Treasury Services and much more.

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