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## A good start for currency managers

The Barclay's Currency Traders Index finished 2007 on a high note and has carried that momentum into 2008.

The CTI, which is comprised of 114 managed money programs (currency futures and spot forex), started out the year with a 2.47-percent gain in January — just a little less than it gained in all of 2007, its first positive year since 2004. The index has had only four losing years since being launched in 1987, although two of them came in 2005 and 2006.

All seven of Barclay's indices began the year with positive months, with the benchmark commodity trading advisor (CTA) index up 7.6 percent.

The Barclay BTOP FX Index, which tracks the largest currency trading programs, was not as fortunate in the year's opening month. The index fell 1.23 percent in January, closing at 1,017.63.

The index closed 2007 at 1,033.09 after reaching a monthly high of 1,038.75 on Dec. 12. The all-time high of 1,053.60 was set in late July.

### Managed money: Barclay Trading Group's currency trader rankings for December 2007

Top 10 currency traders managing more than \$10 million as of Dec. 31, ranked by December 2007 return.

Rank (millions)	Trading advisor	December return	2007 YTD return	\$ Under mgmt.
1.	Harmony Invest. Mgrs. (ProFund FX)	6.99	31.44	46.7M
2.	Spot Forex Mgmt. (Zurich)	4.40	-20.81	15.0M
3.	Bank Sal. Oppenheim (Figaro Currency)	2.89	4.82	31.7M
4.	Wallwood Consultants (Forex)	2.45	12.20	10.0M
5.	Hyman Beck (FastTrac)	2.41	8.55	37.9M
6.	Spot Forex Mgmt. (Geneva)	2.20	-11.25	28.2M
7.	Harmonic Capital (Gl. Currency)	2.11	6.95	N/A
8.	MIGFX Inc (Institutional)	1.97	31.09	26.5M
9.	Rhicon Currency Mgmt (Strategic)	1.86	11.65	210.0M
10.	IKOS CIF (Currency)	1.62	4.88	1430.8M

Top 10 currency traders managing less than \$10 million and more than \$1 million as of Dec. 31, ranked by December 2007 return.

1.	New World Cap'l Mgmt (MS Currency)	14.00	205.26	1.3M
2.	Galleon Strategic Mgmt (FX Cannon)	12.15	97.35	2.7M
3.	Spot Forex Mgmt. (Lausanne)	8.80	-36.86	1.0M
4.	UMJ Tekniko Fund	5.62	3.07	5.0M
5.	Elite E Services (FXV1)	5.05	67.96	2.5M
6.	MIGFX Inc (Retail)	2.77	56.42	8.3M
7.	DynexCorp Ltd. (Market Sentiment)	2.12	-5.33	4.0M
8.	Swing Capital (FX)	1.85	12.65	1.0M
9.	H3 Global Advisors (Currency)	1.63	38.75	2.8M
10.	Black Flag (Gl. Macro)	1.55	20.12	1.0M

Source: Barclay Hedge (<http://www.barclyhedge.com>)

Based on estimates of the composite of all accounts or the fully funded subset method.

Does not reflect the performance of any single account.

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### CURRENCY FUTURES SNAPSHOT

as of Jan. 29

The information does NOT constitute trade signals. It is intended only to provide a brief synopsis of each market's liquidity, direction, and levels of momentum and volatility. See the legend for explanations of the different fields.

Market	E-symbol	Pit symbol	Exchange	Volume	OI	10-day move / % rank	20-day move / % rank	60-day move / % rank	Volatility ratio/rank
Eurocurrency	6E	EC	CME	153.8	166.9	-0.73% / 57%	0.23% / 0%	1.72% / 19%	0.26 / 50%
Japanese yen	6J	JY	CME	117.5	163.1	0.99% / 0%	4.97% / 71%	7.62% / 93%	0.15 / 7%
British pound	6B	BP	CME	62.7	80.4	1.68% / 100%	-0.22% / 7%	-4.54% / 95%	0.30 / 25%
Swiss franc	6S	SF	CME	45.4	64.8	-0.22% / 100%	2.73% / 38%	5.63% / 71%	0.16 / 3%
Australian dollar	6A	AD	CME	42.9	65.1	-1.21% / 71%	1.67% / 44%	-5.09% / 100%	0.30 / 57%
Canadian dollar	6C	CD	CME	39.3	76.7	1.64% / 75%	-2.13% / 33%	-5.56% / 88%	0.36 / 80%
Mexican peso	6M	MP	CME	21.0	86.7	0.58% / 75%	0.55% / 38%	-1.66% / 57%	0.25 / 50%
U.S. dollar index		DX	ICE	3.8	29.7	0.01% / 13%	-1.35% / 36%	-0.83% / 7%	0.33 / 88%
New Zealand dollar	6N	NE	CME	2.4	20.8	-1.44% / 78%	0.78% / 32%	0.29% / 5%	0.34 / 80%
E-Mini eurocurrency	ZE		CME	1.4	1.7	-0.73% / 57%	0.23% / 2%	2.01% / 23%	0.27 / 60%

Note: Average volume and open interest data includes both pit and side-by-side electronic contracts (where applicable). Price activity is based on pit-traded contracts.

#### LEGEND:

**E-symbol:** Ticker symbol.

**Volume:** 30-day average daily volume, in thousands.

**OI:** 30-day open interest, in thousands.

**10-day move:** The percentage price move from the close 10 days ago to today's close.

**20-day move:** The percentage price move from the close 20 days ago to today's close.

**60-day move:** The percentage price move from the close 60 days ago to today's close.

The "% rank" fields for each time window (10-day moves, 20-day moves, etc.) show the percentile rank of the most recent move to a certain number of the previous moves of the same size and in the same direction. For example, the % rank for 10-day move shows how the most recent 10-day move compares to the past twenty 10-day moves; for the 20-day move, the % rank field shows how the most recent 20-day move compares to the

past sixty 20-day moves; for the 60-day move, the % rank field shows how the most recent 60-day move compares to the past one-hundred-twenty 60-day moves. A reading of 100% means the current reading is larger than all the past readings, while a reading of 0% means the current reading is lower than the previous readings.

**Volatility ratio / % rank:** The ratio is the short-term volatility (10-day standard deviation of prices) divided by the long-term volatility (100-day standard deviation of prices). The % rank is the percentile rank of the volatility ratio over the past 60 days.

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