

Anxiety over “unidentified objects” flying over US and Chinese airspace - US shot down nearly four such objects while China prepares to down one in nearly a week.

Senior Loan Officers Opinion Survey (SLOOS) gave plenty of reason to stick with the view that a 'Hard Landing' is more likely . It could be different this time but for 30 years, SLOOS is leading Unemployment

For a soft landing to occur, data needs to continue trending as it has been - inflation lower, job market stable-However, appears highly unlikely, given the lagged impact of monetary policy on economy.

UoM Sentiment report improved to 66.4, the best in over a year. Current conditions improved while 1y inflation expectations rose from 3.9% to 4.2%.

**Tomorrow's inflation report is the key. Fed speak is also huge this week - Logan, Harker, and Williams after the data -Thursday : Mester, Bullard & Cook -Friday : Barkin and Bowman.**

**Energy markets are not going to be betting against OPEC+ anytime soon. Short-term momentum from China, no more SPR support, and Russia's lower output should support Brent to make a move towards the \$90 level.**

**Let's accept Europe outlook is centered on how intense this Geo political shock could be . Twin deficits & BoP deficit amidst over stretched fiscal & tightening monetary policy - Currency can't strengthen howsoever you hike .Visco downplays rate hike bias.Lagarde on Wed. 1.0490 next .**

UK is very intriguing - economy is drifting  
-fluctuating around zero growth- recession  
angst & **Dovish BoE weighs- GBP**

**bearish** setup post consolidation. 1.1984,  
76.4% 2023 rise held on the close last  
week - resilient. 10 dma at 1.2135/37 -  
capped last week & London top Friday

**Markets** mull BOJ governor pick- Kazuo  
Ueda will appear in Japanese Parliament  
on Feb 24 and it is **shaping up a huge day**  
**for yen and JGBs. The recent dip wrong-**  
**footed markets- bigger risk lie higher-**  
133.70 obj ahead of 136.60

Notwithstanding Friday's short lived dip  
below 82.50, the pair should bounce back  
into 82.65 - 82.85 range today .

