

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ISSUE

In this issue, we briefly update our existing themes. We then present in the spotlight piece a 'tribute' to **AC/DC** (Assessing the Cost of Dual Currency), an exploratory piece on distributions and probabilities for the three currency crosses dominant in our investors' dual currency positions (EUR-USD, GBP-USD, EUR-GBP).

- It appears that the past few months have been trapped in a Groundhog Day vortex of policy drama and anticlimactic policy decisions. While December should be no different, Germany's slide into the vortex probably changes things.
- In our **Paying the Piper** theme, we expect an about-face in core Europe to increase the chance of a grand bargain. In our **Passing the Buck** theme, we expect the recent trend of liability management exercises in the European banking sector to accelerate in the coming months.
- In our **AC/DC** spotlight piece, we explore ways to help us judge better when dual currency deposits may carry too much of a conversion premium. To achieve this, we compare market-based information with clues from state-based empirical data.

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