

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

### News

- > The USD dollar ended lower against majority of its peers on weaker-than-expected US PPI data, which added further assurance to investors that the Federal Reserve may keep interest rates unchanged for a longer period of time while a surge in the pound also weighed on the greenback.
- > The GBP/USD rallied to a 9-month peak at 1.3383 in New York afternoon as UK lawmakers rejected an amendment to leave the EU without a deal.
- > The EUR/USD rebounded to 1.1342 after hitting a low of 1.1278 as the euro found renewed buying in later New York trading on dollar weakness.
- > This Thursday, Germany will release February inflation while the US will offer the weekly unemployment claim figures and January New Home Sales.
- > AUD/USD weakened in Asian trade this morning following the release of underperforming year-on-year Chinese industrial production for February.
- > The USD/JPY strengthened to 111.60 while Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda will speak on Friday, after he and his board conclude their discussions on monetary policy.
- > The Canadian dollar strengthened to a nine-day high against its US counterpart on Wednesday as rising stocks and oil prices offset domestic data showing the fifth consecutive monthly decline for home prices.
- > The US Dollar opens 10 cents lower this morning, with the initial jobless claims data due today out of the US and the German inflation data.

### Daily Technical View

EUR/USD - The EUR rally reached 1.1342 against the USD on broad-based dollar weakness, with liquidation of leveraged short positions cited as the main reason for the up move. In Asia this morning we are hovering near 1.1320, former resistance now turned support level, and the intra-day picture is mildly bullish for a try higher towards 1.1355/75 as long as 1.1265 holds the pull-back.

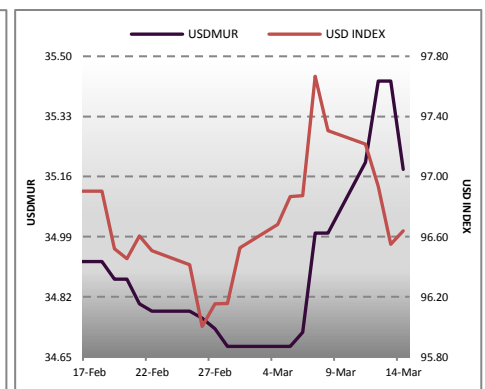
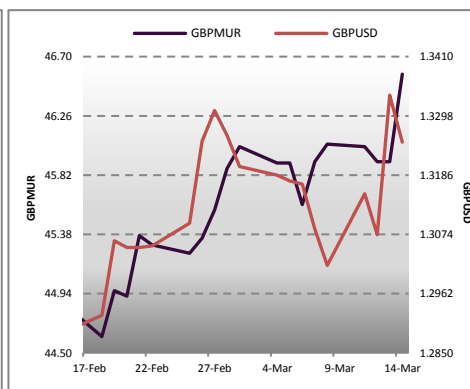
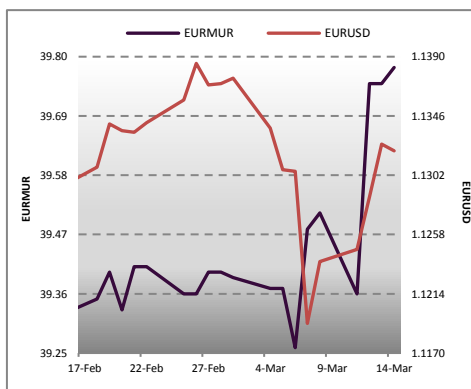
### Market Highlights

#### Indicative Spot Rates

	Bid		Offer	
	Today	Change (Rs.)	Today	Change (Rs.)
AUDMUR	24.10	(0.04)	25.06	(0.05)
CNYMUR	5.10	(0.01)	5.36	(0.01)
EURMUR	38.62	0.01	39.78	0.01
JPYMUR	30.43	(0.15)	31.65	(0.15)
ZARMUR	2.34	(0.01)	2.46	(0.01)
USDMUR	34.28	(0.10)	35.18	(0.10)
GBPMUR	45.21	0.42	46.57	0.44

#### Indicative Forward Rates

	Bid			Offer		
	1m	3m	6m	1m	3m	6m
AUDMUR	24.11	24.13	24.16	25.10	25.18	25.31
EURMUR	38.72	38.93	39.25	39.90	40.17	40.61
ZARMUR	2.33	2.31	2.28	2.45	2.44	2.42
USDMUR	34.28	34.30	34.32	35.21	35.27	35.39
GBPMUR	45.28	45.43	45.65	46.67	46.89	47.24



#### Previous Day Trading Levels

	Previous Day Trading Levels			Today
	Opening	High	Low	Latest
AUDUSD	0.7093	0.7097	0.7059	0.7063
EURUSD	1.1328	1.1341	1.1318	1.1324
GBPUSD	1.3339	1.3339	1.3240	1.3250
USDJPY	111.14	111.62	111.14	111.60
USDCHF	1.0036	1.0046	1.0029	1.0044
USDCNH	6.70	6.72	6.70	6.72

#### Today

#### Major Indices

	Value at Close	Day Change %
DOW JONES	25,554.66	0.58
S&P 500	2,810.92	0.69
FTSE 100	7,159.19	0.11
DAX	11,572.41	0.42
CAC 40	5,306.38	0.69
NIKKEI 225	21,324.00	0.16
HANGSENG	28,781.66	(0.09)

### Major Economic Releases (at GMT)

Date	Time	Country	Event	Period	Actual	Expected	Prior
14-Mar	12 30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	Mar	-	225K	223K
14-Mar	19 00	UK	Parliamentary vote on Brexit	-	-	-	-
15-Mar	10 00	EU	Consumer Price Index - Core (YoY)	Feb	-	1%	1%

**News**

- > Yields held higher on Wednesday even after the Labour Department indicated that wholesale prices barely increased in February after falling for three straight months.
- > The 10-year Treasury note yield rose 0.7 basis points to 2.612 percent, while the two-year note yield was mostly unchanged at 2.453 percent. Both maturities are around their lowest closing levels since January 3. The 30-year bond yield gained 2.1 basis points to 3.011 percent.

- > The UK 10-year government bond yield rose 2.3 basis points to 1.197 percent.
- > The Bank of Mauritius has announced the re-opening of the 4.04 percent Benchmark Three-Year Government of Mauritius Treasury Note maturing 19 February 2022 through an auction of MUR 2 billion to be held on Wednesday 20th March 2019.

**Market Highlights**
**Local Secondary Market T-Bills**

	Bid (%)	Offer (%)
1M	3.05	-
2M	3.10	-
3M	3.19	3.04
4M	3.30	-
6M	3.40	3.25
8M	3.45	-
10M	3.50	-
1Y	3.57	3.42

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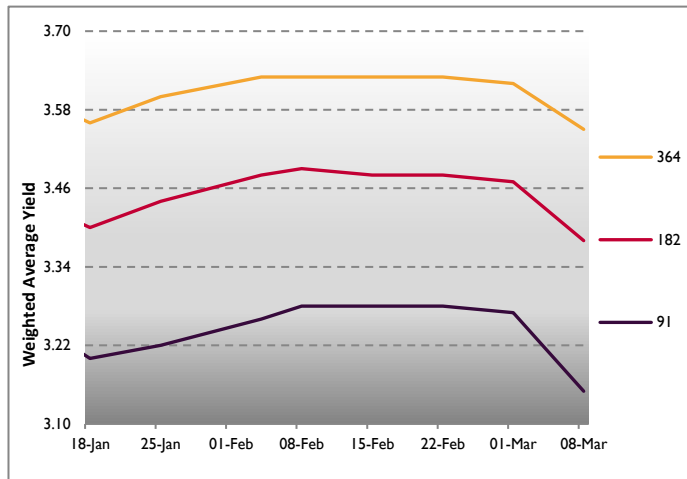
	Bid (%)	Offer (%)
2 year	3.90	3.70
3 year	4.10	3.90
4 Year	4.35	4.15
5 Year	4.70	4.45
10 Year	5.45	5.20
15 year	6.00	5.75
20 Year	6.15	5.90

**Key Central Bank Rates**

	Current Level (%)	Previous (%)
BOM Repo Rate	3.50	3.50
Fed Funds Rate	2.25 - 2.50	2.25 - 2.50
BoE Bank Rate	0.75	0.75
ECB Ref. Rate	0.0	0.0
RBA Cash Rate	1.50	1.50

**Government Benchmark Yields (%)**

	2 Year	5 Year
US Bonds	2.4709	2.435
UK Bonds	0.748	0.927
German Bonds	-0.546	-0.379

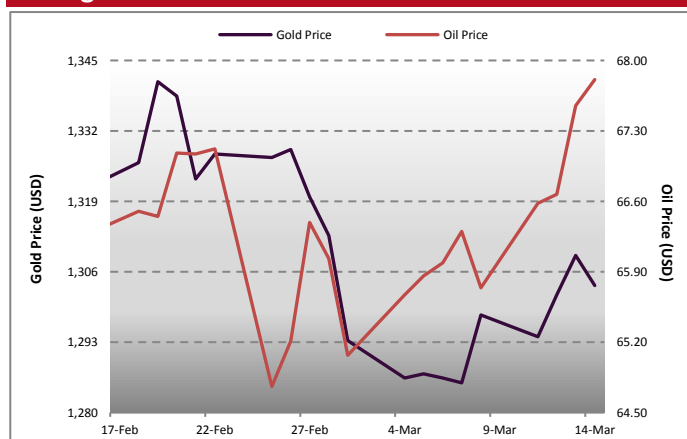
**Local Treasury Bills Market**

**Money Market Rates**

LIBOR (%)	1 Week	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months
EUR	-0.448	-0.415	-0.332	-0.298
USD	2.416	2.484	2.611	2.676
GBP	0.695	0.728	0.843	0.968
EURIBOR	-0.378	-0.368	-0.309	-0.231

**Indicative Generic Swap Rates\* (%)**

Tenor	2yr	5yr	7yr	10yr
EURIBOR - 3m	-0.242	0.024	0.230	0.532
USD LIBOR - 3m	2.564	2.470	2.527	2.639

\*Pay fixed and receive floating swap

**COMMODITIES**
**Rolling Gold & Oil Prices**


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Source: MCB Treasury, Reuters, Bloomberg, Bank of Mauritius

**News**

- > Oil prices rallied to its highest level this year and extended gains made yesterday after the Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported a decline in crude oil inventory of 3.9 million barrels for the week to March 8 as opposed to a build of 7.1 million barrels a week earlier. The EIA also revised down its projected 2020 production figure from 13.20 million barrels per day to 13.03 million bpd.
- > The yellow metal jumped to a 2-week high overnight hitting USD 1,309.40 as the commodity drew support from fresh uncertainties surrounding Brexit while modest US inflation numbers released yesterday also added to the appeal of gold. The yellow metal however gave back some of its gains to trade at USD 1,303.9 as of writing.

	Spot Market		Futures Market	
	Today	Change (\$)	Today	Change (\$)
Brent Crude Oil (\$)	65.35	0.57	67.81	0.26
Gold (\$)	1,304.86	(4.17)	1,307.50	11.20