

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

News

- > The greenback ended higher across the board on Thursday due to short covering and rising US Treasury yields.
- > The GBP/USD retreated to 1.3250 from nine-month high of 1.3330 after UK lawmakers voted overwhelmingly to seek a delay to the UK exit from the EU.
- > The euro eased to 1.1305 from Wednesday one-week high of 1.1339, in tandem with the pound.
- > The USD/JPY pair edged down to 111.62 following the Bank of Japan decision to keep its short-term interest rate target at minus 0.1 percent as expected while maintaining the 10-year JGB yield target around 0 percent, also in line with expectation.
- > The AUD/USD pair recovered to 0.7083 in Asian trade this morning, following the latest reports that China and US have made further substantive progress on trade talks.
- > The South African rand fell against the greenback on Thursday, hurt by subdued appetite for emerging market assets and data showing that output in two key industrial sectors of mining and manufacturing remained weak.
- > The Canadian dollar fell against its US counterpart on Thursday after hitting an earlier 10-day high, pressured by weak Chinese data.
- > The Pound Sterling loses 4 cents this morning, on the back of the ongoing Brexit uncertainty.

Daily Technical View

EUR/USD - The pair shuffled in a tight 1.1295-1.1336 range in quiet trading ahead of the week-end. There is scope for further upside towards 1.1350/70 levels where we expect strong selling pressure to show up, on the downside 1.1290 is nearby support and 1.1255 the key level to hold to avoid a reversal of the week long rally.

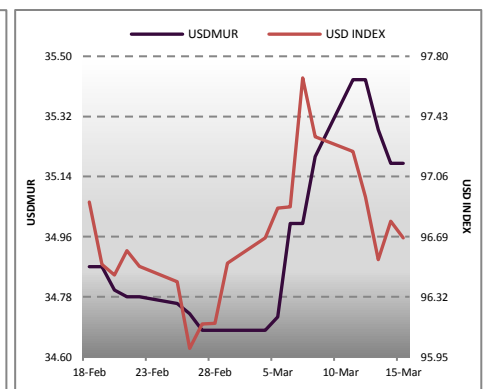
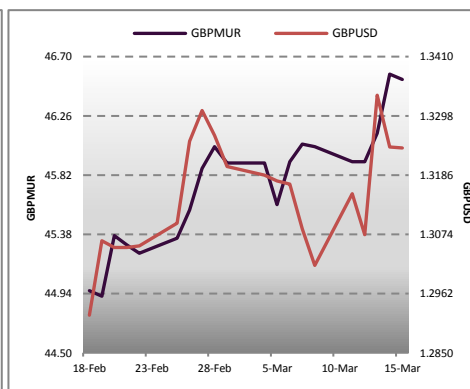
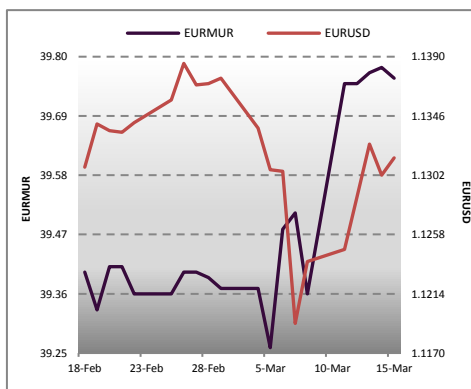
Market Highlights

Indicative Spot Rates

	Bid		Offer	
	Today	Change (Rs.)	Today	Change (Rs.)
AUDMUR	24.15	0.05	25.12	0.06
CNYMUR	5.09	(0.01)	5.35	(0.01)
EURMUR	38.60	(0.02)	39.76	(0.02)
JPYMUR	30.39	(0.04)	31.61	(0.04)
ZARMUR	2.33	(0.01)	2.45	(0.01)
USDMUR	34.28	-	35.18	-
GBPMUR	45.17	(0.04)	46.53	(0.04)

Indicative Forward Rates

	Bid			Offer		
	1m	3m	6m	1m	3m	6m
AUDMUR	24.16	24.18	24.21	25.16	25.24	25.37
EURMUR	38.70	38.90	39.23	39.88	40.15	40.59
ZARMUR	2.32	2.30	2.27	2.44	2.43	2.41
USDMUR	34.28	34.30	34.32	35.21	35.27	35.39
GBPMUR	45.24	45.39	45.61	46.63	46.85	47.20



Previous Day Trading Levels

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	Opening	High	Low	Latest
AUDUSD	0.7063	0.7093	0.7062	0.7082
EURUSD	1.1304	1.1327	1.1298	1.1317
GBPUSD	1.3238	1.3266	1.3221	1.3240
USDJPY	111.69	111.89	111.50	111.69
USDCHF	1.0038	1.0044	1.0020	1.0028
USDCNH	6.72	6.73	6.72	6.72

Today

Major Indices

	Value at Close	Day Change %
DOW JONES	25,702.89	0.03
S&P 500	2,808.48	(0.09)
FTSE 100	7,185.43	0.37
DAX	11,587.47	0.13
CAC 40	5,349.78	0.82
NIKKEI 225	21,510.67	1.05
HANGSENG	29,066.85	0.75

Major Economic Releases (at GMT)

Date	Time	Country	Event	Period	Actual	Expected	Prior
15-Mar	10:00	EU	Consumer Price Index - Core (YoY)	Feb	-	1%	1%
19-Mar	09:30	UK	Average Earnings ex Bonus (3Mo/Yr)	Jan	-	3.3%	3.4%
20-Mar	09:30	UK	Consumer Price Index (YoY)	Feb	-	-	1.8%
20-Mar	18:00	US	Fed Interest Rate Decision	-	-	-	2.5%

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

News

- > Long-dated Treasury yields rose on Thursday, after failing to push key chart levels, as traders shrugged off geopolitical concerns.
- > The 10-year Treasury note yield rose 1.6 basis points to 2.628 percent, while the 2-year note yield was up 0.8 basis point to 2.461 percent. The 30-year bond yield rose 3.4 basis points to 3.045 percent, after investors proved unable to drag it below 3 percent.
- > The 10-year UK government bond yield added 2.6 basis points to 1.230 percent.
- > Today, the Bank of Mauritius will issue the 364-Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills for a nominal amount of MUR 1,000 Mio.
- > The Bank of Mauritius will also issue the 91-Day and 182-Day Bank of Mauritius Treasury Bills for a nominal amount of MUR 2,200 Mio.

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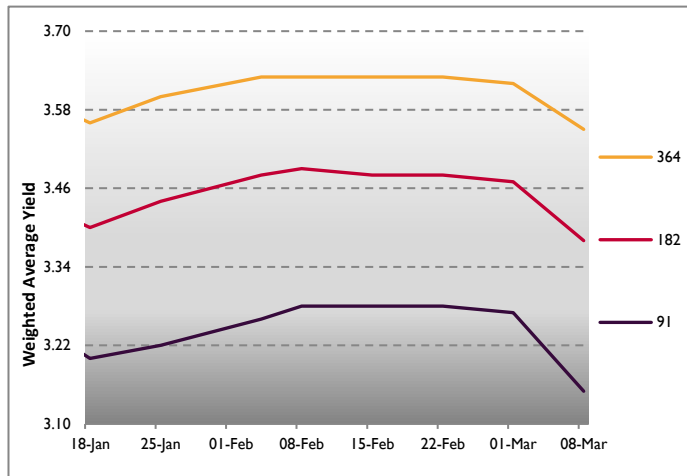
	Bid (%)	Offer (%)
2 year	3.90	3.70
3 year	4.10	3.90
4 Year	4.35	4.15
5 Year	4.70	4.45
10 Year	5.45	5.20
15 year	6.00	5.75
20 Year	6.15	5.90

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	2.4605	2.424
UK Bonds	0.767	0.947
German Bonds	-0.541	-0.378

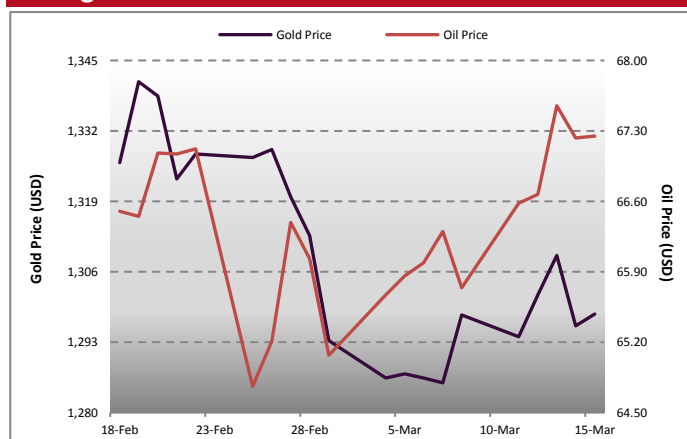
Local Treasury Bills Market

Money Market Rates

LIBOR (%)	1 Week	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months
EUR	-0.447	-0.415	-0.332	-0.298
USD	2.409	2.482	2.615	2.679
GBP	0.695	0.728	0.843	0.958
EURIBOR	-0.376	-0.368	-0.310	-0.232

Indicative Generic Swap Rates* (%)

Tenor	2yr	5yr	7yr	10yr
EURIBOR - 3m	-0.244	0.023	0.226	0.528
USD LIBOR - 3m	2.569	2.488	2.533	2.635

*Pay fixed and receive floating swap

COMMODITIES
Rolling Gold & Oil Prices


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- > OPEC production cuts coupled with US sanctions against Venezuela and Iran are creating a slight deficit in global supply for the first quarter of 2019, supporting oil prices even though concerns that an economic slowdown will soon dent growth in fuel demand capped further gains.
- > Gold prices slid below the USD 1,300 level yesterday to trade at USD 1297.50 this morning as a stronger US dollar pressured the yellow metal.

	Spot Market		Futures Market	
	Today	Change (\$)	Today	Change (\$)
Brent Crude Oil (\$)	65.64	0.30	67.21	(0.02)
Gold (\$)	1,299.08	3.04	1,293.40	(14.10)