

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

News

- > The dollar was little changed against the euro on Monday as investors focused on European manufacturing data due on Thursday for signs that growth in the region is improving.
- > The US published the preliminary NY Empire State Manufacturing Index for April, which resulted at 10.1 against the expected 6.0.
- > The EUR/USD advanced up to 1.1320 before retreating to 1.1290 ahead of the German ZEW survey for April due later today.
- > The GBP/USD pair settled slightly below the 1.3100 figure while the UK will release this Tuesday its latest employment data, with the unemployment rate expected to remain unchanged at 3.9 percent for the three months to February.
- > The USD/JPY remained around the 112.00 level in thin trading conditions ahead of this week Easter Holiday.
- > The AUD/USD dropped to 0.7139 this morning after the minutes of the last monetary policy meeting showed that the Central Bank monetary policy board is open to cutting rates if inflation remains weak and the labour market loses strength.
- > The Canadian dollar weakened against its US counterpart on Monday, as domestic data showing softer business sentiment, which triggered increased bets on a Bank of Canada interest rate cut this year.
- > South African rand weakened against the greenback as prices of the yellow metal fell to their lowest levels in a week.
- > The Pound Sterling sees a 2-cent drop this morning against the Rupee, ahead of the unemployment data out of the UK later today.

Daily Technical View

EUR/USD - In the absence of top-tier economic data the EUR moved sideways, in a tight 1.1295-1.1320 range, against the USD as optimism towards a recovery in global growth continued to underpin the pair. However the technical picture is hinting that good resistance at 1.1350 level could trigger a retracement to 1.1260, only a clear break above 1.1350 would open up a fresh upside target of 1.1445.

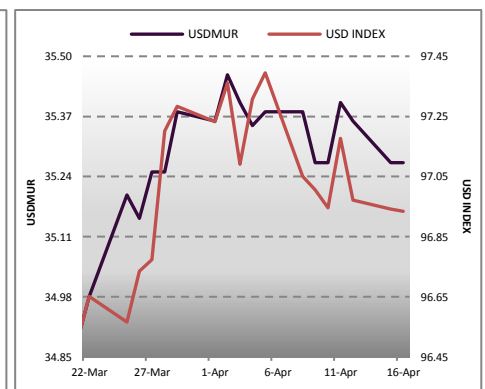
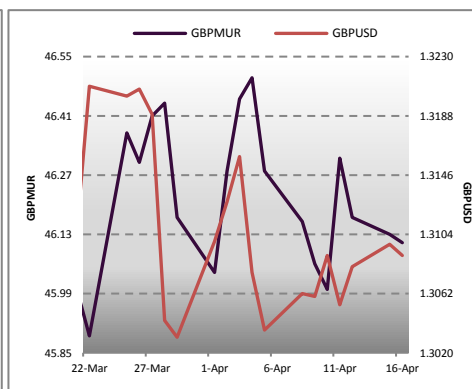
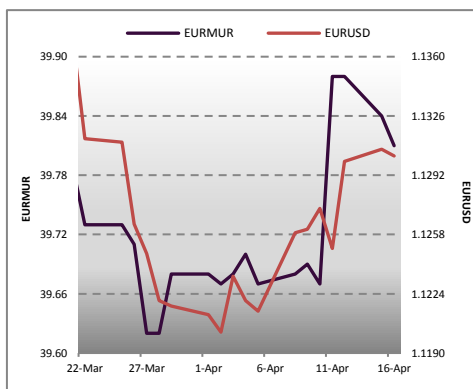
Market Highlights

Indicative Spot Rates

	Bid		Offer	
	Today	Change (Rs.)	Today	Change (Rs.)
AUDMUR	24.45	(0.09)	25.43	(0.09)
CNYMUR	5.11	-	5.37	-
EURMUR	38.65	(0.03)	39.81	(0.03)
JPYMUR	30.40	-	31.62	-
ZARMUR	2.41	(0.02)	2.53	(0.02)
USDMUR	34.37	-	35.27	-
GBPMUR	44.77	(0.02)	46.11	(0.02)

Indicative Forward Rates

	Bid			Offer		
	1m	3m	6m	1m	3m	6m
AUDMUR	24.45	24.47	24.52	25.47	25.54	25.70
EURMUR	38.74	38.93	39.25	39.93	40.18	40.61
ZARMUR	2.40	2.38	2.35	2.52	2.51	2.49
USDMUR	34.37	34.37	34.39	35.29	35.34	35.46
GBPMUR	44.84	44.96	45.19	46.21	46.41	46.76



Previous Day Trading Levels

	Previous Day Trading Levels			Today
	Opening	High	Low	Latest
AUDUSD	0.7173	0.7175	0.7140	0.7149
EURUSD	1.1303	1.1314	1.1293	1.1306
GBPUSD	1.3101	1.3111	1.3080	1.3091
USDJPY	112.03	112.05	111.89	111.95
USDCHE	1.0037	1.0048	1.0037	1.0043
USDCNH	6.71	6.71	6.71	6.71

Today

Major Indices

	Value at Close	Day Change %
DOW JONES	26,412.30	(0.10)
S&P 500	2,905.58	(0.06)
FTSE 100	7,436.87	-
DAX	12,020.28	0.17
CAC 40	5,508.73	0.11
NIKKEI 225	22,225.62	0.25
HANGSENG	29,988.47	0.60

Major Economic Releases (at GMT)

Date	Time	Country	Event	Period	Actual	Expected	Prior
16-Apr	08 30	UK	Average Earnings ex Bonus	Feb	-	3.2%	3.4%
16-Apr	08 30	UK	ILO Unemployment Rate (3M)	Feb	-	4.0%	3.9%
17-Apr	08 30	UK	Consumer Price Index (YoY)	Mar	-	1.6%	1.9%
17-Apr	12 30	CA	BoC Consumer Price Index Core (YoY)	Mar	-	-	1.5%

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

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> Treasury prices rose slightly yesterday, pushing yields lower, after modest weakness in stocks helped give a bullish tilt to the bond market, as investors sought out haven assets.

> Wall Street ended in the red, with the S&P 500 sliding after three consecutive weekly gains, as investors digested the latest batch of bank earnings and assessed a slide in oil prices.

> The 10-year US Treasury note yield was down 0.7 basis points to 2.553 percent, while the two-year note yield was virtually unchanged at 2.391 percent.

> Tomorrow, the Bank of Mauritius will issue the New Benchmark Three-Year Government of Mauritius Treasury Notes for a nominal amount of MUR 2,000 Mio.

Market Highlights

Local Secondary Market T-Bills

	Bid (%)	Offer (%)
1M	2.90	-
2M	2.95	-
3M	3.02	2.87
4M	3.20	-
6M	3.31	3.17
8M	3.38	-
10M	3.45	-
1Y	3.51	3.36

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Local Secondary Market T-Bonds

	Bid (%)	Offer (%)
2 year	3.85	3.65
3 year	4.00	3.80
4 Year	4.30	4.10
5 Year	4.70	4.45
10 Year	5.40	5.15
15 year	5.90	5.65
20 Year	6.15	5.90

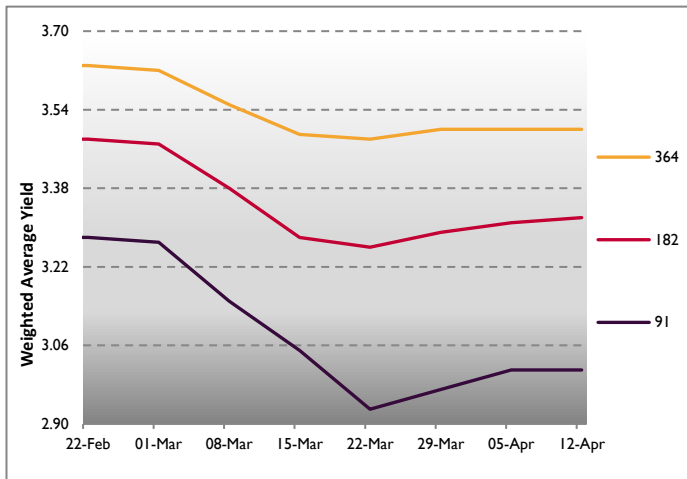
Key Central Bank Rates

	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	2.3917	2.369
UK Bonds	0.788	0.934
German Bonds	-0.579	-0.372

Local Treasury Bills Market



Money Market Rates

LIBOR (%)	1 Week	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months
EUR	-0.438	-0.413	-0.348	-0.308
USD	2.411	2.474	2.588	2.638
GBP	0.690	0.734	0.821	0.948
EURIBOR	-0.378	-0.367	-0.310	-0.232

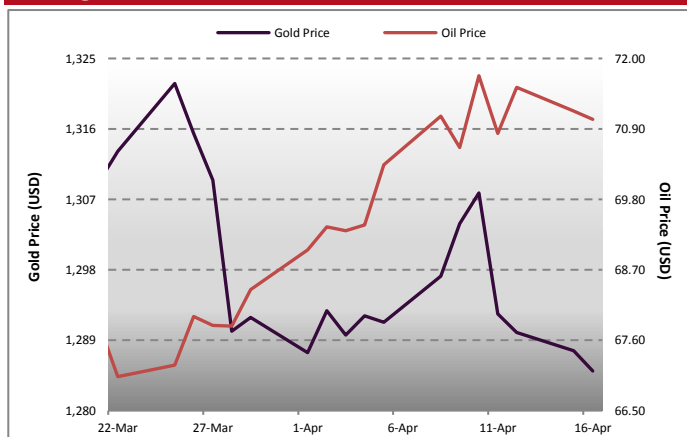
Indicative Generic Swap Rates* (%)

Tenor	2yr	5yr	7yr	10yr
EURIBOR - 3m	-0.270	-0.015	0.191	0.491
USD LIBOR - 3m	2.470	2.405	2.450	2.537

*Pay fixed and receive floating swap

COMMODITIES

Rolling Gold & Oil Prices



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> Oil prices extended losses after a Russian minister signalled the country's reluctance to continue with OPEC+ output cuts beyond June, given its worries about losing market share to US crude. Losses were however limited by a tightening of global supplies, as output has fallen in Iran and Venezuela amid signs the US will further toughen sanctions against those two producer countries.

> Gold maintains the downward momentum and is trading at USD 1,284.70 as of writing following release of stronger than expected China trade credit data that continued to bolster risk appetite across markets.

	Spot Market		Futures Market	
	Today	Change (\$)	Today	Change (\$)
Brent Crude Oil (\$)	71.56	(0.66)	71.05	(0.13)
Gold (\$)	1,285.34	(2.30)	1,285.20	(1.60)