

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

News

- > The greenback ended higher against majority of its peers on Friday on waning risk appetite as selloff in oil prices triggered concerns over global growth.
- > This week investors will be focusing their attention on Friday planned meeting between US President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping at the upcoming G20 summit.
- > EUR/USD fell to a low of 1.1327 after the release of downbeat Germany PMI data. The German private-sector growth slowed to its lowest level in nearly four years while business growth in the euro zone slowed much more quickly than expected this month.
- > The GBP/USD remained around the 1.28 after the European Union signed off on the deal as expected, but warned British politicians they will not get a better agreement if they reject it.
- > The AUD/USD pair closed the week with losses around 0.7230, falling on the back of plummeting oil prices and equities.
- > The New Zealand dollar weakened to 0.6760 against the greenback undermined by weaker-than-expected retail sales data.
- > South African rand fell on Friday; giving back some of Thursday gains after a hike in the official borrowing rate by the Central Bank helped the currency hit a three-month high.
- > The Bank of Mauritius published the Minutes of the 49th Monetary Policy Committee on Friday. The Rupee traded almost flat against the US Dollar, appreciating only by 0.1 percent in September 2018.
- > The US Dollar starts the week on a higher note this morning, gaining 7 cents against the Rupee.

Daily Technical View

EUR/USD-A string of weak PMI data in Euroland coupled with the non-resolution of Italy /EU budget stand-off sent the EUR tumbling to a low of 1.1327 against the USD. The market is hovering close to the key technical support level of 1.1320, with a breach targeting the year's low at 1.1216, on the upside 1.1375 is nearby resistance and 1.1430 the level to recover to alleviate current bearishness. Key events to watch this week are Fed's Chairman Powell speech on Wednesday, FOMC minutes on Thursday and the G-20 meeting in Argentina on Friday.

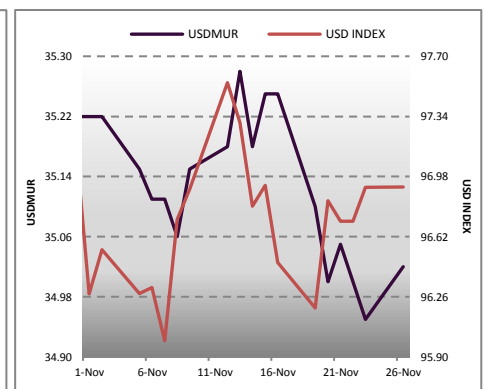
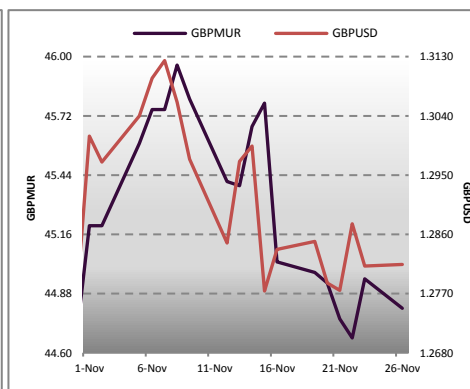
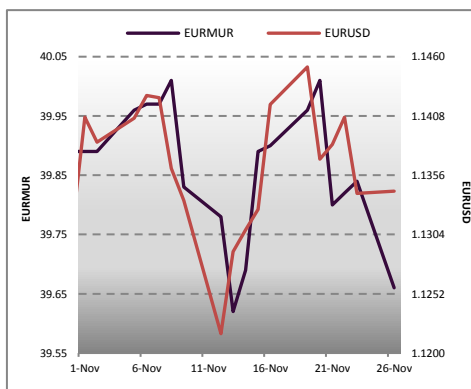
Market Highlights

Indicative Spot Rates

	Bid		Offer	
	Today	Change (Rs.)	Today	Change (Rs.)
AUDMUR	24.59	0.02	25.57	0.02
CNYMUR	4.91	0.01	5.16	0.01
EURMUR	38.50	(0.18)	39.66	(0.18)
JPYMUR	29.84	(0.01)	31.03	(0.01)
ZARMUR	2.43	(0.01)	2.55	(0.01)
USDMUR	34.12	0.07	35.02	0.07
GBPMUR	43.50	(0.14)	44.81	(0.14)

Indicative Forward Rates

	Bid			Offer		
	1m	3m	6m	1m	3m	6m
AUDMUR	24.60	24.61	24.64	25.62	25.68	25.82
EURMUR	38.61	38.83	39.17	39.80	40.08	40.53
ZARMUR	2.42	2.40	2.37	2.54	2.53	2.51
USDMUR	34.14	34.15	34.17	35.06	35.13	35.23
GBPMUR	43.58	43.73	43.97	44.92	45.14	45.50



Previous Day Trading Levels

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	Opening	High	Low	Latest
AUDUSD	0.7229	0.7250	0.7225	0.7248
EURUSD	1.1341	1.1349	1.1327	1.1346
GBPUSD	1.2852	1.2860	1.2797	1.2816
USDJPY	112.94	113.28	112.88	113.26
USDCHE	0.9962	0.9984	0.9962	0.9975
USDCNH	6.94	6.95	6.94	6.94

Today

Major Indices

	Value at Close	Day Change %
DOW JONES	24,464.69	(0.73)
S&P 500	2,632.56	(0.66)
FTSE 100	6,952.86	(0.11)
DAX	11,192.69	0.49
CAC 40	4,946.95	0.18
NIKKEI 225	21,787.05	0.65
HANGSENG	26,387.06	1.77

Major Economic Releases (at GMT)

Date	Time	Country	Event	Period	Actual	Expected	Prior
23-Nov	09 00	EU	Markit Services PMI	Nov	53.1	53.5	53.7
23-Nov	13 30	CA	Consumer Price Index (YoY)	Oct	2.4%	2.2%	2.2%
23-Nov	14 45	US	Markit Services PMI	Nov	54.4	54.9	54.8
26-Nov	-	UK	EU Brexit Summit	-	-	-	-

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

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- > Treasury yields fell on Friday, following the drop in European debt yields, after a round of tepid economic data appeared to furnish new obstacles to the European Central Bank plans to normalize monetary policy.
- > The 10-year Treasury note yield gave up 1.6 basis points to 3.045 percent, its lowest since September 17.
- > The 2-year note yield was mostly unchanged at 2.814 percent, leaving it virtually flat for the week while the 30-year bond yield fell 0.5 basis point to 3.306 percent.

- > The German 10-year bond yield fell 3.1 basis points to 0.339 percent.
- > The result of the 182-Day Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills were as follows: out of 10 bids received, only 3 were successful, with a weighted average yield at 3.57 percent.
- > As for the 91-Day and 364-Day, the weighted average yield were published at 3.41 percent and 3.71 percent respectively.

Market Highlights

Local Secondary Market T-Bills

	Bid (%)	Offer (%)
1M	3.20	-
2M	3.30	-
3M	3.41	3.26
4M	3.49	-
6M	3.58	3.43
8M	3.62	-
10M	3.66	-
1Y	3.71	3.57

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Local Secondary Market T-Bonds

	Bid (%)	Offer (%)
2 year	4.10	3.90
3 year	4.50	4.30
4 Year	4.75	4.55
5 Year	5.05	4.80
10 Year	5.50	5.25
15 year	5.95	5.70
20 Year	6.20	5.95

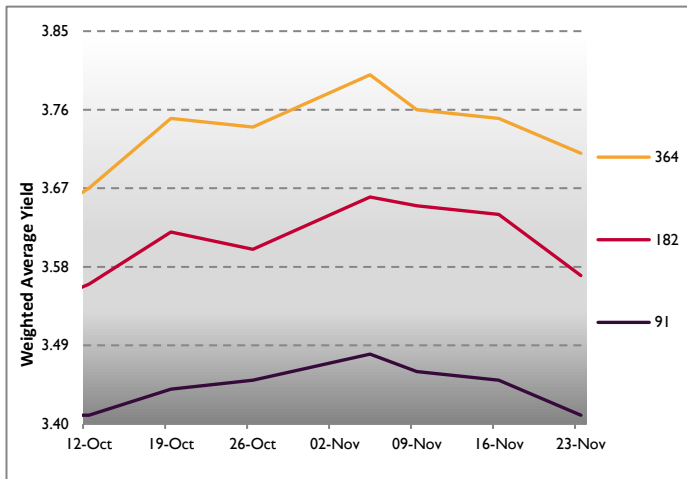
Key Central Bank Rates

	Current Level (%)	Previous (%)
BOM Repo Rate	3.50	3.50
Fed Funds Rate	2.00 - 2.25	2.00 - 2.25
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	2.8198	2.878
UK Bonds	0.743	0.949
German Bonds	-0.6492	-0.220

Local Treasury Bills Market



Money Market Rates

LIBOR (%)	1 Week	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months
EUR	-0.441	-0.412	-0.367	-0.329
USD	2.222	2.322	2.691	2.886
GBP	0.712	0.736	0.889	1.003
EURIBOR	-0.376	-0.369	-0.316	-0.257

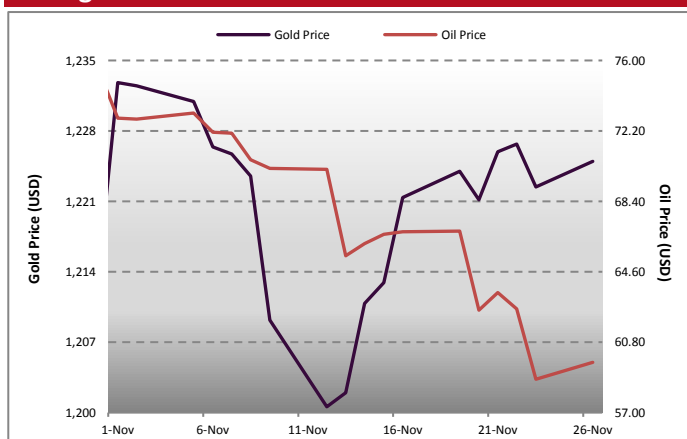
Indicative Generic Swap Rates* (%)

Tenor	2yr	5yr	7yr	10yr
EURIBOR - 3m	-0.184	0.254	0.523	0.855
USD LIBOR - 3m	2.980	3.002	3.027	3.109

*Pay fixed and receive floating swap

COMMODITIES

Rolling Gold & Oil Prices



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- > Global oil prices plunged on Friday, reaching a low of USD 58.80, after ongoing pressure from surging supply and a slowdown in demand growth dented the outlook for the oil market for 2019.
- > A strengthening US dollar has also been weighing on oil prices, with the US oil benchmark hitting its worst day in about three years.
- > Gold prices posted minor gains in the opening session this morning while this week's focus for metal traders will be Thursday's minutes of the Federal Reserve latest meeting and the upcoming G20 summit in Buenos Aires.

	Spot Market		Futures Market	
	Today	Change (\$)	Today	Change (\$)
Brent Crude Oil (\$)	56.85	(3.41)	59.71	0.91
Gold (\$)	1,225.12	2.68	1,221.00	(4.80)