

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

News

> The dollar index is trending downwards the four-month lows of 101.90. Traders now await the US inflation data due today to have more clues on future Federal Reserve policy.

> The EUR/USD pair trades at its highest level in four months during the early Asian trading hours on Friday. The weaker US dollar continues to lift the pair. Investors await November's US Core Personal Consumption Expenditure Price Index due to release later today. The EUR/USD pair currently trades around 1.1008.

>The cable struggles to gain and remains below the 1.2700 mark during the Asian session on Friday.

> Softer inflation figures from Japan weighed on the yen but losses were capped by dovish Fed expectations.

> The Canadian dollar climbed against the greenback, extending recent gains to hit its highest level since 2nd August at 1.3287, as Wall Street rallied and Canadian retail sales rose 0.7% in October.

> The Australian dollar dipped to USD 0.6780, but remained not too far from its five-month high hit on Thursday.

> The South African rand remained almost stable ahead of the break in trading sessions that affects the week between Christmas and New Year. Moreover, no major economic events are scheduled in South Africa this week and the focus will turn towards US inflation figures.

> The EUR jumps nearly 0.50 percent against the MUR as the EUR/USD broke the key level of 1.1000 on the international market today.

Daily Technical View

EURUSD-The single pair rose to 1.1000 area yesterday boosted by renewed USD weakness despite higher Treasury yields and a clear break above this level opens the door for further gains to 1.1075/80 while a slide will find some support at 1.0930/40 in the short term.

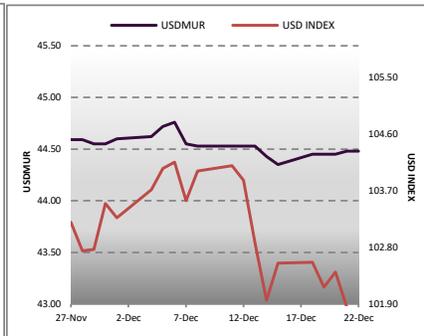
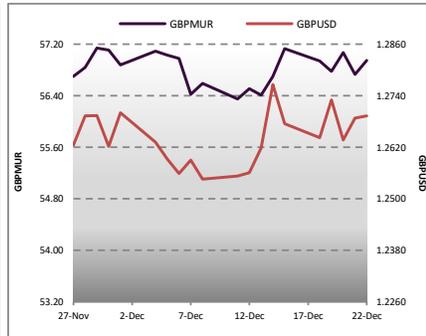
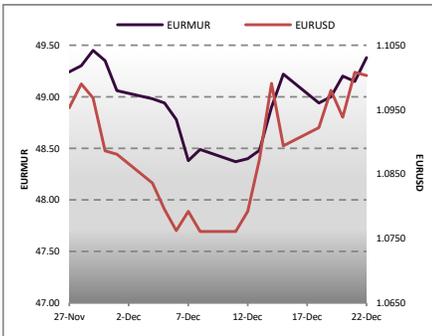
Market Highlights

Indicative Spot Rates

	Bid		Offer	
	Today	Change (Rs.)	Today	Change (Rs.)
AUDMUR	29.55	0.14	31.00	0.15
CNYMUR	6.08	(0.01)	6.39	(0.01)
EURMUR	47.94	0.22	49.38	0.23
JPYMUR	30.43	0.10	32.04	0.10
ZARMUR	2.36	(0.01)	2.51	(0.0)
USDMUR	43.58	-	44.48	-
GBPMUR	55.29	0.21	56.95	0.22

Indicative Forward Rates

	Bid			Offer		
	1m	3m	6m	1m	3m	6m
AUDMUR	29.50	29.40	29.19	30.99	30.95	30.88
EURMUR	47.86	47.69	47.39	49.37	49.35	49.34
ZARMUR	2.34	2.31	2.25	2.51	2.50	2.49
USDMUR	43.46	43.22	42.83	44.41	44.29	44.13
GBPMUR	55.15	54.89	54.43	56.87	56.72	56.51



Previous Day Trading Levels

	Previous Day Trading Levels			Today
	Opening	High	Low	Latest
AUDUSD	0.6801	0.6802	0.6774	0.6789
EURUSD	1.1008	1.1012	1.0995	1.1007
GBPUSD	1.2685	1.2716	1.2674	1.2698
USDJPY	142.10	142.55	141.88	142.23
USDCHF	0.8565	0.8573	0.8558	0.8565
USDCNH	7.14	7.16	7.14	7.15

Today

Major Indices

	Value at Close	Day Change %
DOW JONES	37,082.00	0.87
S&P 500	9,849.74	1.03
FTSE 100	7,694.73	(0.27)
DAX	16,687.42	0.27
CAC 40	7,571.40	0.16
Nikkei 225	33,197.13	0.17
HANGSENG	16,621.13	1.18

Major Economic Releases (at GMT)

Date	Time	Country	Event	Period	Actual	Expected	Prior
22-Dec	7:00	UK	Gross Domestic Product	Q3		0%	0%
22-Dec	7:00	UK	Retail Sales	Nov		0.4%	-0.3%
22-Dec	13:00	US	Core Personal Consumption Expenditures	Nov	-	0.2%	0.2%

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

FIXED INCOME

News

> Benchmark 10-year Treasury yields briefly fell to the lowest since late July on Thursday in choppy trading, after data showed that personal consumption in the third quarter was weaker than previously thought.

> The consumer spending element of third quarter GDP was revised downward to 3.1%, from 3.6% in the previous estimate, with overall GDP growth at 4.9%, down from the previous estimate of 5.2%.

> Two-year yields fell 2 basis points to 4.345, holding above the 4.282% level reached last Thursday, which was the lowest since May 24.

> Following an auction held by the Bank of Mauritius yesterday, bids were not accepted for the 182-Day Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills and the 91- and 364-Day Bank of Mauritius Bills.

> The total amount of all bids received was MUR 1,000 Mio for the 182-Day Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills and MUR 5,050 Mio and MUR 2,150 Mio for the 91- and 364-Day Bank of Mauritius Bills respectively.

> There will be no issuance of Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills on 28 December 2023 and 4 January 2024.

Market Highlights

Local Secondary Market T-Bills

	Bid (%)	Offer (%)
1M	3.70	3.55
2M	3.80	3.65
3M	3.90	3.75
4M	3.95	3.80
6M	4.00	3.85
8M	4.05	3.90
10M	4.10	3.95
1Y	4.15	4.00

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Local Secondary Market T-Bonds

	Bid (%)	Offer (%)
2 year	4.40	4.20
3 year	4.75	4.55
4 Year	4.75	4.55
5 Year	4.80	4.55
10 Year	4.95	4.70
15 year	5.40	5.15
20 Year	5.80	5.55

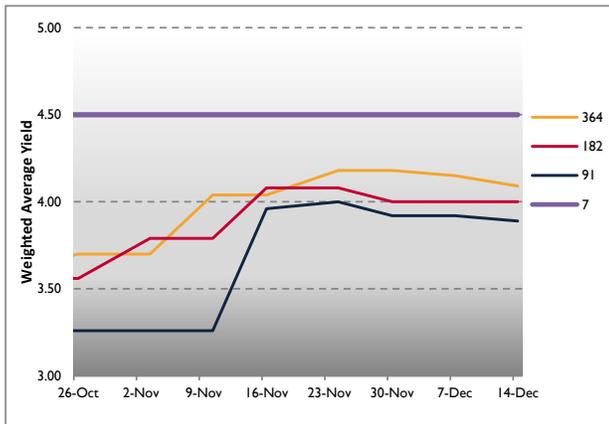
Key Central Bank Rates

	Current Level (%)	Previous (%)
BOM Key Rate	4.50	4.00
Fed Funds Rate	5.50	5.50
BoE Bank Rate	5.25	5.00
ECB Ref. Rate	4.50	4.50
RBA Cash Rate	4.35	4.35

Government Benchmark Yields (%)

	2 Year	5 Year
US Bonds	4.3421	#N/A
UK Bonds	4.04	3.471
German Bonds	2.459	1.938

Auction Results of Treasury Bills



Money Market Rates

Reference Rate*(%)	1 Week	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months
Term SOFR	-	5.471	5.633	5.666
EURIBOR	3.848	3.859	3.916	3.924
SONIA	-	5.199	5.216	5.152

* rates delayed by 48 hours. Source: ICE & Refinitiv

Indicative Generic Swap Rates* (%)

Tenor	2yr	5yr	7yr	10yr
EURIBOR - 3m	2.796	2.377	2.373	2.437
USD OIS	4.050	3.520	3.444	3.435

*Pay fixed and receive floating swap

COMMODITIES

Rolling Gold & Oil Prices



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> West Texas Intermediate price trades higher around \$74.70 per barrel extending gains for the second day consecutive as tensions continue to persist in the Middle East following Houthi attacks on ships in the Red Sea. Saudi Arabia, Russia and other members of OPEC+, who pump more than 40% of the world's oil, agreed to voluntary output cuts for the first quarter of 2024.

> Gold prices edged higher after US economic data fueled expectations for the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates in March 2024. Spot gold reached \$2,044.30 an ounce.

	Spot Market	
	Today	Change (\$)
Brent Crude Oil (\$)	83.30	0.88
Gold (\$)	2,051.10	21.91