

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

News

- > The dollar index hit a two-week high of 106.77 ahead of US GDP data later today.
- > The single currency was little changed against the dollar at 1.0562 ahead of a policy decision from the European Central Bank later in the day.
- > Sterling fell 0.09 percent at USD 1.2097, maintaining its decline for the week.
- > AUD/USD drops below 0.6300 following RBA Governor Bullock's speech and risk-off sentiment and a firmer US Dollar.
- > USD/CAD jumped to its highest level since March, trading above 1.3800, following the Bank of Canada meeting. The BoC kept its key rate unchanged at 5 percent but maintained a tightening bias.
- > The south african rand tumbled against the dollar amid signs that China stimulus package will not be to revive the economy.
- > The japanese yen fell back past 150 against the dollar, raising the risk of government interest in the currency market and putting pressure on the Bank of Japan to adjust its monetary policy.
- > The USD/MUR maintains the upwards pattern, opening at MUR 44.85/USD on the offer while the EUR/MUR drops 20 cents to be offered at MUR 47.74/EUR.

Daily Technical View

EURUSD – EUR/USD edged lower for the third consecutive day and is pressured by several factors including tensions in Middle East and upbeat US data yesterday. Market participants are awaiting the ECB rate decision today for further direction. On the downside, support lies at the swing lows 1.0500/20 followed by 1.0440/60 and on the upside, resistance can be found at 1.0600/20 followed by 1.0700/20.

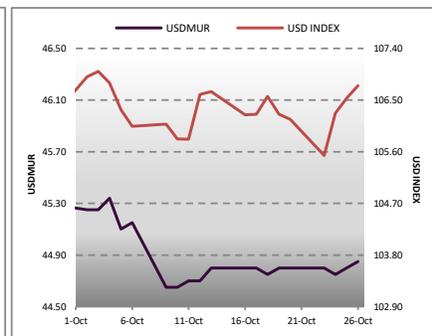
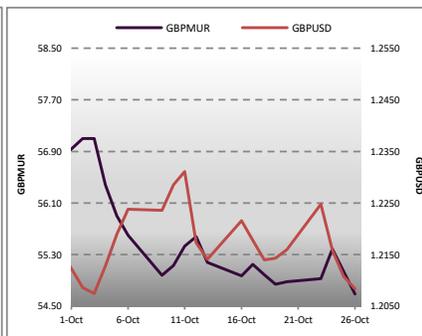
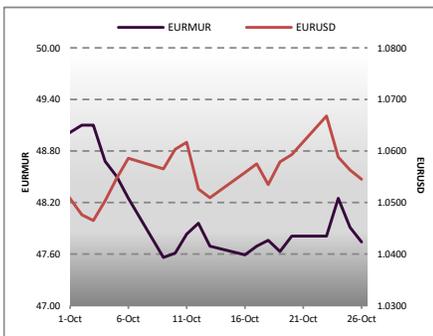
Market Highlights

Indicative Spot Rates

	Bid		Offer	
	Today	Change (Rs.)	Today	Change (Rs.)
AUDMUR	27.59	(0.43)	28.94	(0.45)
CNYMUR	5.99	-	6.30	-
EURMUR	46.35	(0.19)	47.74	(0.20)
JPYMUR	29.07	(0.08)	30.61	(0.08)
ZARMUR	2.28	(0.02)	2.43	(0.02)
USDMUR	43.95	0.05	44.85	0.05
GBPMUR	53.10	(0.34)	54.69	(0.35)

Indicative Forward Rates

	Bid			Offer		
	1m	3m	6m	1m	3m	6m
AUDMUR	27.55	27.45	27.28	28.93	28.90	28.85
EURMUR	46.28	46.10	45.85	47.73	47.73	47.69
ZARMUR	2.26	2.23	2.18	2.43	2.42	2.41
USDMUR	43.84	43.58	43.13	44.79	44.65	44.44
GBPMUR	52.97	52.70	52.16	54.61	54.45	54.18



Previous Day Trading Levels

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	Opening	High	Low	Latest
AUDUSD	0.6307	0.6314	0.6271	0.6289
EURUSD	1.0568	1.0573	1.0542	1.0549
GBPUSD	1.2111	1.2114	1.2077	1.2086
USDJPY	150.19	150.47	150.05	150.44
USDCHF	0.8965	0.8984	0.8965	0.8986
USDCNH	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33

Major Indices

	Value at Close	Day Change %
DOW JONES	33,141.38	(0.32)
S&P 500	9,035.40	(1.40)
FTSE 100	7,414.34	0.33
DAX	14,892.18	0.08
CAC 40	6,915.07	0.31
Nikkei 225	31,269.92	0.66
HANGSENG	17,085.33	(0.75)

Major Economic Releases (at GMT)

Date	Time	Country	Event	Period	Actual	Expected	Prior
25-Oct	16 00	US	Building Permits	-	1.471M	1.473M	1.541M
25-Oct	18 00	CAD	BoC Interest Rate Decision	-	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
26-Oct	16 30	US	Gross Domestic Product QoQ	-	-	4.30%	2.10%
26-Oct	16 45	EU	ECB Press Conference	-	-	-	-

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FIXED INCOME

News

- > Intermediate- and long-term US Treasury yields soared on Wednesday amid an aggressive sell-off as investors await US economic growth and inflation data.
- > The yield on the 2-year Treasury jumped by 5.4 basis points to 5.121 percent while the 10-year Treasury yield gained 11.2 basis points to 4.952 percent.
- > The yield on the 30-year Treasury rose by 12.7 basis points to 5.09 percent from 4.963 percent late Tuesday.
- > Today, the Bank of Mauritius will hold the auction for the 364-Day Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills for a nominal amount of MUR 1,000 Mio.
- > The Bank of Mauritius will re-open the 3.78 percent Five-Year Government of Mauritius Bonds maturing on 18 August 2028 through an auction to be held on Tuesday 31 October 2023, for a nominal amount of Rs 1,700 million for settlement on Monday 06 November 2023.

Market Highlights

Local Secondary Market T-Bills

	Bid (%)	Offer (%)
1M	3.27	3.12
2M	3.30	3.15
3M	3.33	3.18
4M	3.39	3.24
6M	3.45	3.30
8M	3.50	3.35
10M	3.55	3.40
1Y	3.62	3.47

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Local Secondary Market T-Bonds

	Bid (%)	Offer (%)
2 year	3.80	3.60
3 year	3.90	3.70
4 Year	3.95	3.75
5 Year	4.05	3.80
10 Year	4.60	4.35
15 year	4.85	4.60
20 Year	5.15	4.90

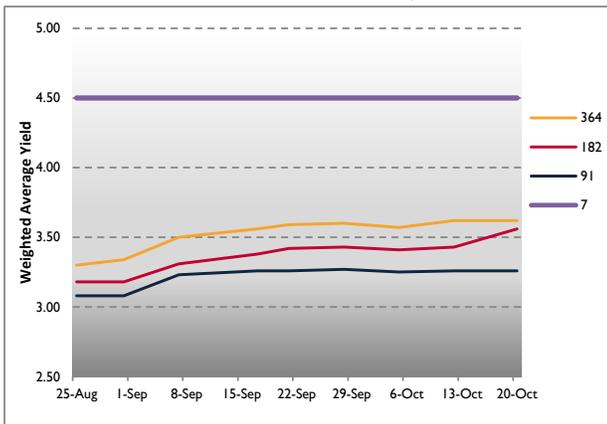
Key Central Bank Rates

	Current Level (%)	Previous (%)
BOM Key Rate	4.50	4.00
Fed Funds Rate	5.50	5.25
BoE Bank Rate	5.25	5.00
ECB Ref. Rate	4.50	4.25
RBA Cash Rate	4.10	4.10

Government Benchmark Yields (%)

	2 Year	5 Year
US Bonds	5.1123	4.909
UK Bonds	4.856	4.569
German Bonds	3.209	2.774

Auction Results of Treasury Bills



Money Market Rates

Reference Rate*(%)	1 Week	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months
Term SOFR	-	5.439	5.641	5.874
EURIBOR	3.880	3.842	3.941	4.102
SONIA	-	5.214	5.262	5.320

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

Indicative Generic Swap Rates* (%)

Tenor	2yr	5yr	7yr	10yr
EURIBOR - 3m	3.649	3.323	3.334	3.422
USD OIS	4.981	4.601	4.554	4.562

*Pay fixed and receive floating swap

COMMODITIES

Rolling Gold & Oil Prices



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- > Benchmark oil prices settled 2 percent higher on Wednesday but prices lacked direction this morning in Asia on mixed drivers, with tensions in the Middle East offsetting a higher than expected rise in US crude inventories.
- > According to the Energy Information Administration, US crude stockpiles climbed by 1.4 million barrels in the latest week to 421.1 million barrels, exceeding a 240,000-barrel rise forecasted by analysts from a Reuters poll.
- > Despite a stronger US dollar and bonds yields, gold prices traded on a firm note as market participants remain worried about developments in Middle East conflict.
- > Investors now await the US GDP numbers for the third quarter later today and the PCE price index on Friday ahead of the Federal Reserve's rate decision next week.

Spot Market

	Today	Change (\$)
Brent Crude Oil (\$)	91.04	(5.00)
Gold (\$)	1,987.64	17.53