

Weekly Market Update

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The US dollar fell on Monday as investors unnerved by U.S. President D. Trump's latest tariff threats against Europe over Greenland piled into the safe-haven yen and Swiss franc, in a broad risk-averse move across markets. The initial knee-jerk reaction in early Asia trade was to sell the euro and Sterling, in a move that pushed them to a seven-week low and one-month trough of \$1.1572 and \$1.3321 respectively. However, the two currencies bounced from their lows and it was the dollar that came under pressure as the trading day got underway, as investors assessed the longer-term implications of Trump's latest move on the greenback's standing. That the euro reverse its losses as it gained 0.21% to \$1.1623, while the British pound similarly recovered 0.11% to \$1.3390.

The Japanese scaled higher as the broadly weaker US dollar for the second consecutive day on Monday, and climbed over a one-week high around \$157.82 during the Asian session. Japan's Finance Minister S. Katayama threatened bold action on Friday and warned of a possible intervention to counter weakness in the domestic currency, which, in turn, is seen underpinning the Japanese currency. Furthermore, prospects for an early interest rate hike by the Bank of Japan turn out to be another factor benefiting the JPY.

The Australian dollar strengthened this morning following the release of Australia's TD-MI Inflation Gauge, which rose to 3.5% year-over-year in December, up from 3.2% previously. On a monthly basis, inflation surged 1.0% month-over-month in December 2025, the fastest pace since December 2023 and a sharp acceleration from 0.3% in the prior two months. The Aussie also gained ground following China's GDP data which rose 1.2% QoQ in Q4 2025, accelerating from Q3 and beating expectations. China and Australia are close trading partners, and change in Chinese economy could impact the AUD.

The Indian rupee faltered after opening on a firm note, weighed by what local market players said was routine corporate dollar demand and a broader lack of supply. The INR was last quoted at \$90.8450, little changed from Friday. The rupee's inability to hold on its opening advance underscores the current balance in the forex market, where any form of recovery in the currency is offset by corporate dollar demand and an overall lack of supply. In recent sessions, the market has been dealing with daily outflows of \$300 million to \$400 million. In this month so far, foreign investors have withdrawn over \$2.5 billion from Indian equities.

South Africa's rand traded weaker on Monday as risk appetite waned amid geopolitical tensions, and as traders also looked ahead to domestic inflation data due this week for clues on the central bank's rate-cutting path later this year. At 0755GMT, the rand was trading at \$16.4750, about 0.5% down from its previous close.

Source: (Reuters)

INDICATIVE SPOT AND FORWARD MUR RATES

	USD	EUR	GBP
SPOT	45.81/46.71	53.04/54.62	61.07/62.90
1 MTH	45.82/46.72	53.05/54.63	61.08/62.91
3 MTH	45.83/46.73	53.06/54.64	61.09/62.92

Source: BCP Bank (Mauritius) Ltd.

LATEST WEIGHTED TREASURY BILLS YIELDS

91 DAYS	182 DAYS	364 DAYS
4.16%	4.43%	4.76%

Source : Bank of Mauritius

CURRENCY QUOTES

CURRENCY	OPENING	OPENING LAST WEEK
EUR/USD	1.1633	1.1655
GBP/USD	1.33955	1.34215
USD/ZAR	16.40435	16.47005
USD/JPY	157.825	158.14

INDICATIVE USDSOFR, EURIBOR & SONIA RATES

	USD	EUR	GBP
O/N	3.75000	1.933	3.4249
1 MTH	3.67127	1.971	3.7306
3 MTH	3.65180	2.019	3.7069
6 MTH	3.59184	2.116	3.6317

LOCAL MARKET

Last week the USD/MUR traded within a range of 46.60/47.23, the EUR/MUR traded within a range of 54.55/55.29 and the GBP/MUR traded within a range of 62.93/63.83

Results of last week auctions held by the Bank of Mauritius

- On the 15th of January was held an auction of 182-Day and 364-Day Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills for a nominal amount of MUR 1,000.0 Million each. Out of the 13 bids received (representing MUR 4,500.0 million), 4 were allocated as follows: 7 bids received for 182-Day for MUR 1,900.0 million and 2 were allocated for MUR 1,000.0 million at a weighted average yield of 4.43%; 6 bids received for 364-Day for MUR 2,600.0 million and 2 were allocated for MUR 1,000.0 million at a weighted average yield of 4.76%.
- On the 15th of January was also held an auction of 91-Day Bank of Mauritius Treasury Bills for a nominal amount of MUR 3,000.0 Million. Out of the 5 bids received (representing MUR 5,400.0 million), 3 were accepted for the auction amount at a weighted average yield of 4.16%.
- On the 14th of January was held an auction of 5.07% Three-Year Government of Mauritius Treasury Notes (New Benchmark) for a nominal amount of MUR 2,000.0 Million. Out of the 11 bids received for MUR 4,200.0 million, 3 were allocated for MUR 2,200.0 Million at a weighted average yield of 5.08%.



THIS WEEK MAJOR ECONOMIC INDICATORS (GMT Time)

19 Jan	14:00	EUR	Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices
20 Jan	11:00	GBP	ILO Unemployment Rate
20 Jan	14:00	EUR	ZEW Survey – Economic Sentiment
21 Jan	11:00	GBP	C.P.I. / P.P.I. / Retail Price Index
22 Jan	04:30	AUD	Unemployment Rate
22 Jan	17:30	USD	Weekly Jobless Claims / G.D.P.
22 Jan	19:00	EUR	Consumer Confidence
23 Jan	N/A	JPY	BoJ Interest Rate Decision / BoJ Monetary Policy Statement
23 Jan	10:30	JPY	BoJ Press Conference
23 Jan	18:45	USD	S&P Global Manufacturing & Services PMI
23 Jan	19:00	USD	Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index

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