



The US dollar surged on Monday as soaring oil prices (above \$116/barrel at time of writing) sent investors scrambling for cash on worries that a protracted Middle East war could severely disrupt energy supplies and hurt global growth. Stocks, bonds and precious metals slid as investors, spooked by the impact of surging oil prices on global inflation and economic growth, turned risk-averse and cashed in on some of their most profitable trades. Surprisingly weak U.S. jobs data on Friday briefly stalled dollar gains and raised expectations for U.S. rate cuts, but that faded somewhat by Monday, with traders now pricing in less than 40 basis points worth of easing by the end of the year.

The Euro opened with a bearish gap at the start of the new week, and dived to a fresh low since November 2025, trading around the \$1.1515-1.1520 region. Moreover, the fundamental backdrop suggests that the path of least resistance for spot prices remains to the downside.

The Pound Sterling attracted some sellers near \$1.330 in early trade as the US dollar proved king. Traders will take more cues from the US February Consumer Price Index Inflation Report later on Wednesday.

Against the Japanese yen, the dollar was a whisker away from the 159 level, rising 0.55% to around 158.70. The real question is how high and how long prices would stay elevated, because that will ultimately determine the economic fallout.

The Australian dollar resumed its slide on Monday as oil prices vaulted over 20% on the risk of lengthy Middle East war. With no sign of an end to the hostilities in the Middle East and tankers still not daring to cross the Strait of Hormuz, investors were bracing for a long stretch of higher energy costs. Often sold as a proxy for global risk, the Aussie fell 0.9% to \$0.6964, after weakening 1.1% last week to as low as \$0.6945.

The Indian rupee fell to an all-time low on Monday even as the central bank intervened before the open and again after trading began, underscoring the intense pressure from a surge in oil prices. Following the RBI's pre-market intervention, the rupee opened at \$92.1975. However, the relief proved fleeting as the currency came under constant pressure from dollar-buying across market participants, pushing the rupee to a fresh lifetime low of \$92.33.

South Africa's risk-sensitive rand started the week sharply weaker as investors, unnerved by the surging oil prices and the potential hit to global inflation and growth, dumped riskier assets and took profit on some of their best-performing trades. The rand traded at \$16.8050 at 0620 GMT on Monday, shedding 1.8% from its previous close and hovering around its weakest since mid-December. The currency is likely to remain under pressure as the currency is a net importer of energy.

Source: (Reuters)

### INDICATIVE SPOT AND FORWARD MUR RATES

	USD	EUR	GBP
<b>SPOT</b>	47.35/48.25	54.31/55.93	62.66/64.54
<b>1 MTH</b>	47.36/48.26	54.32/55.94	62.67/64.55
<b>3 MTH</b>	47.37/48.27	54.33/55.95	62.68/64.56

Source: BCP Bank (Mauritius) Ltd.

### LATEST WEIGHTED TREASURY BILLS YIELDS

91 DAYS	182 DAYS	364 DAYS
3.77%	4.09%	4.35%

Source : Bank of Mauritius

### CURRENCY QUOTES

CURRENCY	OPENING	OPENING LAST WEEK
<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.1528	1.1785
<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.33025	1.34375
<b>USD/ZAR</b>	16.85475	16.0662
<b>USD/JPY</b>	158.715	156.565

### INDICATIVE USDSOFR, EURIBOR & SONIA RATES

	USD	EUR	GBP
<b>O/N</b>	3.66000	1.935	3.7303
<b>1 MTH</b>	3.66736	1.940	3.7133
<b>3 MTH</b>	3.66899	2.049	3.6956
<b>6 MTH</b>	3.64135	2.139	3.6749

## LOCAL MARKET

Last week the USD/MUR traded within a range of 46.97/47.83, the EUR/MUR traded within a range of 55.64/55.81 and the GBP/MUR traded within a range of 63.45/64.22

### Results of last week auctions held by the Bank of Mauritius

- On the 05th of March was held an auction of 91-Day and 364-Day Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills for a nominal amount of MUR 1,000.0 Million and MUR 1,500.0 Million respectively. Out of the 14 bids received (representing MUR 6,250.0 million), 4 were allocated as follows: 6 bids received for 182-Day for MUR 2,300.0 million and 3 allocated for the tender amount at a weighted average yield of 3.77%; 8 bids received for 364-Day for MUR 3,950.0 million and only 1 allocated for the auction amount at a weighted average yield of 4.35%.

- On the 05th of March was also held an auction of 182-Day Bank of Mauritius Treasury Bills for a nominal amount of MUR 4,000.0 Million. 11 bids (representing MUR 6,200.0 million) were received, and all were accepted at a weighted average yield of 4.09%.



## THIS WEEK MAJOR ECONOMIC INDICATORS (GMT Time)

09 Mar	05:30	CNY	C.P.I.
09 Mar	13:30	EUR	Sentix Investor Confidence
11 Mar	11:00	GER	Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices
11 Mar	16:30	USD	C.P.I.
12 Mar	04:00	AUD	Consumer Inflation Expectations
12 Mar	13:30	GBP	BoE's Governor Bailey Speech
12 Mar	16:30	USD	Weekly Jobless Claims
13 Mar	16:30	USD	G.D.P. / Core Personal Consumption Expenditures – Price Index
13 Mar	18:00	USD	Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index

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