

Weekly Market Update

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The Japanese yen started the week on the back foot after strong gains last week on easing fiscal worries while the U.S. dollar was steady as soft inflation data boosted the case for interest rate cuts from the Federal Reserve later this year. Liquidity is likely to be thin with markets in the U.S., China, Taiwan and South Korea closed for a holiday. The yen eased 0.2% to 153.07 per U.S. dollar in early trading on Monday after climbing nearly 3% last week, its biggest weekly jump in about 15 months in the wake of Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's landslide election victory. Data on Monday though laid bare some of the challenges facing Takaichi and her government with Japan's economy barely growing, [eking](#) out an annualized 0.2% expansion in the October-December quarter. That may complicate the path for Bank of Japan tightening. The BOJ is due to meet in March with traders ascribing 20% odds for a rate hike. And analysts expect the yen to soon return to a weakening trend. Data on Friday showed U.S. consumer prices increased less than expected in January, while at the same time suggesting little urgency for the Fed to resume cutting rates before June. Futures imply 62 basis points of additional easing priced for the rest of this year. The next cut is likely in June, with markets assigning 68% odds to a reduction. The euro traded little changed at \$1.1863, while sterling eased slightly to \$1.3638. The dollar index which measures the U.S. currency against six major peers, was steady at 96.959 after dropping 0.8% last week. Much of the action after the inflation data was in the bond market. The U.S. two-year yield which reflects interest rate expectations, closed at its lowest level since 2022 on Friday, while the 10-year yield fell 4.8 basis points. Meanwhile, the Swiss franc was a touch softer at 0.7685 per U.S. dollar after gaining more than 1% last week, with investors increasingly wary of intervention from the Swiss National Bank to curb strength in the traditional safe haven. The Indian rupee on Monday is expected to draw support from a broadly struggling dollar and anticipated Reserve Bank of India intervention, while weak domestic equities and patchy flows are likely to weigh. After rallying on the U.S.-India trade deal, which took the rupee to 90 per dollar from an all-time low of near 92, the currency has since come back under pressure. Persistent dollar demand from importers at lower dollar/rupee levels for hedging, erratic equity flows and what bankers have said are one-time dollar payments have combined to keep the rupee under strain. The RBI stepped in aggressively last week, surprising bankers, to alleviate headwinds from flows and curb potential speculative positioning.

Source: (Reuters)

INDICATIVE SPOT AND FORWARD MUR RATES

	USD	EUR	GBP
SPOT	45.45/46.35	53.67/55.28	61.69/63.54
1 MTH	45.46/46.36	53.68/55.29	61.70/63.55
3 MTH	45.47/46.37	53.69/55.30	61.71/63.56

Source: BCP Bank (Mauritius) Ltd.

LATEST WEIGHTED TREASURY BILLS YIELDS

91 DAYS	182 DAYS	364 DAYS
3.99%	4.25%	4.55%

Source : Bank of Mauritius

CURRENCY QUOTES

CURRENCY	OPENING	OPENING LAST WEEK
EUR/USD	1.1863	1.1827
GBP/USD	1.3639	1.3604
USD/ZAR	15.9225	16.0003
USD/JPY	153.24	156.695

INDICATIVE USDSOFR, EURIBOR & SONIA RATES

	USD	EUR	GBP
O/N	3.65000	1.907	3.7272
1 MTH	3.66406	1.951	3.7321
3 MTH	3.65534	1.999	3.6236
6 MTH	3.59801	2.147	3.5455

LOCAL MARKET

Last week the USD/MUR traded within a range of 46.13/46.42, the EUR/MUR traded within a range of 55.18/55.26 and the GBP/MUR traded within a range of 63.33/63.48

Results of last week auctions held by the Bank of Mauritius

- On the 12th of February 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 and MUR 1,500.0 Million respectively. Out of the 15 bids received (representing MUR 6,600.0 million), 3 were allocated as follows: 8 bids received for 182-Day for MUR 2,700.0 million and only 1 was allocated for the tender amount at a weighted average yield of 4.25%; 7 bids received for 364-Day for MUR 3,900.0 million and again only 1 was allocated for the auction amount at a weighted average yield of 4.55%.

- On the 12th of February was also held an auction of 91-Day Bank of Mauritius Treasury Bills for a nominal amount of MUR 4,000.0 Million. Out of the 8 bids received (representing MUR 5,050.0 million), still 1 was accepted for the auction amount at a weighted average yield of 3.99%.



THIS WEEK MAJOR ECONOMIC INDICATORS (GMT Time)

16 Feb	14:00	EUR	Industrial Production
17 Feb	11:00	GER	Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices
17 Feb	11:00	GBP	ILO Unemployment Rate
17 Feb	14:00	EUR	ZEW Survey – Economic Sentiment
18 Feb	11:00	GBP	C.P.I.
18 Feb	23:00	USD	FOMC Minutes
19 Feb	04:30	AUD	Unemployment Rate
19 Feb	17:30	USD	Weekly Jobless Claims
19 Feb	19:00	EUR	Consumer Confidence
20 Feb	11:00	GBP	Retail Sales
20 Feb	19:00	USD	Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index

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