

Weekly Market Update

25 May 2026

BCP BANK
(MAURITIUS)



The US dollar slipped at the start of the new trading week as hopes of a deal to end the Iran war buoyed risk appetite although a lack of clarity over when the Strait of Hormuz would open kept enthusiasm in check. Oil prices hit two-week lows to kickstart the week with Brent crude futures down over 4% to \$98.83 a barrel. Liquidity, however, is expected to be thin today as markets in the U.S. U.K. and Hong Kong are closed.

The Euro opened with a bullish gap as the renewed optimism over a potential US-Iran peace deal weighs heavily on the safe-haven dollar. Spot prices climbed back closer to mid-1.1600s during the Asian session, though the broader setup warrants some caution before positioning for an extension of a modest recovery from the lowest level since April 7, around the \$1.1575 region.

The Pound Sterling kicked off the new week on a positive note and is approaching the \$1.3500 level on Iran deal hopes the broader fundamental backdrop, however, warrants some caution before positioning for any further gains.

The Japanese yen gained ground and was last trading around \$158.90 as oil prices decline. Meanwhile, traders are also watching for Japanese currency intervention if the JPY drops toward the critical 160-per-dollar level.

The Australian dollar rallied with risk mood, climbing 0.5% to \$0.7165, but stopped short of resistance at \$0.7184. Hopes for progress in re-opening the Strait of Hormuz helped the Aussie recover from a setback last week when a soft set of jobs data was taken as reducing the chance of a near-term hike in interest rates. Markets now imply a 12% probability of a quarter-point rise in the 4.35% cash rate at the RBA's next meeting on June 16.

The Indian Rupee opened on a strong note against the US dollar at the start of the new week, trading around 95.20, the highest in almost two weeks. The Indian currency has appreciated due to multiple headwinds: hopes of further RBI's intervention in forex markets, and a sharp decline in oil prices due to improved hopes of the U.S.-Iran deal. In an interview earlier in the day, RBI Governor S. Malhotra assured that the central bank is ready to intervene against one-way excessive moves against the domestic currency. He added that the central bank has enough tools in its kit, including nearly \$700 billion in reserves to quell any undue speculative movement.

The South African rand strengthened in early trade on Monday supported by easing oil prices, as investors weighed the prospects of a breakthrough in U.S.-Iran peace negotiations ahead of a local rate decision scheduled for Thursday. At 0541GMT, the rand was trading at \$16.3375, about 0.8% up from its previous close. Economists expect the SARB monetary policy committee to raise interest rates by 25 basis points, taking the repo rate to 7%. Tightening monetary policy now would ensure that the inflationary consequences of the supply-side shock are temporary and likely minimise the need for more severe tightening later in the cycle.

Source: (Reuters)

INDICATIVE SPOT AND FORWARD MUR RATES

	USD	EUR	GBP
SPOT	46.61/47.99	54.27/55.89	62.85/64.73
1 MTH	46.62/48.00	54.28/55.90	62.86/64.74
3 MTH	46.63/48.01	54.29/55.91	62.87/64.75

Source: BCP Bank (Mauritius) Ltd.

LATEST WEIGHTED TREASURY BILLS YIELDS

91 DAYS	182 DAYS	364 DAYS
4.09%	4.34%	4.66%

Source : Bank of Mauritius

CURRENCY QUOTES

CURRENCY	OPENING	OPENING LAST WEEK
EUR/USD	1.1642	1.1620
GBP/USD	1.3486	1.33145
USD/ZAR	16.3375	16.74715
USD/JPY	158.855	158.995

INDICATIVE USDSOFR, EURIBOR & SONIA RATES

	USD	EUR	GBP
O/N	3.51000	1.932	3.7309
1 MTH	3.60833	1.953	3.7408
3 MTH	3.65621	2.204	3.7974
6 MTH	3.72783	2.547	3.9204

LOCAL MARKET

Last week the USD/MUR traded within a range of 47.95/48.11, the EUR/MUR traded within a range of 55.79/55.87 and the GBP/MUR traded within a range of 63.92/64.59

Results of last week auctions held by the Bank of Mauritius

- On the 21st of May 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 18 bids received (representing MUR 6,200.0 million), 10 bids were allocated as follows: 9 bids received for 182-Day for MUR 2,900.0 million and 4 allocated for the tender amount at a weighted average yield of 4.34%; 9 bids received for 364-Day for MUR 3,300.0 million and 6 allocated for the tender amount at a weighted average yield of 4.66%.

- On the 21st of May was also held an auction of 91-Day Bank of Mauritius Treasury Bills for a nominal amount of MUR 4,000.0 Million. 13 bids (representing MUR 5,250.0 million) were received, and 4 were accepted for the tender amount at a weighted average yield of 4.09%.

- On the 18th of May was held an auction of 5.22% Five-Year Government of Mauritius Bonds (Re-Opening) for a nominal amount of MUR 3,000.0 Million. Out of the 18 bids received for MUR 8,400.0 million, 10 were allocated for the auction amount at a weighted average yield of 4.99%.



THIS WEEK MAJOR ECONOMIC INDICATORS (GMT Time)

26 May	14:00	USD	Consumer Confidence
27 May	01:30	AUD	C.P.I.
28 May	09:00	EUR	Business Climate / Consumer Confidence
28 May	15:00	ZAR	SARB Rate Decision
28 May	12:30	USD	Weekly Jobless Claims / G.D.P.
28May	23:30	JPY	Tokyo C.P.I
29 May	12:00	GER	C.P.I.

DISCLAIMER

This publication has been prepared by the Treasury department of BCP Bank (Mauritius) Ltd. It is provided to you for information purposes. Any pricing in this report is indicative and is not intended as an offer or solicitation for the purchase or sale of any financial instrument. The information contained herein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable but BCP Bank (Mauritius) Ltd does not represent or warrant that it is accurate and complete. The views reflected herein are those of BCP Bank (Mauritius) and are subject to change without notice. Any such person should before acting on the information in the report, seek appropriate professional advice. Neither BCP Bank (Mauritius), nor any officer or employee thereof accepts any liability whatsoever for any direct or consequential loss arising from any use of this publication or its contents.

Copyright in this report is owned by BCP Bank (Mauritius) Ltd.

TREASURY TEAM CONTACT DETAILS:

TREASURER:
GOVINDEN MODELAR
VYAPOOREE
Direct line: 207 8732

ASSISTANT TREASURER:
VEGANADEN YETEN
Direct line: 207 8628

CORPORATE DEALER:
JEAN-PIERRE JEROME
Direct line: 207 8605

DEALER:
WARREN POUILLAY PALLANY
Direct line: 207 8718