

# DAILY EYE-OPENER

## Domestic Markets

**Constant USD/MUR!**

The dollar remains steady at 34.15 levels against the rupee as traders are still making their way back from holidays, and dealing on the domestic market remains slow. An important event to take note is the release of FED minutes later today.

The Euro opens at 1.1452 on this Wednesday. The EU will offer the latest ECB's Minutes and the November unemployment rate.

GBP/USD is trading around 1.2735. Brexit talks continue to weigh on the Cable. Traders will be buckling down ahead of the UK's House of Commons vote on January 14th, where Prime Minister Theresa May's much-despised Brexit withdrawal agreement will be closely watched.

The USD/JPY is little changed at 108.70 as risk sentiment continues to be positive over the US-China trade negotiations.

The Rand weakened on Tuesday, on 13.9391, as the dollar recovered following a recent slump.

## Global Markets

**It's not just about the dollar!**

The EU Zone has its own set of potential risks for the days ahead, and soggy data release has the potential to restrain the Euro despite the dollar losing strength. The Fiber dipped to lows at 1.1423 overnight before making its way above 1.1460 this morning. However, the recovery is not deemed to be strong enough for us to see clear cut break above 1.15. The major 200, 100 and 50 moving averages are heading north, hence indicating we are still in for a bullish run. On the flip side, immediate support is at 1.1448 where a break below would lead the pair to test the lower bound at 1.14.

Gold held steady on a surge in risk appetite on hopes of US-China trade deal. Meanwhile, oil prices rose on Wednesday, extending gains from previous day on hopes trade war will be resolved soon.

### Stock Markets

SEMDEX	2215.1	↑
SEMTRI	8189.2	↑
SEM10	424.7	↑
Nikkei	20204	↑
DAX	10804	↑
Dow Jones	23531	↑

### FX Markets

\$/Rs	34.15	→
€/Rs	39.11	↑
£/Rs	43.49	↓
R/Rs	2.450	↓
¥/Rs	31.37	↑
€/€	1.1453	↑
£/\$	1.2735	↓
\$/¥	108.85	↓
\$/R	13.94	↑

### Commodity Markets

Brent Oil	58.72	↑
Gold	1283.20	↓
Sugar	393.30	→
Cattle	125.30	↑
Cotton	71.67	↓

### Benchmark Rates

Rs	3.50%	→
\$	2.50%	→
€	0.00%	→
£	0.75%	→
\$ 3M Libor	2.7968	→
\$ 6M Libor	2.8488	→

## Did you know?!

In 1998, when Philippines issued the 100,000 peso bank note, it was as large as a sheet of legal paper, making it the largest paper currency in size ever issued in terms of its size.

## 5-Year GOM Bonds!

Today the Bank of Mauritius will hold an auction for the re-opening of the 5.10% Benchmark Five-Year Government of Mauritius Bonds for a nominal amount of MUR 2,000 Mio. As for the interbank money market, overnight transactions were at MUR 1,590 Mio within rates of 3.15-3.25%, short notice transactions at MUR 600 Mio and term transactions at MUR 453 Mio within rates of 3.35-3.37% and 5.00-5.10% respectively as at 8 January 2019.

## Economic Data Scheduled Today

Country	Data	Time	Prior	Expected
UK	BoE Gov Carney Speaks	19:30		
USA	Crude Oil Inventories	19:30	0.007M	-2.800M ↓
USA	FOMC Meeting Minutes	23:00		

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