

DAILY EYE-OPENER

Stock Markets		
SEMDEX	2221.1	↑
SEMTRI	8212.7	↑
SEM10	426.3	↑
Nikkei	20427	↑
DAX	10893	↑
Dow Jones	23787	↑
FX Markets		
\$/Rs	34.05	↓
€/Rs	39.36	↑
£/Rs	43.53	↑
R/Rs	2.460	↑
¥/Rs	31.55	↑
€/\$	1.1559	↑
£/\$	1.2784	↑
\$/¥	107.93	↓
\$/R	13.84	↓
Commodity Markets		
Brent Oil	61.44	↑
Gold	1289.30	↑
Sugar	393.30	↓
Cattle	124.80	↑
Cotton	73.13	↑
Benchmark Rates		
Rs	3.50%	→
\$	2.50%	→
€	0.00%	→
£	0.75%	→
\$ 3M Libor	2.7825	→
\$ 6M Libor	2.8526	→

Domestic Markets

Rupee appreciation!

On the back of the Fed minutes indicating they can hold on future rate hikes amid concerns about global growth, the dollar trades lower on the domestic market this morning. The Central Bank shows a rupee appreciation of 0.63 percent in the last Mauritius Exchange Rate Index report as well.

On another note, Euro spiked higher as the Fed shifts to sidelines causing the single currency to trade 25 cents higher against the rupee.

While Brexit debate resumes, the Pound Sterling remains steady on the market. May risks losing a vote on her deal to leave EU which will deepen the uncertainty over the future of Brexit, thus causing the biggest shift in Britain's foreign and trade policy.

Elsewhere, backed by the weakness of the dollar, the Japanese Yen as well as the South African Rand retreat.

Global Markets

Shaky dollar, strong Euro en route to 1.16!

The dollar dashed lower as Fed minutes released yesterday revealed some Fed members were for the steadying of rates at the December meeting last year. Cautious tone at the December meeting gave hints about the policy path for the coming year resulting in dollar sell-off. This bull breakout has now opened doors for 1.1600, and acceptance above these levels would be confirmed if ECB minutes, scheduled for release later today, sound hawkish. Meanwhile, the Sterling gained marginally on dollar weakness, and advances to the upper 1.27 range.

Gold prices rose on growing expectations that the Fed will pause its policy in 2019 while oil also caught some attention after both Crude and Brent jumped on optimism over US-China trade tensions.

Did you know?!



Until the US Federal Reserve was created in 1908, individual US banks could create their own money.

Results of auction!

The auction for the re-opening of the 5.10% Five-Year Government of Mauritius Bonds resulted with a weighted average yield of 4.90% with 7 successful bids out of 16. MUR 2,000 Mio has been absorbed by the Central Bank through this auction. The interbank money market remains active affecting the liquidity of the market. Overnight transactions were at MUR 1,395 Mio within rates of 3.15-3.20% as at 09 January 2019. Short notice transactions and term transactions stood at MUR 600 Mio and MUR 453 Mio respectively.

Economic Data Scheduled Today

Country	Data	Time
EU Zone	ECB Publishes Account of Monetary Policy Meeting	16:30
USA	Fed Chair Powell Speaks	21:00

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