

DAILY EYE-OPENER

Domestic Markets

The Aftermath!

The week that has been has brought about quite some chaos on the local market after 2 Central Bank interventions. The first one being on the first trading day of the week, where USD 23 Million was purchased at 34.50, and the second on the last trading day of the week, where USD 10 Million was wiped off at a rate of 34.90.

EURMUR jumped from 38.50 to 39.20, as the intervention supports the currency despite the slide in the EURUSD. Weaker NFP drove the dollar lower, hence this morning, the dollar eased slightly against the rupee. Looking ahead, German economic data followed by US retail sales figures are up to provide some impetus for trading.

USD regains some ground on the international level, hence we saw the Yen going as low as 110.88, while the ZAR drew away from the high at 14.58, stabilizing at 14.33 this morning.

Global Markets

Cable pressured by Brexit!

Continuous Brexit uncertainty results in GBP/USD trading around \$1.2968, giving up 0.4%, and tumbling to its three-week low. A Brexit vote is scheduled for tomorrow and investors are pricing in a high probability of May losing support resulting in an overselling of the pair while bears aim for the 1.2900 level. The Fiber was battered last week with a dovish FED and economic releases undershooting expectations. The pair, however, got some zeal as US labour market data were not published as strong as expected giving a boost to the exhausted Euro. Meanwhile, the dollar remains relatively strong, boosted by other currencies' weakness with important core retail sales data in the docket today after weak release on Friday.

Gold prices inch lower by 0.1% at \$1,297.20 today after briefly breaching the \$1,300 ceiling for the first time since the start of this month. A strong dollar made the safe-haven metal costly to hold. However, gold losses were limited by weaker equity market facing high uncertainty. Oil prices rise as OPEC supply cuts outweighs the US production as drilling activity slumps. Oil prices remain in the turbulence with volatile production and slowing global activity.

Friday Auctions Results!

The Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills auction ended with a weighted average yield of 3.38% with 5 successful bids, out of 9. The 91-Day and 364-Day Bank of Mauritius Bills resulted with weighted average yields of 3.15% and 3.55% respectively. MUR 2,800 Mio has been absorbed by the Central Bank through these auctions.

Economic Data Scheduled Today

Country	Data	Time	Prior	Expected	
USA	Core Retail Sales (MoM) (Jan)	16:30	-1.8%	0.4%	↑
USA	Retail Sales (MoM) (Jan)	16:30	-1.2%	0.0%	↑

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Stock Markets		
SEMDEX	2195.5	↓
SEMTRI	8120.8	↓
SEM10	426.9	↓
Nikkei	21026	↓
DAX	11458	↓
Dow Jones	25473	↓
FX Markets		
\$/Rs	34.90	↑
€/Rs	39.20	↑
£/Rs	45.28	↓
R/Rs	2.420	↑
¥/Rs	31.41	↑
€/£	1.1232	↑
£/\$	1.2974	↓
\$/¥	111.10	↓
\$/R	14.42	↓
Commodity Markets		
Brent Oil	65.74	↓
Gold	1297.00	↑
Sugar	393.30	→
Cattle	129.68	↑
Cotton	73.49	↑
Benchmark Rates		
Rs	3.50%	→
\$	2.50%	→
€	0.00%	→
£	0.75%	→
\$ 3M Libor	2.5966	→
\$ 6M Libor	2.6790	→

Did you know?!

Since 1903, the beginning of every day's trading session on the NYSE starts with the ringing of an actual bell at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. Originally, the signal was a gavel, and then a gong.

