

Currency Markets

(Spot : 02 May 2019)

International Market

Currency	Mid Yesterday 5pm	Bid	Offer	Mid
EUR/USD	1.1163	1.1156	1.1160	1.1158
USD/JPY	111.5450	111.6400	111.6500	111.6450
GBP/USD	1.2936	1.2932	1.2936	1.2934
USD/CHF	1.0194	1.0196	1.0200	1.0198
USD/CAD	1.3471	1.3455	1.3459	1.3457
AUD/USD	0.7042	0.7054	0.7057	0.7056
NZD/USD	0.7042	0.7054	0.7057	0.7056

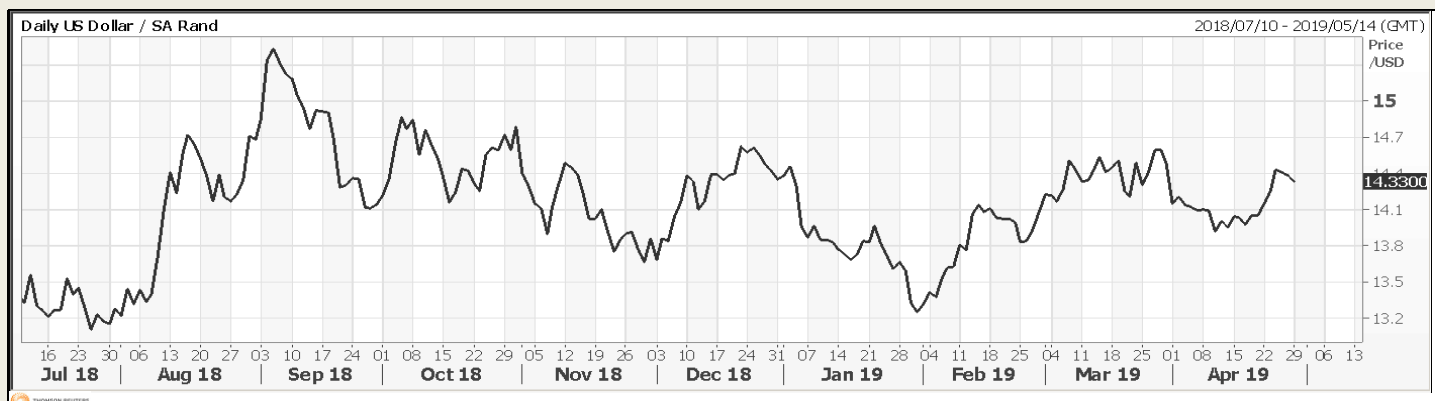
On Friday US GDP figures for the 1st quarter was released higher at 3.2% compared to the Reuters forecasted 2.0%. The US dollar gained temporarily and retreated shortly afterwards. Against a basket of currencies, the dollar was softer at 97,970, having eased from a near two-year peak of 98,330. The US Federal Reserve will be meeting later this week. The week ahead includes: China's PMI figures; US consumption figures, consumer confidence figures, manufacturing PMI, employment figures and factory orders; the Euro Zone consumer confidence figures and PMI; Germany's unemployment rate, GDP, CPI, PMI, unemployment rate and retail sales figures; and the BOE rate announcement. US non farm payrolls data is forecast to show a solid increase of 180k in April, with unemployment at 3.8%.



Local Market

Currency	Mid Yesterday 5pm	Bid	Offer	Mid
USD/ZAR	14.3014	14.3325	14.3425	14.3375
EUR/ZAR	15.9658	15.9896	16.0056	15.9976
GBP/ZAR	18.4988	18.5363	18.5516	18.5440
JPY/ZAR	0.1282	0.1283	0.1285	0.1284
AUS/ZAR	10.0829	10.1016	10.1117	10.1067
CAD/ZAR	10.6200	10.6401	10.6508	10.6455
MUR/ZAR	0.4069	0.4050	0.4086	0.4068

The rand was under pressure on the back of a stronger dollar, but recovered from a four-week low after the dollar slipped following US economic growth data. In afternoon trade, the local unit was trading around 14.30 after reaching around 14.55 on Thursday. Data releases this week include South Africa's money supply for March and trade balance figures.



Financial Markets

Commodity	Previous Close	Bid	Ask	Last	Change
Brent Crude	72.15	71.66	71.68	71.66	-0.50
Light Crude	63.30	62.87	62.88	62.87	-0.43
Gold	1 285.85	1 284.14	1 284.40	1 284.14	-1.71
Platinum	894.50	893.81	903.81	893.81	-0.69
Silver	15.06	15.02	15.03	15.02	-0.04

Index	Previous Close	Last	Change
ALSI	53 107.00	53 300.00	193.0
S&P 500	2 926.17	2 939.88	13.7
JSE All Share	58 807.07	-	-
Dow Jones	26 462.08	26 543.33	81.3

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