

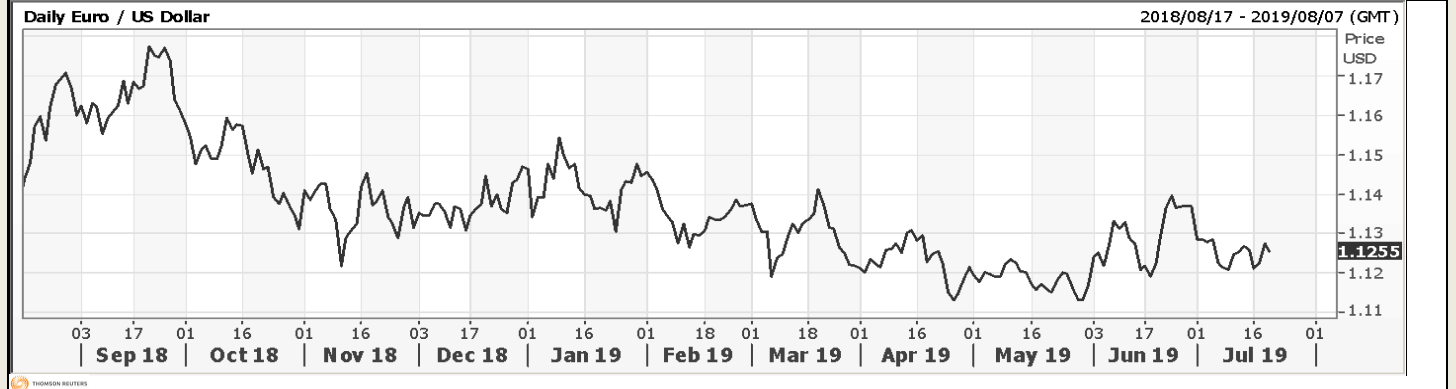
Currency Markets

(Spot : 23 Jul 2019)

International Market

Currency	Mid Yesterday 5pm	Bid	Offer	Mid
EUR/USD	1.1218	1.1254	1.1258	1.1256
USD/JPY	107.8250	107.6500	107.6800	107.6650
GBP/USD	1.2483	1.2527	1.2532	1.2530
USD/CHF	0.9872	0.9836	0.9841	0.9839
USD/CAD	1.3089	1.3038	1.3042	1.3040
AUD/USD	0.7040	0.7062	0.7064	0.7063
NZD/USD	0.7040	0.7062	0.7064	0.7063

Yesterday the US dollar and US treasury yields were under pressure on the back of dovish comments from the Federal Reserve. John Williams, New York Federal Reserve President, fuelled sentiment around a potential 50 bps US rate cut later this month after stating that more stimulus is required to deal with the low inflation. Markets priced in a 70% probability of a 50bps rate cut later this month, which was reduced to a 40% probability after the Fed confirmed that comments by Williams would not impact the Fed decision later this month. All eyes will be on the Fed rate announcement scheduled for 31 July. Markets were optimistic of progress on a US-China trade deal after US Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and US Trade Representative Lighthizer had a telephone conversation with China on Thursday, with a face to face meeting anticipated in upcoming months. Gold rallied and reached a high of USD1448.71 (ask) an ounce.



Local Market

Currency	Mid Yesterday 5pm	Bid	Offer	Mid
USD/ZAR	13.8973	13.8556	13.8645	13.8601
EUR/ZAR	15.5943	15.5935	15.6090	15.6013
GBP/ZAR	17.3507	17.3565	17.3747	17.3656
JPY/ZAR	0.1289	0.1287	0.1288	0.1287
AUS/ZAR	9.7850	9.7827	9.7967	9.7897
CAD/ZAR	10.6184	10.6206	10.6315	10.6261
MUR/ZAR	0.3877	0.3828	0.3862	0.3845

Yesterday the rand rallied on the back of a weaker dollar and reached a high 14.0550 (ask) and a low of 13.8193 (ask). The South African Reserve Bank cut the repo rate by 25bps to 6.50%. The news was welcomed by cash strapped South Africans and the rand rallied after the announcement. SARB governor Kganyago confirmed that the rand appreciated by an estimated 3.3% since the previous MPC and stated that the rand is slightly undervalued. GDP for the country is anticipated to rebound by the end of 2019. Kganyago reiterated concerns around slowing global growth and reduced investments flowing to the country on the back of the US-China trade dispute.



Financial Markets

Commodity	Previous Close	Bid	Ask	Last	Change
Brent Crude	61.93	62.95	62.97	62.95	1.02
Light Crude	55.30	55.94	55.96	55.94	0.65
Gold	1 446.00	1 441.20	1 441.40	1 441.20	-4.80
Platinum	849.00	857.02	858.52	857.02	8.02
Silver	16.34	16.42	16.46	16.42	0.09

Index	Previous Close	Last	Change
ALSI	51 719.00	-	-
S&P 500	2 984.42	2 995.11	10.7
JSE All Share	57 636.01	-	-
Dow Jones	27 219.85	27 222.97	3.1

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