

Currency Markets

(Spot : 04 Oct 2019)

International Market

| Currency | Mid Yesterday 5pm | Bid | Offer | Mid |
|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| EUR/USD | 1.0917 | 1.0935 | 1.0939 | 1.0937 |
| USD/JPY | 107.8450 | 107.7800 | 107.8000 | 107.7900 |
| GBP/USD | 1.2225 | 1.2274 | 1.2279 | 1.2277 |
| USD/CHF | 0.9965 | 0.9933 | 0.9934 | 0.9934 |
| USD/CAD | 1.3251 | 1.3206 | 1.3210 | 1.3208 |
| AUD/USD | 0.6693 | 0.6714 | 0.6715 | 0.6715 |
| NZD/USD | 0.6231 | 0.6252 | 0.6256 | 0.6254 |

Market concern around the US-China trade dispute was reignited after the US printed manufacturing activity at an estimated 10-year low. Markets are pricing in an 80% probability of a rate cut by the US Federal Reserve later this month. Manufacturing data from the Euro Zone indicated its largest contraction in an estimated 7 years. The Euro Zone CPI for September printed lower at 0.9% compared to the previous 1.0%. Germany's manufacturing PMI for September printed higher at 45.7 compared to 43.5 in August. UK September manufacturing PMI printed higher at 48.3 compared to 47.4 in August. US employment data and UK construction PMI are anticipated later today. Oil reached an estimated 1 month low after the world's largest economy reported a slowdown but recovered after oil producers indicated a decline in output in the 3rd quarter. Gold reached a high of USD1487.73 (ask) an ounce.



Local Market

| Currency | Mid Yesterday 5pm | Bid | Offer | Mid |
|----------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| USD/ZAR | 15.3425 | 15.3344 | 15.3400 | 15.3372 |
| EUR/ZAR | 16.7493 | 16.7667 | 16.7794 | 16.7731 |
| GBP/ZAR | 18.7550 | 18.8200 | 18.8352 | 18.8276 |
| JPY/ZAR | 0.1420 | 0.1422 | 0.1423 | 0.1423 |
| AUS/ZAR | 10.2490 | 10.2840 | 10.3057 | 10.2949 |
| CAD/ZAR | 11.5500 | 11.5935 | 11.6197 | 11.6066 |

Yesterday the rand was under pressure and reached a high of 15.3820 (ask) and a low of 15.1314 (ask). The credit rating agency Fitch lowered Eskom's outlook to negative, with concerns around the power utility's liquidity challenges. Data from the National Treasury indicated that only 37% of government debt was held by foreign investors in August compared to 43% in March 2018, despite South Africa having one of the highest yields in the World Government Bond Index. The South African Reserve Bank highlighted that the slowdown in global growth and bailouts of the state-owned entities are among the biggest risks to the economy, in its latest monetary policy review. South Africa's manufacturing PMI printed lower at 41.6 compared to the previous 45.7. South Africa's vehicle sales for September contracted by 0.9% (YoY) compared to a contraction of 5.1% in August. All eyes will be on the leading party that is anticipated to provide details around plans to stimulate the economy, after the National Executive Committee's meeting on the weekend.



Financial Markets

| Commodity | Previous Close | Bid | Ask | Last | Change |
|-------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| Brent Crude | 58.89 | 59.36 | 59.38 | 59.36 | 0.47 |
| Light Crude | 53.62 | 54.28 | 54.29 | 54.28 | 0.66 |
| Gold | 1 478.58 | 1 478.67 | 1 479.00 | 1 478.67 | 0.09 |
| Platinum | 876.00 | 871.64 | 873.14 | 871.64 | -4.36 |
| Silver | 17.24 | 17.26 | 17.27 | 17.26 | 0.02 |

| Index | Previous Close | Last | Change |
|---------------|----------------|-----------|--------|
| ALSI | 49 197.00 | - | - |
| S&P 500 | 2 976.74 | 2 940.25 | -36.5 |
| JSE All Share | 54 824.97 | - | - |
| Dow Jones | 26 916.83 | 26 573.04 | -343.8 |

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