

Currency Markets

(Spot : 14 Jan 2020)

International Market

Currency	Mid Yesterday 5pm	Bid	Offer	Mid
EUR/USD	1.1109	1.1108	1.1112	1.1110
USD/JPY	109.4850	109.5500	109.5600	109.5550
GBP/USD	1.3050	1.3088	1.3090	1.3089
USD/CHF	0.9724	0.9728	0.9729	0.9729
USD/CAD	1.3071	1.3059	1.3060	1.3060
AUD/USD	0.6862	0.6879	0.6880	0.6880
NZD/USD	0.6607	0.6621	0.6625	0.6623

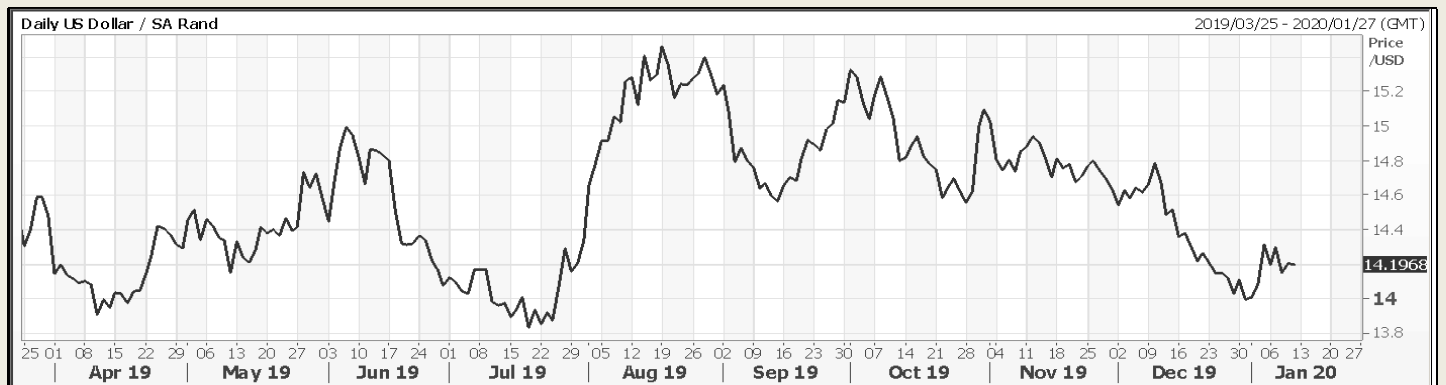
Markets remained optimistic around the US response to Iran, which tempered concerns around retaliatory attacks. The US House of Representatives voted in favour of terminating Trump's authority to use US armed forces against Iran without the consent from Congress (which now goes to senate for approval). All eyes will be on developments around the US-China phase one trade deal that is scheduled to be finalized next week. Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (head of the Chinese negotiation team) is scheduled to visit the US from 13 January. US initial jobless claims printed better than anticipated at 214,000 compared to the previous 223,000. Germany's trade balance printed lower than anticipated at EUR18.3B compared to the previous EUR20.4B. The Euro Zone unemployment rate for November printed at 7.5%. US nonfarm payrolls and wholesale inventories is anticipated later today. Gold was softer and reached a high of USD1562.11 (ask) an ounce.



Local Market

Currency	Mid Yesterday 5pm	Bid	Offer	Mid
USD/ZAR	14.1900	14.1974	14.2158	14.2066
EUR/ZAR	15.7619	15.7786	15.7864	15.7825
GBP/ZAR	18.5173	18.5850	18.6090	18.5970
JPY/ZAR	0.1296	0.1296	0.1298	0.1297
AUS/ZAR	9.7472	9.7711	9.7848	9.7780
CAD/ZAR	10.8632	10.8777	10.8867	10.8822

Yesterday the rand rallied on the back of tension subsiding in the Middle East and reached a low of 14.1153 (ask) and a high of 14.2642 (ask). The power utility Eskom confirmed that load shedding would continue into Friday, disrupting business and (ultimately) negatively impacting South Africa's growth. The World Bank revised South Africa's growth forecast for 2020 lower from the initial 1.5% to 0.9%. This ignited concerns around the credit rating agency Moody's that forecasted South Africa's growth at 1% for 2020. The global growth forecast was also revised lower to 2.5% from the initial 2.7%. South Africa's business confidence printed slightly higher at 93 while the manufacturing production contracted by 3.6% (YoY), with negative growth being realised in 9 out of 10 manufacturing divisions. All eyes will be on president Ramaphosa's speech on the weekend, with markets looking for clues that include (but not limited to) land reform and the national health insurance.



Financial Markets

Commodity	Previous Close	Bid	Ask	Last	Change
Brent Crude	65.37	65.33	65.34	65.33	-0.03
Light Crude	59.56	59.49	59.50	59.49	-0.07
Gold	1 552.27	1 547.60	1 547.80	1 547.60	-4.67
Platinum	966.23	967.00	968.00	967.00	0.78
Silver	17.90	17.83	17.91	17.83	-0.07

Index	Previous Close	Last	Change
ALSI	51 004.00	-	-
S&P 500	3 253.05	3 274.70	21.7
JSE All Share	57 322.33	-	-
Dow Jones	28 745.09	28 956.90	211.8

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