

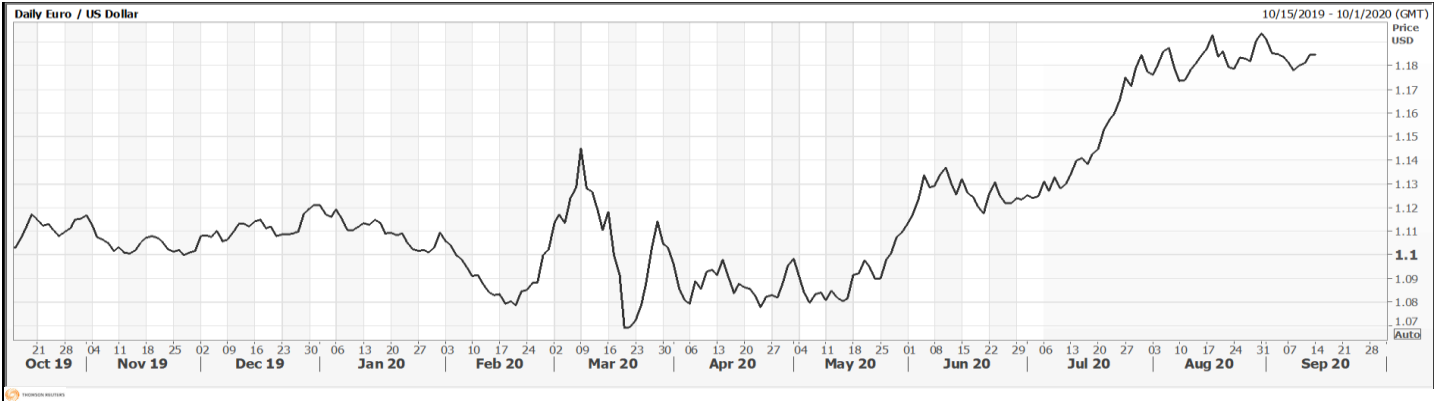
Currency Markets

(Spot : 16 Sep 2020)

International Market

Currency	Mid Yesterday 5pm	Bid	Offer	Mid
EUR/USD	1.1829	1.1845	1.1849	1.1847
USD/JPY	106.1950	106.0600	106.0900	106.0750
GBP/USD	1.2781	1.2818	1.2822	1.2820
USD/CHF	0.9095	0.9086	0.9090	0.9088
USD/CAD	1.3188	1.3163	1.3167	1.3165
AUD/USD	0.7275	0.7278	0.7279	0.7279
NZD/USD	0.6671	0.6692	0.6696	0.6694

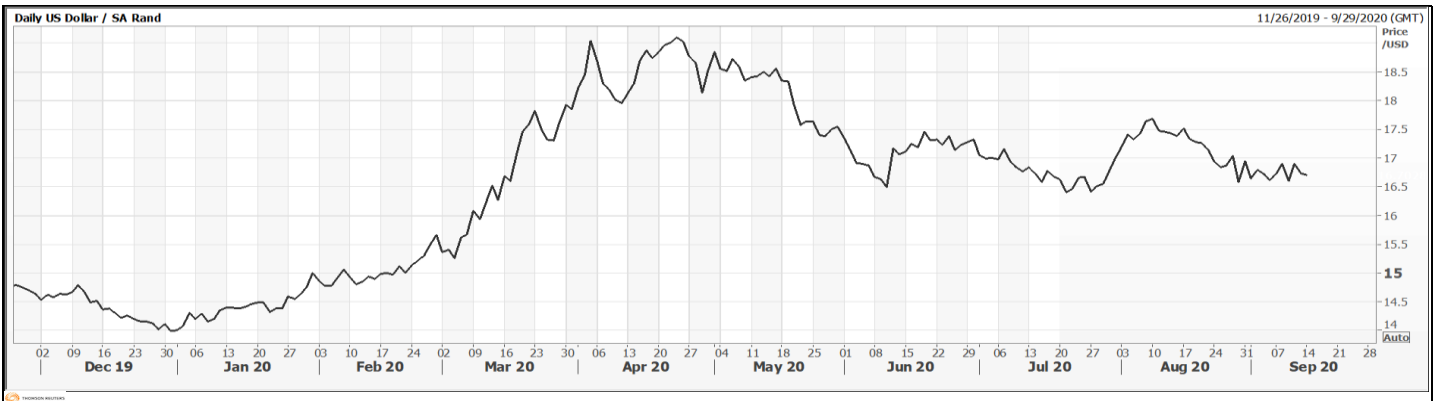
Markets were optimistic around the vaccine for the virus and ahead of US, UK and Japan's central bank meetings. Investors turned to riskier currencies which provided support for emerging markets. US August CPI printed better than anticipated at 0.4% (MoM) indicating a further recovery in the largest global economy. Markets turn its attention to the US Federal Reserve meeting this week. While markets forecast no change in interest rates, focus will be on the central bank's inflation targets. UK GDP and trade balance printed lower at 6.6% (MoM) and GBP8.64 billion respectively. Markets await developments around Brexit after the UK's change in legislation impacted the agreement with the EU. Japan is anticipated to announce its new leader after prime minister Abe resigned. Oil gained after being under pressure last week (on the back of a surprise increase in US stockpiles). Gold was firmer and (at the time of writing this report) was trading around USD1949 an ounce.



Local Market

Currency	Mid Yesterday 5pm	Bid	Offer	Mid
USD/ZAR	16.7370	16.7018	16.7118	16.7068
EUR/ZAR	19.7957	19.7883	19.7963	19.7923
GBP/ZAR	21.3914	21.4042	21.4282	21.4162
JPY/ZAR	0.1577	0.1574	0.1575	0.1575
AUS/ZAR	12.2025	12.1592	12.1674	12.1633
CAD/ZAR	12.7083	12.6859	12.6948	12.6904

On Friday, the rand recovered with optimism around easing local restrictions and developments around the vaccine. At the time of writing this report the rand was trading around 16.70 to the US dollar. Finance minister Mboweni raised concerns around the economic contraction for 2020 and the tax revenue shortfall, which could result in additional borrowing to fund public expenses of an estimated R300 billion. Markets await Ramaphosa's address to the nation around easing lockdown restrictions. All eyes will be on the SA Reserve Bank interest rate announcement scheduled later this week. There were some forecasts that the Reserve Bank could cut interest rates by a further 25 basis points (after printing weak 2nd quarter GDP figures) while others forecast no change. The repo rate is currently at 3.50% after the Reserve Bank cut interest rates by 300 basis points this year.



Financial Markets

Commodity	Previous Close	Bid	Ask	Last	Change
Brent Crude	39.83	39.96	39.97	39.96	0.14
Light Crude	37.33	37.56	37.57	37.56	0.23
Gold	1,941.50	1,948.56	1,949.21	1,948.56	7.06
Platinum	925.00	937.11	944.11	937.11	12.11
Silver	26.74	26.80	26.85	26.80	0.06

Index	Previous Close	Last	Change
ALSI	51,668.00	-	-
S&P 500	3,339.19	3,340.97	1.8
JSE All Share	56,087.84	-	-
Dow Jones	27,534.58	27,665.64	131.1

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