

Market Highlights:

- The European Central Bank has decided yesterday, to cut its interest rates for the third time this year, bringing its main interest rate to 2.25%. ECB President Christine Lagarde stated that U.S tariffs on EU goods were already harming the outlook for the European economy. Still, the U.S dollar continues to be dragged on the downside as economic concerns linger over the impact of Trump's tariffs.
- The pound gained traction against the majors after UK economic data over the last week illustrated signs of resilience, with strong wage growth and improving GDP figures, decreasing concerns about the British economy against the backdrop of Trump's tariffs. However, easing inflation is raising expectations of rate cuts from the Bank of England at its next policy meeting.
- The Australian dollar slightly moved due to subdued trading on Good Friday holiday. Traders expect the antipodean currency to gain grounds on broad USD weakness amid increased worries over the economic fallout from U.S tariffs. Markets are closely monitoring the developments in trade negotiations after Trump has expressed optimism that a trade agreement with China could be reached within three to four weeks.
- The South African rand traded higher against its softer U.S counterpart, while local investors continue to track developments around a budget stand-off between the two biggest parties in the coalition government over a proposed value-added tax hike scheduled for the 1st of May.
- The USD/JPY pair is trading below the 142.50 handle after data released by the Japan Statistics Bureau this morning, showed that the National Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by 3.6% YoY in March, compared to the previous reading of 3.7%.
- Oil price extended its rally as U.S sanctions to curb Iranian oil exports continued to elevate supply concerns, while hopes for a trade deal between the United States and the European Union have also boosted oil prices.

Term of the Day: Inflation

Inflation is a gradual loss of purchasing power that is reflected in a broad rise in prices for goods and services over time. The inflation rate is calculated as the average price increase of a basket of selected goods and services over one year. High inflation means that prices are increasing quickly, while low inflation means that prices are growing more slowly. Inflation can be contrasted with deflation, which occurs when prices decline and purchasing power increases.

Source: Investopedia

Local Securities:

The Bank of Mauritius has accepted the following bid yesterday:

Tenor	BOM/GOM	Amount (Mio)	Yield	Settlement
182-D	GOM	1,000.00	5.06%	17-Apr-25
364-D	GOM	1,500.00	5.22%	17-Apr-25

Govt/BoM Securities

Date	TBills/Notes/Bonds	Actual	Previous
14-Mar-25	7 - Day	4.50%	4.50%
10-Apr-25	91 - Day	4.74%	4.78%
17-Apr-25	182 - Day	5.06%	5.05%
17-Apr-25	364 - Day	5.22%	5.22%
27-Jan-25	2-Year	4.49%	4.35%
4-Apr-25	3 - Year	5.47%	5.53%
10-Apr-25	5 - Year	5.64%	5.72%
10-Feb-25	7 - Year	5.60%	5.02%
18-Apr-25	10 - Year	5.82%	5.78%
13-Dec-24	15 - Year	5.29%	5.38%
14-Mar-25	20 - Year	6.11%	5.27%

Today Economic Calendar:

Market Currency

Country	Indicators	Poll	Prior	Currency	Actual	Previous
	No significant data due today			EUR - USD	1.1375	1.1364
				GBP - USD	1.3272	1.3208
				USD - JPY	142.34	142.80
				USD - ZAR	18.8078	18.8637
				USD - MUR	45.500	45.520
				EUR - MUR	51.979	51.968
				GBP - MUR	60.646	60.406
				ZAR - MUR	2.514	2.507

Equities Market

Key Central Bank Rates

Indices	Last	Previous	% Change	Institution	Actual (%)	Previous (%)
DOW JONES	39,142.23	39,669.39	-1.33%	BoM Key Rate	4.50	4.00
FTSE	8,275.66	8,275.60	0.00%	Fed Funds Rate	4.50	4.50
NIKKEI	34,738.35	34,245.26	1.44%	BoE Bank Rate	4.50	4.50
NASDAQ	16,286.45	16,307.16	-0.13%	ECB Ref Rate	2.25	2.50
SEM	2,361.15	2,360.25	0.04%			

Money Market Rates

Tenor	CME Term SOFR (USD%)	SONIA (GBP %)	EURIBOR (EUR %)
1 Week		4.48700	2.36600
1 Month	4.31994	4.38430	2.19900
2 Months		4.31010	
3 Months	4.26947	4.27100	2.23600
6 Months	4.12728	4.14900	2.19400
12 Months	3.87643	3.96150	2.13200

N.B. above TERM SOFR rates are effective as at 18 April 2025, fixing 16 April 2025.



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