

## Daily Market Commentary

## USD loses some ground overnight

- The **Euro** rose slightly against the US dollar overnight after falling to 1.3542 yesterday.
- The **Indian Rupee** touched its highest level since January at 45.24 as foreign investors demand for the partially convertible rupee continues.
- The **Pound Sterling** retraced slightly to 1.4980 level after falling down to 1.4871 yesterday.

Not much overnight on the FX front, the Euro bounced on its previous support around 1.3530-1.3540 yesterday. This could give traders some ground for pushing the Euro higher in the very short term but the longer term trend is still down and the Euro-zone massive issues are still a reality. After Greece ongoing debt issues, Fitch rating agency yesterday said that among larger AAA rated sovereigns, urgency was the greatest for UK, Spain and France so there will be pressure on the Euro and the pound for some time still.

As mentioned lately, protectionism is becoming a scary reality and this will certainly slow global trade and the global recovery. After Getting large US investment banks out of the top 10 players in the sovereign bond league and increasing talks of controlling the credit default swap market in Europe, there was an interesting article on FT yesterday about European private equity rules. As politicians are running into a regulation frenzy, a warning from the International Limited Partners Association (ILPA), representing 220 of the biggest pension funds, endowments and sovereign wealth funds, is getting worried about Europe building a protectionist wall between itself and the global private equity industry if plans go ahead. Investors based in the EU could be barred from investing in private equity funds based outside the 27-country bloc. The ILPA issued its warning in a letter to Michel Barnier, the new EU internal market commissioner, and Jean Paul Gauzès, the French MEP behind the legislation through the European Parliament. This just seems unreal and Sarkozy's soldiers seem to be on a real mission here, while the Europeans cry foul at the US Boeing deal!

Once again, this does not seem like an environment for risk trades and the safe haven US dollar should remain market choice for now.

## Daily opening at 8.30 am Mauritian time today (4.30 GMT)

	Latest	Previous	% Change	high	low
EUR/USD	1.3640	1.3597	0.3%	1.3680	1.3542
GBP/USD	1.4963	1.4970	0.0%	1.4985	1.4871
USD/INR	45.4500	45.4300	0.0%	45.4800	45.2500
USD/ZAR	7.4200	7.3948	0.3%	7.4254	7.4097
USD/JPY	90.3000	89.9900	0.3%	90.5500	90.2200

## Local FX Indicative Board Rates

	Buying	Selling	Previous (Selling)
EUR/MUR	40.53	42.66	42.54
GBP/MUR	44.59	46.77	46.78
JPY/MUR	33.09	34.74	34.87
ZAR/MUR	3.99	4.27	4.29
USD/MUR	29.66	31.15	31.15

## Daily Commodities

Commodities	Latest
OIL ( Light Crude)	81.63
GOLD	1,107.85
SILVER	16.82
PLATINUM	1,584.00

## Equities

	Latest	Previous	% Change
Dow Jones Industrial	10,567	10,564	0.03%
Nasdaq Composite	2,341	2,332	0.36%
Nasdaq 100	1,901	1,891	0.55%
FTSE 100 Index	5,641	5,602	0.68%
Nikkei 225 Index	10,616	10,552	0.60%
Hang Seng Index	21,124	21,244	-0.57%
BSE Sensex	17,098	17,169	-0.41%
Semdex	1,661	1,653	0.46%

## Libor 10-Mar-10

	USD	GBP	EURO
1M	0.2300	0.5413	0.3775
3M	0.2556	0.6431	0.5956
4M	0.2911	0.7156	0.7031
6M	0.3944	0.8694	0.9069
12M	0.8575	1.3075	1.1963

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