

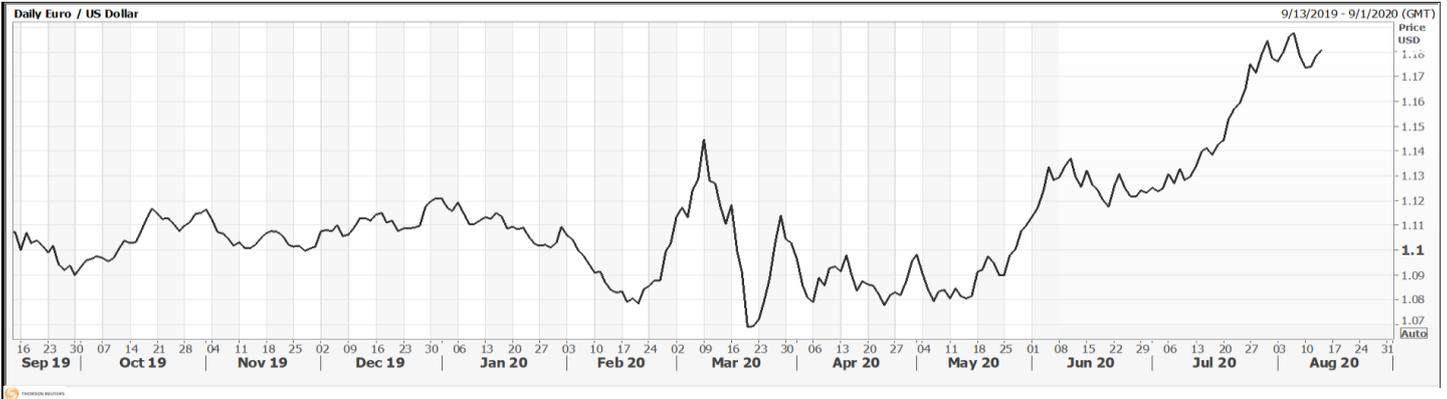
Currency Markets

(Spot : 17 Aug 2020)

International Market

Currency	Mid Yesterday 5pm	Bid	Offer	Mid
EUR/USD	1.1805	1.1805	1.1808	1.1807
USD/JPY	106.8900	106.7200	106.7300	106.7250
GBP/USD	1.3058	1.3054	1.3057	1.3056
USD/CHF	0.9104	0.9108	0.9113	0.9111
USD/CAD	1.3233	1.3239	1.3243	1.3241
AUD/USD	0.7172	0.7167	0.7168	0.7168
NZD/USD	0.6596	0.6567	0.6572	0.6570

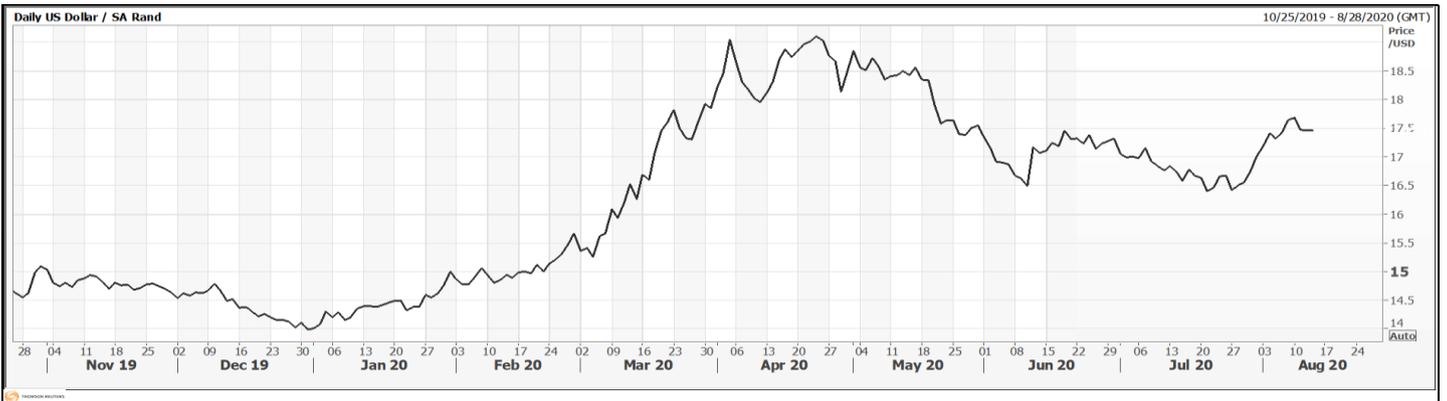
Markets were optimism around developments on the vaccine, stabilising US infections and a surprise rebound in US inflation. Investors turned to riskier currencies which provided some support for emerging markets. US July CPI printed better than anticipated at 0.6% (MoM) with the increase in the fuel price accounting for an estimated 25% of CPI. Markets await developments regarding the USD1 trillion relief package deal later this week. All eyes will be on developments on the US-China talks scheduled this weekend after escalating tensions between the 2 largest global economies. UK Q2 GDP contracted by 20.4% (QoQ) (the most significant contraction for developed markets) which was largely due to lockdown restrictions. OPEC forecasted that the demand for oil would decrease by an additional 400,000 barrels per day this year compared to initial estimates. Oil was buoyed by a surprise decrease in US inventories indicating a recovery in demand. US employment figures and Germany's CPI is anticipated later today. Gold was firmer on the back of a softer US dollar and (at the time of writing this report) was trading around USD1933



Local Market

Currency	Mid Yesterday 5pm	Bid	Offer	Mid
USD/ZAR	17.3666	17.4582	17.4752	17.4667
EUR/ZAR	20.5017	20.6105	20.6371	20.6238
GBP/ZAR	22.6775	22.7927	22.8167	22.8047
JPY/ZAR	0.1627	0.1635	0.1637	0.1636
AUS/ZAR	12.4592	12.5103	12.5242	12.5173
CAD/ZAR	13.1359	13.1817	13.1985	13.1901

Yesterday the rand gained on the back of optimism around the vaccine, stabilising US infections and the potential easing of local lockdown restrictions. At the time of writing this report the rand was trading around 17.44 to the US dollar. South African Reserve Bank governor Kganyago stated that it would only make sense to implement quantitative easing if interest rates were near zero coupled with the risk of deflation. South Africa's July business confidence printed higher at 82.8 compared to the previous 77.8. South Africa's June retail sales contracted by 7.5% (YoY) compared to the previous contraction of 11.9%. Products that indicated a significant increase in sales included home appliances, equipment and furniture. The power utility Eskom called on South Africans to reduce consumption until the end of the week due to constraints with generation units. Markets await developments around Ramaphosa's address to the nation around easing lockdown restrictions. South Africa's gold production and mining production is anticipated later today.



Financial Markets

Commodity	Previous Close	Bid	Ask	Last	Change
Brent Crude	45.43	45.34	45.35	45.34	-0.09
Light Crude	42.67	42.61	42.62	42.61	-0.06
Gold	1,917.82	1,930.29	1,931.00	1,930.29	12.47
Platinum	931.24	936.35	944.35	936.35	5.10
Silver	25.56	25.74	25.78	25.74	0.18

Index	Previous Close	Last	Change
ALSI	53,315.00	-	-
S&P 500	3,333.69	3,380.35	46.7
JSE All Share	57,417.28	-	-
Dow Jones	27,686.91	27,976.84	289.9

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