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Figure 1: SA Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting dates for 2017							
Month	Date	Forecast					
September 2017	19 th – 21 st	6.50					
November 2017	21 st – 23 rd	6.50					
Source: SA Reserve Bank, Investec							

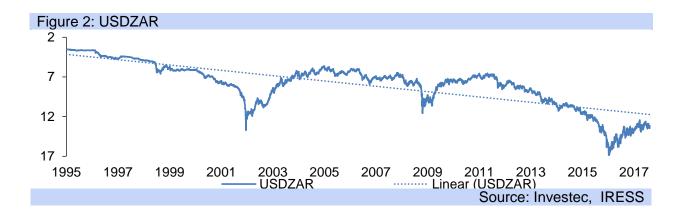
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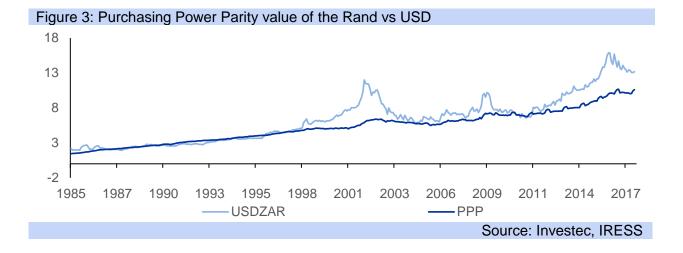
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The rand retained its appreciative bias for the fourth consecutive week, trading at 12.87/US\$, at the time of publication, compared to 13.44/US\$ a month ago. Rand strength has coincided with US\$ weakness. The US\$ index is presently at its lowest level since 2014. Broadly, US\$ weakness can be linked to moderating US growth expectations on the paring back of expectations surrounding the implementation of Trump's pro-growth campaign promises. Moreover, with US inflation struggling to gain sustained traction, the market-implied interest rate path continues to signal that US policy rates will rise only gradually in the coming years (see figure 12). North Korea and geopolitics remained a feature this week but emerging market inflows remained relatively supported, with the bulk of interest still concentrated in emerging market bonds.

In the week ahead, the rand is expected to trade in a range of R13.30/USD – R12.30/USD, R15.95/EUR - R14.95/EUR and R17.40/GBP - R16.40/GBP.



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Figure 4: Economic Scenarios

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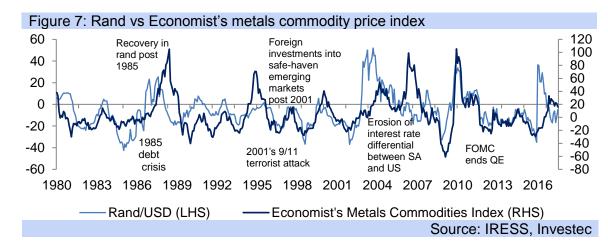


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Figure 5: Net foreign portfolio flo	ows for SA assets		
Week	Equities (Rbn)	Debt (Rbn)	Total (Rbn)
28th August – 1st September 2017	-3.2	0.5	-2.7
21 st – 25 th August 2017	1.4	1.2	2.6
14 th – 18 th August 2017	1.9	2.3	4.2
7 th – 11 th August 2017	-0.8	-3.1	-3.8
31 st July – 4 th August 2017	-2.7	-2.0	-4.7
24 th – 28 th July 2017	0.8	6.5	7.2
Month			
August 2017	-1.9	-2.4	-4.3
July 2017	10.8	8.1	18.9
June 2017	-19.1	-6.4	-25.5
May 2017	-9.1	9.2	0.1
April 2017	-2.9	14.4	11.5
March 2017	-12.8	18.6	5.7
February 2017	-9.6	3.7	-5.9
January 2017	-16.1	-6.5	-22.7
Source	: IRESS. Note: da	ta subject to free	quent revisions

Figure 6: PPP value of the Rand vs GBP PPP GBPZAR Source: Investec, IRESS



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Data releases in the week ahead

Date	Country	a releases for next week Indicator	Month	Forecast	Previous
Jale	Country	Indicator	WORT	FUIECASI	Flevious
12/09/17	SA	Current Account as a % GDP	Q2.17	-1.7%	-2.1%
		Current Account Balance	Q2.17	-R77bn	-R91bn
	US	NFIB Small Business Optimism	Jul	105.0	105.2
13/09/17	SA	BER Business Confidence	Q3.17		29.0
		Retail Sales	Jul		0.2% m/
		Retail Sales	Jul	2.7% y/y	2.9% y/
	US	MBA Mortgage Applications	Sep 8		3.3%
		PPI Final Demand	Aug	0.3% m/m	-0.1% m
		PPI Final Demand	Aug	2.5% y/y	1.9% y/
		PPI Ex Food and Energy	Aug	0.2% m/m	-0.1% m
	_	PPI Ex Food and Energy	Aug	2.1% y/y	1.8% y/
	Eurozone	Industrial Production SA	Jul	0.2% m/m	-0.6% m
		Industrial Production NSA	Jul	3.4% y/y	2.6% y/
		Employment	Q2.17		0.4% q/
		Employment	Q2.17		1.5% y/
4/09/17	US	Initial Jobless Claims	Sep 9		298k
		Continuing Claims	Sep 2		1940k
		CPI	Aug	0.3% m/m	0.1% m/
		CPI	Aug	1.8% y/y	1.7% y/
		CPI Ex Food and Energy	Aug	0.2% m/m	0.1% m/
		CPI Ex Food and Energy	Aug	1.6% y/y	1.7% y/
		Real Average Weekly Earnings Real Average Hourly Earnings	Aug		1.1% y/
	Eurozone	EU27 New Car Registrations	Aug		0.7% y/ 2.1%
	Eurozone	EU27 New Car Registrations	Aug		2.1/0
5/09/17	US	Empire Manufacturing	Sep	19.0	25.2
		Advance Retail Sales	Aug	0.1% m/m	0.6% m/
		Retail Sales Ex Auto	Aug	0.5% m/m	0.5% m/
		Retail Sales Ex Auto and Gas	Aug	0.3%	0.5%
		Retail Sales Control Group	Aug	0.3%	0.6%
		Industrial Production	Aug	0.1% m/m	0.2% m/
		Manufacturing (SIC) Production Capacity Utilisation	Aug	0.5% 76.8%	-0.1% 76.7%
		University of Michigan Sentiment	Aug Sep	96.5	96.8
	Eurozone	Trade Balance SA	Jul	30.0	22.3br
		Trade Balance NSA	Jul		26.6br
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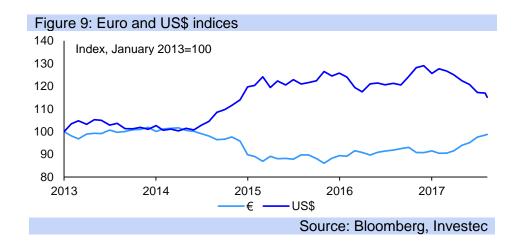
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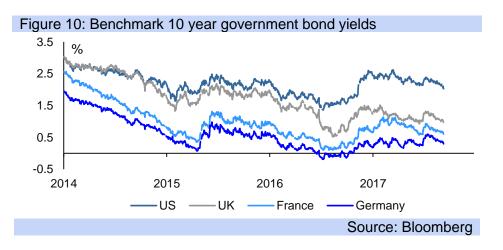
International



Having hit market sentiment at the start of this week, North Korean concerns could potentially dominate next Monday as well. Saturday the 9th September, represents the anniversary of the founding of North Korea and reports from South Korea are suggesting the North could mark the occasion with another ICBM test launch provoking further tensions. Meanwhile Monday will see a scheduled vote of the UN Security Council on deeper sanctions, which is likely to receive an angry response from Pyongyang.

This week's ECB meeting saw no change in policy with the key policy rates kept on hold (refi rate 0.00%, deposit rate -0.40%) as was expected. President Draghi highlighted some Governing Council concerns over the euro, however they do not appear to be sufficient enough to prevent the ECB announcing a tapering of its asset purchase programme, with the President giving a very clear hint to the October meeting.

Next week the Bank of England and the Swiss National Bank are set to announce their latest policy decisions. Neither are likely to spring a rate move on markets, as the Bank of Canada did on Wednesday; it raised interest rates 25bps to 1.00%. Thursday's BoE decision should see policy kept on hold with Bank rate held at 0.25%. We suspect that Ian McCafferty and Michael Saunders would have maintained their votes for a 25bp hike in rates, but that the overall vote will be 6-2 in favour of no change. Similarly there are no expectations for any change in policy at the SNB.

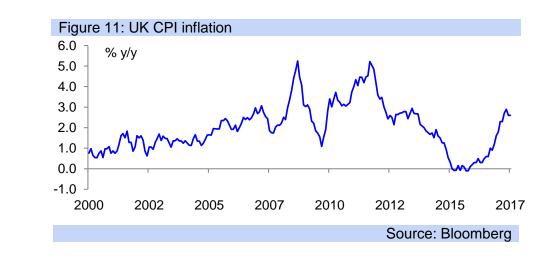


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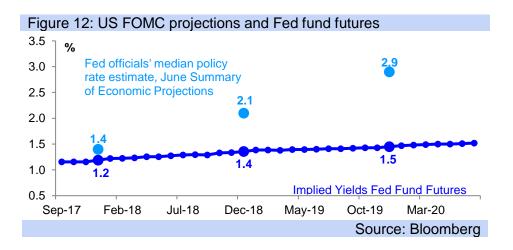
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In the UK, there are a number of key data releases starting with August CPI inflation figures due on Tuesday. We forecast the rate of inflation firming from 2.6% to 2.8% (y/y). Labour market data due on Wednesday will also provide the latest update on wage growth, shaping views on the current squeeze on real household incomes. The RICS housing survey will be due on Thursday morning, whilst the House of Commons is set to vote on the 'Great Repeal Bill' (EU Withdrawal Bill) on Monday.

China is set for its usual monthly run of data, providing the latest health check on the economy in Q3.17. Key figures to watch will be industrial production and retail sales, but lending data in the form of New Yuan loans should also be due during the week.

Stateside, August inflation data will be one of the key figures. Recent months have seen US inflation softening, which has led to some members on the FOMC arguing for a pause in interest rate hikes, whilst the inflation outlook is assessed. However, despite the softening in inflation the FOMC seems content to commence with the gradual wind down of its balance sheet this year, where we suspect an announcement will be made at the 20 September meeting. Aside from CPI inflation data, retail sales, the Empire State manufacturing survey and Michigan consumer sentiment will all be due.



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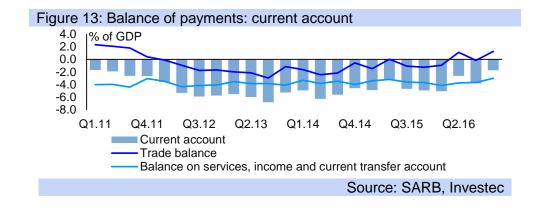
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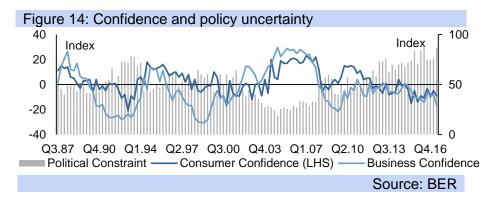
South Africa



The current account deficit is forecast to have narrowed to 1.7% of GDP in Q2.17 from -2.1% of GDP in Q1.17. Based on available data from the SARB, pertaining to international trade in goods and services, the seasonally adjusted trade surplus increased to R64.6bn in Q2.17 from R57.4bn in Q1.17. Expressed as a percentage of GDP the trade surplus rose to 1.4% of GDP in Q2.17 from 1.3% previously. According to the SARB data the deficit on the service account increased slightly as a % of GDP to -0.2% from a prior -0.1%. The income account deficit is forecast to have narrowed slightly on the lagged effects of dividend and interest payments/receipts associated with fixed and portfolio investments.

Retail sales for July are forecast to reflect growth of 2.7% y/y versus 2.9% y/y in June. Based on available data to June, retail sales underperformed in the first six months of the year, with growth of 0.6% y/y, relative to the 2.7% y/y increase in the same period of 2016. Retail sector activity is likely to remain muted this year, in line with modest growth in household consumption expenditure that we project at 1.0% y/y versus 0.8% y/y in 2016. Constraining factors to the growth in household consumption expenditure include persistently depressed consumer confidence, high unemployment and relatively weak income growth. Decelerating inflation and interest rate reductions should provide some relief to households but tighter credit conditions as well as the prospects for further fiscal tightening will weigh on consumers' ability to spend.

Business confidence for Q3.17 is scheduled for release in the upcoming week and is expected to remain in depressed territory. Depressed business confidence reflects the perception that economic weakness will be prolonged and increases the risk that pessimism will become entrenched, further delaying a recovery to fast, job creating economic growth. Depressed business and consumer confidence levels have been linked to perceived heightened policy uncertainty.



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Figure 15: CPI forecast averages

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Date	Index	Annual	Monthly	Quarterly	Calendar year	
	Base 2010	y/y	m/m	y/y	y/y	
Jan 2017	100.6	6.6	0.6			
Feb 2017	101.7	6.3	1.1			
Mar 2017	102.3	6.1	0.6	6.3		
Apr 2017	102.4	5.3	0.1			
May 2017	102.7	5.4	0.3			
Jun 2017	102.9	5.1	0.2	5.3		
Jul 2017	103.2	4.6	0.3			
Aug 2017	103.4	4.9	0.2			
Sep 2017	103.7	5.0	0.3	4.8		
Oct 2017	104.0	4.8	0.3			
Nov 2017	104.2	4.7	0.2			
Dec 2017	104.4	4.4	0.2	4.6	2017	5.2
Jan 2018	105.2	4.5	0.7			
Feb 2018	105.6	3.8	0.4			
Mar 2018	106.9	4.5	1.2	4.3		
Apr 2018	107.3	4.8	0.4			
May 2018	107.6	4.8	0.3			
Jun 2018	107.9	4.9	0.3	4.8		
Jul 2018	108.7	5.3	0.7			
Aug 2018	109.1	5.5	0.4			
Sep 2018	109.5	5.5	0.3	5.5		
Oct 2018	109.9	5.6	0.4			
Nov 2018	110.2	5.7	0.3			
Dec 2018	110.6	5.8	0.3	5.7	2018	5.1
Jan 2019	111.3	5.8	0.7			
Feb 2019	111.5	5.6	0.2			
Mar 2019	112.7	5.4	1.0	5.6		
Apr 2019	112.9	5.2	0.2			
May 2019	113.1	5.1	0.2			
Jun 2019	113.3	5.0	0.2	5.1		
Jul 2019	114.2	5.1	0.8			
Aug 2019	114.9	5.3	0.6			
Sep 2019	115.3	5.3	0.3	5.3		
Oct 2019	115.9	5.4	0.5			
Nov 2019	116.2	5.4	0.3			
Dec 2019	116.6	5.4	0.3	5.4	2019	5.4

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Date	Index	Annual	Monthly	Quarterly	year	
	Base		m/m			
	2010	y/y		y/y	у/у	
Jan 2020	117.4	5.4	0.7			
Feb 2020	117.5	5.3	0.7			
Mar 2020	119.1	5.3 5.7	1.4	5.5		
Apr 2020	119.1	5.5	0.0	5.5		
May 2020	119.2	5.4	0.0			
Jun 2020	119.6	5.5	0.1	5.5		
Jul 2020	120.8	5.7	1.0	0.0		
Aug 2020	120.0	5.6	0.5			
Sep 2020	121.9	5.7	0.0	5.7		
Oct 2020	122.1	5.4	0.1	0.7		
Nov 2020	122.7	5.6	0.5			
Dec 2020	122.9	5.4	0.1	5.5	2020	5.5
Jan 2021	124.1	5.7	1.0	0.0		0.0
Feb 2021	124.3	5.8	0.2			
Mar 2021	125.7	5.5	1.1	5.7		
Apr 2021	125.7	5.5	0.0	-		
May 2021	125.8	5.5	0.1			
Jun 2021	126.2	5.5	0.3	5.5		
Jul 2021	127.5	5.5	1.0			
Aug 2021	128.1	5.5	0.5			
Sep 2021	128.6	5.5	0.4	5.5		
Oct 2021	128.9	5.5	0.2			
Nov 2021	129.5	5.5	0.5			
Dec 2021	129.7	5.5	0.1	5.5	2021	5.6

Source: Stats SA, Investec



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Figure 16: Interest rate forecast end rates

Date	Prime forecast	Prime less Inflation	Repo	Repo less Inflation
Jan 2017	10.50	3.9	7.00	0.4
Feb 2017	10.50	4.2	7.00	0.7
Mar 2017	10.50	4.4	7.00	0.9
Apr 2017	10.50	5.2	7.00	1.7
May 2017	10.50	5.1	7.00	1.6
Jun 2017	10.50	5.4	7.00	1.9
Jul 2017	10.25	5.7	6.75	2.2
Aug 2017	10.25	5.4	6.75	1.9
Sep 2017	10.00	5.0	6.50	1.5
Oct 2017	10.00	5.2	6.50	1.7
Nov 2017	10.00	5.3	6.50	1.8
Dec 2017	10.00	5.6	6.50	2.1
Jan 2018	9.75	5.2	6.25	1.7
Feb 2018	9.75	5.9	6.25	2.4
Mar 2018	9.75	5.3	6.25	1.8
Apr 2018	9.75	5.0	6.25	1.5
May 2018	9.75	5.0	6.25	1.5
Jun 2018	9.75	4.9	6.25	1.4
Jul 2018	9.75	4.4	6.25	0.9
Aug 2018	9.75	4.2	6.25	0.7
Sep 2018	9.75	4.2	6.25	0.7
Oct 2018 Nov 2018	10.00	4.4 4.3	6.50	0.9 0.8
Dec 2018	10.00	4.3 4.2	6.50	
Jan 2019	10.00	4.2 4.2	6.50 6.50	0.7 0.7
Feb 2019	10.00 10.00	4.2 4.4	6.50 6.50	0.7
Mar 2019	10.00	4.4 4.6	6.50	1.1
Apr 2019	10.00	4.0	6.50	1.1
May 2019	10.00	4.0	6.50	1.3
Jun 2019	10.00	4.9 5.0	6.50	1.4
Jul 2019	10.00	4.9	6.50	1.4
Aug 2019	10.00	4.9	6.50	1.4
Sep 2019	10.00	4.7	6.50	1.2
Oct 2019	10.00	4.6	6.50	1.1
Nov 2019	10.00	4.6	6.50	1.1
Dec 2019	10.00	4.6	6.50	1.1
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Figure 17: Exchange rate history and forecast, annual averages

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
EURUSD	1.39	1.29	1.33	1.33	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.16	1.18
EURGBP	0.87	0.81	0.85	0.81	0.73	0.82	0.87	0.89	0.86
GBPEUR	1.14	1.23	1.18	1.24	1.38	1.22	1.15	1.13	1.16
GBPUSD	1.60	1.58	1.56	1.65	1.53	1.36	1.28	1.31	1.37
USDJPY	80	80	98	106	121	109	111	106	105
EURJPY	111	103	130	140	134	120	124	123	124
GBPJPY	128	126	153	174	185	147	142	138	144
EURCHF	1.23	1.21	1.23	1.21	1.07	1.09	1.09	1.13	1.14
USDCHF	0.89	0.94	0.93	0.91	0.96	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.96
GBPCHF	1.42	1.49	1.45	1.50	1.47	1.33	1.25	1.27	1.32
AUDUSD	1.03	1.04	0.97	0.90	0.75	0.75	0.77	0.79	0.79
EURAUD	1.35	1.24	1.38	1.48	1.49	1.49	1.45	1.47	1.50
AUDJPY	82	83	94	95	90	81	85	84	83
GBPAUD	1.55	1.53	1.63	1.83	2.05	1.82	1.67	1.66	1.74
ZARUSD	7.25	8.20	9.64	10.84	12.76	14.68	13.18	13.21	12.27
ZARGBP	11.62	13.01	15.10	17.85	19.48	19.92	16.80	17.24	16.85
ZAREUR	10.07	10.54	12.80	14.39	14.15	16.26	14.65	15.28	14.50
JPYZAR	11.07	9.75	10.15	9.74	9.48	7.33	8.42	8.02	8.56
ZARCHF	8.21	8.75	10.42	11.86	13.26	14.93	13.41	13.54	12.73
ZARAUD	7.49	8.46	9.32	9.78	9.58	10.93	10.10	10.42	9.69
							Source:	IRESS, I	nvestec

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Figure 17: Exchange rate history and forecast, annual averages continued

	20 1	7		2018				2019				
	Q1.17	Q2.17	Q3.17	Q4.17	Q1.18	Q2.18	Q3.18	Q4.18	Q1.19	Q2.19	Q3.19	Q4.19
EURUSD	1.07	1.10	1.14	1.14	1.15	1.16	1.16	1.17	1.18	1.18	1.18	1.19
EURGBP	0.86	0.86	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.88	0.86	0.86	0.85
GBPEUR	1.16	1.16	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.12	1.14	1.16	1.17	1.18
GBPUSD	1.24	1.28	1.29	1.29	1.30	1.31	1.31	1.31	1.34	1.37	1.38	1.39
USDJPY	114	111	111	109	107	106	106	105	105	105	105	105
EURJPY	121	122	127	124	123	122	122	123	124	124	124	124
GBPJPY	141	142	144	141	139	138	138	138	141	144	145	146
EURCHF	1.07	1.08	1.10	1.12	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14
USDCHF	1.00	0.98	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.97	0.97	0.96	0.97	0.97	0.96
GBPCHF	1.24	1.26	1.25	1.26	1.27	1.28	1.27	1.27	1.29	1.33	1.33	1.34
AUDUSD	0.76	0.75	0.77	0.78	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79
EURAUD	1.41	1.47	1.47	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.47	1.48	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.50
AUDJPY	86	83	86	85	84	84	83	83	83	83	83	83
GBPAUD	1.64	1.70	1.67	1.66	1.65	1.65	1.66	1.66	1.70	1.74	1.75	1.76
ZARUSD	13.22	13.19	13.15	13.45	13.60	13.40	13.05	12.80	12.45	12.10) 12.20) 12.35
ZARGBP	16.35	16.85	17.01	17.37	17.65			16.80	16.74			
ZAREUR	14.08	14.52	15.00	15.33	15.57			14.98	14.69			
JPYZAR	8.54	8.39	8.45	8.10	7.87	7.91	8.08	8.20	8.43	8.68		8.50
ZARCHF	13.18	13.41	13.61	13.75	13.84			13.25	12.94			
ZARAUD	10.03	9.92	10.17	10.49	10.68	10.59	10.31	10.11	9.84	9.56		
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Figure 17: Exchange rate history and forecast, annual averages continued

	2020			2021				2022				
	Q1.20	Q2.20	Q3.20	Q4.20	Q1.21	Q2.21	Q3.21	Q4.21	Q1.22	Q2.22	Q3.22	Q4.22
EURUSD	1.19	1.19	1.20	1.20	1.21	1.22	1.23	1.23	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24
EURGBP	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87
GBPEUR	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.16	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
GBPUSD	1.39	1.39	1.40	1.40	1.41	1.41	1.41	1.41	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42
USDJPY	106	106	106	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107
EURJPY	126	126	127	128	129	131	132	132	133	133	133	133
GBPJPY	147	147	148	150	151	151	151	151	152	152	152	152
EURCHF	1.15	1.15	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.15	1.15
USDCHF	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.96	0.96	0.95	0.95	0.94	0.94	0.93	0.93
GBPCHF	1.34	1.35	1.36	1.36	1.35	1.35	1.34	1.34	1.33	1.33	1.32	1.32
AUDUSD	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.80	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.82
EURAUD	1.49	1.49	1.50	1.50	1.49	1.51	1.52	1.54	1.55	1.53	1.53	1.51
AUDJPY	85	85	85	86	87	87	87	86	86	87	87	88
GBPAUD	1.74	1.74	1.75	1.75	1.74	1.74	1.74	1.76	1.78	1.75	1.75	1.73
ZARUSD	12.00	11.80	11.65	11.45	11.65	11.85	12.00	11.95	12.00	12.20	12.40	12.50
ZARGBP	16.68	16.40	16.31	16.03	16.43	16.71	16.92	16.85	17.04	17.32	. 17.61	17.75
ZAREUR	14.28	14.04	13.98	13.74	14.10		14.76	14.70	14.88	15.13		
JPYZAR	8.83	8.98	9.10	9.34	9.18	9.03	8.92	8.95	8.92	8.77	8.63	8.56
ZARCHF	12.42	12.16	12.01	11.80	12.14		12.63	12.58	12.77	12.98		
ZARAUD	9.60	9.44	9.32	9.16	9.44	9.60	9.72	9.56	9.60	9.88	10.04	
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