

Market Snapshot

Key Economic Indicators

Inflation CPI (YoY)	3.97%
GDP Growth	5.28%
Forex Reserves	\$ 20.38bn

Source: SBP

PSX INDEX

KSE 100 Index	40146
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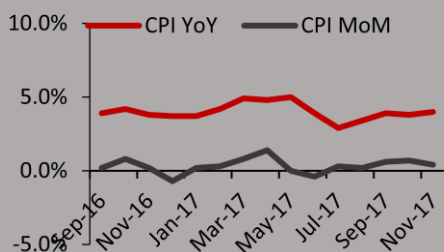
Source: PSX

Interest Rates

Discount Rate	6.25%
KIBOR (1 Month)	6.30%
KIBOR (3 Month)	6.16%
KIBOR (6 Month)	6.21%
KIBOR (9 Month)	6.49%
KIBOR (1 Year)	6.50%

Source: SBP

Monthly CPI Chart



Source: ICON Research

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IN FOCUS TODAY

Miftah seeks proposals to put economy on track

Newly appointed Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs Miftah Ismail has asked top officials of different departments to come up with proposals to put the economy on a sustainable track. An official statement issued by the Finance Division said that Mr Ismail met senior officials of finance and revenue divisions on Wednesday.

All divisions were asked to brief Mr Ismail about their workings and suggest measures to improve the health of the economy. Talking to officials, he said his resolve is to strengthen the economy and advance the objective of sustainable and inclusive growth. He said he will try to focus on enhancing exports and increasing economic growth. He will also make an effort to broaden the tax base and lower the rates, he said.

Profit repatriation by foreign firms jumps 29pc

Repatriation of profit by foreign companies operating in Pakistan amounted to \$935.9 million in July-November, up 28.7 per cent from a year ago. According to data released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Wednesday, the inflow of foreign direct investment (FDI) was higher than the profit outflow in the five-month period. FDI in July-November was \$1.14 billion, \$210.5m higher than the total repatriation recorded over the same period. In the comparable months of 2016-17, the outflow of funds was \$726.8m while FDI amounted to \$729.4m. FDI witnessed an annual increase of more than 57pc in the first five months of the current fiscal year mainly due to Chinese investments that constituted about 73pc of the total inflow.

Gold reaches 2 year high of Rs56,200/tola

With an increase of Rs1,000 per tola and Rs857 per 10 grams, the gold price on Wednesday stood at Rs56,200 per tola and Rs48,171 per 10 grams.

The domestic per tola gold rate has surged by Rs6,200 while 10-gram price swelled by Rs5,314 since June 1 due to an increase in the price of yellow metal in the world markets and losing value of the rupee against the dollar. The rates were Rs50,000 and Rs42,857, respectively, on June 1.

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TREASURY MARKET UPDATES

Money Market Rates (%)

Tenor	Bid	Offer
1 Month	5.85	5.95
3 Month	5.90	6.05
6 Month	5.95	6.05

Latest Cut-off Yields (T-Bills)

3 Month	5.9910%
6 Month	6.0109%(Previous)
12 Month	6.0273%(Previous)

Latest Cut-off Yields (PIBs)

3 Year	6.4091%(Previous)
5 Year	6.8961%(Previous)
10 Year	7.9360%(Previous)

FX Swap Points

Tenor	Opening Levels	Closing-Levels
1 Week	(-2)-0	(-7)-(-4)
2 Week	-1/1	(-9)-(-5)
1 Month	-1/2	(-6)-(-3)
2 Month	9-13	3-7
3 Month	22-25	16-20
4 Month	42-48	35-40
5 Month	63-69	55-60
6 Month	85-92	75-85

Money Market

The interbank market initiated at 6.00-6.10. Major trading was witnessed within the range 5.95-6.05 and closed between the levels of 5.90-6.00.

Fixed Income

The closing prices were;

3 Years PIB	6.72-6.67
4 Years PIB	6.90-6.82
5 Years PIB	7.45-7.40
6 Years PIB	7.88-7.84
10 Years PIB	8.19-8.11

Forex Market

Volatility was observed in the parity prices today as Ready prices declined to 110.40 and then regained went to a highest of 110.52, then settling at 110.47 and 110.49 today in the interbank market. This volatility brought the premiums further down as week till month traded in negative figures. Activity was witnessed in the premiums of week, two weeks, month and three months.