

Executive Summary

• Macroeconomics

Japan set to rebound as spending jumps.

• Forex

The euro traded at \$1.3325 per euro at 5:00 p.m. in New York. The EUR/RON closed at 4.3480/4.3500.

• Money Market

RON O/N trading range was at 3.60% - 4.10%.

• Equities

Domestic

The BSE closed green, BET-C increased 1.33% on higher volumes, while BET gained 1.40%, BET-FI advanced 2.93%. RASDAQ-C closed green (+0.09%) on higher volumes, while Tier I was flat, Tier II dropped 0.02%.

Foreign

S&P 500 snaps four-day advance. European stocks little changed, post the best start to year since 1998.

• Commodities

Oil and corn up. Most other major commodities down.

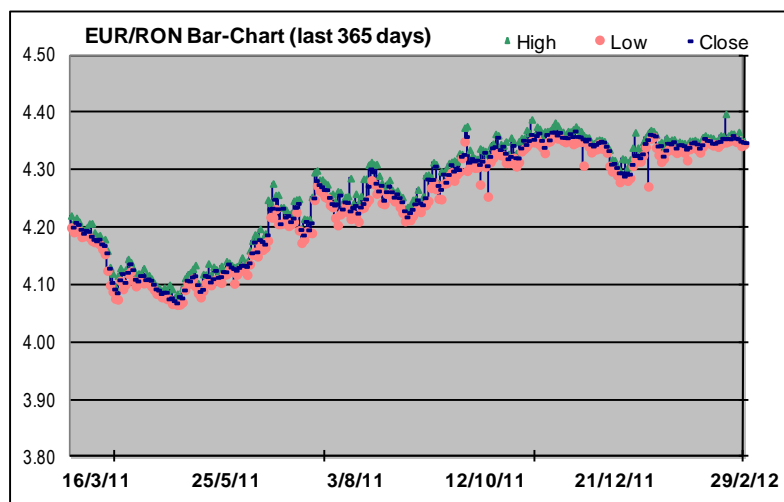
Market Data (as of 01 March 2012)

(market info sources: Bloomberg Professional Service, www.bvb.ro, www.bse.hu)

• Forex (as of 1-Mar-12)

FX Rates*	Prv. Day	Min 52W	Max 52W	Ytd	-52W
EUR/RON	4.3497	4.0782	4.3595	4.3271	4.2017
USD/RON	3.2573	2.7352	3.4435	3.3367	3.0285
CHF/RON	3.6085	3.1021	4.0619	3.5540	3.2845
100HUF/RON	1.5095	1.3390	1.6076	1.3745	1.5516

* since Bloomberg is the data source NBR rates will likely differ

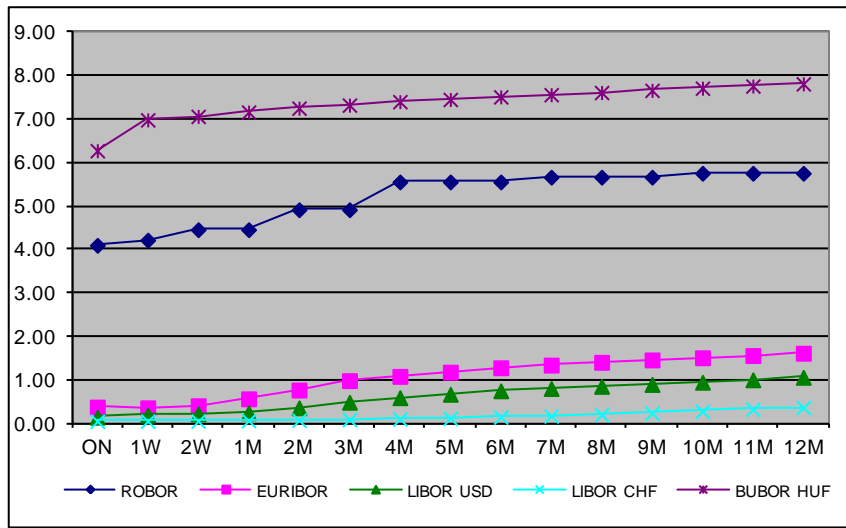


• Money Markets (valid for 01 March 2012)

Rate	ON	1W	2W	1M	2M	3M	4M	5M	6M	7M	8M	9M	10M	11M	12M
ROBOR*	4.10	4.22	-	4.46	-	4.92	-	-	5.56	-	-	5.67	-	-	5.76
EURIBOR**	0.37	0.36	0.41	0.56	0.77	0.98	1.08	1.18	1.28	1.34	1.41	1.46	1.51	1.56	1.61
LIBOR USD	0.14	0.19	0.22	0.24	0.36	0.48	0.59	0.67	0.75	0.80	0.85	0.89	0.95	1.00	1.06
LIBOR CHF	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.17	0.20	0.24	0.28	0.32	0.36
BUBOR HUF	6.28	6.99	7.07	7.17	7.26	7.33	7.41	7.46	7.52	7.57	7.62	7.67	7.72	7.77	7.82

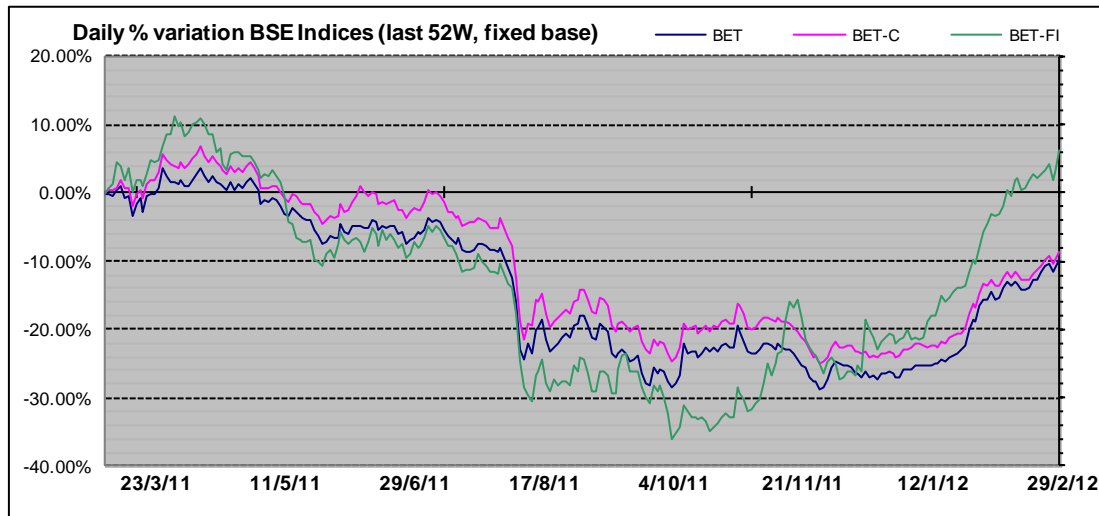
* in the chart below, values for maturities where there is no quote are proxied by the maximum of the previous and the next maturity

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(source for the graph: the last table on the page above)

Equities



(source for the graph: Bloomberg data on BSE indices)

Domestic

Indices (RON)	Last close	1d%	Ytd%	52W%
BET	5,273.12	1.40	21.59	-8.97
BET-C	3,103.44	1.33	18.39	-8.01
BET-FI	26,011.68	2.93	34.49	10.12
ROTX	10,143.00	2.44	26.18	-15.12
Rasdaq-C	1,612.83	0.09	2.07	-6.05
RAQ-I	845.97	0.00	-6.92	-42.40
RAQ-II	2,073.50	-0.02	4.09	-30.82

Foreign

Indices	Last close	1d%	Ytd%	52W%
DJIA (USD)	12,952.07	-0.41	6.01	7.41
S&P 500 (USD)	1,365.68	-0.47	8.59	4.54
DAX (EUR)	6,856.08	-0.46	16.24	-5.08
FTSE 100 (GBP)	5871.51	-0.95	5.37	-1.08
STOXX 600 (EUR)	264.32	0.00	8.09	-7.14
BUX (HUF)	19,286.54	0.36	13.62	-15.18

Top 5 most traded	Volume -RON	Volume - shares	Trades	Last price	1d%
FP	19,844,184	34,299,200	1,004	0.5900	5.17
SIF3	6,465,586	9,284,000	814	0.7065	4.43
SNP	4,731,242	11,447,500	191	0.4150	1.22
SIF5	3,013,533	2,114,500	193	1.4300	1.06
SIF2	2,510,088	1,760,500	171	1.4300	0.92

Trading Volumes	BVB	Rasdaq	BUSE	NYSE listed	Nasdaq	LSE	STOXX 600 *
Previous Day	10.35	0.07	44.71	23,799.53	14,587.07	6,926.95	264.32
Ytd Avg. (EUR mn)	8.72	0.14	49.02	16,279.21	10,673.29	4,930.02	257.56
MCAp (EUR bn)**	21.11	2.41	17.53	3,809.06	13,708.78	2,676.66	6,631.92

* 600 stocks from 15 EU countries + Switzerland, Norway and Iceland
 ** For BUSE, NYSE, NSADAQ and LSE only stock listed primarily on that specific market

Best 5 performers	Volume -RON	Volume - shares	Trades	Last price	1d%
APC	32,150	43,000	30	0.7600	8.65
PPL	61,361	55,500	8	1.1100	5.71
FP	19,844,184	34,299,200	1,004	0.5900	5.17
EBS	546,817	6,716	106	82.5000	5.10
ART	924	600	42	0.0646	4.90

Worst 5 performers	Volume -RON	Volume - shares	Trades	Last price	1d%
MPN	66,565	289,000	7	0.2300	-14.75
RTRA	1,207	6,000	3	0.2150	-8.12
ELGS	46,182	149,500	58	0.3060	-4.08
MECF	60	500	1	0.1200	-4.00
PTR	618	2,000	3	0.3050	-3.76

- **Commodities**

Item (market)	unit	last close	1d%	Ytd%	52W%
Oil (Brent crude)	USD/barrel	122.66	0.91	15.08	8.94
Gold (COMEX)	USD/ounce	1711.3	-4.31	9.04	18.77
Platinum (NYMEX)	USD/ounce	1680.75	-2.20	19.97	-8.75
Silver (COMEX)	USD/ounce	34.642	-6.89	23.90	1.08
Wheat (CBOT)	USD/bushel	6.68	-0.04	-0.48	-26.67
Corn (CBOT)	USD/bushel	6.58	0.11	0.50	5.96

- **OTP AM – Open-End Funds (as of 28-Feb-12)**

Open-end fund	ccy	last NAV/U	1d%	Ytd%	52W%
OTP AvantisRO	RON	6.6300	0.15	17.97	-8.55
OTP Obligatiuni	RON	11.5800	0.00	1.05	5.75
OTP ComodisRO	RON	14.1140	0.02	1.07	6.56
OTP Euro Bond	EUR	10.5743	-0.08	0.65	4.59

Market Highlights (as of 29 February 2012)

- **Forex**

The dollar rose 0.9 percent to 81.15 yen at 5 p.m. in New York after earlier falling as much as 0.3 percent. The greenback surged 1 percent to \$1.3325 per euro and the common currency fell 0.2 percent to 108.13 yen. (Bloomberg)
EUR/RON opened at 4.3470/4.3490 and closed at 4.3480/4.3500. (ContiCap)

- **Money Market**

RON O/N trading range was 3.60% - 4.10%. There was very little move in the FX curve. (ContiCap)

- **Equities**

- **Domestic**

The BSE closed green (BET-C, which does not include the SIFs increased 1.33%) on higher volumes and above this year's average volume. While BET blue chips index increased 1.40%, BET-FI advanced 2.93%.

RASDAQ-C closed green (+0.09%), while Tier I was flat, Tier II dropped 0.02%. The trading volume was higher and above 2012's average volume.

- **Foreign**

The S&P 500 fell 0.5 percent to 1,365.68 at 4 p.m. New York time, retreating from an almost four-year high. It still rose 4.1 percent in February, capping a third straight month of gains. The Dow Jones Industrial Average (INDU) lost 53.05 points, or 0.4 percent, to 12,952.07. The Stoxx Europe 600 (SXXP) Index was unchanged at 264.32 at the close in London. Stocks earlier gained as much as 0.8 percent after the European Central Bank allotted more funds than projected under its long-term refinancing operation. The gauge rallied 3.9 percent in February and 8.1 percent so far this year, the biggest increase in the first two months of a year since 1998. (Bloomberg)

- **Commodities**

Brent oil for April settlement dropped 47 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$121.08 a barrel on the London-based ICE Futures Europe exchange. (Bloomberg)

Latest Financial News

- **Macroeconomics**

Japan set to rebound as spending jumps.

Japanese companies' capital spending jumped by the most in almost five years in the fourth quarter, adding to signs that the world's third-biggest economy is set to return to growth. Capital spending excluding software rose 4.9 percent from a year earlier, after declining 11 percent in the previous quarter, the Finance Ministry said today in Tokyo. The first gain in three quarters compared with a median estimate of a 7.4 percent decline in a Bloomberg News survey of six economists. A weakening yen, gains in industrial production and retail sales, and increased government spending on reconstruction from last year's earthquake may drive an expansion this quarter. Today's report may force the Cabinet Office to revise upward preliminary data that showed gross domestic product shrank an annualized 2.3 percent in the final three months of last year. "Reconstruction demand was probably the biggest support for the increase in capital spending," said Akiyoshi Takumori, chief economist at Sumitomo Mitsui Asset Management Co. "The upward trend in business investment is likely to continue as companies become more optimistic as rebuilding demand materializes more and the yen weakens." (Bloomberg)

- **Forex**

Dollar declines as signs of production growth sap haven demand.

The dollar fell against most major peers before a report forecast to show a U.S. manufacturing index rose for a fourth month and after a similar gauge in China was stronger than expected, sapping demand for haven assets. Higher-yielding currencies including the Australian and New Zealand dollars snapped declines after Japanese companies' capital spending jumped by the most in almost five years in the fourth quarter, brightening the outlook for global growth. Demand for the euro was limited before European Union leaders meet in Brussels today to discuss the region's debt crisis. (Bloomberg)

- **Money Market**

Romania to accept Dollar bonds as collateral starting March 1.

Romania's central bank said it will accept dollar-denominated bonds sold by Romania on international markets this year as collateral in open-market and monetary policy operations starting March 1. The Banca Nationala a Romaniei will accept \$2.25 billion in dollar-denominated bonds sold on Jan. 31 and Feb. 28, the Bucharest-based bank said yesterday in an e-mailed statement. "The haircut level, the margin deducted from the market value of eligible assets to obtain the adjusted value thereof, applicable to the above mentioned securities will be 9 percent for central bank operations with maximum one month maturity," the bank said in the statement. (Bloomberg)

Bernanke affirms low-rate pledge.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke affirmed that interest rates are likely to stay low at least through late 2014 without offering any indication that further monetary easing is under consideration. "At present, with the unemployment rate elevated and the inflation outlook subdued, the committee judges that sustaining a highly accommodative stance for monetary policy is consistent with promoting both objectives" for stable prices and maximum employment, Bernanke said today in testimony to the House Financial Services Committee in Washington. While describing "positive developments" in the labor market, Bernanke said it "remains far from normal." In the first day of his semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, he said a recent rise in gasoline prices "is likely to push up inflation temporarily" and reduce consumer purchasing power. (Bloomberg)

- **Equities**

- **Domestic**

Romgaz to Invest \$500 mln Euro in geological research by 2017 – media.

Romanian gas producer Romgaz will invest \$500 million (372 million euro) in geological research on eight fields between 2012 and 2016, local media reported on Wednesday. The eight perimeters have been given to Romgaz under concession by Romania's National Agency for Mineral Resources, ANRM, news agency Mediafax quoted an advisor at the economy ministry, Dumitru Chisalita, as saying. Last year, ANRM extended by five years the exploitation period for the fields, Mediafax (www.mediafax.ro) said. Romgaz reported a profit of some 180 million euro last year on a turnover of 955.6 million euro, the agency said. (SeeNews)

Romp petrol Group sees zero profit, turnover up 38% in 2012 - media.

Dutch-based Rompetrol Group plans to end this year with a zero profit amid a 38% increase in turnover, Romanian media reported on Wednesday. The group's turnover is seen rising to \$9.4 billion (7.0 billion euro) this year from \$6.8 billion in 2011, helped by the completion of the company's investment in raising the capacity of its Petromidia refinery in Romania, daily Ziarul Financiar (www.zf.ro) quoted the head of the Rompetrol Group Corporate Center, Marius Ghica, as telling an energy summit. The main asset of Rompetrol Group, owned by Kazakh state oil firm KazMunaiGas, is Romania's Rompetrol Rafinare, which operates two refineries, Petromidia and Vega. Petromidia, the group's largest refinery, will start operating at increased capacity from the second half of the year and will process 4.6 million tonnes of petroleum per year compared to 3.8 million tonnes processed in 2011, Ghica said. (SeeNews)

- **Foreign**

Staples Inc.'s forecast for 2012 lower than analysts expected.

Staples Inc. (SPLS) declined 8.4 percent to \$14.66. The world's largest office products company gave a 2012 forecast that was "lower quality" than analysts expected, Jefferies Group Inc.'s Daniel Binder wrote in a report. (Bloomberg)

First Solar reduced its 2012 revenue forecast.

First Solar tumbled 11 percent, the biggest decline in the S&P 500, to \$32.30. The company also reduced its 2012 revenue forecast to \$3.5 billion to \$3.8 billion, compared with a December forecast of \$3.7 billion to \$4 billion. (Bloomberg)

- **Commodities**

Gold falls in 'manic' plunge as Bernanke damps stimulus bets.

Gold futures fell as much as \$100 to below \$1,700 an ounce on signs that the Federal Reserve will refrain from offering more monetary stimulus to bolster the U.S. economy. In testimony before Congress today, Fed Chairman Ben S. Bernanke gave no signal that the central bank will take new steps to boost liquidity. The dollar rose as much as 0.8 percent against a basket of major currencies, eroding the appeal of the precious metal as an alternative investment. Yesterday, gold reached \$1,792.70, a three-month high, even as coin sales by the U.S. mint slumped in February. "People were expecting that the Fed would loosen policies, even if the perception is that the economy is doing well," James Dailey, who manages \$215 million at TEAM Financial Management LLC in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, said in a telephone interview. "The investor sentiment changed as the Fed committed to nothing. This is the manic nature of the market." (Bloomberg)

**LEGEND**

"Min / Max 52W" = Minimum / Maximum value recorded in the past 52 weeks

"Last close / price" = the closing price for the last trading session before the issue date of this report

"MCap" = Market capitalization;

"52W%" = cumulative % increase/decrease during the past 52 weeks;

"Ytd Avg." = average value since the beginning of the current year

"Ytd" (Year to date) = quotation in the first trading day of the year;

"Ytd%" (Year to date %) = cumulative % increase/decrease since the end of the previous year;

"1d%" = % increase/decrease between Last close and the closing price of the day before the Last close date

"BuSE" = Budapest Stock Exchange

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