

Executive Summary

• Macroeconomics

IMF says it completes fourth review of Romanian economic policy.

• Forex

The euro traded at \$1.3285 per euro at 5:00 p.m. in New York. The EUR/RON closed at 4.3735/4.3755.

• Money Market

RON O/N trading range was at 2.08% - 2.58%.

• Equities

Domestic

The BSE closed mixed, BET-C increased 0.73% on higher volumes, while BET gained 0.45%, BET-FI dropped 0.42%.

RASDAQ-C closed red (-0.58%) on lower volumes, while Tier I and Tier II were flat.

Foreign

U.S. stocks fall as energy shares drop on profit concern. Most European stocks fall on U.S. data.

• Commodities

Oil, gold and silver up. Most other major commodities down.

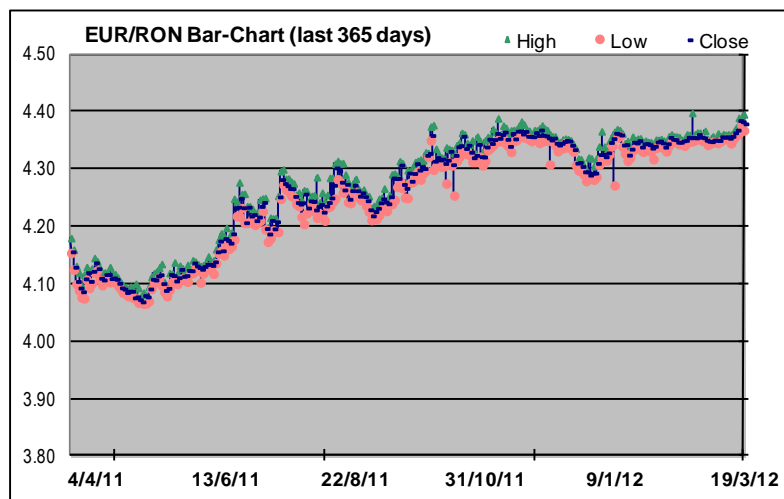
Market Data (as of 22 March 2012)

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

• Forex (as of 22-Mar-12)

FX Rates*	Prv. Day	Min 52W	Max 52W	Ytd	-52W
EUR/RON	4.3706	4.0782	4.3767	4.3271	4.1288
USD/RON	3.3135	2.7352	3.4435	3.3367	2.9036
CHF/RON	3.6264	3.1021	4.0619	3.5540	3.2144
100HUF/RON	1.4960	1.3390	1.6076	1.3745	1.5272

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

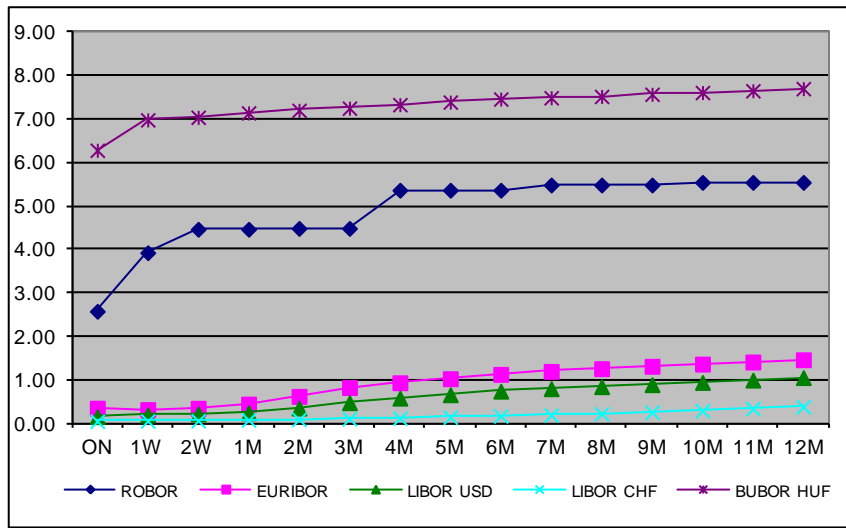


• Money Markets (valid for 22 March 2012)

Rate	ON	1W	2W	1M	2M	3M	4M	5M	6M	7M	8M	9M	10M	11M	12M
ROBOR*	2.58	3.93	-	4.47	-	4.49	-	-	5.37	-	-	5.49	-	-	5.55
EURIBOR**	0.35	0.32	0.35	0.44	0.62	0.82	0.93	1.03	1.13	1.20	1.26	1.31	1.36	1.41	1.46
LIBOR USD	0.15	0.19	0.21	0.24	0.35	0.47	0.58	0.66	0.74	0.80	0.84	0.89	0.94	1.00	1.05
LIBOR CHF	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.17	0.19	0.22	0.26	0.29	0.34	0.38
BUBOR HUF	6.29	6.99	7.05	7.15	7.21	7.26	7.34	7.40	7.47	7.50	7.53	7.58	7.62	7.66	7.71

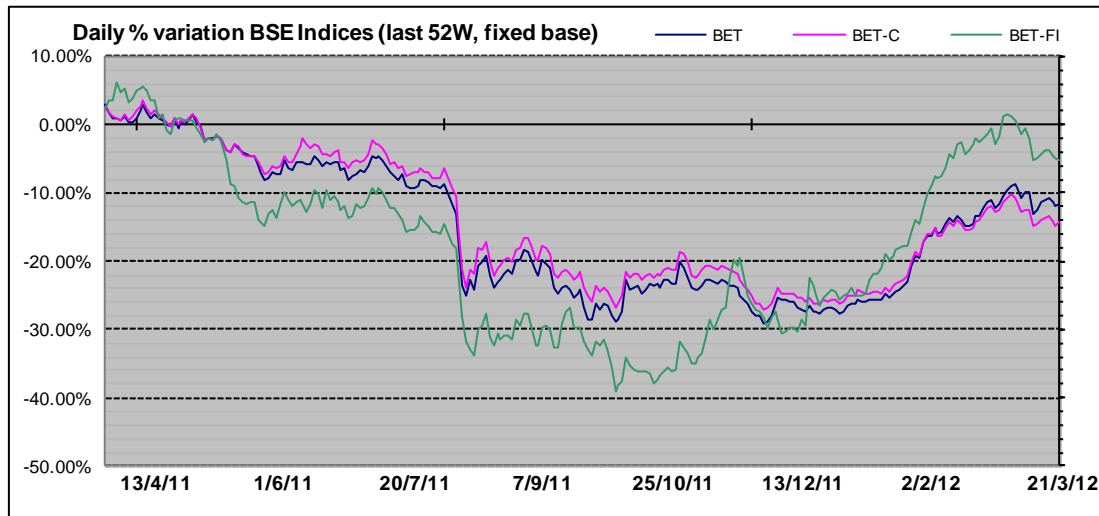
* in the chart below, values for maturities where there is no quote are proxied by the maximum of the previous and the next maturity

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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	5,215.06	0.45	20.25	-10.41
BET-C	3,003.87	0.73	14.59	-12.73
BET-FI	24,334.34	-0.42	25.81	-3.30
ROTX	10,028.40	0.42	24.76	-16.20
Rasdaq-C	1,584.92	-0.58	0.31	-6.30
RAQ-I	782.75	0.00	-13.87	-45.77
RAQ-II	2,038.20	0.00	2.32	-36.58

Foreign

Indices	Last close	1d%	Ytd%	52W%
DJIA (USD)	13,124.62	-0.35	7.42	9.04
S&P 500 (USD)	1,402.89	-0.19	11.55	8.05
DAX (EUR)	7,071.32	0.23	19.89	3.74
FTSE 100 (GBP)	5891.95	0.01	5.74	1.83
STOXX 600 (EUR)	268.67	-0.11	9.87	-1.34
BUX (HUF)	19,053.07	-0.93	12.25	-15.52

Top 5 most traded	Volume -RON	Volume - shares	Trades	Last price	1d%
FP	5,556,408	9,580,300	171	0.5800	0.00
BRD	2,695,716	249,700	43	10.9000	2.83
EBS	1,105,120	13,593	61	81.3000	-0.12
TLV	897,529	817,000	90	1.1070	0.82
SIF3	890,949	1,315,500	234	0.6710	0.07

Trading Volumes	BVB	Rasdaq	BUSE	NYSE listed	Nasdaq	LSE	STOXX 600 *
Previous Day	5.41	0.06	26.12	15,267.28	10,524.44	5,406.62	268.67
Ytd Avg. (EUR mn)	8.53	0.15	46.74	16,489.41	10,885.17	5,039.73	259.97
MCap (EUR bn)**	20.35	2.31	17.24	3,972.37	14,175.62	2,691.73	6,729.13

* 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%
ALR	6,188	2,200	7	2.9490	6.85
SCD	145,896	164,000	52	0.8820	3.76
COMI	27,173	166,500	18	0.1669	3.02
BRD	2,695,716	249,700	43	10.9000	2.83
SRT	193	13,000	9	0.0150	2.74

Worst 5 performers	Volume -RON	Volume - shares	Trades	Last price	1d%
TUFE	979	6,000	8	0.1600	-6.32
PEI	34	2	1	17.0500	-5.28
AMO	6,779	518,500	32	0.0131	-2.96
IMP	391	2,000	3	0.1952	-2.40
PPL	486	500	1	0.9710	-1.92

- **Commodities**

Item (market)	unit	last close	1d%	Ytd%	52W%
Oil (Brent crude)	USD/barrel	124.2	0.06	16.83	11.24
Gold (COMEX)	USD/ounce	1650.3	0.20	5.15	14.96
Platinum (NYMEX)	USD/ounce	1639.5	-0.99	17.02	-6.08
Silver (COMEX)	USD/ounce	32.227	1.23	15.26	-10.47
Wheat (CBOT)	USD/bushel	6.3625	-0.97	-5.21	-25.65
Corn (CBOT)	USD/bushel	6.42	-0.85	-1.95	2.80

- **OTP AM – Open-End Funds (as of 20-Mar-12)**

Open-end fund	ccy	last NAV/U	1d%	Ytd%	52W%
OTP AvantisRO	RON	6.4700	-0.46	15.12	-10.51
OTP Obligatiuni	RON	11.6300	0.09	1.48	6.70
OTP ComodisRO	RON	14.1624	0.01	1.41	6.52
OTP Euro Bond	EUR	10.6193	0.01	1.08	4.83

Market Highlights (as of 21 March 2012)

- **Forex**

The dollar rose 0.1 percent to \$1.3216 per euro at 5 p.m. in New York. The euro reached \$1.3285 earlier, the highest level since March 8. The dollar fell 0.4 percent to 83.41 yen. (Bloomberg)

EUR/RON opened at 4.3760/4.3780 and closed slightly stronger against the EUR at 4.3735/4.3755. (ContiCap)

- **Money Market**

RON O/N trading range was 2.08% - 2.58%. RON yield continued their recent moves higher, especially in the front end of the curve, exacerbated by the higher funding levels late in the day. 1 month went higher by 42bp, 2 months by 21bp, 3 months by 15bp, 6 months by 11bp, 9 months by 10bp and 1 year went higher by 8.5bp. (ContiCap)

- **Equities**

- **Domestic**

The BSE closed mixed (BET-C, which does not include the SIFs increased 0.73%) on higher volumes but still below this year's average volume. While BET blue chips index increased 0.45%, BET-FI dropped 0.42%.

RASDAQ-C closed red (-0.58%), while Tier I and Tier II were flat. The trading volume was lower and below 2012's average volume.

- **Foreign**

The S&P 500 slipped 0.2 percent to 1,402.89 at 4 p.m. New York time. The Dow retreated 45.57 points, or 0.4 percent, to 13,124.62. About 6.1 billion shares changed hands on U.S. exchanges, or 7.9 percent below the three-month average. The Stoxx Europe 600 Index (SXXP) declined 0.1 percent to 268.67 at the close in London. (Bloomberg)

- **Commodities**

Brent oil for May settlement rose 8 cents to \$124.20 a barrel on the London-based ICE Futures Europe exchange. (Bloomberg)

Latest Financial News

- **Macroeconomics**

IMF says it completes fourth review of Romanian economic policy.

The International Monetary Fund said yesterday it completed the fourth review of Romania's economic performance under a 24-month stand-by arrangement, making the European country eligible for about 500 million Euros in additional assistance. Romania will continue to treat the arrangement as precautionary and don't intend to draw on it, the Washington-based fund said in a statement. "Policy implementation has remained strong and all program targets were met," IMF Deputy Managing Director Nemat Shafik said in the statement. "However, the economic outlook for this year is being weighed down by the declining growth prospects in the euro area. Continued commitment to the economic reform agenda is crucial to help withstand current uncertainties and increase potential growth." (Bloomberg)

IMF not concerned about possible 1st-qttr recession in Romania.

The International Monetary Fund is not concerned about a possible recession in Romania in the first quarter and sees a rebound in the second three-month period, said the IMF's Jeffrey Frank in an interview with Romanian Money Channel TV station. (Bloomberg)

- **Forex**

Euro gains as stocks rise before German PMI.

The euro rose, this morning, as Asian stocks gained for the first time in three days before reports forecast to show German services and factory output expanded this month. Australia's currency slid to its weakest in two months after a private report signaled manufacturing may shrink in China for a fifth-straight month. New Zealand's dollar sank to a one-week low after its economy grew less than economists estimated. The yen advanced earlier after Japan posted an unexpected trade surplus for February. Declines in the dollar were limited before a report that may show initial U.S. jobless claims dropped, dampening prospects of further monetary easing. (Bloomberg)

- **Money Market**

Draghi says worst of Europe debt crisis 'is over,' Bild reports.

European Central Bank President Mario Draghi said the worst of the sovereign debt crisis is over, Germany's Bild newspaper reported, citing an interview. "The worst is over, but there are still risks," Draghi was quoted as saying. "The situation has stabilized. The important indicators for the euro zone, like inflation, current account and above all the budget deficits, are better than, for example, in the United States." Investor confidence has returned and "the ball is now with governments," Draghi said, according to Bild. "They must sustainably secure the euro zone against crises." Draghi also said Germany is a "role model" in Europe, and the ECB's 23-member Governing Council, which contains two Germans, has "internalized" Germany's stability culture, Bild reported. Draghi shares Bundesbank President Jens Weidmann's concerns about the risks the ECB has taken and there is no north-south divide on the council, the newspaper said. (Bloomberg)

• **Equities**

Domestic

Transgaz plans to pay 29.76 Lei-per-share dividend.

Romanian state-owned utility Transgaz SA plans to raise its dividend for last year to 29.76 lei per share from 28.77 lei per share in 2010, according to a statement sent to the Bucharest Stock Exchange today. Shareholders are expected to vote on the dividend proposal in a meeting on April 25, the state-owned natural-gas grid operator said. (Bloomberg)

Erste extends offer to buy minority stakes in Romania's BCR until May 25.

Romania's top bank Banca Comerciala Romana (BCR) said on Wednesday its majority shareholder, Austria's Erste Bank Group, has extended until May 25 its offer to buy minority stakes in the bank. The offer, launched on February 6, was initially planned to close on February 24 but earlier this month Erste extended it to March 30. The group has offered to pay 1.09 lei (\$0.3/0.25 euro) per BCR share. "Up to now, we have an acceptance rate of 50% out of the total stake held by individuals in BCR before the offer was launched. Taking into consideration this encouraging result, [...] we decided to extend the offer to May 25," a letter from Erste to BCR shareholders posted on the BCR website said. (SeeNews)

Transilvania Constructii plans to skip 2011 dividend.

Romanian construction company Transilvania Constructii said on Wednesday it plans to pay no dividend for 2011. Transilvania Constructii plans to allocate 75,107 lei (\$22,770/17,160 euro) from last year's 1.085 million lei net profit to legal reserves, it said in a statement. The remaining 1.01 million lei will go to retained profit, it added. The proposals are pending shareholders' approval at a meeting scheduled for April 25. (SeeNews)

Bucharest bourse gets approval to hold 5.0% of Chisinau Stock Exchange.

The Bucharest Stock Exchange said it has received approval from Moldova's securities commission to hold a 5.0% stake in the recently set-up Chisinau Stock Exchange. In January, Moldova's securities commission CNPF said it has issued a five-year license to the Chisinau Stock Exchange, the second bourse in Moldova. The regulator said then it allowed seven shareholders to hold substantial stakes in the bourse, without disclosing their names. The Chisinau Stock Exchange is licensed to use the automated exchange platform ARENA. It plans to start operations shortly, the Bucharest bourse said in a statement on Tuesday. (SeeNews)

Zentiva plans lower '11 dividend, to invest 1.4 mln Euro in '12.

Romanian drug maker Zentiva said on Wednesday it plans to pay a gross dividend of 0.0812 lei (\$0.0246/0.0186 euro) per share for 2011, down from the 0.2998 lei it paid out for 2010. Shareholders are expected to vote on the proposal on April 26, Zentiva said in a statement. The dividends will be distributed as of May 25, 2012. The company's shareholders will also vote on the company's 2012 budget, which envisages investments worth 1.4 million euro (\$1.86 million) in technology and equipment. (SeeNews)

Foreign

LinkedIn Corp. raised to buy from neutral at Goldman.

LinkedIn Corp. (LNKD) surged 6.5 percent to \$97.78. The biggest professional-networking website was raised to buy from neutral at Goldman Sachs Group Inc. (Bloomberg)

Adidas was cut to underweight from equal weight at Morgan Stanley.

Adidas, the second-largest sporting-goods maker, fell 2.3 percent to 57.64 Euros. Morgan Stanley cut the shares to underweight from equal weight, meaning investors should hold a smaller proportion than represented in the benchmarks. Morgan Stanley cited risks in the second half as initiatives to fuel growth will likely mute mid-term margin expansion. (Bloomberg)

• **Commodities**

Gold may decline as slower China output tempers liquidity boost.

Gold may decline after a report showed that China's manufacturing may contract for a fifth straight month in March, hurting the outlook for commodities. "A slowdown in China is beginning to seem very real and the PMI number hurts sentiment in commodities, including gold," said Chen Yonglin, an analyst at CITIC Newedge Futures Co. The April-delivery contract was little changed at \$1,649.40 an ounce on the Comex, trimming an earlier 0.4 percent gain. Holdings in exchange-traded products were unchanged at 2,402.034 metric tons yesterday, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. That's the least since Feb. 28. Gold earlier climbed alongside equities as China lowered reserve requirements for 379 branches of Agricultural Bank of China Ltd., the nation's third-biggest lender by market value, expanding a trial that had cut requirements for 563 branches. (Bloomberg)



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- "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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