

## World Markets

4-May-2026

	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	1,079.96	0.27%	6.44%	7.03%
US	S&P 500	7,230.12	0.29%	5.62%	6.21%
	DOW JONES	49,499.27	-0.31%	2.99%	3.56%
	NASDAQ	25,114.44	0.89%	8.06%	8.66%
	STOXX 600	611.55	0.04%	3.27%	4.34%
Europe	CAC 40	8,114.84	0.00%	-0.43%	0.61%
	DAX	24,292.38	0.00%	-0.81%	0.22%
	FTSE 100	10,363.93	-0.14%	4.36%	6.30%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	59,513.12	0.38%	18.22%	15.14%
	HANG SENG	25,776.53	0.00%	0.57%	1.15%
	CSI 300	4,807.31	0.00%	3.83%	8.09%
	SENSEX	76,913.50	0.00%	-9.75%	-13.20%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,270.01	0.00%	-4.69%	-4.69%
	SEM-10	432.69	0.00%	-2.84%	-2.84%
	SEMTRI	10,839.66	0.00%	-4.28%	-4.28%
	DEMEX	216.93	0.00%	-3.46%	-3.46%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	140.22	-0.20%	27.84%	28.55%
	WTI Crude Oil	101.94	-2.98%	77.53%	78.53%
	Gold	4,614.21	-0.08%	6.83%	7.42%
	Silver	75.36	2.19%	5.16%	5.75%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields	
			2 Yr	10 Yr
US	FED	3.50%- 3.75%	3.88%	4.37%
UK	BOE	3.75%	4.42%	4.96%
Europe	ECB	2.00%	2.64%	3.04%
Japan	BOJ	0.75%	1.39%	2.52%
Mauritius	BOM	4.50%	4.61%	5.54%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	46.76	-0.60%	0.56%
GBP/MUR	63.57	0.36%	1.86%
EUR/MUR	54.86	0.02%	1.04%
AUD/MUR	35.14	0.73%	8.86%
ZAR/MUR	2.93	1.03%	0.69%
GBP/USD	1.36	-0.15%	0.80%
EUR/USD	1.17	-0.09%	-0.21%
AUD/USD	0.72	0.01%	7.93%
USD/JPY	157.01	0.27%	0.19%
USD/CNY	6.83	0.00%	-2.29%

\*Foreign Currency Rates against the Mauritian Rupee are MCB's mid-rates. For transactions purposes, kindly contact your Private Banker.

## Weekly Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	US PMI US JOLTS Job Openings			US Unemployment Rate Mauritius CPI

## World News

US

- US economic growth accelerated at the start of the year, bolstered by a massive AI-driven upswing in business investment. Inflation-adjusted gross domestic product increased an annualized 2% in the first quarter after the longest-ever federal government shutdown limited growth in the closing months of 2025. [\(Source\)](#)
- Bankrupt discount carrier Spirit Airlines ceased operations on Saturday, the industry's first casualty linked to the Iran war, after failing to secure creditor support for a US government bailout plan. The collapse of the carrier following a doubling in jet fuel prices during the two-month-old Iran war will cost thousands of jobs. No US carrier of Spirit's size - it accounted for 5% of US flights at one point - has liquidated in two decades. All flights have been canceled, the statement said, asking passengers not to go to the airport. [\(Source\)](#)

## Europe

- The tariff hike on cars and trucks from the European Union announced by U.S. President Donald Trump could cost Germany nearly 15 billion euros (\$17.58 billion) in output, an economic institute told Reuters on Saturday. The estimate from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW) highlights the exposure of the EU's largest economy to U.S. import tariffs, which have already cost the German automotive industry billions. Trump said on Friday he would increase the auto tariffs to 25% next week from a previously agreed 15%, saying the bloc had not complied with its trade deal with Washington. [\(Source\)](#)
- The European Central Bank may need to tighten policy, perhaps as soon as June, policymakers said on Friday, warning that the inflation outlook is deteriorating and the risk is rising that high price growth gets entrenched. The ECB left interest rates unchanged on Thursday but debated hiking rates and signalled, in both on- and off-record comments, that higher rates would remain on the agenda as it fears an energy-induced inflation spike could persist beyond a one-off impact. [\(Source\)](#)

## Asia & Emerging

- Annual core inflation in April hit a four-year low and stayed below the central bank's 2% target for a third straight month, as fuel and education subsidies offset rising raw material costs from the Middle East conflict. Analysts expect consumer inflation to re-accelerate in the coming months as surging oil prices and higher import prices from a weak yen keep the Bank of Japan (BOJ) under pressure to raise interest rates. [\(Source\)](#)
- Australia and Japan agreed on Monday to deepen cooperation on energy and critical minerals, as Japan Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi met Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese during a three-day visit to the country. Australia also plans to provide support of up to A\$1.3 billion (\$937 million) to critical mineral projects with Japanese involvement, creating the potential to supply Japan with resources including gallium, nickel, graphite, rare earths and fluorite. [\(Source\)](#)

## Others

- Credit rating agency Moody's has given up the regulatory licence of its South African subsidiary to focus on serving cross-border investors and African issuers looking to attract international funding. The move by Moody's is part of adjustments to its business model, and it will continue to rate South African issuers from other locations. [\(Source\)](#)
- Gabon's finance ministry said on Thursday it had signed an additional programme worth \$150 million with the World Bank, bringing the institution's total commitment to \$600 million. The ministry's statement added that a special commission will be established to conduct a comprehensive audit of the Central African country's public debt. [\(Source\)](#)

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## Local News

- Local markets were closed on Friday due to a public holiday.

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