

## World Markets

6-May-2026

	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	1,084.23	0.56%	6.86%	7.55%
US	S&P 500	7,259.22	0.81%	6.04%	6.73%
	DOW JONES	49,298.25	0.73%	2.57%	3.23%
	NASDAQ	25,326.13	1.03%	8.97%	9.67%
	STOXX 600	609.72	0.70%	2.96%	4.11%
Europe	CAC 40	8,062.31	1.08%	-1.07%	0.03%
	DAX	24,401.70	1.71%	-0.36%	0.75%
	FTSE 100	10,219.11	-1.40%	2.90%	4.86%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	59,513.12	0.00%	18.22%	15.25%
	HANG SENG	25,898.61	-0.76%	1.05%	1.63%
	CSI 300	4,807.31	0.00%	3.83%	8.23%
	SENSEX	77,017.79	-0.33%	-9.63%	-13.21%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,274.49	0.23%	-4.50%	-4.50%
	SEM-10	433.30	0.11%	-2.70%	-2.70%
	SEMTRI	10,861.03	0.23%	-4.09%	-4.09%
	DEMEX	217.96	0.07%	-3.00%	-3.00%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	141.10	-0.81%	28.64%	29.47%
	WTI Crude Oil	102.27	-3.90%	78.11%	79.26%
	Gold	4,556.92	0.77%	5.50%	6.18%
	Silver	72.85	0.11%	1.65%	2.31%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields	
			2 Yr	10 Yr
US	FED	3.50%- 3.75%	3.94%	4.42%
UK	BOE	3.75%	4.52%	5.06%
Europe	ECB	2.00%	2.68%	3.06%
Japan	BOJ	0.75%	1.39%	2.52%
Mauritius	BOM	4.50%	4.60%	5.54%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	46.80	-0.34%	0.65%
GBP/MUR	63.60	0.09%	1.91%
EUR/MUR	54.90	0.04%	1.11%
AUD/MUR	35.34	0.81%	9.46%
ZAR/MUR	2.96	1.55%	1.55%
GBP/USD	1.35	0.07%	0.49%
EUR/USD	1.17	0.02%	-0.45%
AUD/USD	0.72	0.22%	7.64%
USD/JPY	157.88	0.41%	0.75%
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 job openings slipped in March amid a decline in professional and business services, but a surge in hiring to a more than two-year high suggested the labor market was regaining its footing after struggling in recent months. Job openings were down 56,000 to 6.866m by the last day of March. Hiring jumped by 655,000 to 5.554m, the highest level since February 2024. ([Source](#))
- Microsoft, Google and Elon Musk's xAI agreed to give the US government early access to new artificial intelligence models for national security testing, as US officials grow alarmed by the hacking capabilities of Anthropic's newly unveiled Mythos. The Center for AI Standards and Innovation at the Department of Commerce said on Tuesday that the agreement would allow it to evaluate the models before deployment and conduct research to assess their capabilities and security risks. ([Source](#))

## Europe

- German Chancellor Friedrich Merz ruled out the possibility of forming a minority government amid a possible breakup of his current two-party coalition, which has slid into a crisis only a year after taking power. Merz also ruled out new elections and warned that a month-long campaign would prevent Germany from fulfilling its national and European obligations. ([Source](#))
- The Bank of England estimated on Tuesday that its quantitative easing programme would rack up a net financial loss of around 125 billion pounds (\$169 billion), which will need to be funded by the British government. Under the central bank's QE programme, which first started in 2009 as a means to stimulate the economy after the global financial crisis, Britain's finance ministry agreed to cover any losses and during the 2010s it booked profits. ([Source](#))

## Asia & Emerging

- During a visit to Manila, Japan's defence minister Shinjiro Koizumi said that his country was eyeing the early transfer of Abukuma class destroyers and TC-90 aircraft to the Philippines. Both ministers did not provide a timetable for the equipment transfer but agreed to establish a working group to craft policy and operational requirements for the eventual transfer. Japan and the Philippines are key allies of the United States and Japan and have been locked in maritime disputes with China, in the East and South China Seas respectively. ([Source](#))
- China's services purchasing managers' index rose to 52.6 in April from 52.1 in March. The reading was helped by stronger growth in new business which were boosted mainly by domestic demand despite new export business declining for a second straight month. However, external risks increasing with input cost inflation accelerating to its highest so far this year, with firms pointing to firmer oil, fuel and freight costs from the Middle East conflict. Yet, business confidence about activity over the coming year remained positive in April. ([Source](#))
- Indonesia surprised positively with Q1 GDP growth of 5.61% year-on-year, beating expectations of 5.3% and marking the country's fastest growth pace since 2022. The expansion was driven by a sharp 21.8% increase in government spending, strong Ramadan and Eid consumption, and resilient domestic demand. Economists increasingly believe Q1 may represent the strongest growth quarter of the year before energy costs and currency weakness begin to weigh more heavily on demand and fiscal balances. ([Source](#))

## Others

- Argentina's credit score was upgraded by Fitch Ratings, signaling growing confidence in President Javier Milei's push to overhaul the economy and secure financing to cover the country's upcoming debt obligations. The South American nation was raised to B- from CCC+, six notches below investment grade, the ratings firm said in a statement on Tuesday. The outlook is stable. ([Source](#))

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## Local News

- The SEMDEX rose by 0.23% to close at 2,274.49. In the banking segment, MCBG closed unchanged at MUR 428.00 with MUR 5.86m traded, while SBM advanced to MUR 6.58 (+0.9%). Alteo surged to MUR 11.45 (+4.1%), Medine increased to MUR 54.00 (+1.9%), while Ascencia edged up to MUR 18.05 (+0.3%). In the hotel segment, LUX rose to MUR 47.90 (+0.8%).

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