

World Markets

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	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	1,060.93	0.61%	4.56%	3.89%
US	S&P 500	7,022.95	0.80%	2.59%	1.93%
	DOW JONES	48,463.72	-0.15%	0.83%	0.18%
	NASDAQ	24,016.02	1.59%	3.33%	2.66%
	STOXX 600	617.27	-0.43%	4.24%	4.80%
Europe	CAC 40	8,274.57	-0.64%	1.53%	2.09%
	DAX	24,066.70	0.09%	-1.73%	-1.20%
	FTSE 100	10,559.58	-0.47%	6.33%	6.95%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	58,134.24	0.44%	15.48%	13.90%
	HANG SENG	25,947.32	0.29%	1.24%	0.57%
	CSI 300	4,685.25	-0.34%	1.19%	2.84%
	SENSEX	78,111.24	1.64%	-8.34%	-11.76%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,254.57	-0.07%	-5.34%	-5.34%
	SEM-10	426.29	-0.01%	-4.28%	-4.28%
	SEMTRI	10,759.90	0.00%	-4.99%	-4.99%
	DEMEX	216.27	0.27%	-3.75%	-3.75%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	133.42	0.35%	21.63%	20.85%
	WTI Crude Oil	91.29	0.01%	58.99%	57.96%
	Gold	4,791.04	-1.05%	10.92%	10.20%
	Silver	78.96	-0.74%	10.19%	9.48%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields	
			2 Yr	10 Yr
US	FED	3.50%- 3.75%	3.76%	4.28%
UK	BOE	3.75%	4.23%	4.81%
Europe	ECB	2.00%	2.54%	3.04%
Japan	BOJ	0.75%	1.38%	2.42%
Mauritius	BOM	4.50%	4.57%	5.54%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	46.20	-0.11%	-0.65%
GBP/MUR	62.78	-0.01%	0.58%
EUR/MUR	54.59	0.09%	0.54%
AUD/MUR	34.59	0.74%	7.14%
ZAR/MUR	2.93	0.34%	0.69%
GBP/USD	1.36	-0.04%	0.64%
EUR/USD	1.18	0.03%	0.45%
AUD/USD	0.72	0.62%	7.45%
USD/JPY	159.00	0.13%	1.46%
USD/CNY	6.82	0.05%	-2.42%

*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 PPI China Balance of Trade Mauritius CPI Q1 2026		UK GDP China GDP	Mauritius 3-Yr TN Auction

World News

US

- The S&P 500 has hit a record high, as strong corporate earnings and investor optimism over a US-Iran peace deal drive a sharp rebound from losses suffered in the early weeks of the war. The blue-chip index rose 0.8 per cent on Wednesday, closing above 7,000 for the first time. The fresh high caps the biggest 10-day gain for the S&P 500 since the rebound from the Covid-19 pandemic sell-off in 2020. Big technology stocks have led the rally in recent trading sessions.[\(Source\)](#)
- US spirits group Sazerac has offered to buy Brown-Forman for about USD 15bn complicating Pernod Ricard's attempt to merge with the Jack Daniel's maker. The privately held company has offered Brown-Forman USD 32 a share. Unlike Sazerac's more traditional buyout offer, analysts have said the deal with Pernod could involve a share swap, which would allow the Brown family to preserve some control over the iconic bourbon maker it has run since 1870.[\(Source\)](#)

Europe

- Bank of England Governor Andrew Bailey signaled he is in no rush to raise interest rates, arguing that it is too soon to make a judgment on the economic impact of the war in Iran. Bailey that the conflict is a "very big energy shock" but added that the length of the war will be a key factor in the UK central bank's thinking on inflation.[\(Source\)](#)
- The European Commission said on Wednesday it intended to order Meta Platforms to reinstate rival artificial intelligence assistants on its WhatsApp messaging service after the U.S. tech giant imposed an access fee. "The Commission notified Meta that the revised policy seems to have the same effect of excluding third-party AI assistants from WhatsApp and thus appears at first sight to be in breach of EU competition rules," the EU's executive arm said.[\(Source\)](#)

Asia & Emerging

- Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi announced that Japan will establish a financial framework worth about \$10 billion to help Asian countries procure energy resources and bolster their stockpiles. This would be equivalent to as much as 1.2 billion barrels of oil, or about one year's worth of crude oil imports by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. The support will be channelled mainly through state-backed financial corporations. The plan includes credit provision for local companies to procure alternative resources such as U.S. crude oil, as well as financing and loans for companies and governments that are part of Japan's supply chain.[\(Source\)](#)
- As per data released by the National Bureau of Statistics, China's gross domestic product rose 5.0% over the first quarter from a year earlier. This is an uptick from a 3-year low of 4.5% in the fourth quarter of last year powered by a burst of exports that helped offset weak domestic demand. Furthermore, the manufacturing side of the economy remained resilient despite softer industrial output growth of 5.7% in March year-on-year from a 6.3% growth in January-February. However, for many analysts the outlook is bleak as China remains vulnerable to the current oil shock which will impact factory costs and slow trade.[\(Source\)](#)

Others

- Commodities trader Trafigura said on Wednesday it had signed a \$1 billion prepayment agreement with Gabon, under which it will receive crude oil deliveries over a seven-year period. The Central African country seeks to strengthen cash flow and boost foreign-exchange reserves amid high global oil prices, Gabon's economy and finance ministry said.[\(Source\)](#)

Local News

- The SEMDEX slipped by 0.07% to close at 2,254.57. In the banking segment, MCBG remained flat at MUR 417.00 with MUR 9.04m traded, while SBM increased to MUR 6.46 (+0.3%). Among conglomerates, Medine advanced to MUR 54.75 (+0.5%), IBL edged higher to MUR 26.60 (+0.2%), whereas ER Group declined to MUR 19.60 (-2.0%). Ascencia fell to MUR 18.00 (-2.7%). In the hotel segment, NMH rose to MUR 13.25 (+0.4%).

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