MORNING NEWS

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World Markets

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	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	1,160.34	-0.04%	14.36%	15.44%
US	S&P 500	7,785.76	-0.17%	13.74%	14.81%
US	DOW JONES	53,732.41	-0.20%	11.80%	12.85%
US	NASDAQ	26,729.16	-0.28%	15.00%	16.09%
Europe	STOXX 600	657.86	-0.21%	11.09%	11.28%
Europe	CAC 40	8,636.80	-0.16%	5.98%	6.16%
Europe	DAX	26,440.31	0.53%	7.96%	8.15%
Europe	FTSE 100	10,750.11	-0.21%	8.24%	10.34%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	68,713.80	0.59%	36.50%	31.40%
Asia	HANG SENG	25,116.85	-1.10%	-2.00%	-0.63%
Asia	CSI 300	4,665.88	0.04%	0.78%	4.84%
Asia	SENSEX	78,009.25	-0.09%	-8.46%	-11.56%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,276.58	0.07%	-4.42%	-4.42%
Mauritius	SEM-10	430.13	-0.16%	-3.42%	-3.42%
Mauritius	SEMTRI	11,194.46	0.07%	-1.15%	-1.15%
Mauritius	DEMEX	224.54	-0.61%	-0.07%	-0.07%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	135.39	0.73%	23.43%	24.59%
Commodities	WTI Crude Oil	82.40	1.42%	43.50%	44.86%
Commodities	Gold	4,376.40	0.60%	1.32%	2.28%
Commodities	Silver	64.68	0.30%	-9.74%	-8.88%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields 2 Yr	Govt Yields 10 Yr
US	FED	3.50%- 3.75%	4.17%	4.69%
UK	BOE	3.75%	4.36%	5.04%
Europe	ECB	2.25%	2.80%	3.20%
Japan	BOJ	1.00%	1.67%	2.89%
Mauritius	BOM	4.75%	4.67%	5.55%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	46.94	-0.38%	0.95%
GBP/MUR	63.62	0.06%	1.94%
EUR/MUR	54.39	0.06%	0.17%
AUD/MUR	34.75	0.23%	7.65%
ZAR/MUR	3.05	0.00%	4.64%
GBP/USD	1.35	0.38%	0.47%
EUR/USD	1.16	0.36%	-1.50%
AUD/USD	0.71	0.35%	6.16%
USD/JPY	159.32	-0.11%	1.67%
USD/CNY	6.74	-0.02%	-3.51%

*Foreign Currency Rates against the Mauritian Rupee are MCB's mid-rates as at 9:00 AM. For transactions purposes, kindly contact your Private Banker.

Weekly Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Japan GDP Growth Rate China Retail Sales	UK Unemployment Rate	US FOMC Minutes UK Inflation Rate	Japan Balance of Trade	UK Retail Sales Japan Inflation Rate

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US

- OpenAI's annualised revenue run rate has surpassed $40 billion, roughly doubling from the end of 2025, strengthening the case for a future IPO. The rapid growth has been driven by rising demand for AI coding tools such as Codex, expanding enterprise adoption, subscription revenue, and an emerging advertising business, with the company reportedly achieving more than 20% month-on-month revenue growth in July alone. The strong commercial momentum comes as OpenAI competes aggressively with Anthropic for enterprise customers and prepares for a potential public listing, although investors will remain focused on whether the company can sustain this growth while managing the substantial computing and infrastructure costs required to support advanced AI models.(Source)

- U.S. President Donald Trump on Sunday instructed the Pentagon to "substantially reduce" joint military exercises with long-term Asian ally South Korea, citing the cost of the drills and Seoul's refusal to take part in actions against Iran. Hours before exercises were scheduled to begin, Trump said on his Truth Social site he was "not happy" that the U.S. had agreed to participate and highlighted his "very good relationship" with Kim Jong Un, the leader of nuclear-armed and heavily sanctioned North Korea.(Source)

Europe

- Germany's pension system is about to undergo a major reform, moving away from conservative securities and insurance policies to subsidize a broader range of investments. The private pension pot is set to double to some €500 billion in the coming decade, with managers like Deutsche Bank AG's DWS Group and Vanguard Group racing to have new products ready. The reform will allow private money to flow into subsidized brokerage accounts, replacing the Riester system and taking the country one step closer to the US model of investing in securities and funds via tax-efficient accounts.(Source)

- The number of European companies flagging the impact of extreme weather on their businesses has jumped as a series of severe heatwaves boosts demand for some products but interrupts other business activities. Terms related to extreme heat, drought and wildfires were mentioned on a record share of earnings calls in recent weeks — one in 10 — for European companies with more than $1bn in market value, according to data from AlphaSense.(Source)

Asia & Emerging

- Japan's economy expanded more slowly than expected in the second quarter, with annualised GDP growth easing to 1.1% from a revised 1.9% in the previous quarter. The weaker performance was mainly driven by subdued household spending and business investment, factors widely seen as temporary rather than structural. Growth was also affected by uncertainty surrounding the Middle East conflict and the impact of a weak yen. On a quarterly basis, GDP rose 0.3%, falling short of the market consensus estimate of a 0.5% increase.(Source)

- Beijing is expected to soon remove travel restrictions on Manus founders as the AI agent company reverses its $2 billion acquisition by Meta. CEO and founder Xiao Hong reportedly informed employees that he intends to return to Singapore, where Manus is headquartered. The company also announced plans to resume operations as an independent business. Under the buyback arrangement, former investors, including Tencent, ZhenFund and HSG, together with management, will repurchase Manus from Meta at roughly the same $2 billion valuation, restoring its previous ownership structure.(Source)

Others

- The rapid expansion of AI-driven data centres by major technology companies such as Amazon, Microsoft, Google and Meta is set to significantly increase carbon emissions, with an FT analysis estimating that the 60 largest planned facilities could generate emissions equivalent to 27 coal-fired power plants or 24 million cars annually if powered by carbon-intensive electricity.(Source)

- Global ratings agency Fitch on Friday upgraded the Republic of Congo's long-term local-currency rating to "CCC+" from "CCC" and affirmed its foreign-currency rating, citing improved regional financing conditions and a smoother debt repayment profile. The move comes as Brazzaville, under President Denis Sassou Nguesso, has been working to consolidate peace and diversify the economy.(Source)

Local News

- The SEMDEX edged up by 0.07% to close at 2,276.58. In the banking segment, MCBG ticked up to MUR 441.50 (+0.1%) with MUR 11.7m traded while SBMH gained 1.0% to close at MUR 6.22. MUA advanced to MUR 56.00 (+1.8%) while IBL fell to MUR 22.05 (-0.7%) and Alteo declined to MUR 11.30 (-0.9%). Among hotel groups, SUN fell to MUR 48.00 (-0.5%) with MUR 1.1m traded.

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