

World Markets

19-Oct-2026

	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
US	MSCI All Country World	1,129.10	-0.36%	11.28%	13.09%
	S&P 500	7,659.44	-1.09%	11.89%	13.71%
	DOW JONES	52,002.41	-0.34%	8.20%	9.95%
	NASDAQ	26,140.03	-2.15%	12.47%	14.30%
Europe	STOXX 600	644.74	0.72%	8.87%	6.44%
	CAC 40	7,956.70	0.28%	-2.37%	-4.55%
	DAX	25,622.61	0.95%	4.62%	2.28%
	FTSE 100	10,881.90	0.38%	9.57%	10.57%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	65,324.29	1.39%	29.77%	26.59%
	HANG SENG	24,186.83	0.52%	-5.63%	-3.52%
	CSI 300	4,170.61	0.11%	-9.92%	-4.83%
	SENSEX	74,729.27	0.56%	-12.31%	-13.95%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,281.21	-0.46%	-4.22%	-4.22%
	SEM-10	434.20	-0.52%	-2.50%	-2.50%
	SEMTRI	11,239.47	-0.46%	-0.75%	-0.75%
	DEMEX	222.25	0.00%	-1.09%	-1.09%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	144.42	0.37%	31.67%	33.80%
	WTI Crude Oil	101.41	3.51%	76.61%	79.48%
	Gold	4,165.58	-0.14%	-3.56%	-1.99%
	Silver	56.99	-0.72%	-20.48%	-19.19%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields	
			2 Yr	10 Yr
US	FED	3.75%- 4.00%	4.71%	5.07%
UK	BOE	3.75%	4.88%	5.37%
Europe	ECB	2.50%	3.11%	3.43%
Japan	BOJ	1.25%	1.92%	2.93%
Mauritius	BOM	4.75%	4.75%	5.53%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	47.26	0.04%	1.62%
GBP/MUR	62.98	0.20%	0.91%
EUR/MUR	53.08	0.03%	-2.24%
AUD/MUR	34.35	0.44%	6.41%
ZAR/MUR	3.01	0.00%	3.26%
GBP/USD	1.33	0.39%	-1.10%
EUR/USD	1.12	0.17%	-4.32%
AUD/USD	0.69	0.36%	4.09%
USD/JPY	158.02	0.01%	0.84%
USD/CNY	6.69	-0.07%	-4.31%

*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
China GDP Growth Rate	UK Unemployment Rate	UK Inflation Rate		Japan Inflation Rate UK PMI

World News

US

- The US budget deficit rose by \$217 billion to nearly \$2 trillion in the 2026 fiscal year, fueled in part by tariff refunds and record spending to service the nation's more than \$40 trillion in debt, marking the largest budget shortfall in five years, Treasury Department figures showed on Friday. Continued increases in spending for social benefits programs like Social Security and Medicare and a \$48 billion jump in defense spending also factored into the increase. [\(Source\)](#)
- The day after waiving sanctions and tariffs related to Russian exports, US President Donald Trump said on Saturday he has yet to announce a final decision on the matter, while Secretary of State Marco Rubio said officials want more time to evaluate the situation. Rubio said on Saturday that the president will use up to 60 days to assess the economic impact of Russia-related sanctions and tariffs that he waived a day earlier. [\(Source\)](#)

Europe

- The City of London Corporation is considering tax rises and cuts to services as the governing body for the Square Mile tackles an expected £70mn budget shortfall. The local authority held an emergency finance meeting last week to discuss how to cope with a sharp reduction in funding due to take place in 2029 as part of the Labour government's Fair Funding Review. The committee discussed increases to business rates and council tax, as well as potential cuts to services at the Barbican Centre — Europe's largest multi-arts venue, which is run by the City of London — according to two people who were there. [\(Source\)](#)
- French President Emmanuel Macron said the country felt anger and shame following widespread violence over the weekend and called for order to be restored. Protests in several cities descended into clashes between police and demonstrators, sparking some of France's worst street violence in years, with looting and landmarks set on fire. Macron said many participants in protest marches expressed concerns over the cost of living, particularly prices at the pump, and that those worries were at the root of unrest across several European cities. [\(Source\)](#)

Asia & Emerging

- Toyota Motor expects its Arene software platform to be installed in 10 million new vehicles annually and across 50 models by 2030, as the automaker accelerates its shift towards software-defined vehicles. The company's Chief Technology Officer said deployment is set to expand further by 2035, including to vehicles produced by alliance partners. The platform enables over-the-air updates for safety, autonomous driving and entertainment features, reducing the need for dealership visits. Arene was first introduced in Toyota's redesigned RAV4 sport utility vehicle, launched in 2025. [\(Source\)](#)
- China's economy grew faster than expected in the third quarter as a surge in exports and strong factory activity offset persistent weakness in domestic demand. The National Bureau of Statistics reported that GDP grew 4.5% in the three months to September compared with a year earlier beating the 4.3% growth in the previous three-month period, which was the lowest rate in years. For January-September, the economy grew 4.6%, within the range of the government's growth which could ease pressure on policymakers to roll out more forceful stimulus measures. [\(Source\)](#)

Others

- The UK's electricity grid is facing mounting costs and operational strain as renewable energy generation, particularly wind power in Scotland, is growing faster than the transmission infrastructure needed to deliver it to demand centers in southern England. Recent network bottlenecks forced emergency power imports from France despite ample domestic generation, contributing to record grid-balancing costs that could exceed £3 billion this year. [\(Source\)](#)
- Regional military power Egypt is ready to provide Saudi Arabia with the support it needs to defend its security and stability, the presidency said on Sunday, potentially raising the stakes in the Middle East war as Yemen's Iran-allied Houthis intensify their attacks on the kingdom. Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi requested an urgent parliament session to authorise the military, one of the Arab world's largest, to help defend its Gulf Arab ally if the kingdom requested its support. [\(Source\)](#)

Local News

- The SEMDEX declined by 0.46% to close at 2,281.21. In the banking segment, MCBG slipped to MUR 467.75 (-0.1%) with MUR 9.04m traded, while SBMH eased to MUR 6.06 (-0.3%). Alteo declined to MUR 10.60 (-3.6%), Terra fell to MUR 18.50 (-1.1%), and ER Group slipped to MUR 19.05 (-0.3%). In the hotel segment, NMH advanced to MUR 14.00 (+1.4%).
- Regarding the auction for 3-year Government of Mauritius Notes, a nominal amount of MUR 2.5bn was allocated at a weighted-average yield of 5.09%.



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