

World Markets

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	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	1,074.76	1.00%	5.93%	5.72%
US	S&P 500	7,126.06	1.20%	4.10%	3.90%
	DOW JONES	49,447.43	1.79%	2.88%	2.68%
	NASDAQ	24,468.48	1.52%	5.28%	5.07%
	STOXX 600	626.58	1.56%	5.81%	6.36%
Europe	CAC 40	8,425.13	1.97%	3.38%	3.92%
	DAX	24,702.24	2.27%	0.86%	1.39%
	FTSE 100	10,667.63	0.73%	7.41%	7.91%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	58,475.90	-1.75%	16.16%	14.87%
	HANG SENG	26,160.33	-0.89%	2.07%	1.90%
	CSI 300	4,728.67	-0.17%	2.13%	4.23%
	SENSEX	78,493.54	0.65%	-7.89%	-10.45%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,249.73	-0.21%	-5.54%	-5.54%
	SEM-10	425.91	-0.18%	-4.36%	-4.36%
	SEMTRI	10,742.80	-0.21%	-5.14%	-5.14%
	DEMEX	215.96	-0.19%	-3.89%	-3.89%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	131.48	-2.16%	19.87%	19.64%
	WTI Crude Oil	83.85	-11.45%	46.03%	45.75%
	Gold	4,830.34	0.84%	11.83%	11.61%
	Silver	80.89	3.15%	12.88%	12.66%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields	
			2 Yr	10 Yr
US	FED	3.50%- 3.75%	3.71%	4.25%
UK	BOE	3.75%	4.12%	4.76%
Europe	ECB	2.00%	2.41%	2.96%
Japan	BOJ	0.75%	1.37%	2.42%
Mauritius	BOM	4.50%	4.59%	5.54%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	46.41	0.28%	-0.19%
GBP/MUR	62.70	0.11%	0.46%
EUR/MUR	54.58	0.05%	0.52%
AUD/MUR	34.56	0.06%	7.05%
ZAR/MUR	2.93	0.34%	0.69%
GBP/USD	1.35	-0.08%	0.30%
EUR/USD	1.18	-0.14%	0.16%
AUD/USD	0.72	0.18%	7.51%
USD/JPY	158.64	-0.33%	1.23%
USD/CNY	6.82	-0.06%	-2.43%

*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
	UK Unemployment US Retail Sales	Japan Balance of Trade UK Inflation Rate Mauritius CPI	UK PMI US PMI	Japan Inflation Rate

World News

US

- US construction supplies distributor QXO struck a USD 17bn deal on Sunday to acquire building products distributor and installer TopBuild adding to a wave of acquisitions by the company led by billionaire dealmaker Brad Jacobs. The deal will make QXO the second-largest publicly traded building products distributor in North America, with more than USD 18bn of combined company revenue, the company said.[\(Source\)](#)
- Cerebras Systems, an artificial intelligence chipmaker and data center operator, filed publicly for an initial public offering months after withdrawing a previous attempt to list. Cerebras filed confidentially for an IPO that could raise about USD 2bn. The infrastructure firm is part of a growing cohort seeking to challenge market leader Nvidia Corp. with giant chips that can handle massive amounts of data in one go. Chief Executive Officer Andrew Feldman has said that Cerebras' hardware runs AI models much faster than Nvidia. It also operates its own data centers.[\(Source\)](#)

Europe

- Bouygues, Iliad-Free and Orange raised their bid for French telecoms operators SFR to 20.35 billion euros (\$23.97 billion) on Friday, in what if successful would be one of the biggest European telecom deals in recent years. The trio's proposed transaction would cut the number of mobile network operators in France to three from four, setting up a key test for regulators' willingness to allow consolidation in a crowded European telecoms market, where operators have long argued that scale is needed to sustain investment.[\(Source\)](#)
- The Italian economy posted modest growth in the first quarter, supported by the Winter Olympics in February which drew a major influx of tourists, the country's central bank said on Friday. "There are indications gross domestic product continued to grow at a moderate pace in the first quarter, sustained by activity in services, particularly those aimed at firms," the Bank of Italy said in its quarterly economic bulletin.[\(Source\)](#)

Asia & Emerging

- China said on Saturday it is willing to advance negotiations on upgrading the China-Switzerland free trade agreement. A high-standard free trade agreement will inject new momentum into trade, investment and innovation cooperation between the two countries, the Commerce Ministry said in a statement during a bilateral trade meeting in Bern.[\(Source\)](#)
- Australia and Japan signed contracts on Saturday launching their landmark A\$10 billion (\$7 billion) deal to supply Australia with warships, Tokyo's most consequential military sale since ending a military export ban in 2014. Defence Ministers Richard Marles and Shinjiro Koizumi signed a memorandum "reaffirming the Australian and Japanese governments' shared commitment to the successful delivery" of the warships, Marles said in a statement.[\(Source\)](#)

Others

- The Democratic Republic of Congo is poised to overtake Ethiopia to become sub-Saharan Africa's fifth-largest economy this year, the International Monetary Fund said, buoyed by a mining boom and a strengthening currency. The fund estimates Congo's gross domestic product will be \$123 billion in 2026, higher than Ethiopia's \$122 billion. South Africa will retain top spot followed by Nigeria, Angola and Kenya.[\(Source\)](#)

Local News

- The SEMDEX declined by 0.21% to close at 2,249.72. In the banking segment, MCBG increased to MUR 417.75 (+0.1%) with MUR 19.21m traded, while SBM slipped to MUR 6.50 (-0.3%). Alteo declined to MUR 11.30 (-0.9%), Medine slipped to MUR 54.50 (-0.5%), ER Group eased to MUR 19.50 (-0.3%), while Ascencia rose to MUR 18.10 (+0.6%). In the hotel segment, LUX fell to MUR 45.50 (-3.2%), while NMH increased to MUR 13.30 (+0.4%) and SUN edged up to MUR 42.00 (+0.1%).
- Regarding the auction for 3-year Government of Mauritius Bonds, a nominal amount of MUR 2.5bn was allocated at a weighted average yield of 4.83%.

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