

World Markets

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	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	1,071.31	0.45%	5.59%	6.13%
US	S&P 500	7,137.90	1.05%	4.27%	4.81%
	DOW JONES	49,490.03	0.69%	2.97%	3.50%
	NASDAQ	24,657.57	1.64%	6.09%	6.64%
	STOXX 600	613.88	-0.35%	3.66%	4.44%
Europe	CAC 40	8,156.43	-0.96%	0.09%	0.83%
	DAX	24,194.90	-0.31%	-1.21%	-0.47%
	FTSE 100	10,476.46	-0.21%	5.49%	6.62%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	59,585.86	0.40%	18.37%	17.50%
	HANG SENG	26,163.24	-1.22%	2.08%	2.67%
	CSI 300	4,799.63	0.66%	3.67%	7.77%
	SENSEX	78,516.49	-0.95%	-7.87%	-11.02%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,271.52	0.33%	-4.63%	-4.63%
	SEM-10	431.54	0.48%	-3.10%	-3.10%
	SEMTRI	10,846.87	0.33%	-4.22%	-4.22%
	DEMEX	215.98	0.02%	-3.88%	-3.88%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	135.52	1.28%	23.55%	24.19%
	WTI Crude Oil	92.96	0.90%	61.89%	62.73%
	Gold	4,739.90	0.42%	9.74%	10.30%
	Silver	77.71	1.28%	8.43%	8.99%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields	
			2 Yr	10 Yr
US	FED	3.50%- 3.75%	3.80%	4.30%
UK	BOE	3.75%	4.34%	4.91%
Europe	ECB	2.00%	2.56%	3.01%
Japan	BOJ	0.75%	1.36%	2.40%
Mauritius	BOM	4.50%	4.59%	5.54%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	46.74	0.43%	0.52%
GBP/MUR	63.08	0.29%	1.07%
EUR/MUR	54.70	0.09%	0.75%
AUD/MUR	34.82	0.30%	7.85%
ZAR/MUR	2.95	0.86%	1.20%
GBP/USD	1.35	-0.04%	0.20%
EUR/USD	1.17	-0.33%	-0.35%
AUD/USD	0.72	0.11%	7.30%
USD/JPY	159.48	0.07%	1.77%
USD/CNY	6.83	0.04%	-2.28%

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

World News

US

- Alphabet is deepening a push into enterprise software, signaling to investors at Google's annual cloud conference that AI agents, which are human-like digital assistants, are a linchpin of its strategy to monetize artificial intelligence. Pichai reaffirmed Alphabet's plan for capital spending of USD 175bn to USD 185bn this year and said that "just over half" of the company's investment in computing power for machine learning would be dedicated to the cloud business.[\(Source\)](#)
- Navy Secretary John Phelan was fired after clashing with top leaders at the Pentagon, including over administration efforts to revive US shipbuilding, making him the latest high-profile Pentagon departure amid the war in Iran. Phelan was pushed out after butting heads with Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and Deputy Defense Secretary Stephen Feinberg over President Donald Trump's focus on what the administration has dubbed a new US "Golden Fleet". [\(Source\)](#)

Europe

- Germany cut its growth forecast for this year in half after the US war on Iran triggered a spike in energy prices for industry and households. The Economy Ministry in Berlin said output is set to grow by 0.5% this year, and revised its outlook for next year down to 0.9% from 1.3%. Economy Minister Katherina Reiche said "The escalation in the Middle East and the war in Iran have set us back," and that "The situation remains highly volatile."[\(Source\)](#)
- Italy would be against any decision by UniCredit to move its headquarters or other key offices to Germany as part of a takeover of Commerzbank, Economy Minister Giancarlo Giorgetti said, confirming an earlier Reuters report. Italy has "golden powers" to protect national interests in corporate matters and could use them to set conditions on any Commerzbank deal, including preserving registered offices or key management functions in Italy, sources have said.[\(Source\)](#)

Asia & Emerging

- In April, Japan's manufacturing activity expanded at its strongest pace in four years. The Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to 54.9 in April from 51.6 in March. This was likely driven by firms boosting production over concerns about potential supply shortages due to rising tensions in the Middle East. Furthermore, price pressures intensified across Japan's private sector, with input costs rising at the sharpest rate since January 2023. Conversely, services activity had its slowest rise in 11 months, falling to 51.2 in April from 53.4 in March. Consequently, Japan's composite PMI slipped to 52.4 from 53.0 in March.[\(Source\)](#)
- Reebok has announced plans to launch a new store in Shanghai this autumn and add as many as 200 outlets by the end of 2029. The aim is to reestablish the brand in the country as its owners seek to tap into a fitness and activewear boom. Reebok is targeting annual sales of \$1bn in mainland China by 2036, up from less than \$100mn now, all of which is online. The brand's strategy to softer consumption heightened by the property market slowdown is to target premium shopping malls where its stores will feature its latest running shoe technology and may also stage exhibitions of legacy products.[\(Source\)](#)

Others

- Morocco's annual inflation, measured by the consumer price index, rose to 0.9% in March from -0.6% a month earlier, the statistics agency said on Wednesday. Food prices, the main driver of inflation, rose 0.6% from a year earlier, while non-food inflation increased 1.1%. Core inflation, which excludes more volatile goods, rose 0.6% year-on-year and 0.1% month-on-month.[\(Source\)](#)
- Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd. said it will pay a dividend that beat analysts' estimates after profit at South Africa's biggest bank by clients jumped to a record for a fifth straight year. Headline earnings climbed 23% to 16.8 billion rand (\$1 billion) in the year to Feb. 28 from 13.7 billion rand a year earlier. The company proposed a final dividend of 53.60 rand per share, bringing the total payout to 79.80 rand for the year, surpassing a consensus estimate of 78.93 rand.[\(Source\)](#)

Local News

- The SEMDEX rose by 0.33% to close at 2,271.52. In the financials segment, MCBG increased to MUR 427.25 (+0.8%) with MUR 17.76m traded, while MUA slipped to MUR 53.00 (-0.9%). Among conglomerates, IBL advanced to MUR 27.10 (+0.4%), Alteo declined to MUR 11.25 (-0.4%), ER Group eased to MUR 19.25 (-0.3%), and Medine slipped to MUR 53.00 (-0.5%). Ascencia declined to MUR 18.15 (-0.3%). In the hotel segment, SUN edged down to MUR 41.95 (-0.1%).
- Regarding the switch auction for 5-year Government of Mauritius Bonds, a nominal amount of MUR 2.566bn was allocated at a weighted-average yield of 5.36%.



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