

World Markets

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	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	993.18	-0.35%	-2.11%	-1.21%
US	S&P 500	6,582.69	0.11%	-3.84%	-2.95%
	DOW JONES	46,504.67	-0.13%	-3.24%	-2.35%
	NASDAQ	21,879.18	0.18%	-5.86%	-4.99%
	STOXX 600	596.63	-0.18%	0.75%	0.48%
Europe	CAC 40	7,962.39	-0.24%	-2.30%	-2.56%
	DAX	23,168.08	-0.56%	-5.40%	-5.65%
	FTSE 100	10,436.29	0.69%	5.08%	4.59%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	52,463.27	-2.38%	4.22%	3.84%
	HANG SENG	25,116.53	-0.70%	-2.01%	-1.11%
	CSI 300	4,478.91	-1.04%	-3.26%	-1.01%
	SENSEX	73,319.55	0.25%	-13.96%	-15.32%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,230.90	0.08%	-6.33%	-6.33%
	SEM-10	421.88	0.22%	-5.27%	-5.27%
	SEMTRI	10,626.92	0.08%	-6.16%	-6.16%
	DEMEX	215.59	0.03%	-4.05%	-4.05%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	137.23	1.99%	25.11%	26.26%
	WTI Crude Oil	111.54	11.41%	94.25%	96.05%
	Gold	4,676.76	-1.72%	8.27%	9.28%
	Silver	73.01	-2.75%	1.89%	2.83%

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%	4.32%	4.83%
Europe	ECB	2.00%	2.62%	2.99%
Japan	BOJ	0.75%	1.39%	2.39%
Mauritius	BOM	4.50%	4.54%	5.46%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	46.93	0.00%	0.92%
GBP/MUR	62.12	-0.05%	-0.47%
EUR/MUR	54.15	0.00%	-0.27%
AUD/MUR	33.74	0.39%	4.51%
ZAR/MUR	2.87	0.35%	-1.37%
GBP/USD	1.32	-0.59%	-1.84%
EUR/USD	1.15	-0.43%	-1.76%
AUD/USD	0.69	-0.26%	3.55%
USD/JPY	159.60	0.49%	1.84%
USD/CNY	6.89	0.14%	-1.47%

*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 JOLTs Job Openings EU Inflation Rate	US Manufacturing PMI China Manufacturing PMI		US Unemployment Rate

World News

US

- US President Donald Trump ordered 100% tariffs on certain branded pharmaceutical imports and overhauled steel, aluminum and copper duties on Thursday. In a new proclamation, Trump said foreign manufacturers of patented products must agree to make deals with the US government to cut prescription-drug prices and commit to moving production to the United States. They must do both to avoid tariffs altogether and will face a 20% tariff if they simply move some manufacturing to the US. Those who do neither would face a 100% duty. [\(Source\)](#)
- The US trade deficit widened in February by less than forecast as both imports and exports increased. The gap in goods and services trade grew 4.9% from the prior month to USD 57.3bn, Commerce Department data showed Thursday. Exports rose 4.2% in February, driven by gold and natural gas shipments. Imports increased 4.3% on more inbound shipments of computers, semiconductors and automobiles. [\(Source\)](#)

Europe

- British companies expect to raise prices more quickly in the coming 12 months as they respond to a surge in energy prices due to the Iran war, cut jobs and raise pay by less than before, a Bank of England survey showed on Thursday. The BoE is keeping a close watch on companies' pricing plans as it tries to gauge how much of the spike in energy prices caused by the Iran war will be passed on and push up inflation. [\(Source\)](#)
- South Korean President Lee Jae Myung and French President Emmanuel Macron are set to upgrade relations between the countries to a "global strategic partnership," Korea's Blue House said in a statement on Friday. Macron arrived in South Korea on Thursday for a two-day state visit after also visiting Japan and is due to hold a summit with Lee in Seoul later on Friday. French officials previously said the Middle East crisis would be "at the heart of discussions," pointing to the shared economic exposure of both nations. [\(Source\)](#)

Asia & Emerging

- Microsoft announced that it will invest 1.6 trillion yen or around USD 10 billion in Japan between 2026 and 2029. This invest will aim to expand artificial intelligence infrastructure, strengthen cybersecurity cooperation with the Japanese government and the training of 1 million engineers and developers by 2030. Microsoft also partner with domestic firms including SoftBank and Sakura Internet to expand Japan-based AI computing capacity, allowing companies and government agencies to keep sensitive data within the country while accessing Microsoft Azure services. [\(Source\)](#)
- The RatingDog China General Services purchasing managers' index fell to 52.1 in March from 56.7 in February. New business expanded at the slowest pace since April 2025, while new export orders contracted in March after rising the previous month. Furthermore, Average input costs in the services sector continued to rise in March, with the sub-index at 50.7 versus 50.9 in February, driven by higher fuel, raw materials and labour costs. Conversely, business sentiment for the year ahead remained positive, though it eased slightly from February. [\(Source\)](#)

Others

- Chinese mining, shipping and logistics companies are joining a \$1.24 billion project to revamp a railway linking Zambia's copper region to a port on the Indian ocean. Copper producers CMOCC Group Ltd. and Zijin Mining Group Co. are teaming up with state-owned China Civil Engineering Construction Corp., or CCECC, to upgrade the 1,860-kilometer (1,156-mile) rail line that runs to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. [\(Source\)](#)

Local News

- The SEMDEX gained 0.08% to close at 2,230.90. In the banking segment, MCBG remained flat at MUR 407 (0.0%) with MUR 19.52m traded, while SBM declined to MUR 6.50 (-1.2%). MUA fell to MUR 55.00 (-3.5%), while Ascencia advanced to MUR 18.50 (+3.4%). Among conglomerates, IBL increased to MUR 27.00 (+1.7%), CIEL closed at MUR 8.02 (+0.2%), whereas ER Group eased to MUR 19.90 (-0.5%). In the hotel sector, LUX declined to MUR 44.00 (-2.0%).
- Regarding the auction for 91-Day Bank of Mauritius Treasury Bills, a nominal amount of MUR 4.0bn was allocated at a weighted-average yield of 3.98%. The auctions for 182-Day and 364-Day Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills a nominal amount of MUR 3.0bn was allocated at a weighted-average yield of 4.14% and 4.42%, respectively.



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