

World Markets

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	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	1,031.59	0.18%	1.67%	3.60%
US	S&P 500	6,869.50	0.78%	0.35%	2.25%
	DOW JONES	48,739.41	0.49%	1.41%	3.33%
	NASDAQ	22,807.48	1.29%	-1.87%	-0.01%
	STOXX 600	612.71	1.37%	3.47%	4.86%
Europe	CAC 40	8,167.73	0.79%	0.22%	1.57%
	DAX	24,205.36	1.74%	-1.16%	0.16%
	FTSE 100	10,567.65	0.80%	6.41%	7.69%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	54,245.54	-3.61%	7.76%	10.12%
	HANG SENG	25,249.48	-2.01%	-1.49%	0.55%
	CSI 300	4,602.63	-1.14%	-0.59%	2.43%
	SENSEX	79,116.19	-1.40%	-7.16%	-6.60%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,238.01	-2.07%	-6.04%	-6.04%
	SEM-10	418.07	-2.45%	-6.12%	-6.12%
	SEMTRI	10,655.44	-2.07%	-5.91%	-5.91%
	DEMEX	221.48	0.09%	-1.43%	-1.43%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	124.57	-0.12%	13.57%	15.72%
	WTI Crude Oil	74.66	0.13%	30.02%	32.49%
	Gold	5,140.36	1.01%	19.01%	21.26%
	Silver	83.55	1.86%	16.59%	18.79%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields	
			2 Yr	10 Yr
US	FED	3.50%- 3.75%	3.55%	4.10%
UK	BOE	3.75%	3.71%	4.44%
Europe	ECB	2.00%	2.13%	2.75%
Japan	BOJ	0.75%	1.24%	2.12%
Mauritius	BOM	4.50%	4.62%	5.47%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	47.38	0.00%	1.89%
GBP/MUR	63.16	0.05%	1.20%
EUR/MUR	55.03	0.08%	1.34%
AUD/MUR	34.80	0.85%	7.81%
ZAR/MUR	2.99	1.02%	2.58%
GBP/USD	1.34	0.13%	-0.74%
EUR/USD	1.16	0.18%	-0.95%
AUD/USD	0.71	0.55%	6.02%
USD/JPY	157.06	-0.43%	0.22%
USD/CNY	6.90	-0.30%	-1.30%

*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 Manufacturing PMI	EU Inflation Rate YoY	China Manufacturing PMI Mauritius 15-Yr Bonds Auction		US Unemployment Rate Mauritius CPI

World News

US

- US economic activity rose a bit, prices continued to increase and employment levels were stable in recent weeks, the Federal Reserve said on Wednesday in a report that also captured the upheaval to businesses and workers in Minnesota from the Trump administration's immigration crackdown. "Overall, economic expectations were optimistic, with most (Fed) districts expecting slight to moderate growth in the coming months," the U.S. central bank said in its latest "Beige Book" report. [\(Source\)](#)
- Google, Microsoft, Meta, Amazon and several artificial intelligence companies signed a pledge at the White House on Wednesday to bear the cost of new electricity generation to power their data centers. The agreement is meant to help mitigate concerns that Big Tech's data centers are driving up US electricity costs for homes and small businesses at a time the administration of President Donald Trump is seeking to curb inflation. [\(Source\)](#)

Europe

- Italy's economy grew by 0.3% in the fourth quarter of last year from the previous three months thanks to inventory accumulation and firm investments, national statistics bureau ISTAT said on Wednesday, confirming a previous printout. Year-on-year, fourth quarter gross domestic product in the euro zone's third largest economy increased by 0.8%, also in line with the estimate ISTAT made on January 30. [\(Source\)](#)
- Italian digital bank and savings manager Fineco on Wednesday pledged to sharply grow the pace at which it gathers new money by using artificial intelligence and targeting the German market. Once part of bank UniCredit, Fineco has a business model centred around proprietary technology and a low-cost offer of brokerage and investment services. It employs almost one fifth of staff in tech-related roles. [\(Source\)](#)

Asia & Emerging

- China plans to issue about 300 billion yuan (~\$44 billion) in special government bonds to strengthen the capital base of its largest state-owned banks. The funds will be injected into major lenders to improve their balance sheets and support continued lending to the economy, particularly as banks face pressure from weak growth, a prolonged property downturn, and rising bad loans from developers and local governments. [\(Source\)](#)
- South Korea's semiconductor industry warned that the escalating Iran crisis could disrupt global chip supply chains and weaken demand linked to AI data-centre expansion in the Middle East. The concerns were raised after meetings between government officials and executives from major chipmakers such as Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix. [\(Source\)](#)

Others

- South African financiers are preparing a 2 billion rand (\$122 million) bond to fund water conservation projects dedicated to restoring strategic water catchments. Backed by Rand Merchant Bank (RMB) and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), the five-year bond aims to finance ecological restoration, including removing invasive plants and rehabilitating catchment areas to enhance water security. The outcome-based facility will link returns to measurable environmental improvements. [\(Source\)](#)

Local News

- The SEMDEX declined by 2.07% to close at 2,238.01. Among banking stocks, MCBG fell to MUR 400.00 (-4.3%) with MUR 30.8m traded, while SBM declined to MUR 6.50 (-2.7%). IBL slipped to MUR 27.00 (-1.1%), Alteo declined to MUR 11.10 (-1.3%), ER Group edged lower to MUR 19.90 (-0.5%), and Terra fell to MUR 18.00 (-2.7%). In the hotel sector, NMH declined to MUR 13.30 (-1.5%), LUX eased to MUR 45.50 (-1.1%), while SUN edged lower to MUR 42.00 (-0.5%).
- Regarding the auction for 15-year Government of Mauritius Bonds, a nominal amount of MUR 3.3bn was allocated at a weighted-average yield of 5.68%.



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