

World Markets

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	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	1,028.13	-0.34%	1.33%	3.25%
	S&P 500	6,830.71	-0.56%	-0.22%	1.67%
US	DOW JONES	47,954.74	-1.61%	-0.23%	1.66%
	NASDAQ	22,748.99	-0.26%	-2.12%	-0.27%
	STOXX 600	604.83	-1.29%	2.13%	3.60%
Europe	CAC 40	8,045.80	-1.49%	-1.27%	0.15%
	DAX	23,815.75	-1.61%	-2.75%	-1.36%
	FTSE 100	10,413.94	-1.45%	4.86%	6.42%
	NIKKEI 225	55,278.06	1.90%	9.81%	11.87%
Asia	HANG SENG	25,321.34	0.28%	-1.21%	0.84%
	CSI 300	4,647.69	0.98%	0.38%	3.29%
	SENSEX	80,015.90	1.14%	-6.11%	-5.59%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,257.16	0.86%	-5.23%	-5.23%
	SEM-10	423.02	1.18%	-5.01%	-5.01%
	SEMTRI	10,746.57	0.86%	-5.10%	-5.10%
	DEMEX	221.48	0.00%	-1.43%	-1.43%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	126.79	1.78%	15.59%	17.78%
	WTI Crude Oil	81.01	8.51%	41.08%	43.75%
	Gold	5,082.30	-1.13%	17.66%	19.89%
	Silver	82.24	-1.56%	14.77%	16.94%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields	
			2 Yr	10 Yr
US	FED	3.50%- 3.75%	3.58%	4.14%
UK	BOE	3.75%	3.81%	4.54%
Europe	ECB	2.00%	2.24%	2.84%
Japan	BOJ	0.75%	1.26%	2.16%
Mauritius	BOM	4.50%	4.53%	5.47%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	47.38	0.00%	1.89%
GBP/MUR	63.34	0.28%	1.49%
EUR/MUR	55.08	0.09%	1.44%
AUD/MUR	34.72	-0.23%	7.56%
ZAR/MUR	2.96	-1.01%	1.55%
GBP/USD	1.34	-0.13%	-0.88%
EUR/USD	1.16	-0.21%	-1.17%
AUD/USD	0.70	-0.95%	5.02%
USD/JPY	157.59	0.34%	0.56%
USD/CNY	6.91	0.21%	-1.10%

*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 officials are debating a new regulatory framework for exporting artificial intelligence chips and are considering requiring foreign nations to invest in US AI data centers or security guarantees as a condition for granting exports of 200,000 chips or more. They would be the first attempt to regulate the flow of AI chips to US allies and partners since President Donald Trump's administration said it rescinded its predecessor's so-called AI diffusion rules. [\(Source\)](#)
- Robinhood launched a new credit card for high-income customers on Wednesday, in an attempt to secure a foothold in an industry dominated by heavyweights such as American Express and JPMorgan Chase. Robinhood's new card is part of an ongoing makeover to shed its image as a tool for speculative trades. As its customers get older, the company is seeking to reposition itself as a financial platform providing a wider range of services. [\(Source\)](#)

Europe

- Poland's central bank chief Governor Adam Glapinski has proposed generating as much as 48 billion zloty from the sale of gold reserves to finance defense spending. The central bank is prohibited from directly funding the government, but it's required to transfer almost entire annual net income to the budget. The total value of the plan would rise to 185 billion zloty, with another 12 billion zloty potentially coming from other sources at the central bank. [\(Source\)](#)
- Lloyds Banking Group will sell more customer data and automate governance checks in a bid to slash technology costs and reinvent itself as "the UK's biggest fintech". The overhaul — outlined in a 2025 dossier compiled by the group's chief technology officer, Vic Weigler — also includes having a greater proportion of its workforce in tech and data roles. Dubbed "Technology Strategy 3.0", the overhaul aims to reduce costs by 35 per cent this year, compared with its 2021 technology spend. [\(Source\)](#)

Asia & Emerging

- Japanese conglomerate SoftBank is seemingly seeking a loan of up to \$40 billion, primarily to finance its investment in ChatGPT. According to insiders, the bridge loan would hold a roughly 12-month tenor, with four lenders, including JPMorgan which is underwriting this facility. While neither Softbank nor OpenAI responded to the news, it is believed that talks with banks are ongoing and terms could change. [\(Source\)](#)
- China has set a growth target for GDP this year of between 4.5 and 5 per cent, the lowest range in decades, and maintained a higher fiscal deficit. China's Premier Li Qiang spoke about rising geopolitical risks, sluggish global economic momentum and threats to free trade. On the home front, he acknowledged that the property market, which is in a deep downturn, was still in a period of adjustment and that the imbalance between strong supply and weak demand is acute which is making it more challenging for people to secure employment and earn more. Furthermore, the work report set a fiscal deficit target of 4% for the coming year and is the second year running in which Beijing has put it above its preferred level of 3%. [\(Source\)](#)

Others

- China, the U.S. and other Western governments have mounted an unusually coordinated push to get Ghana to halt a gold royalty hike they say could harm some of the world's biggest miners. Africa's largest gold producer wants to replace its fixed 5% royalty with a sliding scale between 5% and 12% linked to bullion prices — part of an effort to capture more revenue from gold's run to successive historic highs. [\(Source\)](#)

Local News

- The SEMDEX increased by 0.86% to close at 2,257.16. Among banking stocks, MCBG rose to MUR 411.00 (+2.8%) with MUR 66.5m traded, while SBM climbed to MUR 6.54 (+0.6%). CIEL edged down to MUR 8.28 (-0.2%), ER Group fell to MUR 19.25 (-3.3%), and Terra declined to MUR 17.90 (-0.6%).
- Regarding the auctions for 91-Day and 364-Day Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills, a nominal amount of MUR 2.5bn was allocated at a weighted-average yield of 3.77% and 4.35%, respectively. The auction for 182-Day Bank of Mauritius Treasury Bills, a nominal amount of MUR 6.2bn was allocated at a weighted-average yield of 4.09%.

- The Government of Mauritius is implementing a Domestic Debt Switching Programme as part of its liability management strategy, focusing on Government securities that are scheduled to mature over the coming 12 months.

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