

World Markets

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	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	994.20	0.10%	-2.01%	-0.87%
US	S&P 500	6,582.69	0.00%	-3.84%	-2.72%
	DOW JONES	46,504.67	0.00%	-3.24%	-2.12%
	NASDAQ	21,879.18	0.00%	-5.86%	-4.77%
	STOXX 600	596.63	0.00%	0.75%	0.60%
Europe	CAC 40	7,962.39	0.00%	-2.30%	-2.44%
	DAX	23,168.08	0.00%	-5.40%	-5.54%
	FTSE 100	10,436.29	0.00%	5.08%	4.70%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	53,123.49	1.26%	5.53%	5.39%
	HANG SENG	25,116.53	0.00%	-2.01%	-0.95%
	CSI 300	4,440.79	-0.85%	-4.09%	-1.71%
	SENSEX	73,319.55	0.00%	-13.96%	-15.27%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,235.91	0.22%	-6.12%	-6.12%
	SEM-10	423.27	0.33%	-4.96%	-4.96%
	SEMTRI	10,650.80	0.22%	-5.95%	-5.95%
	DEMEX	215.73	0.06%	-3.99%	-3.99%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	137.23	0.00%	25.11%	26.56%
	WTI Crude Oil	111.54	0.00%	94.25%	96.51%
	Gold	4,676.76	0.00%	8.27%	9.53%
	Silver	73.02	0.00%	1.89%	3.07%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields	
			2 Yr	10 Yr
US	FED	3.50%- 3.75%	3.84%	4.34%
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%	5.47%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	47.04	0.23%	1.16%
GBP/MUR	62.18	0.10%	-0.37%
EUR/MUR	54.22	0.12%	-0.15%
AUD/MUR	33.83	0.28%	4.80%
ZAR/MUR	2.87	0.00%	-1.37%
GBP/USD	1.32	-0.19%	-2.03%
EUR/USD	1.15	-0.17%	-1.93%
AUD/USD	0.69	-0.22%	3.33%
USD/JPY	159.67	0.04%	1.89%
USD/CNY	6.88	-0.05%	-1.52%

*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 Services PMI	Mauritius CPI	Mauritius 10-Yr Bonds Auction	US GDP Growth Rate	US Inflation Rate China Inflation Rate Mauritius Tourist Arrivals

World News

US

- President Donald Trump on Friday requested a 10% cut in non-defense spending for the 2027 fiscal year and a massive USD 500bn increase in the military budget. The request ultimately requires approval by Congress. Some proposed cuts follow the Trump administration's pursuit against "green energy" spending, as well as eliminating nearly 30 Justice Department programs. There are also big cuts proposed to many major federal departments, including a 19% decrease for the US agriculture department, a 12.5% cut for the US health department and a 52% cut for the Environmental Protection Agency. [\(Source\)](#)
- US job growth rebounded more than expected in March as a strike by healthcare workers ended. The biggest increase in nonfarm payrolls in 15 months, and also the largest since President Donald Trump returned to the White House, followed a sharp decline in February, the Labor Department's closely watched employment report showed on Friday. While the unemployment rate fell to 4.3% from 4.4% in February, that was because 396,000 people dropped out of the labor force, more than offsetting weakness in household employment. The labor force participation rate fell below 62% for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic. [\(Source\)](#)
- A cross-party group of U.S. politicians have proposed a law to impose further restrictions on exports of computer chipmaking equipment to China, affecting companies such as ASML and China's top chipmakers. The draft MATCH Act announced late on Thursday is aimed at protecting the U.S. lead in artificial intelligence by preventing Chinese companies from obtaining chip manufacturing tools they cannot make themselves and ensuring that companies based in U.S.-allied nations face the same restrictions as their U.S. rivals. [\(Source\)](#)

Europe

- Five European Union members urged the bloc to tax windfall profits energy companies are reaping as a result of the US-Israeli war on Iran. The finance ministers of Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Austria made the joint call in a letter to the EU's climate commissioner, Wopke Hoekstra. The ministers referenced a similar measure introduced in 2022 after gas prices soared as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and suggested considering the foreign profits of multinational oil companies. [\(Source\)](#)

Asia & Emerging

- The International Monetary Fund, following policy consultation with Japan, has urged the Bank of Japan to continue raising interest rates. The agency expects growth to moderate, partly due to the middle east conflict but gradual wage gains will underpin consumption. It also commended Japan's "strong economic resilience" to global shocks and agreed the BOJ was appropriately withdrawing monetary accommodation. Furthermore, the IMF executive board stressed the importance of maintaining a flexible exchange rate as a credible shock absorber. [\(Source\)](#)
- CATL could be planning significant efforts to electrify parts of the global shipping fleet to replicate its success with electric vehicles on the high seas. The Chinese group has already deployed batteries on about 900 ships, mostly smaller craft operating close to the Chinese coastline, at ports or in rivers. The group is seemingly aiming to double human resource capacity in its maritime business units and is seeking to collaborate with ports and governments as well sparing no effort in investing in R&D to build the supply chain for this industry. [\(Source\)](#)

Others

- Morocco received 4.3 million tourists in the first three months of this year, up 7% from a year earlier, the tourism ministry said on Friday even as tensions in the Gulf have weighed on air traffic and travel costs globally. Despite this backdrop, Morocco recorded an 18% rise in tourist arrivals in March, according to a tourism ministry statement. [\(Source\)](#)
- Egypt's non-oil private sector deteriorated at its sharpest pace in almost two years in March, as the Middle East war drove up costs and dampened client demand, a closely watched business survey showed on Sunday. The headline S&P Global Egypt Purchasing Managers' Index fell for a fourth consecutive month, dropping to 48.0 in March from 48.9 in February — its lowest reading since April 2024. Output and new orders were the chief drags on the index, with both measures also hitting their lowest levels for nearly two years. [\(Source\)](#)

Local News

- The SEMDEX rose by 0.22% to close at 2,235.91. In the banking segment, MCBG increased to MUR 409 (+0.5%) with MUR 6.71m traded, while SBM gained to MUR 6.54 (+0.6%). Emtel closed at MUR 21.30 (+0.2%), Ascencia advanced to MUR 18.60 (+0.5%) and ER Group eased to MUR 19.85 (-0.3%). In the hotel segment, NMH declined to MUR 13.00 (-1.1%).



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