

World Markets

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	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	1,017.41	-1.04%	0.27%	3.16%
US	S&P 500	6,740.02	-1.33%	-1.54%	1.30%
	DOW JONES	47,501.55	-0.95%	-1.17%	1.68%
	NASDAQ	22,387.68	-1.59%	-3.68%	-0.90%
	STOXX 600	598.69	-1.02%	1.10%	2.73%
Europe	CAC 40	7,993.49	-0.65%	-1.91%	-0.33%
	DAX	23,591.03	-0.94%	-3.67%	-2.12%
	FTSE 100	10,284.75	-1.24%	3.56%	5.61%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	55,620.84	0.62%	10.49%	12.78%
	HANG SENG	25,757.29	1.72%	0.49%	3.57%
	CSI 300	4,660.44	0.27%	0.66%	4.36%
	SENSEX	78,918.90	-1.37%	-7.39%	-6.69%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,269.90	0.56%	-4.70%	-4.70%
	SEM-10	426.92	0.92%	-4.14%	-4.14%
	SEMTRI	10,807.23	0.56%	-4.57%	-4.57%
	DEMEX	220.87	-0.28%	-1.70%	-1.70%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	131.49	3.70%	19.87%	23.33%
	WTI Crude Oil	90.90	12.21%	58.31%	62.87%
	Gold	5,171.74	1.76%	19.73%	23.18%
	Silver	84.54	2.79%	17.97%	21.37%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields	
			2 Yr	10 Yr
US	FED	3.50%- 3.75%	3.56%	4.14%
UK	BOE	3.75%	3.87%	4.63%
Europe	ECB	2.00%	2.31%	2.86%
Japan	BOJ	0.75%	1.25%	2.17%
Mauritius	BOM	4.50%	4.54%	5.50%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	47.84	0.97%	2.88%
GBP/MUR	63.65	0.48%	1.98%
EUR/MUR	55.17	0.17%	1.61%
AUD/MUR	34.85	0.36%	7.95%
ZAR/MUR	2.93	-0.85%	0.69%
GBP/USD	1.34	0.42%	-0.46%
EUR/USD	1.16	0.08%	-1.09%
AUD/USD	0.70	0.31%	5.35%
USD/JPY	157.78	0.12%	0.68%
USD/CNY	6.90	-0.10%	-1.19%

*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
China Inflation Rate Mauritius Switch Auction	China Balance of Trade Mauritius Tourist Arrivals	US Inflation Mauritius 3-Yr Bond Auction		US GDP Growth Rate 2nd Est US JOLTs Job Openings UK GDP

World News

US

- The US economy unexpectedly lost jobs in February and the unemployment rate increased to 4.4%, potentially hinting at a deterioration in labor market conditions. Nonfarm payrolls decreased by 92,000 jobs last month after a downwardly revised 126,000 increase in January, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics said. Economists had forecast payrolls advancing by 59,000 jobs. The decline in payrolls last month reported in the establishment survey was nearly across the board and was led by the healthcare sector.[\(Source\)](#)
- BlackRock curbed withdrawals from one of its biggest private credit funds after client requests for redemptions spiked, the latest sign of investor anxiety about the USD 1.8tn private credit industry. The firm's USD 26bn HPS Corporate Lending Fund, one of the largest non-traded business development companies, said in a statement Friday that shareholders requested 9.3% of their shares, but management decided to cap the repurchases at 5%. [\(Source\)](#)

Europe

- Lufthansa said on Friday it was shifting capacity from 10 cancelled Middle Eastern destinations to routes such as Singapore and Bangkok as it contends with disruption from the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran. Airlines across Europe, including budget carrier Wizz Air have been redirecting capacity after suspending services in the Middle East. Lufthansa said the move also helps meet demand on long-haul routes that Middle Eastern carriers cannot currently serve.[\(Source\)](#)
- An experimental obesity shot from Roche Holding AG and Zealand Pharma A/S failed to meet industry expectations in a study, delivering 10.7% weight loss after 42 weeks of treatment. The results disappointed investors, who were looking at weight-loss percentages as their main comparison, and sent shares of Zealand and Roche lower. Analysts cut their peak sales estimate for the shot, saying the outcome makes it unlikely to be a first-choice treatment, but suggested it may be better suited for weight-loss maintenance.[\(Source\)](#)

Asia & Emerging

- A senior Japanese parliament member said on Sunday that the government instructed a national oil reserve storage site to prepare for a possible release of crude, as the Iran crisis has cut supply from the Middle East. Japan holds emergency oil reserves equivalent to 254 days of domestic consumption - among the world's largest - including government-owned stockpiles, private-sector inventories, and jointly held reserves with oil-producing countries. Tokyo last drew down oil from its reserves in 2022 as part of an International Energy Agency (IEA)-led coordinated release following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.[\(Source\)](#)
- China's consumer inflation accelerated to the highest in more than three years because of the Lunar New Year holiday. The consumer price index rose 1.3% year-on-year for the fifth month of gains and outpaced the 0.2% increase in January. According to the National Bureau of Statistics, flight ticket prices rose 29.1% year-on-year, while gold jewellery prices soared 76.6%. However, the deflationary impulse across the economy continues to exert margin pressure on the manufacturing sector. The producer price index recorded the smallest year-on-year drop since July 2024, having fallen 0.9% in February. It declined 1.4% the previous month.[\(Source\)](#)

Others

- Oil surged as more major Middle East producers curbed production, the Strait of Hormuz remained all but closed and the US threatened to deepen a conflict that has upended energy markets. Brent spiked as much as 29% to USD 119.50 a barrel, the biggest intraday move since April 2020, while West Texas Intermediate jumped 31%. Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates have started reducing output as storage rapidly fills due to the closure of Hormuz. Iraq began shutting in production last week. The war in the Middle East is showing no signs of abating after US and Israeli strikes on Iran more than a week ago, and the fallout is stoking fears of an inflation crisis.[\(Source\)](#)
- The World Bank has agreed to give South Africa \$350 million of financing for a new credit guarantee facility that is meant to unlock private financing for infrastructure including an expansion of the power transmission grid. The Credit Guarantee Vehicle aims to mobilise about \$10 billion of capital, including from private investors, commercial lenders and institutional investors, over a 10-year period. [\(Source\)](#)

Local News

- The SEMDEX advanced by 0.56% to close at 2,269.90. Among banking stocks, MCBG rose to MUR 418.75 (+1.9%) with MUR 19.85m traded, while SBM gained to MUR 6.60 (+0.9%). IBL declined to MUR 26.75 (-0.9%).
- The Consumer Price Index increased by 0.4% from 109.1 in January 2026 to 109.5 in February 2026. Year-on-year inflation worked out to 3.5% in February 2026, compared to 0.1% in February 2025. Headline inflation for the 12-months ending February 2026 worked out to 4.1%, compared to 2.8% for the 12-months ending February 2025.



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