

World Markets

30-Mar-2026

	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	966.35	-1.35%	-4.76%	-3.98%
US	S&P 500	6,368.85	-1.67%	-6.96%	-6.20%
	DOW JONES	45,166.64	-1.73%	-6.03%	-5.26%
	NASDAQ	20,948.36	-2.15%	-9.87%	-9.13%
	STOXX 600	575.30	-0.95%	-2.85%	-3.36%
Europe	CAC 40	7,701.95	-0.87%	-5.49%	-5.99%
	DAX	22,300.75	-1.38%	-8.94%	-9.42%
	FTSE 100	9,967.35	-0.05%	0.36%	0.13%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	53,373.07	-0.43%	6.03%	5.42%
	HANG SENG	24,951.88	0.38%	-2.65%	-1.76%
	CSI 300	4,502.57	0.56%	-2.75%	-1.03%
	SENSEX	73,583.22	-2.25%	-13.66%	-16.17%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,213.64	-0.66%	-7.06%	-7.06%
	SEM-10	416.67	-0.73%	-6.44%	-6.44%
	SEMTRI	10,544.72	-0.66%	-6.89%	-6.89%
	DEMEX	216.18	-0.07%	-3.79%	-3.79%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	134.17	1.66%	22.32%	23.32%
	WTI Crude Oil	99.64	5.46%	73.53%	74.95%
	Gold	4,494.09	2.70%	4.05%	4.90%
	Silver	69.76	2.50%	-2.65%	-1.86%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields	
			2 Yr	10 Yr
US	FED	3.50%- 3.75%	3.91%	4.43%
UK	BOE	3.75%	4.48%	4.97%
Europe	ECB	2.00%	2.67%	3.09%
Japan	BOJ	0.75%	1.39%	2.39%
Mauritius	BOM	4.50%	4.52%	5.47%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	46.88	0.24%	0.82%
GBP/MUR	62.27	-0.26%	-0.23%
EUR/MUR	54.01	0.05%	-0.52%
AUD/MUR	33.53	-0.25%	3.87%
ZAR/MUR	2.84	0.00%	-2.41%
GBP/USD	1.33	-0.53%	-1.60%
EUR/USD	1.15	-0.16%	-2.02%
AUD/USD	0.69	-0.17%	3.01%
USD/JPY	160.31	0.31%	2.30%
USD/CNY	6.91	-0.04%	-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 JOLTs Job Openings EU Inflation Rate	US Manufacturing PMI China Manufacturing PMI		US Unemployment Rate

World News

US

- The Pentagon is preparing for weeks of ground operations in Iran, the Washington Post reported Saturday, citing US officials. The plans could involve raids by Special Operations and conventional infantry troops. Whether President Donald Trump would approve any of those plans remains uncertain. The Trump administration has deployed US Marines to the Middle East as the war in Iran stretches into its fifth week.[\(Source\)](#)
- President Donald Trump announced new measures on Friday to support US farmers and suggested farm equipment makers cut prices - a call that sent their shares lower. For the fourth straight year, US crop producers are facing tight margins, high production costs and low commodity prices - and are struggling financially - despite near-record government payments. The Trump administration is distributing USD 12bn in aid to US farmers.[\(Source\)](#)

Europe

- British retail sales fell in February after the strongest growth in a year and a half in January, official figures showed on Friday, ahead of a likely hit in March as higher oil prices caused by the Iran war sap households' disposable income. Retail sales volumes slipped by 0.4% on the month - a smaller decline than the 0.7% forecast in a Reuters poll of economists - after upwardly revised growth of 2.0% in January, the Office for National Statistics said.[\(Source\)](#)
- Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen and her Social Democrats on Friday began negotiations to form a coalition government, hoping to secure a third term in office despite a massive defeat for her centrist cabinet in Tuesday's election. She handed in her resignation to the king of Denmark on Wednesday when it became clear that her bipartisan coalition with the centrist Moderates and the right-wing Liberals could no longer govern. Analysts said the vote showed a revolt over the cost of living and that many Danes had grown tired of Frederiksen after seven years in power, even though they credited her with standing up to U.S. President Donald Trump over his threats to annex Greenland.[\(Source\)](#)

Asia & Emerging

- Sony Group is raising global prices of its PlayStation 5 consoles, including a \$100 increase in the U.S., marking its second hike in less than a year. This stems from rising costs of key components such as memory chips as well as a tightening of supply for chips. The updated U.S. prices will be effective on April 2, and similar increases will take effect across Europe and Japan. Analysts have said the console price hikes are likely to dampen growth in the video-game market this year.[\(Source\)](#)
- Customer testing of Huawei's new AI chip, created to challenge Nvidia in China has gone well and big tech giants including ByteDance and Alibaba plan to place orders. The new 950PR chip seems to perform better than Huawei's current flagship chip, the Ascend 910C. Tech firms have indicated that the chip is more compatible with Nvidia's CUDA software system and has better response speeds. According to insiders, mass production should begin next month, setting the stage for fully fledged shipments to start in the second half of the year. Huawei plans to ship around 750,000 950PRs this year.[\(Source\)](#)

Others

- Credit ratings agency S&P on Friday lowered Senegal's local currency rating to "CCC+/C" from "B-/B", citing rising refinancing risks and the government's growing dependence on short-maturity domestic debt amid stalled talks on a new IMF programme. The agency said Senegal faces gross financing needs of about 26% of GDP in 2026. With IMF funding frozen and access to international markets shut after authorities uncovered previously unreported debts in September 2024, the government has increasingly turned to the regional debt market.[\(Source\)](#)
- Ethiopia has secured \$13 billion worth of investment deals, the state investment commission said, after a conference aimed at attracting capital into a range of economic sectors. Like other frontier economies in Africa, the East African nation has been seeking to boost foreign direct investment, particularly in manufacturing, to create jobs for its growing population.[\(Source\)](#)

Local News

- The SEMDEX declined by 0.66% to close at 2,213.64. Among banking stocks, MCBG fell to MUR 400.00 (-1.5%) with MUR 70.28m traded, while SBM slipped to MUR 6.58 (-0.3%). MUA fell to MUR 58.00 (-4.1%) and Medine declined to MUR 52.00 (-2.3%).



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