

## World Markets

30-Dec-2025

	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	1,020.69	-0.21%	21.32%	18.69%
US	S&P 500	6,905.74	-0.35%	17.41%	14.87%
	DOW JONES	48,461.93	-0.51%	13.91%	11.44%
	NASDAQ	23,474.35	-0.50%	21.56%	18.93%
	STOXX 600	589.25	0.09%	16.08%	27.68%
Europe	CAC 40	8,112.02	0.10%	9.91%	20.89%
	DAX	24,351.12	0.05%	22.31%	34.53%
	FTSE 100	9,866.53	-0.04%	20.72%	26.30%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	50,526.92	-0.44%	26.65%	25.48%
	HANG SENG	25,635.23	-0.71%	27.79%	25.60%
	CSI 300	4,639.37	-0.38%	17.90%	26.54%
	SENSEX	84,695.54	-0.41%	8.39%	0.89%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,381.23	0.30%	-0.91%	-0.91%
	SEM-10	446.14	0.48%	-0.56%	-0.56%
	SEMTRI	11,308.06	0.30%	4.32%	4.32%
	DEMEX	223.15	-0.66%	-5.47%	-5.47%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	110.33	-1.91%	11.71%	9.29%
	WTI Crude Oil	58.08	2.36%	-19.02%	-20.77%
	Gold	4,332.35	-4.43%	65.07%	61.50%
	Silver	72.14	-9.00%	149.59%	144.18%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields	
			2 Yr	10 Yr
US	FED	3.50%- 3.75%	3.45%	4.11%
UK	BOE	3.75%	3.72%	4.49%
Europe	ECB	2.00%	2.12%	2.83%
Japan	BOJ	0.75%	1.12%	2.05%
Mauritius	BOM	4.50%	5.01%	5.60%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	46.06	0.00%	-2.17%
GBP/MUR	62.22	0.05%	4.62%
EUR/MUR	54.23	0.02%	9.99%
AUD/MUR	32.17	-0.19%	7.39%
ZAR/MUR	2.85	0.00%	10.89%
GBP/USD	1.35	0.11%	7.96%
EUR/USD	1.18	0.01%	13.70%
AUD/USD	0.67	-0.33%	8.18%
USD/JPY	156.06	-0.33%	-0.73%
USD/CNY	7.01	0.01%	-4.02%

\*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 Initial Jobless Claims China Manufacturing PMI		

## World News

US

- Contracts to purchase previously owned US homes unexpectedly shot to the highest in nearly three years in November, as improving affordability conditions drew in buyers, the National Association of Realtors said on Monday. Pending home sales rose 3.3% last month after an upwardly revised 2.4% gain in October, the NAR said. Economists had forecast contracts rising 1.0%. Mortgage rates have edged lower since the Federal Reserve resumed interest rate cuts in September. [\(Source\)](#)
- Meta said on Monday it would acquire Chinese artificial intelligence startup Manus, as the technology giant accelerates efforts to integrate advanced AI across its platforms. Singapore-based Manus makes general-purpose AI agent, which can operate as a digital employee, executing tasks such as research and automation independently and with minimal prompts. Meta will operate and sell the Manus service, as well as integrate it into its consumer and business products, including in Meta AI, the company said. [\(Source\)](#)

## Europe

- UK shoppers' spending on their debit and credit cards dropped in 2025 for the first time since the pandemic, according to Barclays data that nevertheless showed people still willing to treat themselves with small luxuries and experiences. The bank said the value of card spending fell 0.2% compared with 2024, a sharp slowdown from last year's 1.6% growth. It was the first drop since 2020 when it plunged 7.1% due to Covid lockdowns. [\(Source\)](#)

## Asia & Emerging

- Holdings of China's digital yuan, or e-CNY, will start generating interest income next year under a new framework, state broadcaster CCTV said on Monday, as China steps up efforts to promote the use of its central bank digital currency. Starting January 1, e-CNY stored in wallets will earn interest based on demand deposit rates, becoming the world's first interest-bearing central bank digital currency, according to CCTV. It means e-CNY is advancing into an era of "digital deposits", from "digital cash", CCTV said. [\(Source\)](#)
- China announced on Monday tariff adjustments for some products beginning next year, including lowering the import duties on resource-based commodities such as recycled black powder for lithium-ion batteries. The country will also lower levies on medical products including artificial blood vessels and diagnostic kits for certain infectious disease, according to a statement by the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council. For 935 products, the provisional import tariff rates levied on them will be lower than the most-favoured-nation rates applied to all World Trade Organization member states, it added. [\(Source\)](#)
- Aspen Pharmacare will sell its major Asia Pacific assets, excluding China, to Australian private equity firm BGH Capital for A\$2.37 billion (\$1.59 billion), the South African group said on Monday, as it looks to cut debt and boost capital. The deal, which includes divestment of Aspen's first venture outside South Africa, in Australia and New Zealand, will help the company focus on producing GLP-1 drugs and bolster turnaround efforts. [\(Source\)](#)

## Others

- Silver prices tumbled on Monday, dragging down gold and other precious metals, as a record-breaking rally went abruptly into reverse. Traders said the move reflected both profit-taking after a strong run, and a reaction to a notice issued by CME on December 26 indicating that margin requirements for a range of metal futures contracts, including silver and gold, are set to rise after December 29. [\(Source\)](#)

## Local News

- The SEMDEX rose by 0.3% to close at 2,381.23. MCBG increased to MUR 435.00 (+1.1%) with MUR 19.8m traded, while CIM advanced to MUR 17.50 (+0.6%). ER Group rose to MUR 21.95 (+0.2%). CIEL and Medine declined to MUR 8.72 (-0.9%) and MUR 63.00 (-2.3%) respectively, with Entel also easing to MUR 23.80 (-0.4%). On the hotels side, LUX fell to MUR 52.00 (-1.0%).

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