MORNING NEWS

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World Markets

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	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	1,145.23	-0.40%	12.87%	13.60%
US	S&P 500	7,652.86	-0.28%	11.79%	12.52%
US	DOW JONES	53,417.16	0.26%	11.14%	11.86%
US	NASDAQ	25,980.19	-0.76%	11.78%	12.50%
Europe	STOXX 600	654.21	0.00%	10.47%	10.98%
Europe	CAC 40	8,453.01	-0.37%	3.72%	4.20%
Europe	DAX	26,106.60	-0.11%	6.60%	7.09%
Europe	FTSE 100	10,854.32	0.35%	9.29%	11.66%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	65,528.09	-0.74%	30.17%	24.76%
Asia	HANG SENG	25,517.33	-1.89%	-0.44%	0.79%
Asia	CSI 300	4,563.13	-1.21%	-1.44%	2.53%
Asia	SENSEX	77,369.11	-0.22%	-9.21%	-12.63%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,269.72	0.06%	-4.70%	-4.70%
Mauritius	SEM-10	429.24	0.14%	-3.62%	-3.62%
Mauritius	SEMTRI	11,164.51	0.09%	-1.41%	-1.41%
Mauritius	DEMEX	223.56	-0.20%	-0.51%	-0.51%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	139.37	-0.80%	27.06%	27.88%
Commodities	WTI Crude Oil	85.01	-2.35%	48.05%	49.00%
Commodities	Gold	4,652.22	1.07%	7.71%	8.40%
Commodities	Silver	68.94	-0.08%	-3.80%	-3.18%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields 2 Yr	10 Yr
US	FED	3.50%- 3.75%	4.23%	4.70%
UK	BOE	3.75%	4.38%	5.06%
Europe	ECB	2.25%	2.87%	3.25%
Japan	BOJ	1.00%	1.68%	2.89%
Mauritius	BOM	4.75%	4.66%	5.51%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	46.80	0.24%	0.65%
GBP/MUR	63.76	0.09%	2.16%
EUR/MUR	54.55	0.04%	0.46%
AUD/MUR	34.86	0.00%	7.98%
ZAR/MUR	3.06	0.00%	4.98%
GBP/USD	1.36	-0.09%	1.17%
EUR/USD	1.17	-0.13%	-0.70%
AUD/USD	0.72	-0.29%	7.15%
USD/JPY	159.11	0.10%	1.53%
USD/CNY	6.72	0.01%	-3.81%

*Foreign Currency Rates against the Mauritian Rupee are MCB's mid-rates as at 9:00 AM. For transactions purposes, kindly contact your Private Banker.

Weekly Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	RBA Meeting Minutes	US Core PCE	Germany Consumer Confidence	Fed Chair Warsh Speech

		US GDP Growth		US Non Farm Payrolls Annual Revision Japan Consumer Confidence

World News

US

- Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent's threat to unleash an "economic D-Day" against Iran risks setting the US on a collision course with China, its main trading partner. That's only if Bessent actually follows through on a threat the Trump administration has made before. And many are skeptical he will, especially when it comes to China — which buys around 90% of Iran's oil — as Washington tries to maintain a fragile trade truce with Beijing and avoid a global economic shock.(Source)

- US-Canada trade talks collapsed after last-minute pressure from Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, according to people familiar with the matter, leaving President Donald Trump to impose new tariffs and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney vowing retaliation. With the countries spiraling into a full-blown trade war, the spotlight is on Lutnick's role in the last-minute talks. Lutnick viewed a framework deal as too generous to Canada and emerged as a champion for US metal producers who wanted to claw back concessions, the people said, speaking anonymously to discuss the negotiations.(Source)

Europe

- Britain's government announced details on Monday of almost £10 billion ($13.63 billion) in funding for the construction of lower-cost housing for renters with a focus on London, one of the areas hit hardest by the country's shortage of homes. More than £7 billion - the first tranche of a previously announced £39 billion in funding over 10 years - was earmarked for the capital where local authorities were expected to deliver over half the new homes, the government said.(Source)

- Ireland's government received a warning from its fiscal watchdog about not overspending when the economy is already strong as it risks stoking inflation. The Fiscal Advisory Council said a planned €8.5 billion October budget package is larger than appropriate and urged politicians to keep increases in net spending in line with the economy's growth rate. The government is planning for €1.5 billion in tax cuts as part of the budget to help with the cost of living due to a surge in energy prices.(Source)

Asia & Emerging

- Japan is considering a tax reform to encourage corporate restructuring and industry consolidation. The proposal would allow companies to defer the roughly 30% tax on gains from selling non-core businesses, provided the proceeds are reinvested within a few years into acquisitions that strengthen their core operations. Modelled on Germany's early-2000s reform, the initiative aims to remove barriers to portfolio optimisation, enable capital reallocation toward growth opportunities, and stimulate further merger and acquisition activity in Japan's already active M&A market.(Source)

- Shein is targeting a $27 billion valuation through a planned Hong Kong IPO, offering 280 million shares, with around 90% allocated to international investors. The valuation marks a sharp decline from the approximately $100 billion achieved during its 2022 private fundraising round. According to the IPO term sheet, Shein intends to allocate 40% of proceeds to technology investments, 40% to marketing initiatives, 10% to corporate responsibility programmes, and 10% to general corporate purposes. The listing is being led by Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, and JPMorgan.(Source)

Others

- Europe's heat and drought are creating risks across utilities, industrials, agriculture and retail through reduced output, higher logistics costs and weaker sales, while benefiting companies in cooling, grid resilience, alternative transport, and climate-smart agriculture. With climate-related spending expected to exceed $20 trillion over the next decade, climate adaptation is becoming a major investment theme, though high valuations remain a concern.(Source)

- Zambia's borrowing costs fell in the first bond auction since this month's elections as investors bet that political continuity will bolster the prospects of Africa's second-biggest copper producer. Bids in the local currency multi-tenor sale exceeded the 6.3 billion kwacha ($332 million) on offer by 37%, according to data posted on the Bank of Zambia website. The seven-year bond attracted the strongest interest, with yields tightening to 14.79%, down 101 basis points since the last auction in June.(Source)

Local News

- The SEMDEX rose by 0.06% to close at 2,269.72. In the banking segment, MCBG edged up to MUR 442.50 (+0.1%) with MUR 7.52m traded, while SBMH increased to MUR 6.10 (+0.3%). Terra advanced to MUR 18.55 (+2.5%), CIEL rose to MUR 7.88 (+1.0%), Alteo slipped to MUR 10.95 (-0.5%), and ER Group eased to MUR 18.85 (-0.5%). In the hotel segment, NMH declined to MUR 13.50 (-1.1%), while LUX slipped to MUR 45.45 (-0.4%).

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