

AAMIL Market Insights

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- Despite having started off the month of September strongly, the **S&P 500** continued to witness losses in the second week of the month, with its MTD performance reaching -4.55%. Similar to last week, investors continued to move out of big tech stocks, with the **S&P 500 Information Technology (Sector) index** losing around 11% since the 1st of September;
- Across the Atlantic ocean, the **FTSE 100** added 4% to its value over the week as the UK is showing signs of an economic recovery after the Office of National Statistics (ONS) reported a 6.6% jump in GDP in July. Market sentiments are also believed to have been boosted following the agreement between the UK and Japan over a post-Brexit trade deal. Both the **DAX** and **CAC 40** also finished last week higher after the European Central Bank held interest rates steady and said it expected the euro zone to suffer a smaller recession than it had feared. Across Asia, the **Nikkei 225** and **Hang Seng** finished last week in the green;
- **South Africa's** economy, the most industrialised in Africa, collapsed by 51% between April and June compared to last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, according to the country's statistics agency. The agriculture, forestry and fishery sector was the only economic upswing, with a 15% increase between April and June;
- In **Mauritius**, the government has announced the reopening of its borders to tourists on 1st October, with the latter having to spend 2 weeks in isolation in quarantine centres upon arrival. Despite the news, investors still remain cautious regarding the hospitality sector as hotel stocks barely gained over the previous week.

| | PRICE | MTD | YTD |
|---|-----------|---------|---------|
| America | | | |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average (in USD) | 27,665.64 | -2.69% | -3.06% |
| S&P 500 (in USD) | 3,340.97 | -4.55% | 3.41% |
| Europe | | | |
| DAX (in EUR) | 13,202.84 | 1.99% | -0.35% |
| FTSE 100 (in GBP) | 6,032.09 | 1.15% | -20.02% |
| CAC 40 (in EUR) | 5,034.14 | 1.76% | -15.79% |
| Asia | | | |
| BSE Sensex (in INR) | 38,854.55 | 0.59% | -5.82% |
| Hang Seng (in HKD) | 24,503.31 | -2.68% | -13.08% |
| Nikkei 225 (in JPY) | 23,406.49 | 1.15% | 0.91% |
| MSCI | | | |
| MSCI South Africa (in ZAR) | 1,313.31 | 1.10% | -4.17% |
| MSCI Emerging markets (in USD) | 1,091.79 | -0.88% | -2.05% |
| Africa | | | |
| S&P All Sub-Saharan Africa Index (in USD) | 327.59 | -1.82% | -7.37% |
| SEMTRI (Mauritius) | 5,937.59 | -2.13% | -28.55% |
| Commodities (in USD) | | | |
| Gold | 1,950.10 | -1.44% | 28.03% |
| Brent oil | 39.80 | -12.10% | -39.70% |
| Copper | 3.04 | 0.14% | 8.84% |

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