

- **U.S. stock indexes** ended last week on higher levels, as Wall Street wrapped up a week full of optimism over the prospects of vaccines and treatments for COVID-19, despite a spike in the viral outbreak in U.S. and Europe. The gains in US equities last week accompanied a surge of inflows in stock markets as investors added \$32bn, in the week to Wednesday, the second-largest weekly commitment in at least two decades, according to the data provider EPFR;
- **European stocks** closed higher on Friday, due to the Pfizer's news on Monday that the vaccine it is developing with BioNTech was more than 90% effective in a trial. However, mid-week traders worried that a rising number of coronavirus cases could hit the economy significantly before a vaccine arrives;
- Major Asian indexes such as the **Nikkei 225** and **Hang Sang** closed lower on Friday, despite finishing the week in the green. Rising cases of coronavirus infections in the U.S., Europe and Asia add to worries that economies will once again be hamstrung by pandemic restrictions on travel and businesses;
- The **Central Bank of Egypt's (CBE)** Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided on Thursday to cut the overnight deposit rate, overnight lending rate, and the rate of the main operation by 0.5 per cent (50 bps) to reach 8.25 per cent, 9.25 per cent, and 8.75 per cent, respectively. Meanwhile, Moody's Investors Service said in a report that the credit profile of **Kenya** (B2 negative) is constrained by high and rising government debt as well as subdued government revenue;
- In Mauritius, Banking giant, **MCBG** has witnessed a rise of 5.7% in its share price last week, contributing to the weekly increase in the value of the **SEMTRI** by 2.6%. For quarter ending 30th Sep 2020, profit after tax dropped by 23.6% to Rs 1.9 bn. Net interest income was up by 2.3%.

	PRICE	MTD	YTD
America			
Dow Jones Industrial Average (in USD)	29,479.81	11.24%	3.30%
S&P 500 (in USD)	3,585.15	9.64%	10.97%
Europe			
DAX (in EUR)	13,076.72	13.15%	-1.30%
FTSE 100 (in GBP)	6,316.39	13.25%	-16.26%
CAC 40 (in EUR)	5,380.16	17.11%	-10.00%
Asia			
BSE Sensex (in INR)	43,637.98	10.16%	5.78%
Hang Seng (in HKD)	26,156.86	8.50%	-7.21%
Nikkei 225 (in JPY)	25,385.87	10.48%	9.44%
MSCI			
MSCI South Africa (in ZAR)	1,341.73	8.38%	-2.10%
MSCI Emerging markets (in USD)	1,188.35	7.69%	6.61%
Africa			
S&P All Sub-Saharan Africa Index (in USD)	340.55	5.11%	-3.71%
SEMTRI (Mauritius)	5,775.70	2.27%	-30.49%
Commodities (in USD)			
Gold	1,888.35	0.45%	23.98%
Brent oil	42.70	13.99%	-35.30%
Copper	3.18	4.43%	13.78%