

- **U.S. stocks** gained on Friday, helped by a rise in economy-sensitive cyclical sectors, with the **S&P 500** and the **Nasdaq** on track to end the week on a dull note as investors rotated out of technology-related companies. Seven of the 11 major **S&P sectors** rose, with financials, energy, industrials and materials jumping more than 1%. The **S&P 1500 airlines index** also soared 3.8%;
- **Euro zone shares** rose on Friday, marking a third week of gains, as data showed factory activity in February jumped to a three-year high, while upbeat quarterly earnings boosted confidence in a broader economic recovery;
- **Asian stocks** pulled back from all-time peaks on Friday as higher longer-dated bond yields and underwhelming U.S. data dented investor confidence in a faster economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, while **gold** hit a seven-month trough;
- **Nigeria's** Gross Domestic Product (GDP) contracted by 1.92% in real terms in 2020 from N71.39 trillion recorded in 2019 to N70.01 trillion. However, the economy posted real GDP growth of 0.11% in the fourth quarter of the year, suggesting that the economy is exiting the Covid induced recession. The oil sector contracted by 8.89% in 2020 compared to 4.59% recorded in 2019 and 0.97% in 2018;
- In **Mauritius**, data showed that the Balance of Visible Trade displayed a deficit of Rs 9,896 million in December 2020, higher by 1.5% compared to the previous month but lower by 16.2% compared to the corresponding month of 2019.

	PRICE	MTD	YTD
America			
Dow Jones Industrial Average (in USD)	31,494.32	5.04%	2.90%
S&P 500 (in USD)	3,906.71	5.18%	4.01%
Europe			
DAX (in EUR)	13,993.23	4.17%	2.00%
FTSE 100 (in GBP)	6,624.02	3.38%	2.53%
CAC 40 (in EUR)	5,773.55	6.93%	4.00%
Asia			
BSE Sensex (in INR)	50,889.76	9.95%	6.57%
Hang Seng (in HKD)	30,644.73	8.35%	12.54%
Nikkei 225 (in JPY)	30,017.92	8.51%	9.38%
MSCI			
MSCI South Africa (in ZAR)	1,534.95	7.51%	13.10%
MSCI Emerging markets (in USD)	1,430.03	7.56%	10.75%
Africa			
S&P All Sub-Saharan Africa Index (in USD)	358.02	-1.00%	-1.04%
SEMTRI (Mauritius)	6,205.91	-1.89%	-2.49%
Commodities (in USD)			
Gold	1,777.40	-3.94%	-6.21%
Brent oil	62.91	12.58%	21.45%
Copper	4.08	14.67%	15.87%