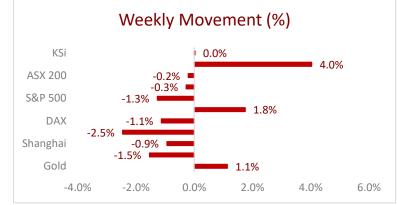


Prices as at POM Close on Fri	at POM Close on Friday		% change for the:		
			Week	Month	YTD
Domestic					
KSi Index		5,855.34	0.0%	-0.3%	-0.1%
KSi Home Index		14,512.84	4.0%	4.5%	0.8%
	rbitrage	PNGX			0.070
Bank South Pacific		12.05	0.0%	-5.1%	-1.6%
Credit Corporation		1.70	6.3%	6.9%	1.2%
City Pharmacy		0.95	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Kina Asset Management Limited		1.00	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%
Kina Securities Limited	2.25	2.95	-1.7%	-1.7%	0.0%
Oil Search Limited	10.64	10.80	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Newcrest Mining Limited	72.66	75.00	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Australia					
S&P/ASX 200		7,477.99	-0.21%	5.9%	0.4%
S&P/ASX 50		7,249.20	-0.06%	6.1%	2.2%
USA*					
DJIA		34,721.12	-0.3%	5.4%	-4.5%
S&P 500		4,488.28	-1.3%	6.8%	-5.8%
NASDAQ		13,711.00	-3.9%	6.8%	-12.4%
Europe*					
FTSE		7,669.56	1.8%	7.2%	3.9%
DAX		14,283.67	-1.1%	4.8%	-10.1%
CAC 40		6,548.22	-2.0%	4.6%	-8.5%
Asia*					
Nikkei		26,985.80	-2.5%	7.2%	-6.3%
Hang Seng		21,872.01	-0.8%	6.4%	-6.5%
Shanghai		3,251.85	-0.9%	-1.7%	-10.7%
Commodities*					
Light Crude WTI Futures		98.26	-1.0%	-8.1%	29.9%
Brent Crude		102.78	-1.5%	-7.2%	31.5%
Gold		1,945.60	1.1%	-1.6%	6.2%
Currencies*					
PGK/USD		0.2840	0.0%	0.0%	-0.4%
PGK/AUD		0.3797	0.0%	-1.9%	-3.3%
AUD/USD		0.7481	0.0%	1.9%	3.1%
USD/JPY		123.99	1.4%	6.3%	7.7%
EUR/USD		1.0867	-1.8%	-1.2%	-3.9%
GBP/USD		1.3069	-0.5%	-0.1%	-3.1%
Ten year Government Bond yiel	ds*				
United States		2.70%	0.32%	0.71%	1.19%
Australia		2.96%	0.14%	0.57%	1.29%
New Zealand		3.45%	0.18%	0.46%	1.06%
Japan		0.23%	0.01%	0.05%	0.16%
PNG		9.70%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

\* Reported as at POM close Friday; Hence North American and European markets Thursday night close.

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### Domestic

- More than 1,500 State Agencies in the country have not been audited since 2013 due to insufficient funding, Auditor General Gordon Kega says. "We have over 1,500 State entities to audit and report to the parliament every year but we do not have skilled manpower and lack financial resources to audit these agencies in Port Moresby and throughout the region," he said.
- The Government's proposal to suspend Goods and Services Tax for selected vital household items, including fuel products, to fight inflation for 6 months is inefficient and unsustainable, World Bank chief economist for Asia and the Pacific Aaditya Mattoo says. "It will have fiscal implications and affect the Government's budget," he said. "A more effective way would be to provide direct support to those who needed it.
- The Bank of PNG released it March Monetary Policy Statement and reports that GDP is expected to rebound to 2% this year, following a contraction of 2.8% and 2.4% in the past 2 years. Inflation is forecasted at 5% this year, with the Bank forecasting inflation to ease off in the next 24 months.
- The Asian Development Bank forecasts that PNG's economy is expected to grow by 4.6% this year on the back of increased mining activities in the second half of the year. In its 2022 outlook, it stated that last year, growth in PNG, the biggest economy in the Pacific, was dampened by 2 COVID-19 surges, underpinned by very low vaccination rates. Some relief has come from strong commodity prices and fiscal stimulus sustained by ADB and other development partners.
- Over 3,000 people are expected to be employed when Porgera mine is reopened, following the signing of stakeholders' agreements this week.
   The cost of restarting the Porgera mine is around US\$300m, according to Barrick Niugini Ltd President and CEO Mark Bristow.
- State Negotiation Team Chairman, Dairi Vele announced that the new Porgera Shareholders' agreement establishes a new company that will own the mine. "The company will be owned by Kumul with 36%, landowners 15%, and Barrick 49%," he said. But the country will get 53% of the benefits and Barrick 47%.
- Treasurer Ian Ling-Stuckey says the Government is committed to the sale
  of Digicel to Telstra at the end of the month. Ling-Stuckey said this
  yesterday in response to speculation in the media that the additional
  company tax would affect the sale. He assured the public that the
  Government was committed to the sale going through in the expected
  timeframe
- Goodman Fielder PNG will begin its oil-bottling production next month at its multi-million-kina facility in Lae. National demand and supply planning manager Eranda Nanayakkara said the facility at 11-Mile would also house a rice mill, flour mill and poultry feed mill. The plant will be targeting high-quality produce as it keeps up with the high demand for wheatbased food produce.
- City Pharmacy Ltd Group has declared a final dividend of 4-toea per share after recording a PGK23m profit for the 2021 financial year. CPL said in a statement that this was a 15% increase in comparison to 2020, despite increased competition, substantial surges in the cost of purchases, freight costs and COVID-19.
- This week's BPNG Treasury Bills auction results indicated an overall oversubscription of K365.5m from the total offer amount of K319.77m. The weighted average yield for 182, 273 and 364 days dropped by 0.04%, 0.17% and 0.05%. Nil offers for 63 and 91 days.
- This week's Central Bank Bill overall auction was under-subscribed by K152.8m from the total K134.8m offered. The weighted average yield for 28 days decreased by 0.02% from the last auction. There were nil offers for 63, 91 and 182 days.
- The KSi Home Index increased by 4.0% for the week to close at 14,512.84
  points and KSi Index remained unchanged to close at 5,855.34 points. The
  increase in Home Index was due to rise in CCP share price.

## International

- The major US stock indexes turned in a negative performance during trading on Friday. The DJIA, S&P 500 and NASDAQ decreased by 0.3%, 1.3% and 3.9% to close at 34,721.12, 4,488.28 and 13,711.00 points respectively.
- European stocks closed mixed on Friday, with investors picking up stocks, shrugging off concerns about tighter monetary policy and a surge in Covid-19 cases in China. The FTSE increased by 1.8% to end at 7,669.56 points whereas DAX and CAC 40 decreased by 1.1% and 2.0% to close at 14,283.67 and 6,548.22 points respectively
- Asian stocks ended broadly low on Friday amid lingering worries about the
  war in Ukraine and the US Federal Reserve's hawkish stance on future rate
  hikes. The Nikkei, Hang Seng and Shanghai dropped by 2.5%, 0.8% and
  0.9% to close at 26,985.80, 21,872.01 and 3,251.85 points respectively.

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