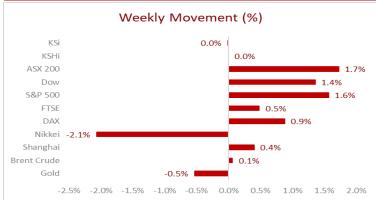


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Prices as at POM Close on Friday	26-iviar-21	% change		VTD
		Week	Month	YTD
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Domestic KSi Index	6,104.61	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%
KSi Home Index	13,312.29	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%
PNGX shares (K/share) Arbitrage	13,312.29 PNGX	0.076	0.076	0.076
Bank South Pacific	12.00	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Credit Corporation	1.70	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
City Pharmacy	0.50	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Kina Asset Management Limited	0.90	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Kina Securities Limited 2.53		-1.5%	0.0%	6.7%
Oil Search Limited 2.33		0.0%	0.0%	5.3%
Newcrest Mining Limited 66.67		0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
Newcrest Mining Limited 66.67	81.50	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Australia				
S&P/ASX 200	6,824.23	1.7%	2.3%	3.6%
S&P/ASX 50	6,575.80	2.0%	1.9%	4.2%
USA*	22 072 00	4 40/	C 00/	0.10/
DJIA	33,072.88	1.4%	6.9%	8.1%
S&P 500	3,974.54	1.6%	4.3%	5.8%
NASDAQ	13,138.72	-0.6%	-0.4%	1.9%
Europe*				
FTSE	6,740.59	0.5%	4.0%	4.3%
DAX	14,748.94	0.9%	7.0%	7.5%
CAC 40	5,988.81	-0.2%	5.0%	7.9%
Asia*				
Nikkei	29,176.70	-2.1%	0.7%	6.3%
Hang Seng	28,336.43	-2.3%	-2.2%	4.1%
Shanghai	3,418.33	0.4%	-2.6%	-1.6%
Commodities*				
Light Crude WTI Futures	60.97	-0.7%	-0.9%	25.7%
Brent Crude	64.57	0.1%	-2.4%	24.7%
Gold	1,734.70	-0.5%	0.3%	-8.5%
Currencies*				
PGK/USD	0.2850	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
PGK/AUD	0.3738	1.5%	2.7%	1.1%
AUD/USD	0.7625	-1.5%	-2.7%	-1.1%
USD/JPY	109.28	0.4%	2.9%	6.0%
EUR/USD	1.1785	-1.1%	-3.0%	-4.1%
GBP/USD	1.3770	-1.0%	-1.3%	1.0%
Ten year Government Bond yields*				
United States	1.68%	-0.05%	0.27%	0.76%
Australia	1.66%	-0.15%	-0.26%	0.69%
New Zealand	1.63%	-0.19%	-0.27%	0.65%
Japan	0.08%	-0.03%	-0.08%	0.06%
PNG	9.86%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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

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#### **Domestic**

- Prime Minister James Marape declared a National Isolation Strategy that comes into effect. He said the strategy would ensure people are not moving from place to place unnecessarily, while trying to keep business and government going. He asked that people remain in your province, remain in your district, remain in your village and where you are to avoid potential exposure to COVID-19.
- In addition, Pandemic Controller David Manning announced twelve new measures that come into effect and place restrictions on travel, movement and social activities. All previous measures have been revoked.
- According to Bank South Pacific Chief Executive Officer Robin Fleming, businesses in the entertainment industry such as clubs, poker machine venues and the like will experience reduced turnover and may well operate at a loss during this time. Under the National Isolation Strategy measure nine, venues or parts of venues provides nightclub and public services, gambling activities and services and sell and supply alcohol for consumption on premises without food must close during the pandemic.
- The City Pharmacy Ltd group announced a K20.12 million before tax profit. This is a good-looking result and shows that we are on the track to regaining following the fire destruction of over K33 million in stock, property and data loss in 2017 Chairman Stan Joyce said. The group had seen an increase of 3.6 per cent in its 2020 revenue with a growth of 5.92 per cent in gross profit. Joyce said that the group was pleased to report a considerable growth of 85 per cent in its trading profit before income tax comparative to 2019.
- Moreover, an interim dividend of 1.33 toea per share was announced on March 8 following which the group declared a final dividend payment of 1.67 toea per share. The dates for its shareholders to observe are as follow: Ex-Date on 26.03.2021, Record date on 7.04.2021 and Payment date on 21.04.2021.
- Following the launch of its priority customer offer called PRIME, Kina Bank Limited (KBL) saw an increase in home loan applications drawing a significant amount of customer attention. Apart from KBL customers receiving a low 3-year fixed home loan rate of 5.47% p.a., they were also eligible for a 3-year fee free visa debit card with no monthly and annual fees. According to Head of Prime Customers Yawetau Salem, the visa debit card was specially designed with distinctive features enabling it to instantly identify a customer's Prime status. Mr Salem said KBL has become the 'goto' bank for home loan solutions, not only was the home loan interest rate the lowest in the market, but customers have the added benefit of their own relationship adviser to guide them through when buying a house or refinancing.
- The PNG Ports Corporation announced 2019 full year profit of K83 million. This enabled a full year dividend payment of K21 million to Kumul Consolidated Holdings (KCH) completed with the presentation K11.4 million to KCH as a second payment following the first portion of K9.6 million paid last November. Chairman Kepas Wali said the last two years had been difficult for PNG Ports with the Covid-19 affecting most of its business. We saw a decline in shipment and cargo through our ports, but because management instituted certain stringent measures in management and costs, PNG Ports has been able to maintain a healthy bottom line, he said. Despite the Covid-19, we have been able to maintain the ports operationally.
- The Bank of South Pacific Limited (BSP) shareholders have passed the resolution from special meeting the following, name of the Company will be changed to BSP Financial Group Limited, Constitution of the Company has been altered to allow the directors of the Company to make such rules and policies as they consider appropriate for the operation and management of its share registers in Papua New Guinea and Australia and the Company will now progress with its proposed secondary listing of its ordinary shares on the Australian Securities Exchange (the ASX).
- This week's Treasury Bill overall auction results was undersubscribed by K99.39m from the total K438.3m offered. The weighted average yields for 182 days decrease by 0.01% to 4.39% whereas 273 and 364 days remained unchanged at 6.04% and 7.20% from the last auction. There were nil offers for 63, 91 and 273 days.
- Both Kina Securities Index and Kina Securities Home Index remained unchanged from the prior week at 6,104.61 and 13,312.29 points respectively

## Internationa

- US Stocks moved sharply higher during trading on Friday, extending the upward move seen over the course of the previous session.
- Australian stock market was higher on Friday, extending gains of the previous two sessions, following the positive cues overnight from Wall Street on upbeat labor market data.
- European markets closed broadly higher on Friday with investors picking up shares amid optimism about economic recovery thanks to the momentum in vaccine rollouts and recent strong data out of the US.
- Brent Crude Oil rebounded on Friday amid fears that it could take weeks to dislodge a giant container ship blocking the Suez Canal.



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