

	Prices as at POM Close on Friday		27-Aug-21			% change for the:		
				Week	Month	YTD		
Domestic								
KSI Index		5,847.82		-0.2%	0.2%	-3.3%		
KSI Home Index		13,931.40		0.0%	0.0%	4.7%		
<i>PNGX shares (K/share)</i>	<i>Arbitrage</i>	<i>PNGX</i>						
Bank South Pacific		12.40		-3.1%	0.8%	3.3%		
Credit Corporation		1.70		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
City Pharmacy		0.80		0.0%	0.0%	60.0%		
Kina Asset Management Limited		1.00		0.0%	0.0%	11.1%		
Kina Securities Limited	2.35	3.25		0.0%	0.0%	8.3%		
Oil Search Limited	9.43	10.61		0.1%	1.0%	11.4%		
Newcrest Mining Limited	62.35	75.00		0.0%	0.0%	-8.0%		
Australia								
S&P/ASX 200		7,488.29		0.4%	1.3%	13.7%		
S&P/ASX 50		7,217.40		0.3%	1.0%	14.3%		
USA*								
DJIA		35,455.80		1.0%	1.5%	15.8%		
S&P 500		4,509.37		1.5%	2.6%	20.1%		
NASDAQ		15,129.50		2.8%	3.1%	17.4%		
Europe*								
FTSE		7,148.01		0.9%	1.6%	10.6%		
DAX		15,851.75		0.3%	2.0%	15.5%		
CAC 40		6,681.92		0.8%	1.0%	20.4%		
Asia*								
Nikkei		27,641.14		2.3%	1.3%	0.7%		
Hang Seng		25,407.89		2.3%	-2.1%	-6.7%		
Shanghai		3,522.16		2.8%	3.7%	1.4%		
Commodities*								
Light Crude WTI Futures		68.74		10.3%	-7.0%	41.7%		
Brent Crude		72.70		11.5%	-4.8%	40.3%		
Gold		1,819.50		2.0%	0.1%	-4.0%		
Currencies*								
PGK/USD		0.2850		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
PGK/AUD		0.3934		-1.6%	1.9%	6.4%		
AUD/USD		0.7245		1.6%	-1.9%	-6.0%		
USD/JPY		109.99		0.3%	0.4%	6.7%		
EUR/USD		1.1762		0.6%	-1.0%	-4.3%		
GBP/USD		1.3700		0.5%	-1.7%	0.5%		
Ten year Government Bond yields*								
United States		1.31%		0.05%	0.08%	0.39%		
Australia		1.19%		0.11%	0.01%	0.22%		
New Zealand		1.82%		0.12%	0.17%	0.83%		
Japan		0.03%		0.02%	0.01%	0.01%		
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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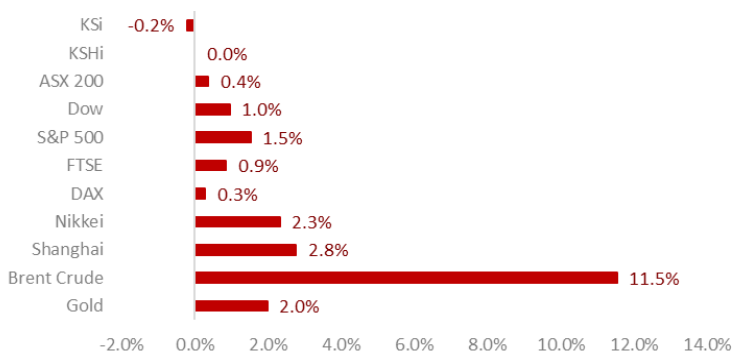
Domestic

- The Department of Agriculture & Livestock (DAL) Acting Secretary, Stephen Mombi said the department's policy division has started work on an agriculture price support policy for the Agriculture Administration Adjustment Bill and Agriculture Investment Corporation Bill. They have also commenced review of the long-term agriculture sector plan that expired five years ago. DAL is currently working in consultation with the respective stakeholders with agriculture backgrounds to finalize the two policies before informing the Parliament.
- The Lands Department Deputy Secretary of Customary Lands, Mr Lazarus Malesa spoke about the Department's plan to address the need for affordable housing for public servants. He referred to the planned housing project in Gerehu, on a vacant State land that did not eventuate. The department is considering utilizing customary land for this project and are currently working with various development partners to build affordable homes for public servants. The cost of customary land development is notably higher as some developers tend to increase cost on already built properties. Therefore, negotiations are currently underway with customary landowners in determining the final purchase price before commencement.
- PNG citizens living in China & Philippines (mostly students) are experiencing difficulty accessing their funds using their BSP visa debit cards. BFL withdrew its services in those Countries as a result of Anti-Money Laundering regulation by the Central Bank of PNG. BFL Group CEO, Robin Fleming said as part of the Banks' transaction monitoring process, the Bank's ATM cards have been limited to allow revalidation process with customers using ATMs in those countries to verify activity is consistent with our know your customers profile. The Bank will continue to monitor usage if its visa cards offshore to ensure customer funds are being protected.
- Oil Search Limited (OSH) confirmed that PNG Government and Esso PNG P'nyang Limited operator of PRL3 mutually announced their plan to re-engage in the negotiations on the P'nyang project. Diego Feltweis from OSH, Australia stated that this is a positive step towards the development of P'nyang. Chairmen of Esso PNG P'nyang Limited and Managing Director of Exxon Mobil PNG Peter Larden, together with their other joint venture partners are looking forward to working closely with the PNG Government and Landowners to progress the P'nyang field development proposal to secure the license needed to proceed. The project has an 8-year life span that is expected to be a substantial boost to the economy and the country.
- Kina Securities Limited (KSL) announced a NPAT of K39.8m for 2021 HY, 36.0% increase from the prior corresponding period. Revenue of K155.7m, capital adequacy ratio of 23.3%, earnings per share PGK 13.9 toea (AUD 5.1 cents), return on equity 13.9% and net interest margin 7.0% were amongst its strong performances. An increase in transactional volumes, continued cost discipline and growth in the existing loan book, supported by KSL's sharpened focus on re-shaping the customer experience and the continued delivery of innovative products and services were main drivers of the company's profit. KSL declared an unfranked interim dividend of K0.825 per share (AUD 0.300 cents per share). Ex-date is 01/09/2021, payment date is 01/10/2021.
- This week's BPNG Treasury Bills auction was undersubscribed from the total offer amount of K436.6m by K81.5m. The weighted average yields for, 182, 273 and 364 days remained unchanged at 4.35%, 6.04% and 7.20% respectively, compared to the last auction. Nil offers for 63 and 91 days.
- The KSI Index fell by 0.2% to close at 5,847.82 points for the week. The decrease was due to drop in share price of financial stock (BFL). The KSI Home Index remained unchanged for the week to close at 13,931.40 points.

International

- US markets fell from a record on Friday, but up for the week as investors awaited more details on the Federal Reserve's plan to pull back on monetary stimulus. The DJIA, S&P 500 and NASDAQ rose by 1.0%, 1.5% and 2.8% to close at 35,455.80, 4,509.37 and 15,129.50 points respectively.
- Asian shares retreated on Friday, while a South Korean interest rate hike put the focus on the global central bank outlook. For the week was up as Nikkei, Hang Seng and Shanghai rose by 2.3%, 2.3% and 2.8% to close at 27,641.14, 25,407.89 and 3,522.16 points respectively.
- The Australian share market finished flat on Friday but still managed a weekly gain as investor's awaited direction from the US Fed at Jackson Hole symposium Both the S&P/ASX 200 and S&P/ASX 50 rose by 0.4% and 0.3% to close at 7,488.29 and 7,217.40 points respectively.
- European markets closed higher on Friday and for the week, after Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell indicated that central bank was likely to begin withdrawing some of its easy-money policies before year-end. The FTSE, DAX and CAC 40 all rose by 0.9%, 0.3% and 0.8% to end at 7,148.01, 15,851.75 and 6,681.92 points respectively.

Weekly Movement (%)



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