

Weekly Market Commentary (28.11.2025)

Local Highlights

The **SEMDEX** fell by 0.40% over the week, following a fall of 22.8% w/w in the total market turnover (TMT). Overall, foreigners were net sellers to the tune of Rs 37.0m. Accounting only for SEMDEX constituents, foreigners were net sellers to the tune of Rs 37.4m, with **MCBG** being the main driver of foreign sales, registering a net outflow of Rs 40.0m. As usual, trading activity on the equity board remained geared towards **MCBG**, which made up 50.5% of TMT, followed by **ERL** (5.3%) and **MUAL** (4.8%)

On the banking front, **SBMH** gained 2.51% over the week to close at Rs 6.54. Contrastingly, **MCBG** fell by 1.12%, closing the week at Rs 440.00.

On the sugar conglomerate side, **TERA** fell by 6.80%, as the stock traded ex-div on 27.11.2025, closing the week at Rs 19.20. Likewise, **ALTG** fell by 0.43% to Rs 11.70. **MTMD** gained 0.79% to Rs 19.15.

Among hotels, **LUX** closed higher by 3.97% at Rs 49.80. Contrastingly, **SUN** (-2.31%) and **NMH** (-2.46%) closed lower at Rs 42.20 and Rs 13.90, respectively.

On the commodities side, **New Gold-MUR** gained 1.88% to Rs 1,904.00.

On the property counter, **ENLG** gained 0.31% to Rs 6.46. Likewise, **MSE** gained 4.23% to Rs 67.75.

Within the conglomerate space, **ERL** fell by 4.13% to Rs 22.05, as the stock traded ex-div on 28.11.2025. **CIEL** also closed lower by 0.23% to Rs 8.74. Contrastingly, **IBLL** gained 3.34% to close the week at Rs 30.90.

Top Performers

Medine	4.23%
Lux	3.97%
IBL	3.34%
SBM Holdings	2.51%
Innodis	2.00%

Main Detractors

Grit- USD	-12.50%
Terra	-6.80%
ER Group	-4.13%
PAD	-4.02%
UBP	-3.88%

Most Traded Stocks % of TMT

MCB Group	50.5%
ER Group	5.3%
MUA	4.8%
Moroil	4.1%
Terra	3.2%

Corporate Announcements

•Stevenhills Ltd- Resignation of CEO

On 25-Nov-25, the Board of Stevenhills Ltd announced that the CEO, Mr. Hossen Goburdhun, has submitted his resignation, which has taken effect on 25 November 2025

•MCB Group Limited- Scrip Dividend Scheme

On 25-Nov-25, the Board of MCB Group Limited announced that the Scrip Price of a Scrip Share, for the purposes of the dividend declaration on the Company's Ordinary Shares dated 26 September 2025, is Rs 432.71.

Eligible shareholders will be able to elect for Scrip Shares, provided that their respective Election Form has been received by MCB Registry and Securities Ltd by latest the 5 December 2025, and subject to their existing Ordinary Shares being dematerialised in a CDS account. Eligible shareholders who have already elected for Scrip Shares in relation to the previous dividend declaration are reminded that their instructions shall remain valid, and that the submission of new Election Forms is not required unless they wish to modify their choice. Dividend payment/crediting/issue of Scrip Shares will be done on 19 December 2025.

More info available in official communique

International News – US Market

U.S. equities staged a strong rebound this week, reversing much of the prior week’s losses as investors grew increasingly confident that the Federal Reserve is preparing to cut rates in December. Dovish commentary from multiple Fed officials, combined with cooling bond yields, bringing the 10-year back below 4%, helped restore risk appetite across sectors. The Nasdaq and S&P 500 posted four consecutive advances through Wednesday, clawing their way back toward recent highs, while Asian and European markets also strengthened amid improving sentiment. Markets further benefited from signs of progress in U.S. diplomatic efforts abroad and tentative optimism surrounding peace negotiations in Ukraine.

The week began with a sharp rally on Monday, driven by dip-buying after the previous week’s heavy sell-off. Valuation concerns that had weighed on markets began to fade as traders responded to Fed Governor Christopher Waller’s support for another rate cut in December. Semiconductor, hardware, networking and gold stocks led gains, while Treasury yields eased to near one-month lows. However, mixed overseas performance and lingering geopolitical uncertainty kept some investors cautious despite the strong rebound in tech names.

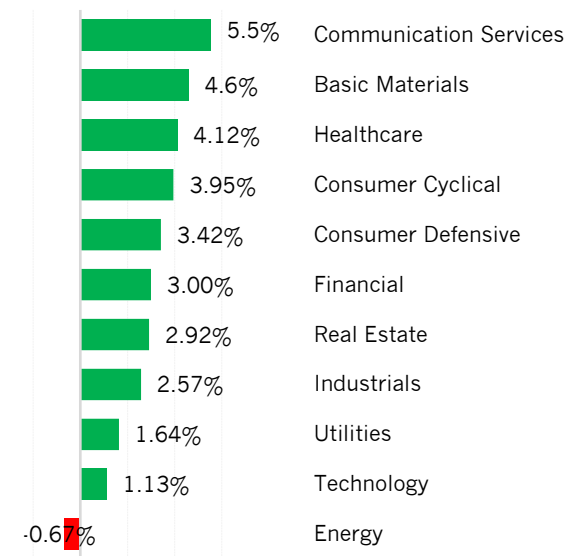
On Tuesday, momentum continued as all three major U.S. indices extended their winning streak. A softer-than-expected retail sales print, in-line producer price data and a sharp deterioration in consumer confidence reinforced expectations of Fed easing, with FedWatch probabilities rising above 80%. Housing stocks surged after an unexpected jump in pending home sales, while airlines, healthcare and networking sectors also advanced. Treasuries strengthened again, pushing the 10-year yield to 4.00%.

Markets moved higher for a fourth straight session on Wednesday as bargain-hunting and improving macro sentiment supported equities. Traders largely shrugged off valuation worries that had recently pushed indices to two-month lows. Durable goods orders beat expectations, and jobless claims unexpectedly fell to their lowest level since April, highlighting the economy’s resilience. Strong gains in gold miners, airlines, computer hardware and semiconductor stocks helped sustain the rally, while Treasury yields held below the key 4% threshold.

On Thursday, with U.S. markets closed for Thanksgiving, global markets carried the recovery forward. Japanese and Korean equities rallied sharply—led by chipmakers and SoftBank—while European indices posted modest gains. Easing geopolitical tensions and signs that the U.S. is working to stabilise relations between Tokyo and Beijing boosted sentiment. However, China’s property sector remained a pressure point after developer Vanke sought to delay repayment on a major bond. U.S. equity futures were little changed, reflecting a pause after four days of strong gains.

By Friday morning, Asian markets remained broadly supported, though momentum varied across regions, ahead of the U.S. market’s shortened trading session.

1 Week Performance



Valuation

	Forward P/E	PEG	P/FCF
Energy	13.43	1.80	13.20
Basic Materials	15.67	1.18	28.11
Financial	15.82	1.60	14.19
Utilities	17.66	2.15	109.49
Healthcare	19.60	1.59	24.23
Consumer Defensive	20.04	3.40	24.15
Industrials	23.01	2.21	29.80
Consumer Cyclical	23.20	1.83	42.15
Technology	25.96	1.60	40.16
Real Estate	31.11	2.54	22.52
Communication Services	35.00	2.29	31.67

Earnings Calendar

	Time (GMT+4)	Company	Ticker	Estimate EPS (USD)
03/12/2025	01.00	CrowdStrike Holdings, Inc.	CRWD	0.94
-	01.05	Marvell Technology, Inc.	MRVL	0.74
04/12/2025	01.00	Salesforce, Inc.	CRM	2.86
05/12/2025	01.05	Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company	HPE	0.58
-	-	DocuSign, Inc.	DOCU	0.92

The Week's Defining Stocks

PUMA SE (PUM) — Takeover Speculation Drives Sharp Share Surge

Puma was one of the week's most talked-about stocks after a Bloomberg report suggested potential takeover interest from China's Anta Sports. The news sent shares soaring more than 13% in early European trading, offering a rare boost for a company whose stock has lost about 56% of its value this year. Anta is said to be working with an adviser to evaluate a bid and may partner with a private-equity firm, while other possible suitors mentioned include Li Ning and Asics. Puma declined to comment, and Li Ning stated it has engaged in no negotiations. The speculation comes as Puma undergoes a strategic revamp led by new CEO Arthur Hoeld, with plans aimed at returning the company to growth by 2027.

Six Flags Entertainment Corp. (FUN) — CEO Shake-Up Sparks Investor Rebound

Six Flags named John Reilly as its new president and CEO, effective December 8, marking another major leadership change following last summer's merger with Cedar Fair. The company is attempting to recover from a difficult year marked by ride breakdowns, weather-driven attendance drops and weak season-pass sales. Shares jumped 7% on the news, though the stock remains down 70% year-to-date. Reilly brings decades of experience from Parques Reunidos and SeaWorld, and his arrival comes as activist investors, including Travis Kelce's group and Jana Partners, push for restructuring. Six Flags has signaled it may sell underperforming parks to generate cash and reduce debt, with Reilly also joining the board as Zimmerman steps down.

Deere & Co. (DE) — Earnings Decline and Weak Outlook Hit Sentiment

Deere shares fell nearly 5% after the company warned that the difficult market conditions weighing on 2025 performance are expected to persist into next year. The equipment maker cited tariff pressures, weak demand for large tractors, elevated interest rates and depressed farm fundamentals as major headwinds. Deere is working to manage inventories by aligning production with demand and reducing excess used equipment, but executives cautioned that uncertainty remains high. The company guided for 2026 net income between \$4 billion and \$4.75 billion, well below analyst expectations. While core production and precision-agriculture sales are expected to decline 5–10%, small-agriculture, turf and construction equipment remain areas of relative strength. Deere noted ongoing support from federal trade and agriculture policies.

Tesla Inc. (TSLA) — Robotaxi Expansion Accelerates in Austin

Tesla was back in focus after CEO Elon Musk announced plans to double the company's Austin robotaxi fleet in December, less than six months after the service first launched. The robotaxis currently operate with human safety drivers, but Musk said Tesla aims to remove drivers in parts of Austin by year-end, while maintaining "paranoid" caution due to the high stakes of autonomous-vehicle deployment. During Tesla's most recent earnings call, Musk said the company expects to expand robotaxi operations to eight to ten U.S. metro areas by the end of the year. The Austin expansion highlights Tesla's rapid scaling ambitions in autonomous mobility, even as the company navigates safety concerns and the reputational risk of any single accident.

PUMA SE

Closing Price (27.11.25) €20.22

Performance

5 Day +25.69%
1 Month +6.65%
YTD -55.71%

Analyst Estimates

Average Recommendation HOLD
Average Target Price \$25.32

Six Flags Entertainment Corp.

Closing Price (26.11.25) \$14.92

Performance

5 Day +16.29%
1 Month -33.92%
YTD -69.04%

Analyst Estimates

Average Recommendation Overweight
Average Target Price \$26.36

Deere & Co.

Closing Price (26.11.25) \$469.87

Performance

5 Day -1.36%
1 Month +0.96%
YTD +10.90%

Analyst Estimates

Average Recommendation Overweight
Average Target Price \$525.43

Tesla Inc.

Closing Price (20.11.25) \$332.38

Performance

5 Day +7.93%
1 Month -3.04%
YTD +5.63%

Analyst Estimates

Average Recommendation HOLD
Average Target Price \$400.49