

Global markets

In the news

China plans to mandate that online platforms sign formal employment contracts with gig workers such as delivery drivers, ride-hailing drivers, and livestreamers as a means to establish rules to protect the rights of workers on online platforms.

Foreign exchange

The US dollar remains supported by elevated Treasury yields and persistent geopolitical uncertainty, with the DXY holding around 102.3 as European fiscal and political concerns continue to weigh on the euro. Against this backdrop, USD/ZAR is trading around 16.64, with higher US yields and Brent crude above US\$100/bbl eroding the rand's attractive carry advantage. While global conditions remain challenging, some stabilisation in risk sentiment could provide modest support to the local currency. We expect USD/ZAR to trade with a mild downside bias towards 16.52, although sustained dollar strength and elevated oil prices are likely to limit further rand appreciation.

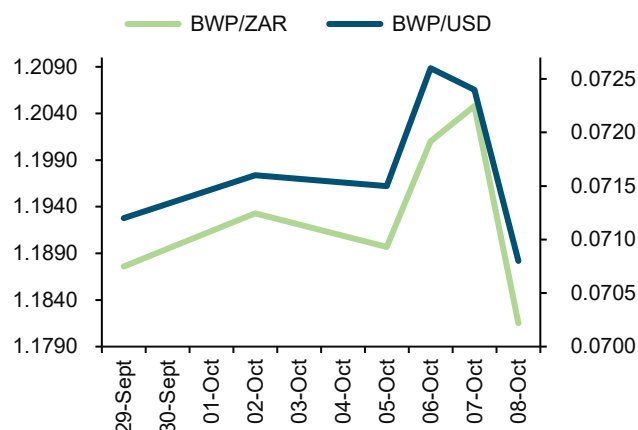
Commodities and fixed income

Brent crude remains above US\$102/bbl amid renewed Middle East tensions and threats to regional energy infrastructure, reinforcing inflation concerns and upward pressure on global yields. The 10-year US Treasury yield remains around 5.3%, while the 30-year holds near 5.7%, reflecting elevated term premia, fiscal concerns and higher-for-longer rate expectations. South African rates weakened further, with FRAs and swaps rising 4-6bp as markets priced additional South African Reserve Bank tightening, while SAGBs experienced modest selling pressure. Despite the challenging backdrop, demand at yesterday's RN2036 floating-rate note auction remained strong, attracting R12.8bn in bids against R3.5bn offered, translating into a bid-to-cover ratio of 3.64x.

Botswana

Foreign exchange

The US dollar held on to its recent gains and skewed towards strength after the release of the US Federal Reserve (Fed) minutes. Fed governor Christopher Waller said additional interest rate hikes may be required to bring inflation under control, although policymakers retain flexibility on the timing of any further tightening and are not obliged to raise rates at consecutive meetings. The Botswana pula is poised to take its cues from global events.



Source: Bank of Botswana, RMB Global Markets; data as of October 2026

Money markets

Market liquidity closed in a long position of BWP3.229bn, up from BWP1.984bn the previous day. Interbank activity remained robust, with volumes totalling BWP215m at a weighted average rate of 5.49%. Meanwhile, no trading activity was recorded in the repo market. Moreover, the seven-day Bank of Botswana Certificate (BoBC) stop-out yield was 5.50%.

Credit Facility Rate				
Rate	Actual	Previous	Variance	Trend
Unsecured interbank yield	5.49%	5.49%	0.00%	—
Secured interbank yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	—
1-month BoBC	6.05%	6.05%	0.00%	—
91-day T-bill	6.75%	6.75%	0.00%	—
182-day T-bill	7.98%	7.98%	0.00%	—
MoPR	5.50%	5.50%	0.00%	—
Repo/Reverse repo rate	5.50%	5.50%	0.00%	—
Credit Facility Rate	8.50%	8.50%	0.00%	—
Standing Credit Facility	6.50%	6.50%	0.00%	—
Standing Deposit Facility	4.50%	4.50%	0.00%	—
FNBB Prime rate	7.01%	7.01%	0.00%	—

Government bonds					
Bond	Maturity	October 8, 2026	October 7, 2026	Variance	Trend
6-m T-bill	29-Jul-25	6.78%	6.78%	0.00%	▬
12-m T-bill	30-Nov-25	7.98%	7.98%	0.00%	▬
BW016	05-May-27	7.88%	7.88%	0.00%	▬
BW014	05-Sept-29	8.85%	8.85%	0.00%	▬
BW011	10-Sept-31	9.20%	9.20%	0.00%	▬
BW012	13-Jun-40	12.25%	12.25%	0.00%	▬
BW015	02-Sept-43	12.59%	12.59%	0.00%	▬
BOTSGB0635	06-Jun-35	9.98%	9.98%	0.00%	▬
BOTSGB1150	02-Nov-50	12.95%	12.95%	0.00%	▬

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