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Global markets

In the news

Long-end treasuries drifted higher as turmoil at Nvidia Corp fuelled doubts about the artificial-intelligence trade and boosted demand for haven assets. Asian equities tumble as US futures lose ground following reports that Nvidia may

Foreign exchange

The US dollar strengthened further as markets repriced expectations for a more hawkish Federal Reserve (Fed) path, with the DXY breaking above 103 and creating a more challenging backdrop for emerging-market currencies. While lower oil prices have provided some relief, the rand came under pressure as USD/ZAR moved above key resistance levels and traded near 16.62. Attention now turns to tomorrow's US PPI release, which could reinforce expectations of further Fed tightening and provide additional support for the dollar. Although the longer-term outlook for the rand remains constructive, near-term gains are likely to be limited while the dollar remains on the front foot.

Commodities and fixed income

Brent crude has retreated from near US$95/bbl to below US$92/bbl as Middle East supply concerns ease, and production flows normalise, providing some relief for inflation expectations. However, downside in oil prices may be limited by resilient Chinese crude demand and refinery activity. In fixed income markets, the dominant theme remains the hawkish repricing of Fed expectations, with markets continuing to price in additional rate hikes despite expectations that producer inflation will moderate. Elevated US yields and a stronger dollar continue to weigh on risk assets, although the pullback in oil prices has helped offset some of the pressure on global inflation and interest rate expectations.

Botswana

Business confidence improves despite near-term economic headwinds

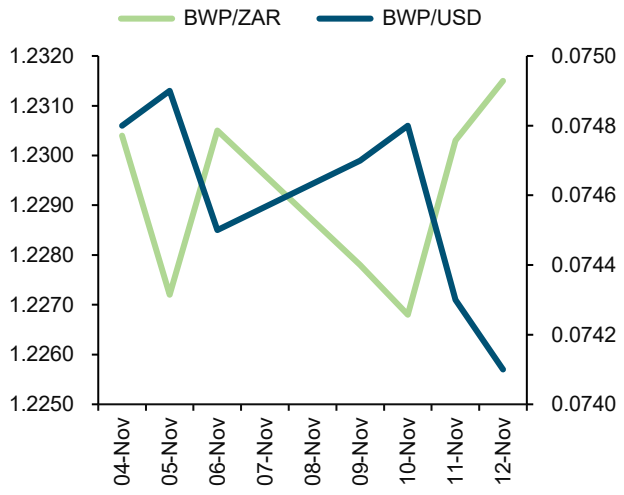
The Bank of Botswana's Quarterly Business Expectations Survey - September 2026shows that businesses remained pessimistic about economic conditions in the second half of 2026, citing constrained government spending, weak domestic demand, elevated financing costs and an unfavourable exchange rate environment as key challenges. Despite these headwinds, sentiment improves significantly over the year ahead, with firms expecting economic activity to strengthen as development projects and economic transformation initiatives gain traction.

Businesses expect the economy to rebound by 4.9% in 2026 following a contraction in 2025, while inflation is projected to average 7.2% this year before easing to 4.9% in 2027. Firms also anticipate higher lending rates and increased borrowing over the next 12 months, reflecting expectations of stronger economic activity despite ongoing cost and demand pressures.

The survey also points to notable differences across sectors. Sentiment in the mining and quarrying sector deteriorated from neutral to pessimistic, highlighting the continued impact of weak diamond market conditions and subdued demand across global diamond value chains. By contrast, businesses in sectors such as manufacturing, financial and professional services were more optimistic about the outlook, suggesting expectations of a broader recovery outside the mining sector. The findings reinforce the view that while Botswana's economy is expected to strengthen over the coming year, the pace of recovery remains heavily dependent on an improvement in diamond sector activity, given its importance to exports, government revenue and overall economic growth.

Foreign exchange

The Botswana pula is on the back foot against the US dollar in early trade on Thursday as the US dollar climbed to the highest in 18 months, capping a sharp rally over the past two months as traders look for the Fed to resume raising interest rates next month. The dollar index climbed 0.4% on Wednesday, hitting the strongest level since May 2025.



Source: Bloomberg; data as of November 2026

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Money markets

Market liquidity closed at BWP4.440bn, a decline from the BWP4.659bn recorded in the previous trading session. Interbank market activity amounted to BWP200m, with transactions concluded at 5.50%. No repo transactions were recorded during the day. 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	5.50%	5.40%	0.10%	▲
Secured interbank yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	–
1-month BoBC	6.05%	6.05%	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	November 12, 2026	November 11, 2026	Variance	Trend
3-m T-bill	31-Mar-27	5.83%	5.83%	0.00%	–
6-m T-bill	31-May-27	6.01%	6.01%	0.00%	–
12-m T-bill	30-Nov-27	6.80%	6.80%	0.00%	–
BW016	05-May-27	6.00%	6.00%	0.00%	–
BW014	05-Sept-29	7.13%	7.13%	0.00%	–
BW011	10-Sept-31	7.38%	7.38%	0.00%	–
BW012	13-Jun-40	10.99%	10.99%	0.00%	–
BW015	02-Sept-43	11.90%	11.90%	0.00%	–
BOTSGB0635	06-Jun-35	9.15%	9.15%	0.00%	–
BOTSGB1150	02-Nov-50	11.95%	11.95%	0.00%	–

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