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Global markets

In the news

The US President Donald Trump travels to Shenzhen, China, for a trilateral meeting with Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin. Meanwhile, American warplanes hit an Iranian missile launch site on Qeshm Island in the Persian Gulf, a US military official said, in response to Iran targeting US personnel and assets.

Foreign exchange

Global FX markets remain dominated by the stronger-for-longer US rates narrative. Despite a temporary improvement in risk sentiment following stronger-than-expected earnings from Nvidia, the US dollar remains near a 19-month high, supported by resilient US economic data and hawkish Fed rhetoric. Markets continue to price in additional Fed tightening, with the DXY holding around 103.7 and US Treasury yields remaining elevated. Against this backdrop, emerging market currencies remain vulnerable. The rand briefly tested the key 17.00 level before recovering towards 16.90, although renewed US dollar strength has pushed USD/ZAR higher again this morning. While repeated failures to decisively break above 17.00 remain encouraging, the pair continues to trade uncomfortably close to this resistance level. Attention now turns to the FOMC minutes, although the market is unlikely to materially alter its current Federal Reserve expectations based on the backward-looking release.

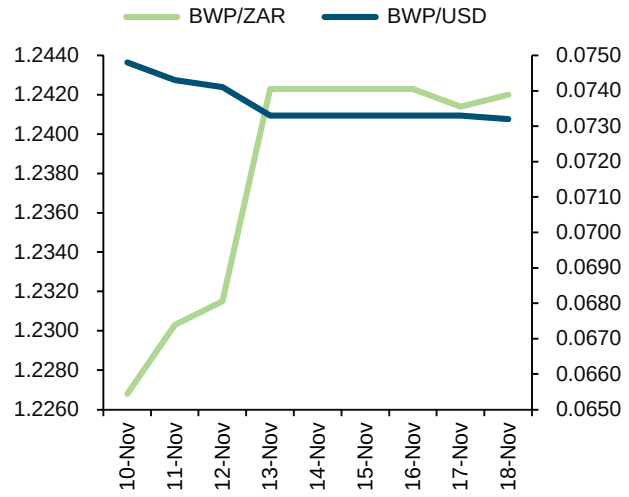
Commodities and fixed income

Higher US yields and a stronger US dollar continued to weigh on precious metals overnight, with gold falling 0.8% to around US$3,821/oz, its lowest level in over a year, while silver, platinum and palladium also extended losses. Oil prices proved more resilient, with Brent crude easing only modestly to around US$93/bbl despite a sizeable increase in US crude inventories, as ongoing tensions between the US and Iran and continued disruption in the Strait of Hormuz kept supply concerns elevated. In fixed income markets, the US 10-year Treasury yield moved back above 5.12% as investors priced in further Fed tightening. Locally, South African government bonds weakened, particularly in the belly and long end of the curve, as investors remained cautious ahead of inflation data and the South African Reserve Bank policy decision. Auction demand was relatively subdued, reflecting investor reluctance to add duration amid political and policy uncertainty, while elevated bond risk premia continued to pressure longer-dated bonds.

Botswana

Foreign exchange

The Botswana pula continues to be under-pressure against the US dollar as the high-stakes trilateral between the US President Donald Trump and his Chinese and Russian counterparts, Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin in Shenzen, China. Xi Jinping warned against economic barriers and urged closer cooperation among Asia-Pacific nations ahead of talks with Donald Trump, as new US restrictions on China's access to advanced AI chips strain a fragile trade truce. This message was also reinforced by Russian president Vladimir Putin, who accused dominant powers of trying to hold back rising competitors, arguing that sanctions, tariffs, and export restrictions couldn't halt their development.



Source: Bloomberg; data as of November 2026

Money markets

Market liquidity closed at BWP4.320bn, up from BWP3.677bn in the previous trading session. Interbank market activity totaled BWP433m, while no repo transactions were recorded. Meanwhile, 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%	5.50%	0.00%	–
Secured interbank yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	–
1-month BoBC	5.92%	5.92%	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%	–

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Government bonds					
Bond	Maturity	November 18, 2026	November 17, 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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