

RMB

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Global markets

In the news

China's growth accelerated more than expected in the third quarter, boosting the odds of the economy meeting Beijing's annual target. Global equities are likely to rebound with US megatech earnings on tap to push back against AI angst.

Foreign exchange

The rand started the week on a firmer footing, supported by improving risk sentiment, a softer USD/ZAR profile and stronger gold prices. The pair has moved below the key 16.45 level, with momentum indicators continuing to favour further downside towards 16.36. Gold's rebound above US$4,200/oz has provided an additional tailwind for the currency, while resilient Chinese growth data has reinforced the constructive outlook for commodity-linked currencies. Although upside risks from higher oil prices remain, the rand currently appears well supported by the broader external backdrop.

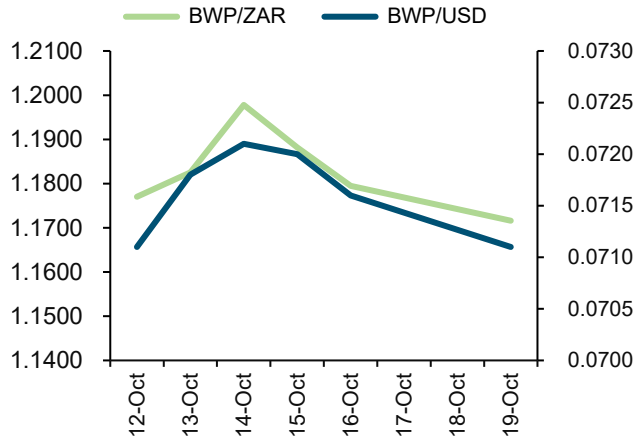
Commodities and fixed income

Oil remains the dominant macro risk, with Brent holding above US$109/bbl after a sharp weekly gain driven by escalating tensions in the Middle East and continued attacks on Russian energy infrastructure. These developments are keeping a sizeable geopolitical risk premium embedded in oil markets and sustaining upside risks to inflation. From a broader commodities perspective, stronger-than-expected Chinese growth has provided support for industrial commodity demand and sentiment. Fixed income markets are likely to remain sensitive to the inflationary implications of elevated oil prices, with any further escalation in geopolitical tensions or additional gains in crude likely to reinforce the higher-for-longer global rates narrative.

Botswana

Foreign exchange

The Botswana pula was little changed from the US dollar in early Monday trading, holding close to Friday's closing levels. Supporting the US dollar, are elevated oil prices, which continue to fuel concerns that inflationary pressures could intensify, with crude oil trading around US$109/bbl. Meanwhile, political turmoil in France is weighing on the euro, providing additional support to the US dollar. This week, global markets will be looking to more US economic data releases such as initial jobless claims and housing starts to gauge the strength of the US economy and consequently to predict the US Federal Reserve's next move. The Bank of Botswana will be looking at BWP3.5 bn in Treasury bills and BWP700m in government bonds at the October government securities auction, to be held 30 October 2026. The Botswana pula continues to track global events.



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

Money markets

Market liquidity remained in a long position on Friday, closing the day at BWP3.115bn, slightly lower than the BWP3.321bn recorded in the previous session. Interbank market activity amounted to BWP1.300m, transacted at a weighted average rate of 5.49%, while no 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%	5.37%	0.12%	▲
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%	▬

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Government bonds					
Bond	Maturity	October 19, 2026	October 16, 2026	Variance	Trend
6-m T-bill	29-Jul-25	6.27%	6.27%	0.00%	
12-m T-bill	30-Nov-25	6.60%	6.60%	0.00%	
BW016	05-May-27	6.50%	6.50%	0.00%	
BW014	05-Sept-29	7.73%	7.73%	0.00%	
BW011	10-Sept-31	9.18%	9.18%	0.00%	
BW012	13-Jun-40	12.00%	12.00%	0.00%	
BW015	02-Sept-43	12.20%	12.20%	0.00%	
BOTSGB0635	06-Jun-35	9.98%	9.98%	0.00%	
BOTSGB1150	02-Nov-50	12.35%	12.35%	0.00%	

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