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## Global markets

### In the news

Oil edged higher as attacks on ships around the Strait of Hormuz threatened shipments, while US industry data pointed to another drop in stockpiles. The US industry-funded American Petroleum Institute reported US crude inventories fell by 4.9 million barrels last week, according to a document seen by Bloomberg.

### Foreign exchange

The US dollar softened as lower US Treasury yields and weaker US housing data provided support for risk sentiment and emerging-market currencies. The DXY fell to around 101.7, helping the rand remain resilient despite a challenging global backdrop. USD/ZAR continues to trade near recent lows around 16.38-16.40, showing an unusual degree of insulation from higher oil prices. Attention now shifts to the MTBPS, where a more constructive fiscal outlook could provide further support for the rand and reinforce the move towards 16.29.

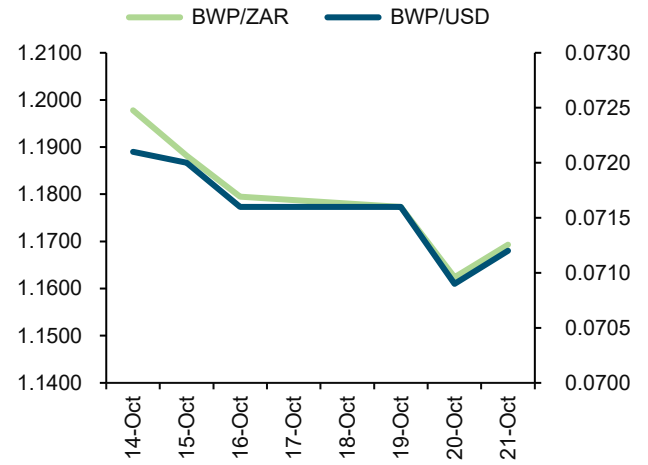
### Commodities and fixed income

Brent crude remains the key macro risk, rebounding above US$110/bbl after hopes of a near-term easing in Middle East tensions faded. Elevated oil prices continue to keep inflation risks and the higher-for-longer rates narrative firmly in focus. In fixed income, US Treasury yields eased initially on softer economic data before retracing some of their decline as risk appetite improved. Locally, SAGBs weakened across the curve ahead of the MTBPS, with longer-dated bonds underperforming as investors demanded additional compensation for duration and fiscal risk. Despite this, strong demand for government debt, attractive yields and Treasury's favourable funding position should continue to support local bond market sentiment.

## Botswana

### Foreign exchange

The Botswana pula continues to gain ground against the softer US dollar in early trade on Wednesday as most emerging-market currencies rose on Tuesday amid a softer external backdrop as the US dollar weakened, with traders keeping an eye out for new developments in the Middle East as tensions remain high. Also in the US, pending sales of existing US homes fell to a record low in September as high mortgage rates continued to weigh on demand.




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

### Money markets

Market liquidity closed the day in a long position of BWP3.480bn, reflecting a modest improvement from BWP3.321bn recorded in the previous session. Interbank market activity remained robust, with transactions totalling BWP830m at a weighted average rate of 5.43%, while the repo market remained inactive, with no trades recorded during the session. 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 | 5.43% | 5.49% | -0.06% | ▼ |
| 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 21, 2026 | October 20, 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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