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Global markets

In the news

The prospect of a great-powers summit between Xi Jinping, Vladimir Putin, and Donald Trump is raising concerns among America's traditional allies and Ukraine. Global AI-related stocks have been looking wobbly. The Bank of Japan's hawkish shift since September increases downside risks, particularly if investors use any market correction as an opportunity to unwind yen carry trades.

Foreign exchange

The rand has surrendered some of its post-MTBPS gains, with USD/ZAR trading around 16.51 after touching lows near 16.33 earlier in the week. However, the move remains relatively contained given Brent's surge towards US$114/bbl. The currency is currently being supported by lower US Treasury yields and a broadly stable dollar, with the DXY holding near 101.7 despite rising geopolitical tensions. Improved domestic fiscal sentiment following the MTBPS also continues to provide support, suggesting that USD/ZAR is likely to remain range-bound in the near term, with scope to drift back towards 16.45 as market volatility stabilises.

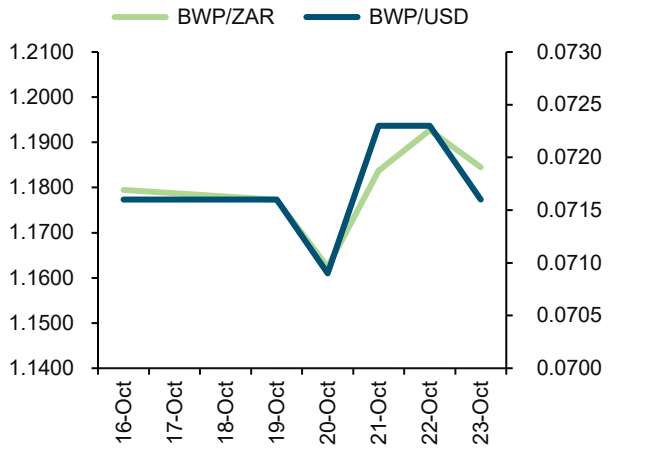
Commodities and fixed income

Brent crude remains the dominant macro driver, climbing towards US$114/bbl amid renewed attacks on Saudi energy infrastructure and ongoing supply concerns around the Strait of Hormuz. Elevated oil prices continue to pose upside risks to inflation and global growth. However, a sharp sell-off in technology and AI-related equities has triggered a flight to safety, pushing the US 10-year Treasury yield below 5% as investors rotate into bonds. Locally, bond markets have come under mild pressure, with SAGBs, swaps and FRAs edging higher as investors weigh the supportive post-MTBPS fiscal backdrop against the inflation risks associated with higher oil prices. While lower US yields should offer some support to local bonds, sustained oil prices above US$110/bbl remain the key risk to the recent rally in fixed income markets.

Botswana

Foreign exchange

The Botswana pula is slightly on the backfoot against the strengthening US dollar early trade Friday as tensions in the Middle East intensify. Brent oil is headed for a third weekly gain due to intensifying attacks on Saudi Arabia raising the risk of wider Middle East supply disruptions as it traded around US$114/bbl on Friday, up almost 4% this week and supporting the US dollar.



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

Money markets

Market liquidity closed the day at BWP4.874bn, down from BWP5.292bn in the previous session. There were no interbank market and repo transaction recorded. 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%	5.50%	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 23, 2026	October 22, 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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