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Global markets

In the news

The US and China are on track to jointly lead in AI by 2030, with neither country likely to achieve overall supremacy, according to a Bloomberg intelligence report.

Foreign exchange

The US dollar remains firm ahead of key central bank decisions, with the DXY rising to around 102.4 as markets prepare for the Federal Reserve (Fed), European Central Bank and Bank of Japan meetings. Elevated US Treasury yields and oil prices continue to create a difficult backdrop for emerging-market currencies, including the rand. While a Fed pause is widely expected, the tone of the policy statement and subsequent guidance will be critical for the US dollar's direction. Against this backdrop, USD/ZAR remains biased higher, with risks tilted towards a move closer to 16.75 should the Fed maintain a hawkish stance.

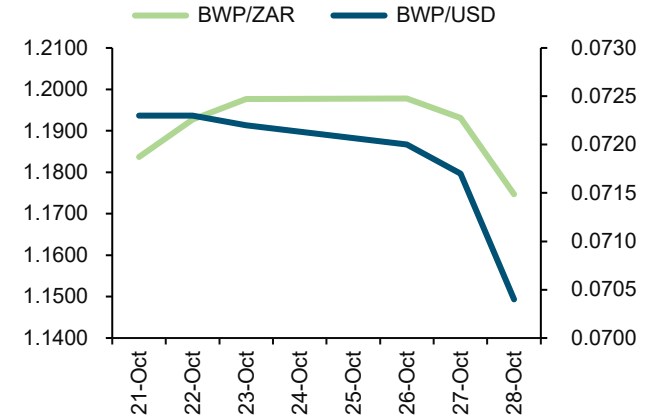
Commodities and fixed income

Oil remains the dominant macro driver, with Brent rebounding towards US$115/bbl following renewed supply concerns in the Middle East. Elevated energy prices continue to raise global inflation and reinforce the higher-for-longer interest rate narrative. In fixed income markets, US Treasury yields remain elevated ahead of the Fed decision, while local bonds have benefited from improved sentiment following the MTBPS and strong investor demand at recent auctions. SAGBs and swaps rallied yesterday as lower inflation concerns, a firmer rand and supportive fiscal dynamics boosted demand for duration. However, any further rise in oil prices or a hawkish Fed outcome could renew pressure on both global and local bond markets.

Botswana

Foreign exchange

The greenback held on to its recent gains against the Botswana pula as risk off sentiment continues to linger in global markets ahead of the US Fed decision scheduled for later today. The Fed is widely expected to keep its interest rates unchanged at today's meeting. US consumer confidence rose in October for the first four months, supported by improving views on the job market and business conditions. The Botswana pula will continue to take cues from global events as they unfold.



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

Money markets

Market liquidity closed the day at BWP5.212bn, an increase from BWP4.874bn in the previous session. There were no interbank market and repo transactions 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 28, 2026	October 27, 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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