

DAILY GLOBAL MARKET UPDATE

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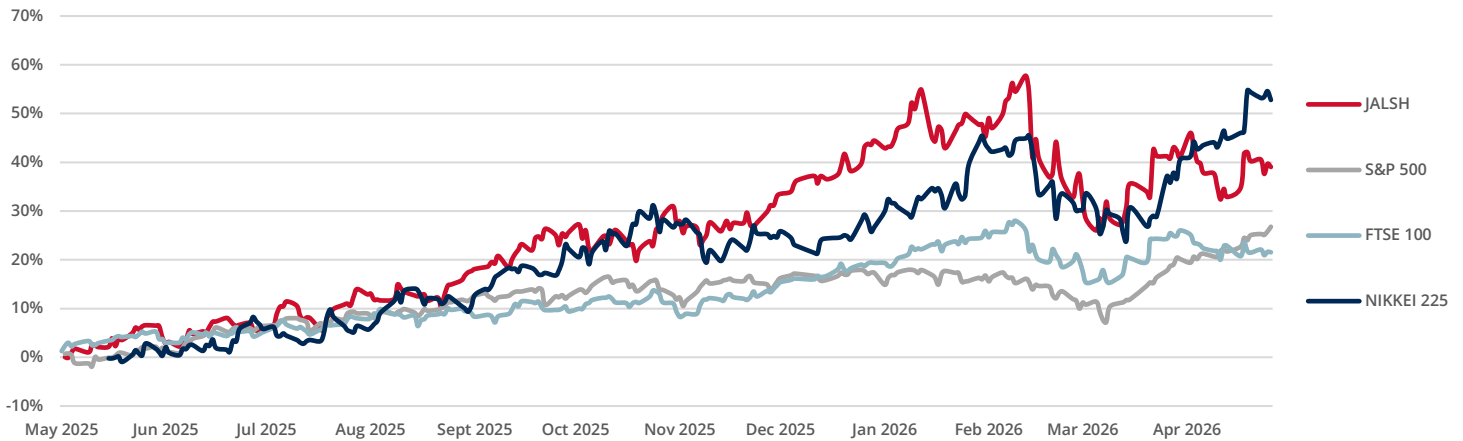
SNAPSHOT

GBP/USD	1.33	EUR/USD	1.16	AUD/USD	0.72	USD/JPY	158.74
USD/ZAR	R 16.69	EUR/ZAR	R 19.41	GBP/ZAR	R 22.24	AUD/ZAR	R 11.93

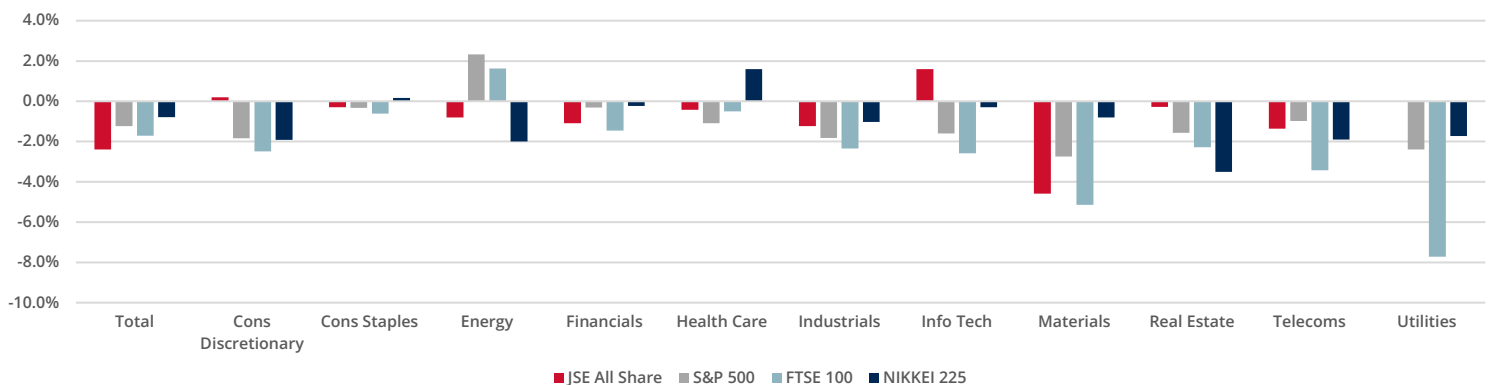
GLOBAL INDICES

	Close	Daily % Change	MTD % Change	YTD % Change	12 MTH % Change		Close	Daily % Change	MTD % Change	YTD % Change	12 MTH % Change
MSCI World	4,741.61	-1.35%	1.74%	7.02%	22.73%	JP Morgan EMBI	1,027.57	-0.75%	-0.40%	0.95%	11.48%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,668.17	-2.83%	4.25%	18.78%	42.29%	Bloomberg Global Aggregate	497.25	-0.78%	-0.96%	-0.81%	2.98%
United States						Asia					
S&P 500	7,408.50	-1.24%	2.77%	8.22%	24.34%	Nikkei 225	61,409.29	-1.99%	2.76%	21.03%	61.37%
Dow Jones	49,526.17	-1.07%	-0.25%	3.04%	16.11%	S&P/ASX 200	8,630.84	-0.11%	-1.85%	-2.40%	1.94%
Nasdaq	26,225.14	-1.54%	5.35%	12.84%	36.51%	Hang Seng	25,962.73	-1.62%	-0.73%	-0.17%	9.60%
Russell 2000	2,793.30	-2.44%	-0.24%	12.55%	32.18%	CSI 300	4,859.59	-1.12%	0.16%	4.00%	23.81%
Europe						South Africa					
Stoxx Euro 50	5,827.76	-1.81%	-0.91%	0.63%	7.37%	All Share	114,544.40	-2.40%	-0.55%	-1.11%	23.67%
FTSE 100	10,195.37	-1.71%	-1.77%	2.66%	17.40%	Africa Resource 20	127,061.00	-6.13%	0.08%	2.76%	92.65%
DAX 30	23,950.57	-2.07%	-1.41%	-2.20%	0.77%	Africa Industrial 25	128,868.30	0.12%	-0.10%	-6.98%	-3.98%
CAC 40	7,952.55	-1.60%	-2.00%	-2.42%	0.84%	Africa Finance 15	24,863.51	-1.09%	-1.75%	-0.04%	17.80%

NORMALISED % PERFORMANCE | USD TERMS



DAILY RETURNS



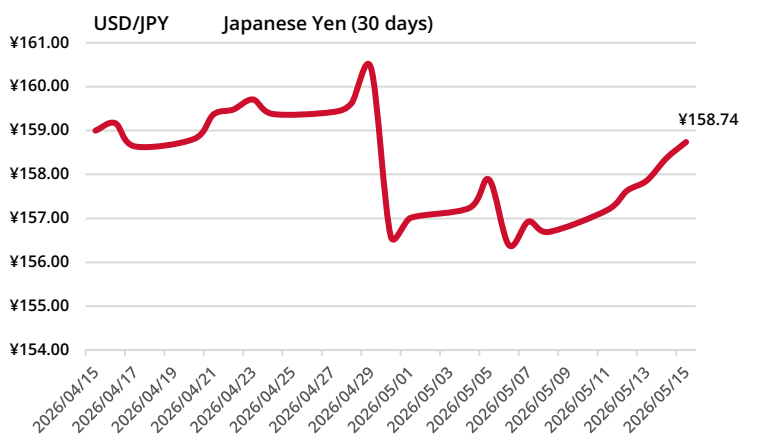
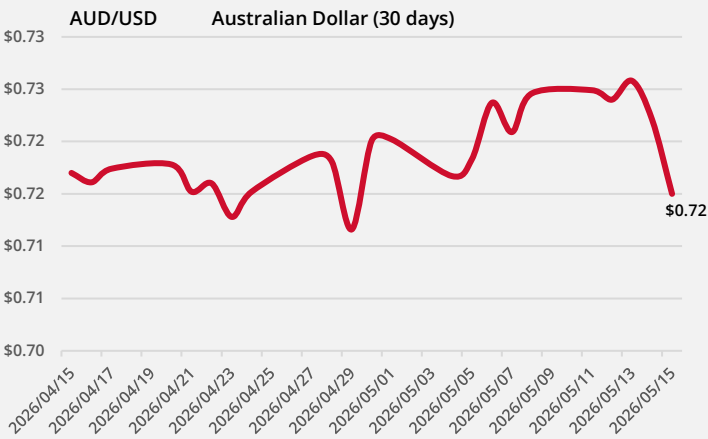
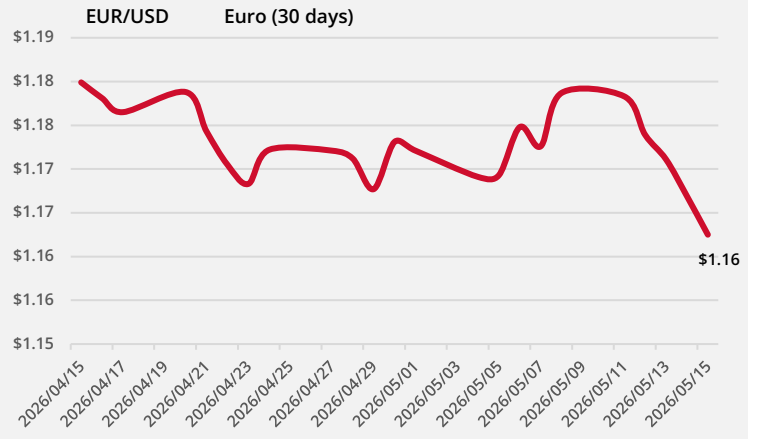
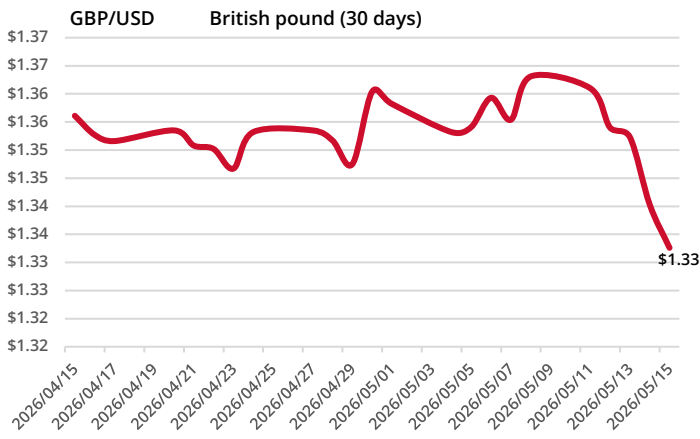
10 YEAR BOND YIELDS

	Yield %	1d Change	1m Change	1y Change
United States	4.59	0.11	0.25	0.14
United Kingdom	5.17	0.18	0.16	0.51
Germany	3.17	0.12	0.13	0.55
Japan	2.72	0.08	0.21	1.27
Australia	5.07	0.05	0.05	0.66
South Africa	8.97	0.15	0.03	-1.46

GLOBAL INTEREST RATES

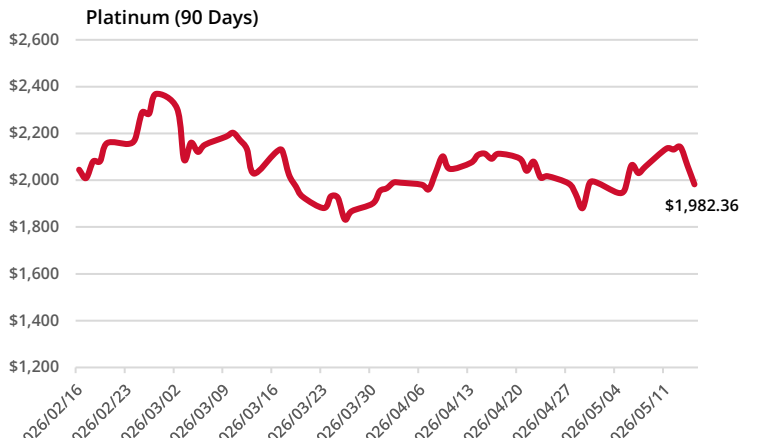
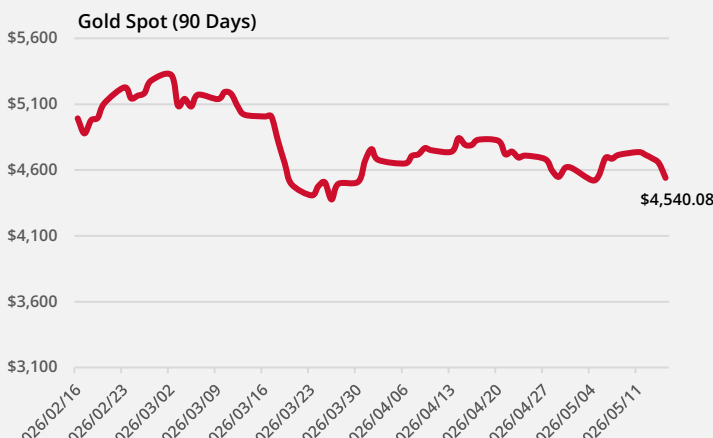
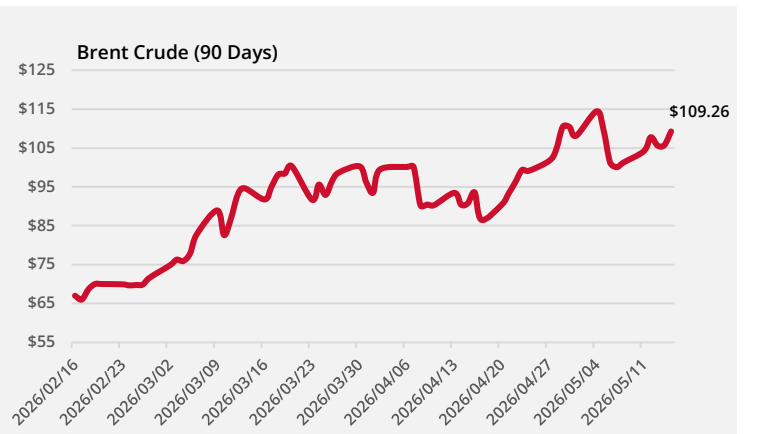
	Rate
European Central Bank Main Refinancing Rate	2.15%
United States Fed Funds Rate	3.50%-3.75%
Bank of England Rate	3.75%
Bank of Japan rate	0.75%
Reserve Bank of Australia Rate	4.35%
South Africa Repo Rate	6.75%

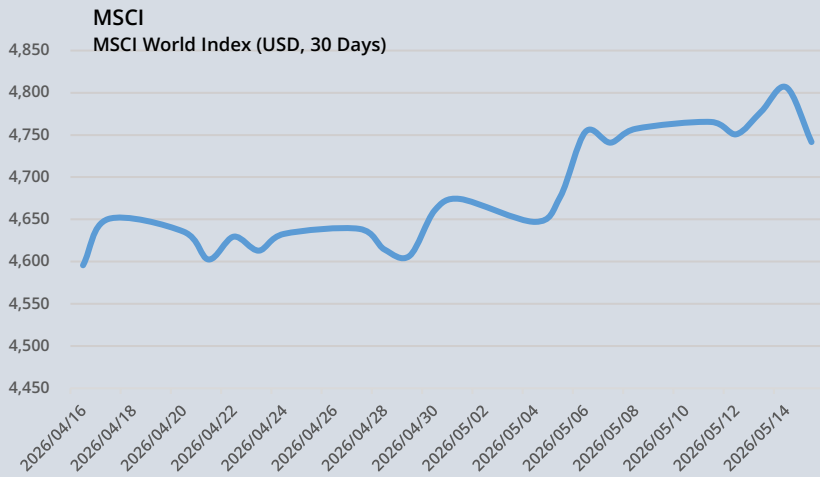
CURRENCIES



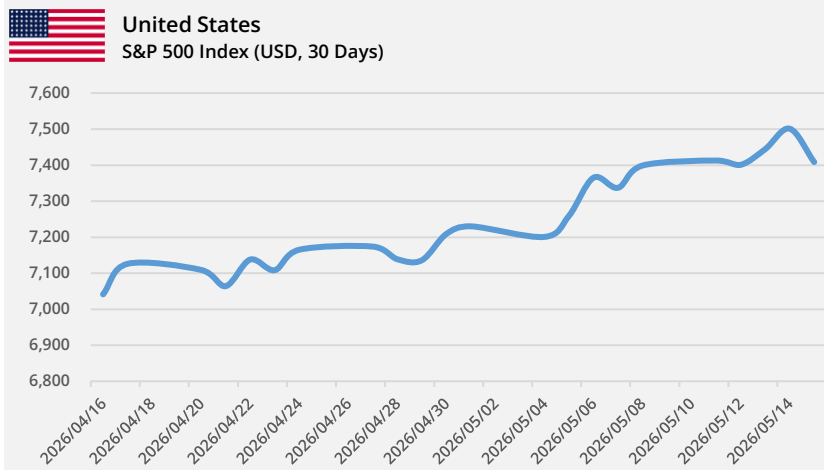
COMMODITIES

	Close	Daily % Change	MTD % Change	YTD % Change
Brent Crude	109.26	3.35%	0.62%	84.47%
Gold	4,540.08	-2.41%	-1.73%	5.06%
Platinum	1,982.36	-3.89%	-0.91%	-4.41%
Silver	75.99	-9.02%	1.82%	4.78%
Palladium	1,415.22	-2.45%	-8.61%	-13.51%
Copper	629.50	-4.79%	4.11%	7.51%
Natural gas	2.96	2.28%	9.61%	-11.60%

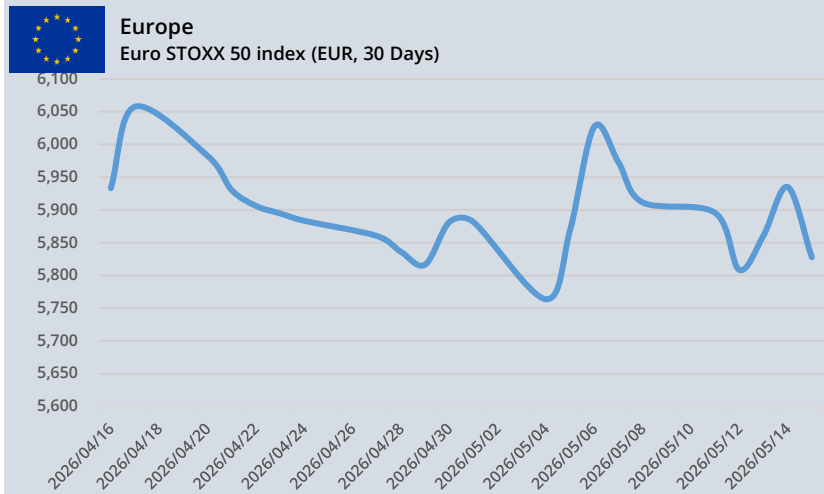




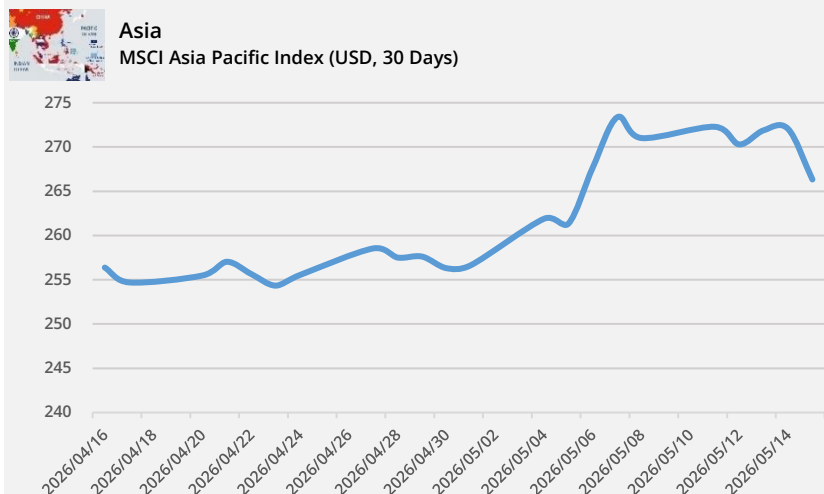
Global markets weakened on Friday as optimism surrounding technology stocks faded and investors grew increasingly concerned about persistent inflation and the prospect of higher U.S. interest rates. Equity markets declined while bond yields rose sharply, reflecting growing expectations that the Federal Reserve may raise interest rates later this year. Concerns were amplified by rising oil prices, driven by continued uncertainty surrounding a potential Middle East peace agreement and ongoing geopolitical tensions. Investor sentiment was also affected after U.S. President Donald Trump concluded his visit to China without any major trade breakthroughs or meaningful support from Beijing in efforts to resolve the Iran conflict. In currency markets, the U.S. dollar strengthened for a fifth consecutive day, putting it on track for its largest weekly gain in two months. Markets increasingly priced in the possibility of additional Federal Reserve tightening as inflation concerns intensified following two stronger-than-expected U.S. inflation reports released earlier in the week. According to CME FedWatch data, traders were pricing in a 38.8% probability of a 25-basis point rate hike by year-end, up from less than 14% a week earlier. Markets also assigned a 9.9% chance that rates could rise by 50 basis points before year-end. Friday also marked Jerome Powell's final day as Federal Reserve Chair before being succeeded by Kevin Warsh, who was nominated by President Trump.



U.S. equities fell sharply on Friday as rising oil prices fuelled inflation concerns and prompted investors to pull back from recent AI-driven market highs. All three major U.S. stock indices declined more than 1%, pressured by a surge in Treasury yields as investors reacted to higher energy prices and growing concerns about long-term inflation. Higher bond yields also made fixed-income assets more attractive relative to riskier equities. The Nasdaq and Dow Jones Industrial Average both ended the week lower, with the Nasdaq snapping a six-week winning streak. Technology and semiconductor stocks led the declines. The Philadelphia Semiconductor Index dropped 4%, weighed down by major AI-linked companies. Nvidia fell 4.4%, AMD declined 5.7%, and Intel lost 6.2%. Microsoft was one of the few notable gainers, rising 3.1% after hedge fund Pershing Square, led by Bill Ackman, disclosed a new investment in the company. Ford Motor Company dropped 7.5%, reversing part of a nearly 21% rally over the previous two sessions that had been driven by optimism around its energy storage business.



European markets fell sharply on Friday as rising energy prices and escalating tensions between the United States and Iran heightened concerns about inflation and weighed on investor sentiment. The pan-European STOXX 600 declined 1.5% to 606.92 points, ending a two-day winning streak and recording a weekly loss. Germany's DAX led regional declines, falling 2.1%. Although positive corporate earnings and recent strength in semiconductor stocks had supported markets earlier in the week, those gains were overshadowed by growing concerns over the impact of elevated energy costs on inflation and consumer spending. The materials sector was the worst performer, dropping 5.1% in line with weaker metal prices, while the defence sector fell 3.6%, marking the weakest weekly performance among major sectors. Semiconductor stocks also retreated after a strong rally in recent weeks. ASML fell 4.4%, while Aixtron declined 6%. Inflation data released across Europe and the United States this week indicated that rising energy costs are increasingly feeding into both consumer and producer prices. As a result, investors are now pricing in at least two interest rate hikes from the European Central Bank by the end of the year. Political uncertainty in the United Kingdom also weighed on sentiment, as Prime Minister Keir Starmer faced growing pressure after a key political rival signalled a potential leadership challenge.

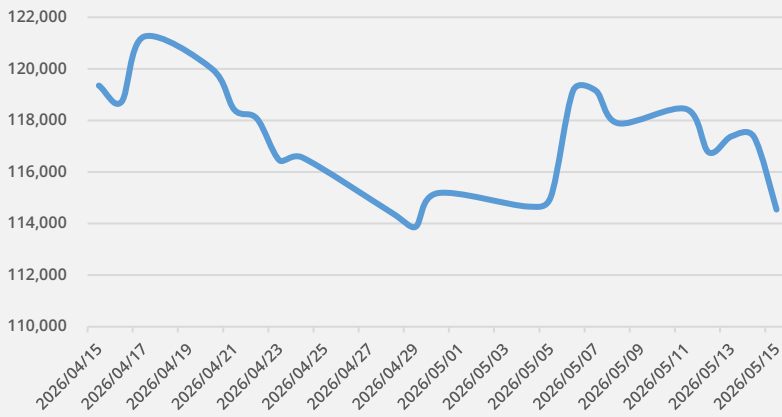


Asian markets fell on Monday as escalating tensions in the Gulf pushed oil prices and bond yields higher, while investors awaited Nvidia earnings later this week to gauge whether the AI-driven tech rally can continue. Geopolitical risks intensified after drone attacks in the UAE and Saudi Arabia, while the Strait of Hormuz remained largely closed, disrupting a key global oil shipping route. U.S. President Donald Trump also warned that Iran must act "fast" to reach a deal. Japan's bond yields rose to their highest levels since 1996 after the government proposed additional borrowing to support the economy amid the Middle East conflict. Regional equities weakened, with Japan's Nikkei falling 0.9%, South Korean stocks down 0.3%, and MSCI's Asia-Pacific index outside Japan declining 0.8%. Chinese blue-chip stocks lost 0.6% after weaker-than-expected economic data showed retail sales rose just 0.2% in April, while industrial output increased 4.1%, signalling slowing momentum in the economy.

SOUTH AFRICA

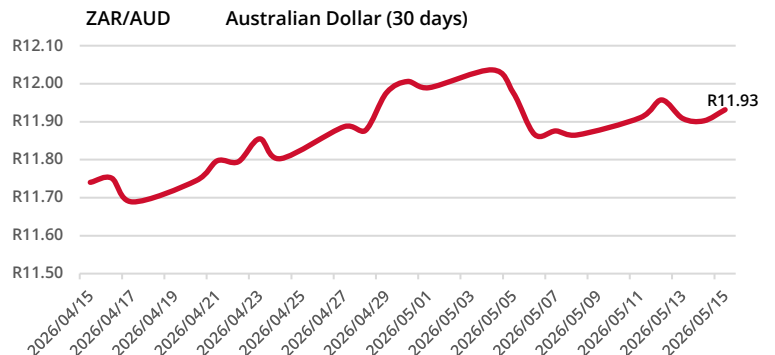
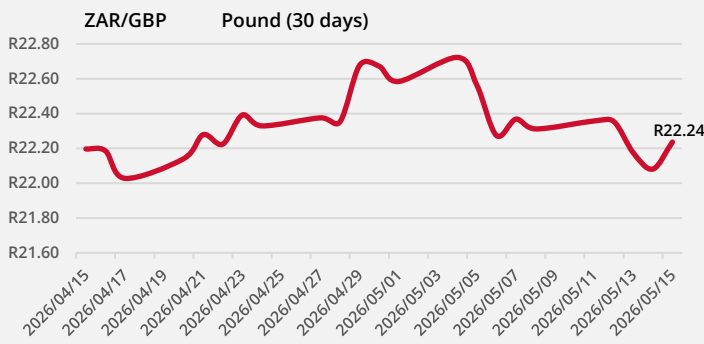
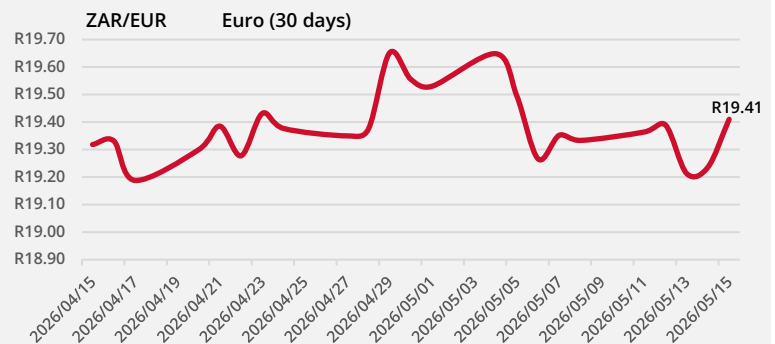
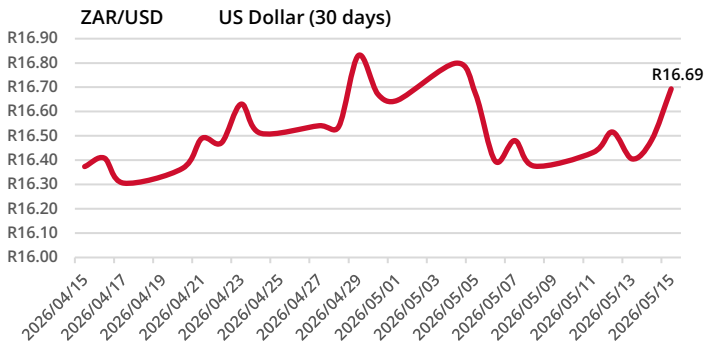


South Africa
JSE All Share Index (ZAR, 30 Days)

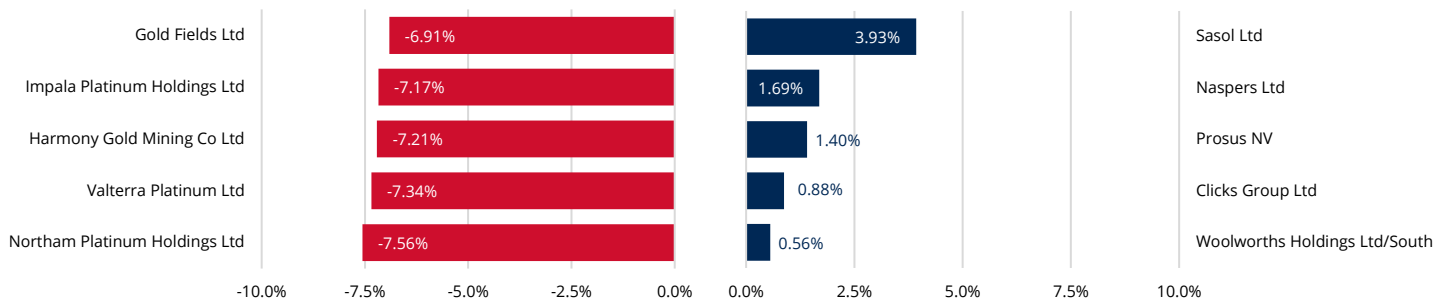


South African markets closed lower on Friday, pressured by declines in mining stocks, while the rand weakened amid a stronger U.S. dollar and rising oil prices. Global sentiment remained cautious as investors monitored the final day of talks between U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping. The dollar strengthened against a basket of major currencies and was on track for its biggest weekly gain in more than two months. As a risk-sensitive emerging market currency, the rand continued to be driven largely by global market sentiment, particularly amid ongoing tensions linked to the U.S.-Israeli conflict with Iran.

CURRENCIES



JSE TOP 40 | TOP FIVE GAINERS AND LOSERS



THE WEEK AHEAD

- **May 20:** UK CPI (YoY) (Apr); SA CPI (YoY) (Apr)