DAILY GLOBAL MARKET UPDATE

20 July 2026

SKYBOUND CAPITAL

SNAPSHOT

GBP/USD	1.35	EUR/USD	1.14	AUD/USD	0.70	USD/JPY	162.40
USD/ZAR	R 16.52	EUR/ZAR	R 18.90	GBP/ZAR	R 22.20	AUD/ZAR	R 11.54

GLOBAL INDICES

	Close	Daily % Change	MTD % Change	YTD % Change	12 MTH % Change
MSCI World	4,807.71	-0.96%	-0.37%	8.52%	18.25%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,620.66	-2.61%	-5.93%	15.40%	29.72%
United States					
S&P 500	7,457.69	-1.01%	-0.56%	8.94%	18.44%
Dow Jones	52,146.42	-0.77%	-0.33%	8.50%	17.60%
Nasdaq	25,520.24	-1.40%	-2.65%	9.80%	22.13%
Russell 2000	2,962.22	-0.42%	-2.05%	19.35%	32.24%
Europe					
Stoxx Euro 50	6,230.87	-0.84%	-1.54%	7.59%	16.26%
FTSE 100	10,600.37	0.27%	0.98%	6.74%	17.89%
DAX 30	24,830.98	-0.34%	-0.66%	1.39%	2.23%
CAC 40	8,338.81	-0.47%	-0.78%	2.32%	6.60%

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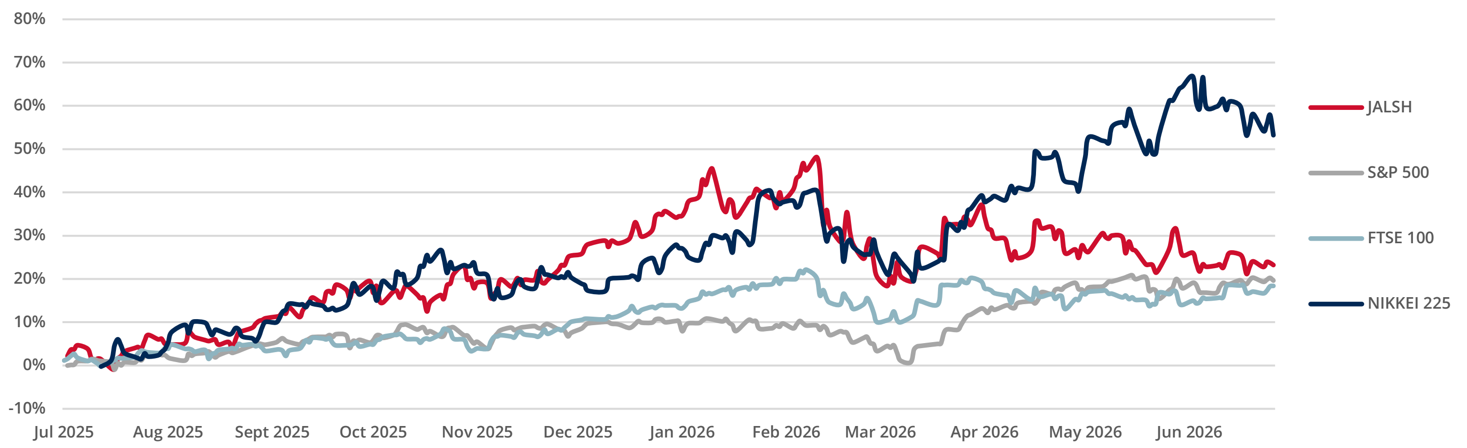
JP Morgan EMBI	1,041.10	0.04%	-0.55%	2.28%	10.34%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate	498.00	0.00%	-0.44%	-0.66%	1.34%
Asia					
Nikkei 225	64,141.12	-4.03%	-8.45%	27.42%	61.08%
S&P/ASX 200	8,796.75	-0.50%	0.14%	0.88%	0.39%
Hang Seng	24,562.24	-1.78%	9.19%	-2.53%	0.63%
CSI 300	4,529.10	-3.60%	-8.73%	-1.84%	11.98%
South Africa					
All Share	109,569.90	-0.70%	-0.67%	-5.41%	11.03%
Africa Resource 20	101,407.90	-0.67%	-2.84%	-17.99%	25.19%
Africa Industrial 25	131,251.10	-1.11%	0.76%	-5.26%	-5.05%
Africa Finance 15	26,070.46	-0.36%	-0.43%	4.81%	21.72%

NORMALISED % PERFORMANCE | USD TERMS



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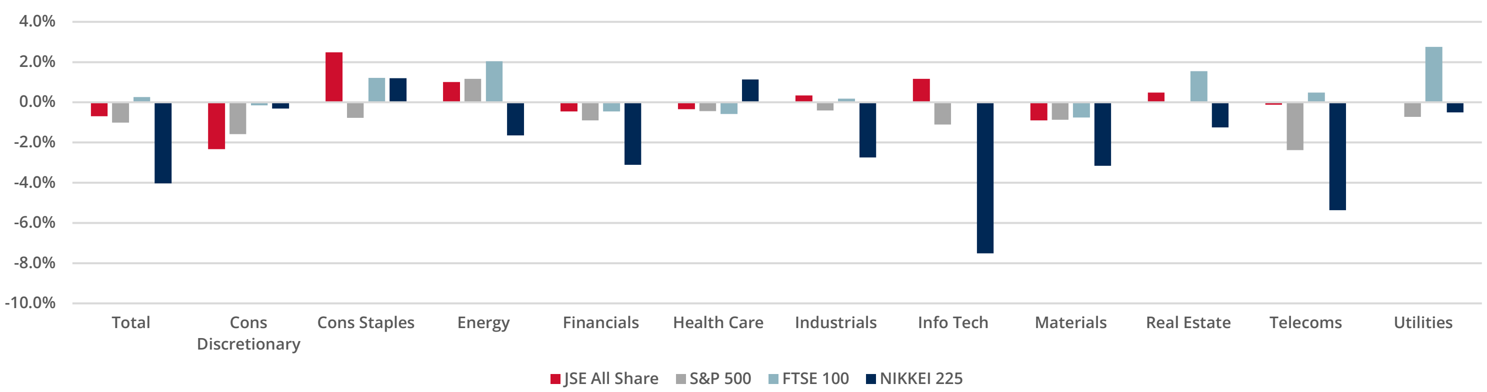


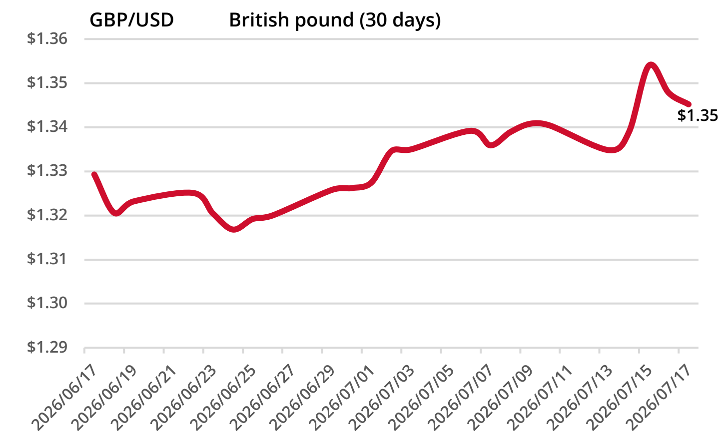
10 YEAR BOND YIELDS

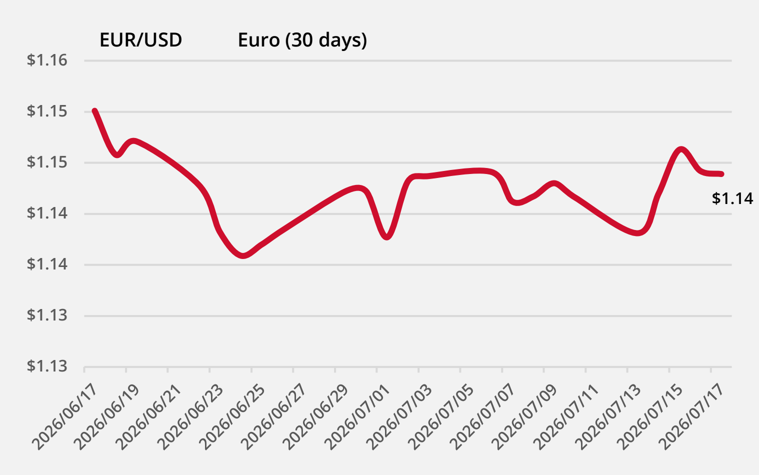
		basis point change		
	Yield %	1d Change	1m Change	1y Change
United States	4.55	-0.01	0.10	0.15
United Kingdom	4.95	-0.02	0.19	0.30
Germany	3.13	-0.01	0.29	0.46
Japan	2.70	-0.02	0.02	1.16
Australia	4.90	0.00	0.23	0.62
South Africa	8.68	0.10	0.25	-1.28

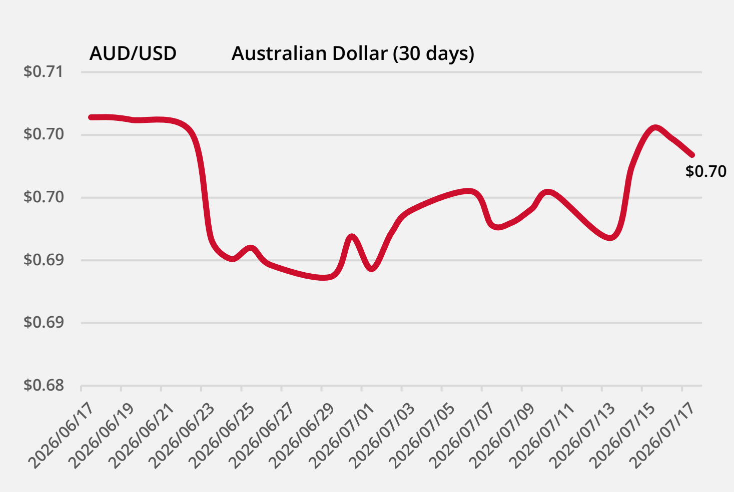
GLOBAL INTEREST RATES

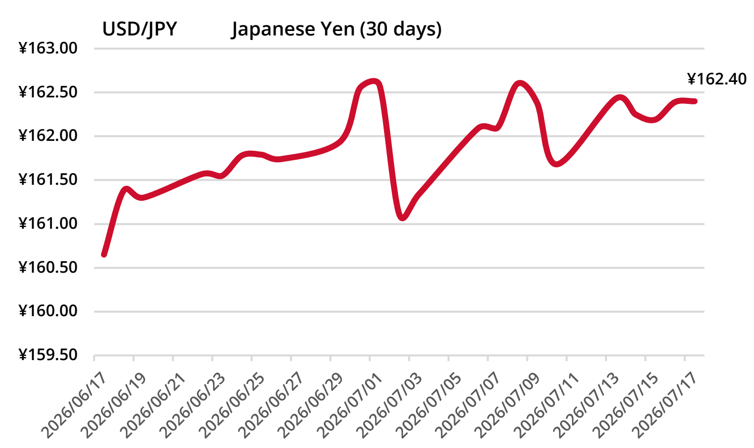
	Rate
European Central Bank Main Refinancing Rate	2.40%
United States Fed Funds Rate	3.50%-3.75%
Bank of England Rate	3.75%
Bank of Japan rate	1.00%
Reserve Bank of Australia Rate	4.35%
South Africa Repo Rate	7.00%

CURRENCIES



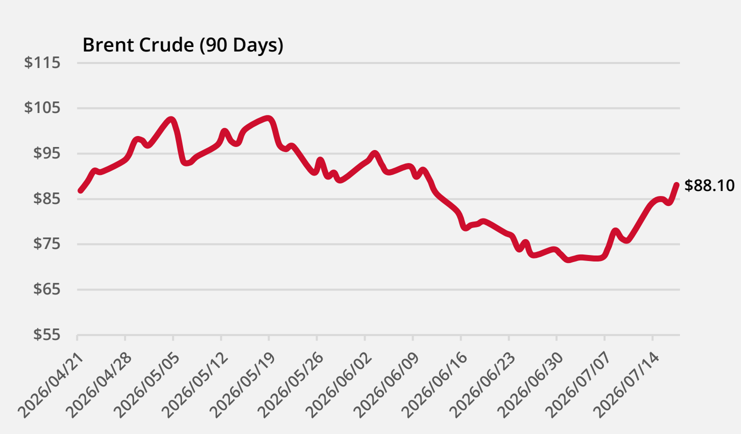


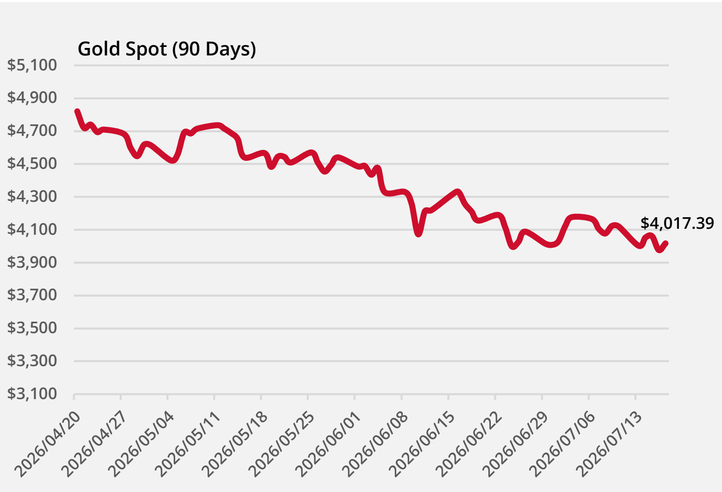


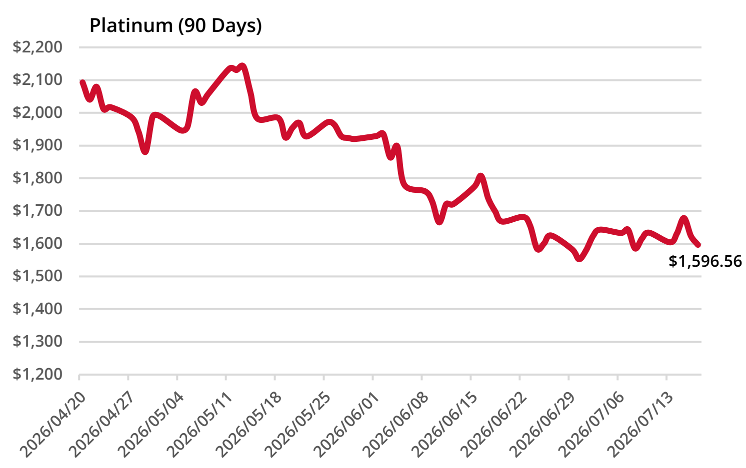


COMMODITIES

	Close	Daily % Change	MTD % Change	YTD % Change
Brent Crude	88.10	4.59%	24.58%	51.04%
Gold	4,017.39	1.03%	-0.07%	-7.27%
Platinum	1,596.56	-1.65%	2.56%	-22.73%
Silver	55.91	0.70%	-3.39%	-21.00%
Palladium	1,247.89	-0.52%	2.93%	-22.98%
Copper	626.50	-1.21%	0.46%	7.57%
Natural gas	2.91	1.85%	-11.94%	-22.91%

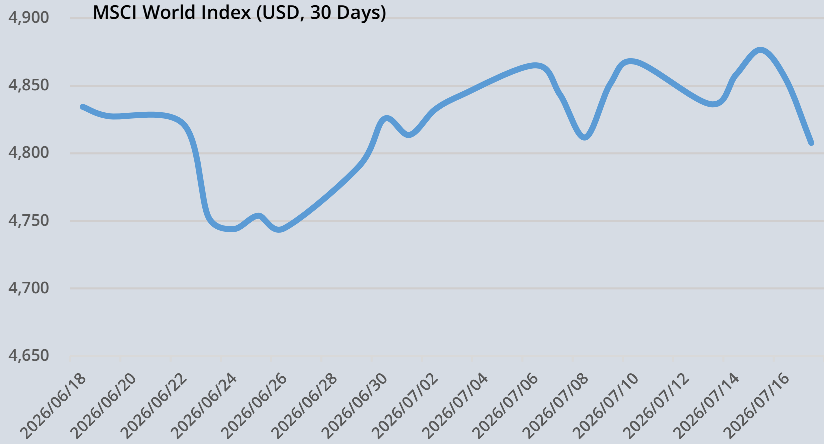






MSCI

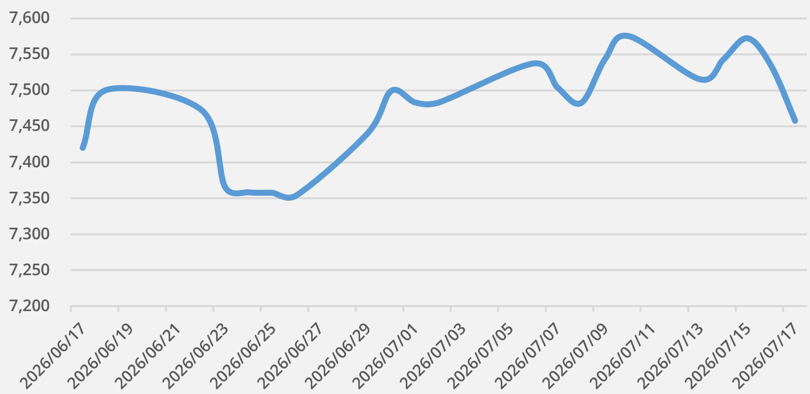
MSCI World Index (USD, 30 Days)



Global equity markets fell sharply on Friday as semiconductor stocks extended their sell-off for a third consecutive session, with investors scaling back exposure to artificial intelligence-related companies following the launch of a new large language model by China's Moonshot AI. The technology sector remained under significant pressure as elevated valuations and increasing competition prompted profit-taking across major chipmakers, weighing heavily on global equity indices. Geopolitical tensions also intensified after the United States and Iran exchanged further attacks targeting critical infrastructure. The conflict disrupted activity around the Strait of Hormuz, raising fresh concerns over global energy supplies and increasing the risk of broader regional instability. Oil prices climbed to their highest level in more than a month as investors priced in the potential for further supply disruptions, while gold rose on renewed safe-haven demand. However, the precious metal remained on track for its largest weekly decline in six weeks as higher oil prices fuelled inflation concerns and reinforced expectations that U.S. interest rates could remain elevated for longer.

United States

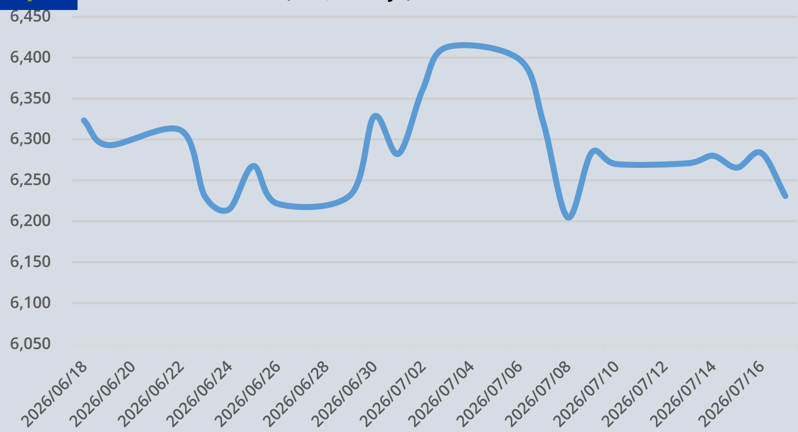
S&P 500 Index (USD, 30 Days)



U.S. equities extended their decline on Friday as the recent sell-off in artificial intelligence-related stocks broadened into a wider risk-off move, dragging all three major indices lower and resulting in weekly losses. Semiconductor stocks remained at the centre of the weakness, with the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index recording its steepest weekly decline in more than a year. Although the index has fallen sharply in July and entered bear market territory, it remains up nearly 65% year-to-date, highlighting the strength of the rally earlier this year. The recent pullback reflects growing investor caution around the AI sector, with some market participants beginning to scale back exposure amid concerns that the pace of AI-related capital spending may moderate after an extended period of exceptional growth. Among the "Magnificent Seven" technology stocks, all except Apple ended lower. Meta Platforms and Alphabet were among the weakest performers, declining 2.7% and 3.2%, respectively. Netflix fell 7.3% after issuing a weaker-than-expected earnings outlook, raising concerns about the sustainability of its recent subscriber and revenue growth momentum.

Europe

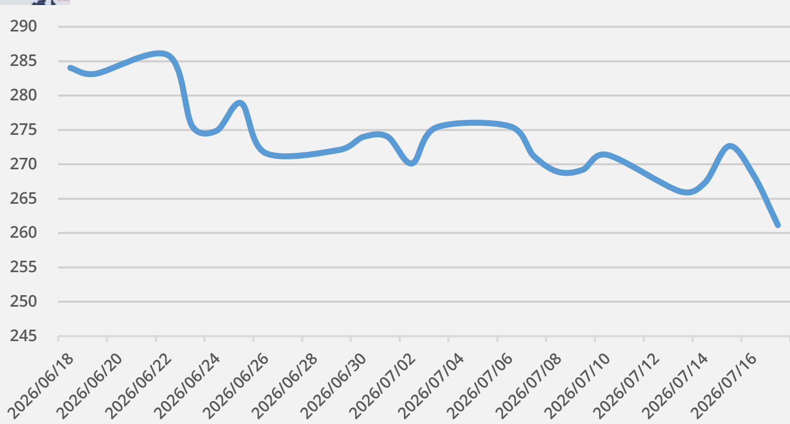
Euro STOXX 50 index (EUR, 30 Days)



European equities edged lower on Friday as the global sell-off in technology stocks weighed on sentiment, leaving investors cautious ahead of next week's European Central Bank meeting and the continuation of the corporate earnings season. The pan-European STOXX 600 fell 0.3%, ending the week broadly unchanged as geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and rising oil prices continued to cloud the market outlook. Technology was the weakest-performing sector, declining more than 3% for the week despite ASML raising its 2026 sales forecast earlier in the week. The muted market reaction highlighted the elevated expectations surrounding AI-related companies and the increasingly demanding earnings backdrop for technology stocks. Investors had hoped a strong start to the earnings season would shift attention back to corporate fundamentals. However, ongoing geopolitical uncertainty and concerns that higher energy prices could reignite inflation have continued to limit risk appetite. Attention now turns to next week's European Central Bank meeting, where policymakers are widely expected to leave interest rates unchanged. Markets, however, continue to price in the possibility of a further rate increase later this year as inflation risks remain elevated.

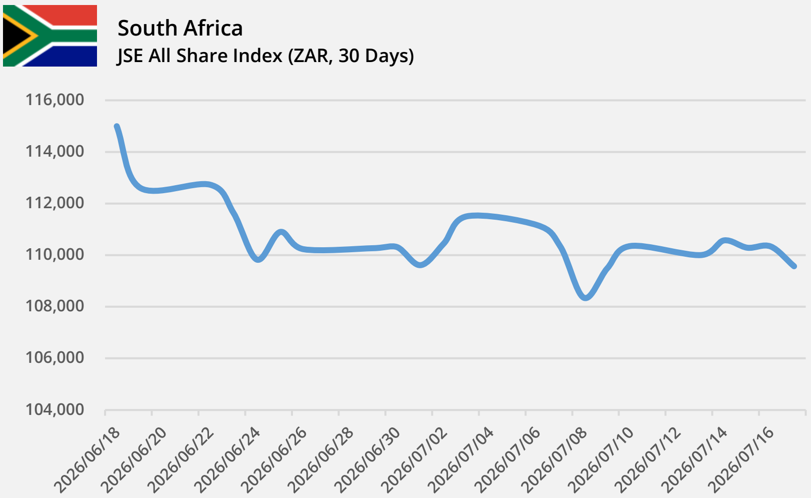
Asia

MSCI Asia Pacific Index (USD, 30 Days)



Asian equities traded lower on Monday as escalating conflict in the Middle East drove oil prices higher and reignited inflation concerns, while investors also looked ahead to a pivotal week of earnings from major technology companies. Brent crude rose above $90 per barrel for the first time in more than a month after the United States extended its military campaign against Iran and disruptions to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz intensified. The renewed rise in energy prices has revived concerns that inflation could remain elevated despite last week's softer-than-expected U.S. inflation data. Markets are now pricing in approximately 29 basis points of additional Federal Reserve rate hikes by year-end as investors reassess the inflation outlook. Sentiment towards the technology sector also remained fragile following the release of a new open-weight artificial intelligence model by China's Moonshot AI, intensifying competition in the AI space and increasing pressure on this week's earnings reports from Alphabet, Intel and Tesla. MSCI's Asia-Pacific ex-Japan index slipped 0.3%, while China's CSI 300 gained 1.4%. South Korea's technology-heavy market fell a further 4.1%, extending last week's sharp declines, as semiconductor stocks remained under pressure. Japan's Nikkei was closed for a public holiday after falling 6.4% last week in the global technology sell-off.

SOUTH AFRICA



The South African rand weakened 1.0% to 16.52 against the U.S. dollar on Friday, extending losses as persistent Middle East tensions weighed on global risk sentiment and emerging market currencies. Investor attention has now shifted to this week's June inflation data and the South African Reserve Bank's monetary policy meeting, with expectations finely balanced between a hold and a 25 basis point rate increase. Rising oil prices have added uncertainty to the inflation outlook despite inflation surprising to the downside in May. The JSE Top 40 ended the week broadly flat, as gains earlier in the week were offset by Friday's risk-off sell-off. Meanwhile, South Africa's benchmark 2035 government bond strengthened, with the yield falling 9 basis points to 8.54%, reflecting increased demand for safer assets amid geopolitical uncertainty.

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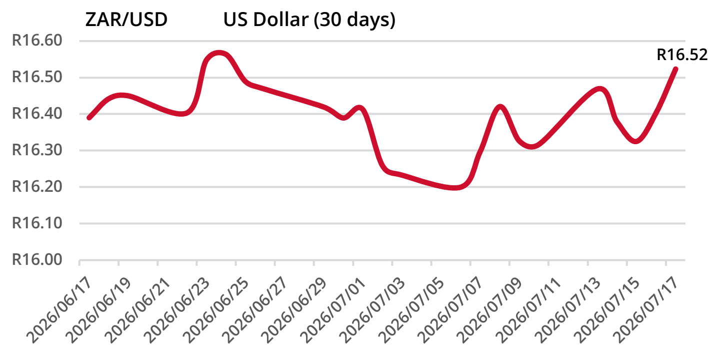
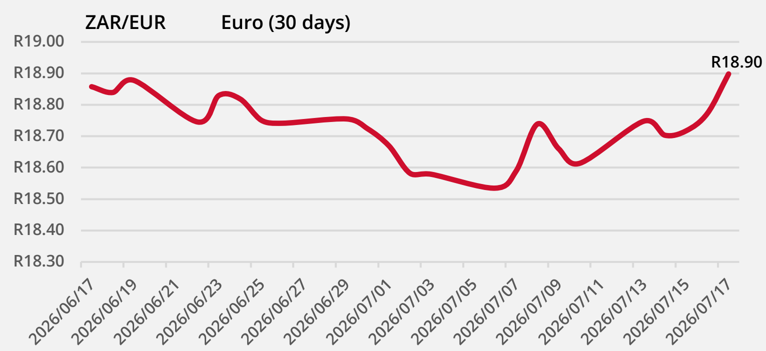
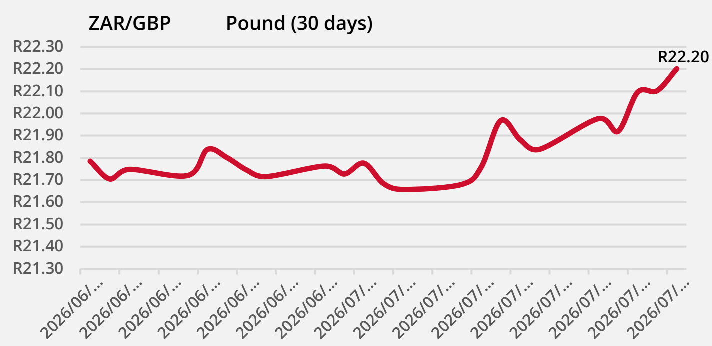
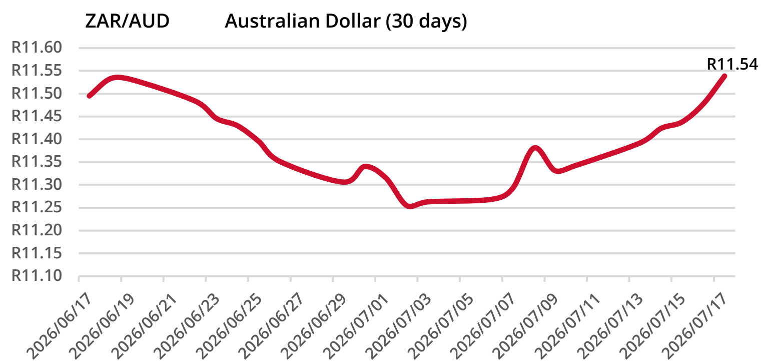
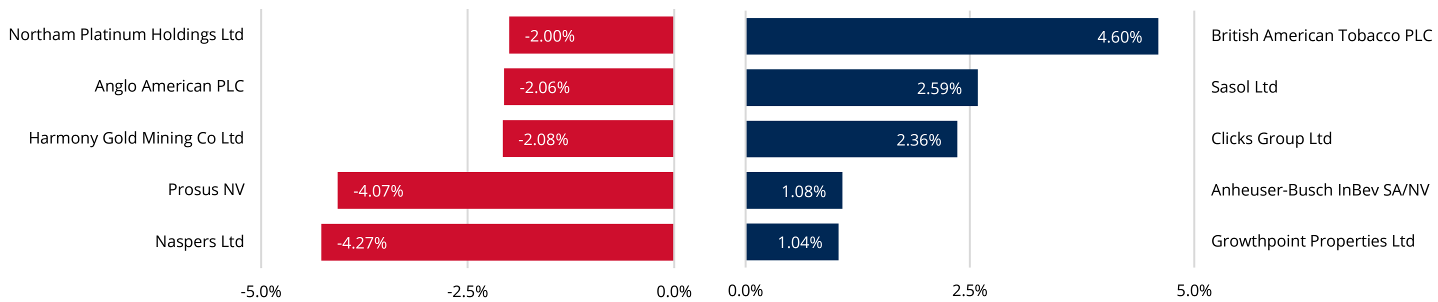








JSE TOP 40 | TOP FIVE GAINERS AND LOSERS



THE WEEK AHEAD

- **July 22:** SA CPI (YoY) (Jun)
- **July 23:** ECB Main Refinancing Rate (Jul); SARB Interest Rate Decision

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