

South African Focus

South African markets edged higher yesterday, with the JSE All Share index gaining 0.04% to 111,129.58 points and the Top 40 adding 0.07% to 103,185.99 points. Investor sentiment was supported by first-quarter GDP growth of 0.5% quarter-on-quarter, ahead of Reuters-poll expectations of 0.3%, signalling modest resilience in the domestic economy. Policy developments also remained in focus, with government reviewing automotive incentives to include minerals used in electric vehicle battery production as it seeks to strengthen local EV manufacturing and supply chains. Eskom also launched a dedicated renewable energy unit, aligned with its target of up to 32GW of renewable capacity by 2040. Current account, mining and manufacturing data are due this week.

South African Indicators

Selected Indicators	Close	1 Day %	1 Month	1 Year	2026
All Share	111129.58	0.04%	-5.73%	15.26%	-4.06%
Top 40	103185.99	0.07%	-6.28%	16.35%	-4.44%
Financial 15	25317.65	0.84%	0.67%	19.42%	1.79%
Industrial 25	129283.25	0.10%	-0.37%	-4.99%	-6.68%
Resource 10	112559.73	-0.85%	-17.39%	47.27%	-8.97%
Alsi	103443.00	-0.08%	-6.21%	16.51%	-4.43%
Mid Cap	105562.51	-0.34%	-5.68%	9.22%	-6.99%
Small Cap	107075.19	0.16%	-0.46%	16.31%	-0.81%
Banks	16021.20	0.93%	2.01%	24.50%	3.89%

SENS Announcements

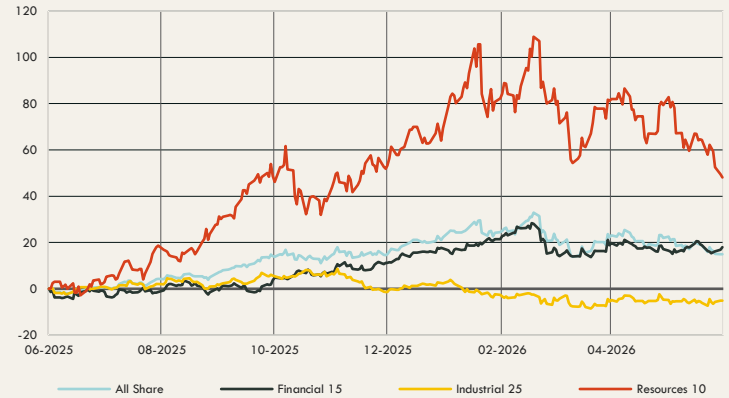
Araxi (AXX) -2.63%

Araxi reported a mixed FY2026 performance, with headline results distorted by the delayed delivery of a sizeable terminal order and a large five-year software licence fee recognised in the prior year. Reported revenue fell 6.8% to R1.17 billion, while EBITDA declined 16.4% to R279.3 million and HEPS decreased 18.2% to 14.37 cents. Underlying performance was firmer, with EBITDA rising 5.9% to R283.2 million, operating profit up 5.3% and underlying HEPS 10.1% higher, supported by cost reductions and improved software capacity utilisation. Cash generation remained strong, with cash from operations up 25% to R259.0 million. Customer terminals increased 5.4% to 447 000, recurring licence fees rose 31%, and the Pay@ acquisition strengthens future growth optionality.

Brikor (BIK) -13.33%

Brikor expects a materially weaker FY2026 result, with management guiding for a deeper loss for the year ended 28 February 2026. The group expects EPS to deteriorate to a loss of between 1.10 cents and 1.30 cents per share, compared with a loss of 0.30 cents in the prior year, representing a decline of more than 100%. HEPS is also expected to swing sharply lower, moving to a loss of between 1.00 cents and 1.20 cents per share from a profit of 0.50 cents previously. The update indicates a significant deterioration in profitability ahead of the full annual results, which are expected before 19 June 2026. The trading statement has not yet been reviewed by the company's auditors.

Local Indices - Normalised % Performances



Equities Trading Close to 52-Week Highs and Lows

Company	Code	From High	From Low	Code	Company
Discovery Ltd	DSY	-1.29%	0.00%	SAP	Sappi Ltd
PPC Limited	PPC	-1.36%	0.68%	OPA	Channel VAS Inv Ltd
Sun International Ltd	SUI	-1.52%	0.88%	RNI	Reinet Investments S.C.A
Oceana Group Ltd	OCE	-1.90%	1.25%	LTE	Lighthouse Properties plc
PSG Fin Services Ltd	KST	-2.02%	1.69%	LHC	Life Healthc Grp Hldgs Ltd

Expected Corporate Releases

Company	Code	Release	Date
Spar	SPP	Interim	10 Jun
Alexander Forbes	AFH	Final	11 Jun
Sebata	SEB	Final	12 Jun

Best & Worst 1 Day % Price Performances

Company	Code	Best	Worst	Code	Company
Primary Health Prop PLC	PHP	6.38%	-7.71%	TGA	Thungela Resources Ltd
Anheuser-Busch InBev SA NV	ANH	3.14%	-4.71%	ISO	ASP ISOTOPES INC.
Hudaco Industries Ltd	HDC	2.52%	-4.26%	TFG	The Foschini Group Limited

Best & Worst 1 Year % Price Performances

Company	Code	Best	Worst	Code	Company
Sasol Limited	SOL	166.28%	-66.39%	SAP	Sappi Ltd
Pan African Resource plc	PAN	111.88%	-56.61%	TFG	The Foschini Group Limited
Grindrod Ltd	GND	92.51%	-53.70%	SPP	The Spar Group Ltd

Dividend Watch

Company	Code	Dividend	Dividend	Code	Company
Astral	ARL	1160 ZARc	2.5 USDC	THA	Tharisa plc
KAL Group	KAL	70 ZARc	91.92 ZARc	EXP	Exemplar REITail
Coronation Fund Man.	CML	203 ZARc	30 ZARc	SSU	Southern Sun
Combined Motor Holdings	CMH	222 ZARc	27.5 ZARc	DIB	Dipula Properties
Afrimat	AFT	13 ZARc	39.8 ZARc	FTH	Frontier Transport

Ex Div

10 Jun

All prices reflect the last trading day's performance.



US Market Focus

US equities weakened on Tuesday as an early rebound in technology shares faded and geopolitical risk again weighed on sentiment. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq declined after President Donald Trump said the US would respond to Iran's reported downing of a US Apache helicopter near the Strait of Hormuz, raising doubts over the durability of a Middle East truce. Volatility spiked, with the VIX reaching its highest level since 7 April during the session, while trading volumes remained elevated at 24.77 billion shares. Technology remained under pressure, with the S&P 500 technology index closing 1.8% lower and the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index down 1.9%. Investors now await May CPI data for evidence of energy-driven inflation pressure.

US Indicators

Selected Indicators	Close	1 Day	1 Month	1 Year	2026
Dow Jones	50872.11	0.17%	2.55%	18.97%	5.84%
Nasdaq	25678.82	-0.97%	-2.17%	31.07%	10.48%
S&P 500	7386.65	-0.26%	-0.17%	22.99%	7.91%
Dollar Index	99.93	-0.07%	2.25%	0.94%	1.98%

International Companies

GSK (GSK) -0.50%

GSK has agreed to acquire US-listed cancer drug developer Nuvalent for US\$10.6 billion in cash, its largest transaction in more than a decade and a clear signal of new CEO Luke Miels' oncology ambitions. The offer values Nuvalent at around US\$124 per share, a 40% premium, and adds late-stage lung cancer assets that could help strengthen GSK's pipeline ahead of the 2028 patent expiry of key HIV drug dolutegravir. Nuvalent's lead drugs, zidesaminib and neladalkib, are awaiting US decisions in September and November, with potential launches this year. GSK expects the deal to add to sales and operating profit in 2027 and core earnings per share in 2029.

J.M. Smucker (SJM) +10.44%

J.M. Smucker shares rose 12% after the packaged food group issued a stronger-than-expected fiscal 2027 profit outlook, supported by easing coffee costs, margin recovery and resilient demand for Uncrustables, Hostess donuts and pet products. The company expects adjusted earnings of US\$9.75 to US\$10.25 per share, with the midpoint ahead of analyst forecasts, despite guiding for a 3% to 4% decline in net sales. Lower green coffee prices are expected to weigh on revenue but support margins, with adjusted gross margin forecast to expand by around 300 basis points to 38%. Fourth-quarter adjusted profit beat expectations at US\$2.77 per share, while net sales rose about 6% to US\$2.27 billion.

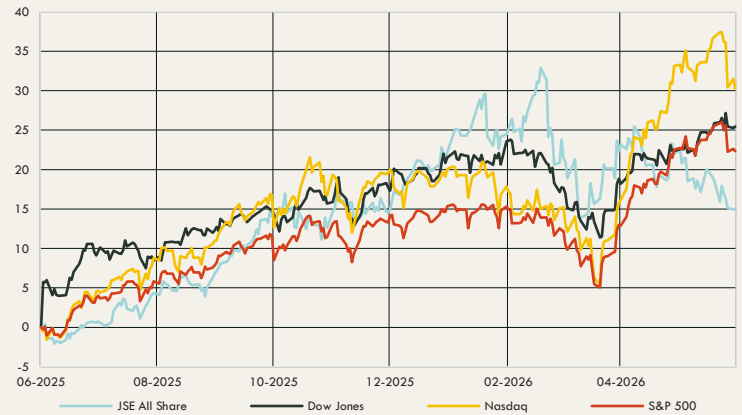
Expected International Corporate Calendar

Company	Code	Est. EPS	Last EPS	Date
Oracle	ORCL	\$1.58	\$1.35	10 Jun
Adobe	ADBE	\$4.74	\$4.10	11 Jun
Lennar	LEN	\$1.24	\$1.90	11 Jun
Sibanye Stillwater	SBSW	---	---	12 Jun
High Templar Tech	HTT	---	---	12 Jun
Woodside	WDS	---	---	15 Jun
Trip.com	TCOM	\$0.74	\$0.73	15 Jun

Local Otto1890 Funds

Funds	Factsheets	Close	1 Year	3 Years
Sasfin BCI Prudential A		248.00	13.90%	10.29%
Sasfin BCI Balanced A		169.00	14.84%	11.02%
Sasfin BCI Stable A		170.00	14.65%	13.68%
Sasfin BCI Equity A		476.00	11.27%	8.36%
Sasfin BCI Flexible Income A		110.00	13.16%	12.41%
Sasfin BCI Optimal Income A		106.00	750.00%	762.00%
Sasfin BCI High Yield A		103.00	910.00%	934.00%

US Indices - Normalised % Performances



Europe and Asian Markets Focus

Europe

European equities closed lower for a third consecutive session on Tuesday, with the STOXX 600 down 0.5% at 618.64 points as commodity-linked shares came under pressure despite a fragile Iran-Israel ceasefire. Mining and energy stocks led the decline, falling 2.5% and 2.4%, respectively, as investors reassessed geopolitical and demand risks. Italy's banking sector remained active, with Monte dei Paschi di Siena receiving rival buyout proposals from Intesa Sanpaolo and Banco BPM, while Intesa proposed selling 635 MPS branches to Unipol to ease competition concerns. Macroeconomic data remained mixed, as German industrial production rose 0.4% in April, below expectations, while exports unexpectedly increased 0.9%. The ECB rate decision remains the key near-term catalyst.

Asia

Asian equities fell on Wednesday as escalating Middle East tensions unsettled risk sentiment and drove oil prices higher, reinforcing concerns over inflation and corporate margin pressure. The United States launched strikes against Iran after President Donald Trump said Tehran had shot down a US Apache helicopter in the Strait of Hormuz, leaving investors cautious over the durability of a fragile ceasefire. In China, producer prices rose for a third consecutive month in May to their highest level since July 2022, while elevated consumer prices highlighted the impact of higher global energy costs on manufacturers and households. Japan also reported its fastest wholesale inflation in three years, strengthening expectations that the Bank of Japan could raise interest rates next week.

European & Asian Indicators

Selected Indicators	Close	1 Day	1 Month	1 Year	2026
CAC 40	8203.43	0.05%	1.12%	5.29%	0.66%
DAX 30	24398.87	-0.88%	0.25%	0.93%	-0.37%
Eurostoxx 50	6076.40	0.09%	2.78%	12.82%	4.92%
FTSE	10227.33	-1.41%	-0.06%	15.79%	2.98%
Hang Seng	24565.90	-0.37%	-6.93%	1.59%	-4.15%
Nikkei 225	65416.63	2.17%	4.31%	71.75%	29.95%
Shanghai	4010.03	1.28%	-4.07%	17.95%	1.04%

International Otto1890 Funds

Funds	Factsheets	Close	1 Year	3 Years
Sasfin BCI Global Equity FF C		195.00	---	---
Sasfin BCI Horizon Multi Mng Dvrs Gr D		168.00	16.89%	14.42%
Sasfin BCI Horizon Multi Managed Acc D		162.00	17.58%	14.83%
Sasfin BCI Horizon Multi Mng Prsrvtm D		148.00	16.38%	14.52%



Commodities & Currencies

Commodities

Commodity markets were mixed on Wednesday as renewed US-Iran hostilities lifted energy prices but weighed on gold. Gold fell more than 1% to an 11-week low as a stronger dollar and rising oil prices fuelled concerns that inflation pressure could keep interest rates higher for longer. Oil prices rose around 1%, recovering from recent seven-week lows, after the US military launched fresh strikes against Iranian targets following the reported downing of a US Apache helicopter near the Strait of Hormuz. Supply indicators also supported crude, with market sources citing American Petroleum Institute data showing US crude inventories fell for an eighth consecutive week, down 9.12 million barrels, while gasoline stocks declined by 1.19 million barrels.

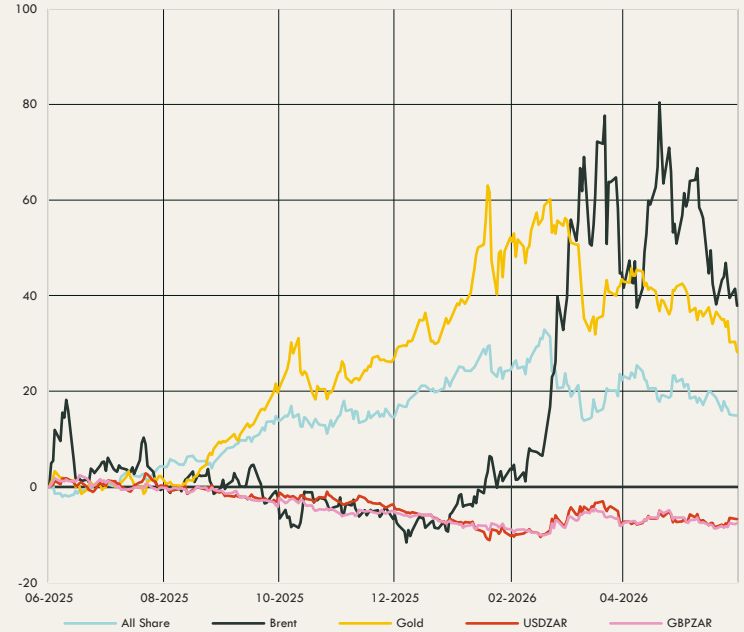
Currencies

The rand strengthened on Tuesday after South Africa's economy expanded more than expected in the first quarter of 2026, although investors remain alert to the likely inflationary and trade effects of the Iran war in future data releases. Sterling also gained ground, rising against the dollar and reaching a two-week high versus the euro as risk appetite improved and the US currency softened on hopes of a Middle East peace deal. The pound's sensitivity to global trade and capital flows kept it supported during the risk-on move. By Wednesday, however, the dollar steadied against major peers after the United States launched strikes against Iran, with markets shifting focus to upcoming US inflation data and the Federal Reserve's policy outlook.

Commodities & Currencies

Selected Indicators	This Morning	Close	1 Day	1 Month	2026
Brent Crude	0.09%	91.82	-2.52%	-8.62%	50.75%
Gold	-1.85%	4260.22	-1.61%	-9.64%	-1.34%
Palladium	-1.96%	1231.43	1.12%	-17.65%	-24.64%
Platinum	-3.32%	1729.44	-1.74%	-16.01%	-15.78%
Silver	-1.97%	65.33	-4.17%	-18.69%	-8.74%
USDZAR	0.15%	16.52	0.00%	0.71%	-0.27%
GBPZAR	0.20%	22.10	0.28%	-1.19%	-0.91%
EURZAR	0.21%	19.07	0.06%	-1.40%	-2.07%
AUDZAR	0.10%	11.61	-0.27%	-2.45%	5.01%
EURUSD	0.05%	1.15	0.09%	-2.07%	-1.73%

Commodities & Currencies - Normalised % Performances



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Today's Expected Economic Calendar

Time	Area	Expected Today	Expected	Previous
14:30	US	Core CPI m/m	0.30%	0.40%
14:30	US	Core CPI y/y	2.90%	2.80%
14:30	US	CPI m/m	0.50%	0.60%
14:30	US	CPI y/y	4.20%	3.80%
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10-Year Bond Yields

Region	Yield	1 Day	1 Month	1 Year
United States	4.54%	-2	18	6
United Kingdom	4.90%	-4	-1	27
Germany	3.04%	-2	4	48
Japan	2.67%	-4	21	123
South African 10Y	8.63%	-12	-7	-145

Last Session's Releases

Time	Area	Releases	Expected	Actual
11:00	SA	GDP Growth Rate QoQ	0.20%	0.50%
11:00	SA	GDP Growth Rate YoY	0.30%	1.90%
14:30	US	Trade Balance	-56.2b	-55.9b
16:00	US	Existing Home Sales	4.07m	4.17m
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Interest Rates

Region	Changed	Current Rate	Previous Rate
United States	Dec '25	3.50% - 3.75%	3.75% - 4.00%
United Kingdom	Aug '24	4.00%	4.25%
European	Jun '25	2.15%	2.40%
SA Repo Rate	May '26	7.00%	6.75%
SA Prime Rate	May '26	10.50%	10.25%

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