

South African Focus

South African equities closed lower on Wednesday, with the JSE All Share Index declining 0.82% to 108,515.44 points and the Top 40 shedding 0.85% to 100,698.08. Domestic economic activity weakened in September as the PayInc Economic Activity Index contracted 0.4% month on month, reversing August's 1.2% increase, although annual growth remained positive at 1.8%. Meanwhile, Moody's Ratings indicated that continued fiscal improvements could support South Africa's first credit-rating upgrade from the agency since 2009. The country currently holds a Ba2 rating with a positive outlook, reflecting progress in debt stabilisation and structural reforms. Separately, South Africa joined Germany, Brazil, Spain and Japan in supporting an international initiative addressing inequality, with proposals expected to reach the United Nations in 2027.

South African Indicators

Selected Indicators	Close	1 Day %	1 Month	1 Year	2026
All Share	108515.44	-0.82%	-4.42%	-2.13%	-6.32%
Top 40	100698.08	-0.85%	-5.06%	-2.67%	-6.74%
Financial 15	24842.00	-0.22%	-2.70%	10.77%	-0.12%
Industrial 25	119106.36	-0.08%	-0.86%	-16.12%	-14.03%
Resource 10	116473.74	-2.29%	-10.70%	0.48%	-5.80%
Alsi	100718.00	-0.82%	-4.79%	-2.63%	-6.95%
Mid Cap	104983.38	-0.68%	-0.31%	-1.43%	-7.50%
Small Cap	107034.57	-0.59%	1.52%	5.23%	-0.85%
Banks	15505.42	0.09%	-4.22%	13.26%	0.54%

SENS Announcements

The Foschini Group (TFG) -2.64%

The Foschini Group has notified shareholders that PSG Asset Management has increased its holding in the company to 5.03% of its total issued ordinary share capital. The disclosure follows formal notification received from PSG and is made in accordance with section 122(3)(b) of the Companies Act and paragraph 6.54 of the JSE Listings Requirements. TFG's board of directors has accepted responsibility for the information contained in the announcement insofar as it relates to the company, confirming that, to the best of its knowledge, the disclosed information is accurate and complete. The company has also submitted the required notices to the Takeover Regulation Panel under section 122(3)(a) of the Companies Act. The announcement does not disclose PSG's previous shareholding percentage or the number of shares acquired.

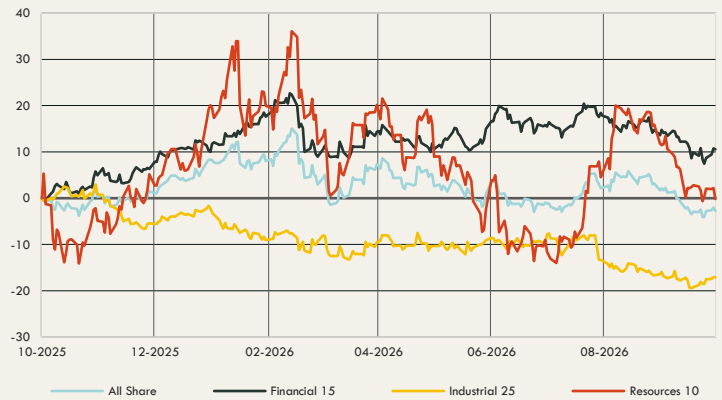
Sibanye-Stillwater (SSW) -3.99%

Sibanye-Stillwater has notified shareholders that UBS Group AG has acquired an aggregate beneficial interest representing 5.02% of the company's total issued ordinary shares. The disclosure, dated 14 October 2026, follows formal notification received from UBS and complies with section 122(3)(b) of the Companies Act, Regulation 121(2)(b) of the Companies Act Regulations and paragraph 6.54 of the JSE Listings Requirements. Sibanye-Stillwater has submitted the required notice to the Takeover Regulation Panel, while its board has accepted responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the announcement based on documentation received from UBS. The announcement does not disclose UBS's previous shareholding or the transaction value.

Vunani (VUN) 0.00%

Vunani expects a substantial improvement in earnings for the six months ended 31 August 2026, according to its latest trading statement. Basic earnings per share are projected to range between 17.0 cents and 18.9 cents, representing an increase of 79% to 99% compared with 9.5 cents in the corresponding period last year. Headline earnings per share are expected to reach between 14.4 cents and 16.3 cents, reflecting growth of 52% to 72% from the previous 9.5 cents. The anticipated improvement exceeds the 20% threshold requiring disclosure under the JSE Listings Requirements. Vunani is finalising its interim financial results, which are scheduled for publication on SENS on or about 21 October 2026. The financial information underpinning the trading statement remains unaudited and has not been independently reviewed.

Local Indices - Normalised % Performances



Equities Trading Close to 52-Week Highs and Lows

Company	Code	From High	From Low	Code	Company
Sasol Limited	SOL	-0.34%	0.00%	ISO	ASP ISOTOPES INC.
Shoprite Holdings Ltd	SHP	-0.64%	0.51%	AVI	AVI Ltd
Santam Limited	SNT	-1.11%	0.65%	NY1	Ninety One Limited
ADvTECH Ltd	ADH	-1.54%	1.48%	N91	Ninety One Plc
BID Corporation Ltd	BID	-1.79%	1.64%	DTC	Datatec Ltd

Expected Corporate Releases

Company	Code	Release	Date
Karooooo Limited	KRO	Interim	19 Oct
Zeder Investments	ZED	Interim	21 Oct
Afrimat Limited	AFT	Interim	22 Oct

Best & Worst 1 Day % Price Performances

Company	Code	Best	Worst	Code	Company
Canal Plus SA	CNP	8.09%	-39.91%	DTC	Datatec Ltd
Optasia Limited	OPA	3.27%	-9.30%	AVI	AVI Ltd
Shaftesbury Capital plc	SHC	2.67%	-7.46%	ISO	ASP ISOTOPES INC.

Best & Worst 1 Year % Price Performances

Company	Code	Best	Worst	Code	Company
Sasol Limited	SOL	152.03%	-84.64%	ISO	ASP ISOTOPES INC.
KAP Limited	KAP	95.97%	-57.62%	TFG	The Foschini Group Limited
Grindrod Ltd	GND	76.32%	-55.64%	SPP	The Spar Group Ltd

Dividend Watch

Company	Code	Dividend	Dividend	Code	Company
Alphamin Resources	APH	151.68c	422.00c	REM	Remgro Limited
Bowler Metcalf	BCF	47.80c	550.00c	REM	Remgro Limited
Capitec Bank Holdings	CPI	3,110.00c	18.45c	TEX	Texton Property Fund
Heriot REIT	HET	76.18c	320.00c	WBO	Wilson Bayly Holmes-Ovcon
Mustek Limited	MST	37.50c	---	---	---

*Last date to trade***20 Oct****All prices reflect the last trading day's performance.**

US Market Focus

Wall Street closed lower on Wednesday as stronger-than-expected September inflation increased expectations of further Federal Reserve tightening, weighing heavily on technology shares. Oracle declined 8.8%, CoreWeave fell 15% and Nebius lost 10%, reflecting concerns over rising financing costs for AI infrastructure. Dell and Hewlett Packard Enterprise dropped 11.4% and 8.2%, respectively, following Barclays downgrades, while the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index declined 4.3%. Apple gained 0.5%, lifting its market capitalisation above \$5 trillion for the first time. US gasoline prices surged 9.1% monthly and approximately 34% annually, intensifying inflation pressures. Markets assigned a 37% probability of an October rate increase, up from 22% previously. Bank of America declined 4.8%, while Morgan Stanley lost almost 3% despite stronger quarterly earnings.

US Indicators

Selected Indicators	Close	1 Day	1 Month	1 Year	2026
Dow Jones	51621.48	-0.09%	-1.53%	11.56%	7.40%
Nasdaq	26692.87	-1.88%	1.93%	18.52%	14.85%
S&P 500	7718.94	-1.11%	1.30%	16.17%	12.76%
Dollar Index	101.77	-0.22%	2.59%	2.99%	3.86%

International Companies

Bank of America (BAC) -4.76%

Bank of America reported weaker-than-expected third-quarter earnings, with net profit declining to \$6.9 billion, or \$0.91 per share, from \$8.3 billion a year earlier. Excluding a \$1.2 billion regulatory penalty related to anti-money-laundering failures, earnings reached \$1.08 per share, below expectations of \$1.10. Sales and trading revenue declined 5% to \$5.1 billion, while investment banking fees fell 11% to \$1.8 billion. Unrealised losses on the bank's bond portfolio increased to \$109 billion from \$85 billion in June, reflecting rising yields. However, net interest income increased 8%, supported by higher loan and deposit balances. Shares declined more than 8%, reaching their lowest level since May, as investors assessed earnings weakness, regulatory costs and broader concerns about the bank's trading performance.

Morgan Stanley (MS) -2.75%

Morgan Stanley exceeded third-quarter earnings expectations, reporting net profit of \$4.91 billion, or \$3.03 per share, against forecasts of \$2.91. Revenue increased to \$20.34 billion from \$18.22 billion, supported by strong equities trading and investment banking activity. Equities trading revenue surged nearly 41% to \$5.8 billion as market volatility boosted transaction volumes, while fixed-income trading revenue declined 7.3% to \$2.01 billion. Investment banking revenue increased 2% to \$2.16 billion, supported by advisory and merger activity. Wealth management revenue rose 10.1% to \$9.07 billion, with record net new assets of \$232 billion. However, investment management revenue declined to \$1.46 billion, while elevated withdrawal requests persisted in its private credit fund. Shares fell 2.5% in pre-market trading despite the earnings beat.

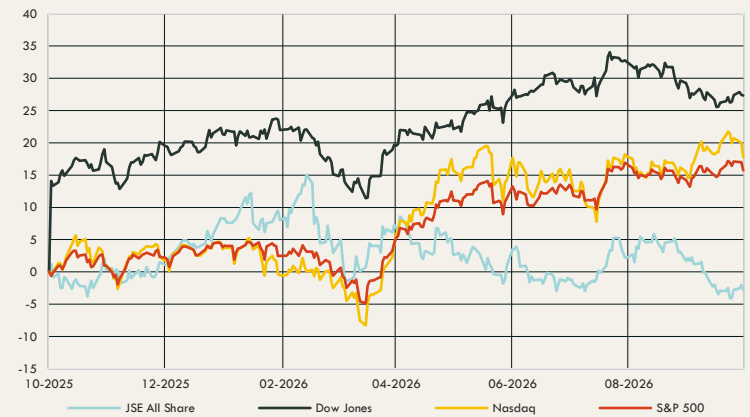
Expected International Corporate Calendar

Company	Code	Est. EPS	Last EPS	Date
GE Aerospace	GE	\$2.01	—	20 Oct
Netflix	NFLX	\$0.82	—	20 Oct
Tesla	TSLA	\$0.22	—	21 Oct
Meta Platforms	META	\$6.28	—	21 Oct
IBM	IBM	\$2.87	—	21 Oct
Procter & Gamble	PG	\$1.89	—	22 Oct
American Express	AXP	\$4.49	—	23 Oct

Local Otto1890 Funds

Funds	Factsheets	Close	1 Year	3 Years
Otto1890 BCI Balanced Fund		243.00	5.63%	10.13%
Otto1890 BCI Stable A		168.00	6.76%	13.12%
Otto1890 BCI Equity A	Factsheets	474.00	0.99%	9.05%
Otto1890 BCI Flexible Income A		109.00	9.38%	12.38%
Otto1890 BCI Optimal Income A	Factsheets	107.00	7.14%	7.47%
Otto1890 BCI Core Income Fund		103.00	8.88%	9.31%

US Indices - Normalised % Performances



Europe and Asian Markets Focus

Europe

European equities posted modest gains on Wednesday, supported by stronger-than-expected earnings from ASML and renewed strength in healthcare stocks. The pan-European STOXX 600 advanced 0.43% to 637.75 points, while the healthcare sector gained 2.3%, reaching its highest level since 7 September. ASML's results helped reassure investors about underlying AI demand despite concerns over technology valuations and financing costs. Meanwhile, European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde warned that elevated energy prices stemming from the Iran conflict continued to influence eurozone inflation, although broader second-round effects remained limited. Lagarde also stressed that France must address its fiscal challenges through domestic measures rather than ECB intervention. Investors continued to anticipate unchanged interest rates in October, while persistent energy costs and wage pressures maintained the possibility of further monetary tightening.

Asia

Asian equity markets opened lower on Thursday as stronger-than-expected US inflation increased expectations of further Federal Reserve tightening, weighing on investor sentiment. The International Monetary Fund warned that regional economic growth could moderate in 2027, citing risks from the Iran-related energy shock, a potential correction in AI valuations and rising global bond yields. Australian employment unexpectedly declined in September, while unemployment remained at a five-year high of 4.7%, reducing expectations of further monetary tightening. Markets now assign a nearly 90% probability that the Reserve Bank of Australia will maintain rates at 4.6% in November, up from 66% previously. Meanwhile, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company is expected to report record quarterly earnings, supported by sustained demand for advanced AI chips and packaging technology.

European & Asian Indicators

Selected Indicators	Close	1 Day	1 Month	1 Year	2026
CAC 40	7873.11	0.58%	-3.01%	-0.59%	-3.39%
DAX 30	25298.61	0.15%	-0.56%	4.38%	3.30%
Eurostoxx 50	6197.70	0.33%	-0.95%	11.79%	7.02%
FTSE	10724.86	0.70%	0.26%	13.46%	7.99%
Hang Seng	24314.17	-0.13%	-2.42%	-4.43%	-5.14%
Nikkei 225	67744.29	-0.05%	6.70%	44.61%	34.57%
Shanghai	3767.23	-0.88%	-3.04%	-2.54%	-5.08%

International Otto1890 Funds

Funds	Factsheets	Close	1 Year	3 Years
Otto1890 BCI Global Equity FF C		198.00	---	---
Otto1890 BCI Horizon Multi Mng Dvrs Gr D		167.00	7.09%	15.02%
Otto1890 BCI Horizon Multi Managed Acc D		161.00	8.64%	15.32%
Otto1890 BCI Horizon Multi Mng Prsrvt D		148.00	9.14%	15.05%





Commodities & Currencies

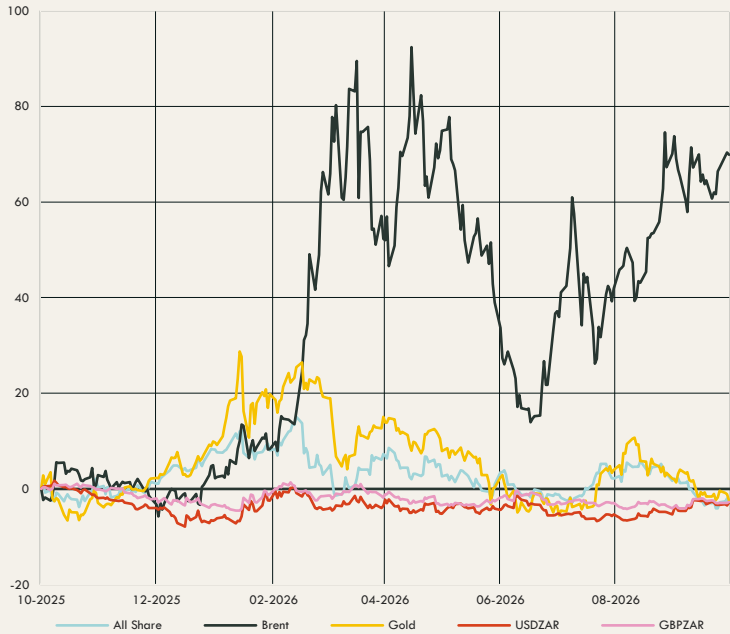
Commodities
Gold advanced more than 1% on Thursday, recovering from a one-week low as the US dollar weakened and investors reassessed expectations of an October Federal Reserve rate increase following stronger-than-expected inflation. Meanwhile, oil prices declined more than \$1 per barrel as markets weighed escalating supply disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz against potential US sanctions relief for previously restricted oil tankers. Attacks on commercial vessels intensified, with two ships sinking near the strategic waterway, while Washington considered easing restrictions to reduce elevated shipping costs. Increased production from Russia and recovering Middle Eastern exports also moderated oil prices. US crude inventories reportedly declined by 11.1 million barrels, significantly exceeding expectations, ahead of official Energy Information Administration data scheduled for Thursday.

Currencies
The South African rand weakened sharply on Wednesday after stronger-than-expected US inflation increased expectations of a Federal Reserve interest-rate hike in October. US headline inflation accelerated to 3.7% in September, exceeding forecasts of 3.6%, while core inflation reached 2.6% annually, above expectations of 2.5%. Monthly core prices increased 0.3%, against forecasts of 0.2%, pushing market-implied expectations of an October rate hike to 50% and briefly lifting the dollar to an 18-month high. However, the greenback retreated on Thursday as cautious Federal Reserve commentary and declining Treasury yields reduced expectations of immediate tightening. The dollar index slipped 0.1% to 102.06, surrendering most of its post-inflation gains. Currency markets remained sensitive to shifting US monetary policy expectations and interest-rate differentials.

Commodities & Currencies

Selected Indicators	This Morning	Close	1 Day	1 Month	2026
Brent Crude	-1.68%	106.07	-0.26%	-0.10%	74.14%
Gold	0.95%	4105.59	-1.34%	-4.49%	-4.93%
Palladium	0.98%	1097.40	-2.74%	-15.32%	-32.84%
Platinum	0.24%	1602.90	-3.84%	-9.38%	-21.94%
Silver	0.50%	55.64	-5.97%	-12.02%	-22.27%
USDZAR	-0.18%	16.60	0.67%	2.11%	0.19%
GBPZAR	0.24%	21.90	0.18%	-0.21%	-1.83%
EURZAR	0.42%	18.52	0.35%	-1.37%	-4.89%
AUDZAR	-0.47%	11.57	0.49%	-0.31%	4.67%
EURUSD	0.60%	1.12	-0.37%	-3.39%	-5.02%

Commodities & Currencies - Normalised % Performances



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Today's Expected Economic Calendar

Time	Area	Expected Today	Expected	Previous
08:00	UK	GDP m/m	-0.10%	0.40%
14:30	US	Core PPI m/m	0.30%	0.20%
14:30	US	Retail Sales m/m	0.30%	1.20%
14:30	US	Philly Fed Manufacturing Index	28.2	37.8
14:30	US	Unemployment Claims	199k	197k

10-Year Bond Yields

Region	Yield	1 Day	1 Month	1 Year
United States	5.09%	-12	10	106
United Kingdom	5.42%	-2	6	83
Germany	3.46%	0	-5	86
Japan	2.90%	-9	-8	127
South African 10Y	8.91%	-1	-7	-14

Last Session's Releases

Time	Area	Releases	Expected	Actual
14:30	US	Core CPI m/m	0.20%	0.30%
14:30	US	Core CPI y/y	2.50%	2.60%
14:30	US	CPI m/m	0.60%	0.60%
14:30	US	CPI y/y	3.60%	3.70%
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Interest Rates

Region	Changed	Current Rate	Previous Rate
United States	Sep ' 26	3.75% - 4.00%	3.50% - 3.75%
United Kingdom	Aug '24	4.00%	4.25%
European	Sep ' 26	2.65%	2.40%
SA Repo Rate	Sep ' 26	7.25%	7.00%
SA Prime Rate	Sep ' 26	10.75%	10.50%

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