



South African Focus

South African equities declined on Wednesday, with the JSE All Share falling 0.67% to 109,657.95 and the Top 40 losing 0.79% to 101,739.26. Bonds rallied after Treasury announced smaller weekly fixed-rate bond auctions and a buyback programme. September inflation rose to 4.5% from 4.4%, below the 4.7% consensus, although fuel costs threaten further acceleration. The Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement lowered projected 2026 growth to 1.2% from 1.6%. Treasury reported that debt stabilised at 78.4% of GDP in 2025/26, with the current-year deficit forecast narrowed to 3.9%. Government announced R10 billion in temporary fuel levy relief commencing 4 November. The 2026/27 gross tax revenue forecast was raised by R17.1 billion against February’s estimate, while economic growth is expected to recover to 1.6% in 2027.

South African Indicators

Selected Indicators	Close	1 Day %	1 Month	1 Year	2026
All Share	109657.95	-0.67%	-3.05%	0.69%	-5.33%
Top 40	101739.26	-0.79%	-3.42%	0.11%	-5.78%
Financial 15	25366.72	-0.55%	-1.44%	11.32%	1.99%
Industrial 25	119940.80	-1.28%	0.44%	-16.29%	-13.43%
Resource 10	117034.69	-0.48%	-8.39%	10.17%	-5.35%
Alsi	102310.00	-0.74%	-2.87%	0.16%	-5.48%
Mid Cap	106878.55	0.19%	0.95%	4.14%	-5.83%
Small Cap	108341.70	0.07%	-0.30%	7.90%	0.36%
Banks	15810.83	-0.78%	-2.67%	13.14%	2.52%

SENS Announcements

Standard Bank Group (SBK) -4.97%
Standard Bank’s earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders rose 8.5% to R38,966 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2026, with headline earnings growth matching this increase. Performance remained in line with August guidance despite heightened geopolitical risks, rising energy prices and tighter South African monetary policy. The diversified banking franchise remained resilient, although a stronger average rand dampened reported revenue and cost growth. Insurance and asset management headline earnings growth moderated from 15% in the first half, reflecting a strong comparative base rather than weaker underlying momentum. Earnings growth from the group’s 40% stake in ICBC Standard Bank also slowed in constant currency. Ordinary shareholders’ equity reached R268,115 million, with the group remaining well capitalised and liquid. The financial information has not been externally audited.

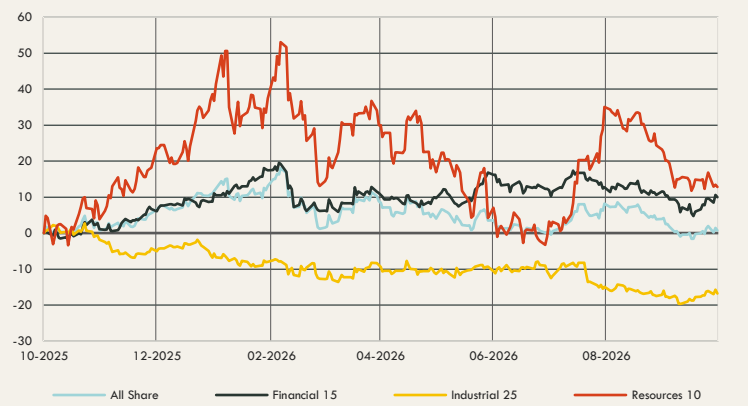
Sasol (SOL) +3.83%
Sasol reported mixed operational performance for the three months ended 30 September 2026, while remaining on track to meet guidance across its businesses. Mining achieved its highest quarterly production in six years, reducing external coal purchases and improving feedstock quality. Secunda production declined following a planned shutdown, while Natref output fell amid planned and unplanned outages. Liquid fuels sales increased, supported by inventory drawdowns and customer demand, with refining margins remaining favourable. Chemicals Africa revenue declined quarter on quarter as volumes and prices softened, although revenue exceeded the prior year. Sasol agreed to sell its Nitrates business to Enaex Africa, subject to approvals and closing conditions. FY27 and FY28 oil hedging programmes are complete, while sustainable aviation fuel production at Natref is expected in Q2 FY27.

Famous Brands (FBR) +1.04%
Famous Brands increased its interim dividend by 4.9% to 170 cents per share for the six months ended 31 August 2026, supported by a 108% rise in free cash flow to R459 million. Revenue grew 2.3% to R4,336 million, underpinned by Leading Brands demand and franchise expansion. However, Signature Brands pressure and weaker markets outside South Africa, particularly Botswana, constrained profitability. Operating profit fell 4.7% to R375 million, with the margin narrowing to 8.6%, while headline earnings per share declined 3.2% to 228 cents. Net debt decreased 20.2% to R881 million and capital expenditure fell 73% to R38 million. The group spent R57 million on share buybacks and recognised a R41 million goodwill impairment linked to reducing its Botswana Retail Group stake from 51% to 30%.

Quilter plc (QLT) +1.16%
Quilter reported third-quarter core net inflows of £2.9 billion, taking the year-to-date total to £8.9 billion, up 31% year on year and approaching the £9.1 billion achieved in 2025. Assets under Management and Administration increased 19% year on year to £160.5 billion. Platform net inflows reached £8.0 billion year to date, with quarterly inflows rising 25% to £2.6 billion. Quarterly Platform inflows from independent advisers increased 33%, while those from Quilter advisers rose 10%. High Net Worth quarterly net inflows increased 35% to £322 million, equivalent to 4% of opening assets on an annualised basis, reflecting strengthening momentum. Core business persistency remained strong at 91% year to date, while Quilter adviser productivity improved 9% year on year in the third quarter.

All prices reflect the last trading day’s performance.

Local Indices - Normalised % Performances



Equities Trading Close to 52-Week Highs and Lows

Company	Code	From High	From Low	Code	Company
Shoprite Holdings Ltd	SHP	-0.55%	0.00%	NPN	Naspers Ltd -N-
Sasol Limited	SOL	-0.82%	0.21%	PRX	Prosus N.V.
Santam Limited	SNT	-1.03%	1.95%	NY1	Ninety One Limited
BID Corporation Ltd	BID	-1.16%	2.84%	RLO	Reunert Ltd
Vodacom Group Ltd	VOD	-2.71%	2.96%	ARI	African Rainbow Min Ltd

Expected Corporate Releases

Company	Code	Release	Date
Clicks Group	CLS	Final	22 Oct
Afrimat Limited	AFT	Interim	22 Oct
Spear REIT	SEA	Interim	22 Oct

Best & Worst 1 Day % Price Performances

Company	Code	Best	Worst	Code	Company
Thungela Resources Ltd	TGA	4.67%	-7.39%	CNP	Canal Plus SA
Sasol Limited	SOL	3.83%	-5.03%	GCT	Greencoat Renewables plc
PSG Fin Services Ltd	KST	3.62%	-4.97%	SBK	Standard Bank Group Ltd

Best & Worst 1 Year % Price Performances

Company	Code	Best	Worst	Code	Company
Sasol Limited	SOL	188.31%	-79.29%	ISO	ASP ISOTOPES INC.
Thungela Resources Ltd	TGA	86.32%	-55.29%	SPP	The Spar Group Ltd
KAP Limited	KAP	82.67%	-51.09%	TFG	The Foschini Group Limited

Dividend Watch

Company	Code	Dividend	Dividend	Code	Company
Supermarket Income REIT	SRI	1.575GBPp	---	---	---
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Last Date to Trade 27 Oct





US Market Focus

Wall Street closed higher on Wednesday, led by the Nasdaq as results from SpaceX and Super Micro Computer strengthened appetite for AI-related stocks. SpaceX gained 7.8% after reporting its first profit as a listed company, while potential merger discussions supported Tesla. Communication services lagged, with Netflix falling 5.3% after disappointing fourth-quarter profit guidance and Alphabet declining 1.6%. Mortgage applications fell 5.3% in the week ended 16 October despite the 30-year fixed rate easing to 7.41%, highlighting subdued housing demand. Meta announced non-voting shares to support its AI expansion. Tesla reduced capital expenditure guidance and generated unexpected positive free cash flow, although net income declined. IBM raised its software growth forecast as delayed contracts began closing, supporting an after-hours share-price gain.

US Indicators

Selected Indicators	Close	1 Day	1 Month	1 Year	2026
Dow Jones	52856.09	0.69%	1.55%	12.64%	9.97%
Nasdaq	26702.86	1.05%	-1.55%	16.33%	14.89%
S&P 500	7757.17	0.58%	-0.10%	15.17%	13.32%
Dollar Index	101.36	-0.17%	1.21%	2.63%	3.44%

International Companies

Meta Platforms (META) +0.47%
Meta shares rose more than 4% after hours as quarterly revenue reached \$64.60 billion, exceeding expectations, while fourth-quarter guidance was \$73 billion–\$76 billion. The company plans to issue non-voting Class C shares in January 2027, effectively creating a two-for-one split, to support acquisitions and staff retention while preserving Mark Zuckerberg’s control. Its Muse AI agent attracted more than 10 million accounts within six weeks, with AI businesses expected to contribute incremental revenue from 2027. However, annual capital expenditure guidance increased to \$135 billion–\$145 billion, and quarterly free cash flow swung to a \$2.12 billion deficit. Diluted earnings per share were \$3.83, reflecting a \$9.89 billion settlement charge. Separately, a New Mexico judge ordered a \$25 billion penalty, adding to legal pressures.

Tesla (TSLA) +3.41%
Tesla reduced its 2026 capital expenditure forecast to roughly \$20 billion from more than \$25 billion, helping generate unexpected third-quarter free cash flow of \$1.53 billion against an anticipated \$4.92 billion outflow. Quarterly capital spending totalled \$4.7 billion, below analysts’ \$7.5 billion estimate, raising questions about investment in AI, robotaxis and robotics. Revenue remained flat year on year but exceeded expectations, while net income fell 43%. Automotive gross margin excluding regulatory credits reached 18.1%, above the 16.7% forecast. Deliveries totalled 486,532 vehicles, and Tesla reported its largest passenger-vehicle backlog in four years. Merger discussions with SpaceX remain under consideration through special committees. Shares reversed an initial after-hours gain to trade 2% lower as investors assessed stronger cash generation against reduced spending and weaker earnings.

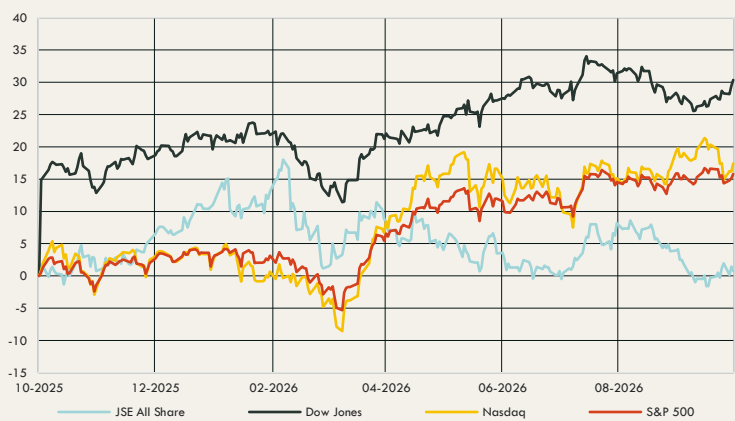
Expected International Corporate Calendar

Company	Code	Est. EPS	Last EPS	Date
Procter & Gamble	PG	\$1.88	\$1.43	22 Oct
Union Pacific	UNP	\$3.48	\$3.41	22 Oct
Western Digital	WDC	\$4.11	\$3.56	22 Oct
Blackstone	BX	\$1.26	\$1.52	22 Oct
Lockheed Martin	LMT	\$7.52	\$7.94	22 Oct
Newmont	NEM	\$1.96	\$2.10	22 Oct
Comcast	CMCSA	\$0.99	\$1.04	22 Oct

Local Otto1890 Funds

Funds	Factsheets	Close	1 Year	3 Years
Otto1890 BCI Balanced Fund		243.00	4.78%	10.38%
Otto1890 BCI Stable A		168.00	6.37%	13.49%
Otto1890 BCI Equity A	Factsheets	472.00	0.47%	10.32%
Otto1890 BCI Flexible Income A		109.00	8.81%	12.48%
Otto1890 BCI Optimal Income A	Factsheets	107.00	7.11%	7.45%
Otto1890 BCI Core Income Fund		103.00	8.86%	9.30%

US Indices - Normalised % Performances



Europe and Asian Markets Focus

Europe
European equities advanced on Wednesday as strong earnings helped markets recover nearly all losses following unrest in France. The STOXX 600 rose 0.92% to 644.49, led by Randstad’s 20% surge after quarterly results exceeded expectations and management expressed optimism for 2027. France’s CAC 40 gained 1%, although political uncertainty persisted. UK consumer inflation accelerated to 3.5% from 3.1% in August, while borrowing exceeded forecasts, increasing pressure ahead of next week’s budget and strengthening expectations of a Bank of England rate rise. ECB economists highlighted reduced fossil-fuel dependence, fiscal support and AI investment as sources of economic resilience. SAP achieved quarterly revenue of €10 billion, with cloud revenue rising 26% to €6.67 billion, and lifted its annual revenue outlook towards the upper end of guidance.

Asia
Asian equities struggled in early Thursday trading as optimism over technology earnings faded amid concerns about AI investment and Gulf tensions. The Bank of Korea held its benchmark rate at 3.00%, as expected, while maintaining a hawkish stance supported by stronger growth prospects and export momentum. Further increases remain possible as policymakers assess inflation and financial stability. In Australia, ASX reported progress in addressing regulatory problems but retained its lower dividend payout ratio and higher cost guidance. Fortescue warned that operations could be affected if negotiations with China Mineral Resources Group remain unresolved at year-end, with iron ore sales lagging shipments. Meanwhile, an Australian class action against Meta’s Facebook and Instagram alleges their algorithms exposed children to harmful content and encouraged addiction.

European & Asian Indicators

Selected Indicators	Close	1 Day	1 Month	1 Year	2026
CAC 40	7921.68	1.06%	-2.67%	-4.08%	-2.80%
DAX 30	25645.04	1.35%	0.27%	5.40%	4.71%
Eurostoxx 50	6203.60	1.23%	-2.08%	9.25%	7.12%
FTSE	10752.88	0.19%	0.13%	14.06%	8.27%
Hang Seng	23651.87	-0.90%	-5.55%	-9.13%	-7.72%
Nikkei 225	64621.24	0.85%	-0.61%	31.03%	28.37%
Shanghai	3713.03	-0.60%	-6.00%	-5.19%	-6.45%

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	5.99%	15.39%
Otto1890 BCI Horizon Multi Managed Acc D		161.00	7.55%	15.63%
Otto1890 BCI Horizon Multi Mng PrsrvtN D		147.00	8.21%	15.38%





Commodities & Currencies

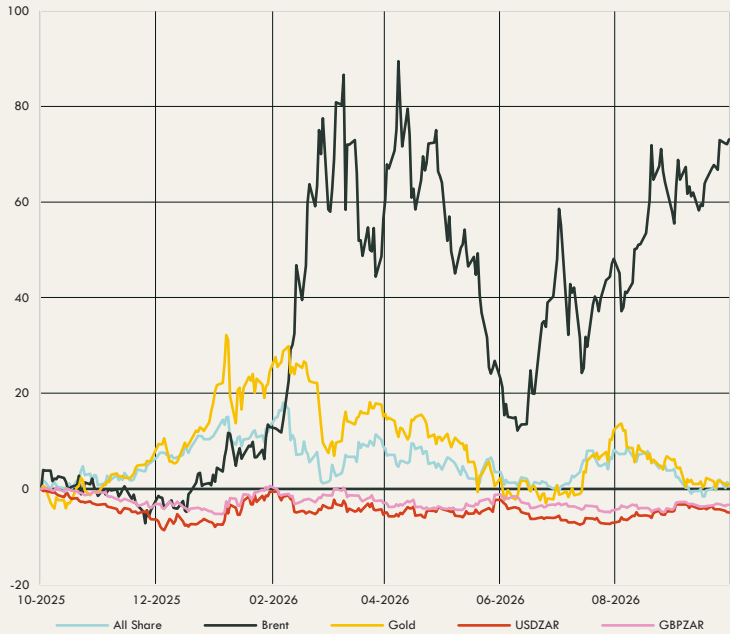
Commodities
Gold edged higher on Wednesday as weaker US Treasury yields supported a recovery from a near one-week low, with investors awaiting next week’s Federal Reserve meeting. Oil rose on Thursday after Houthi attacks in Saudi Arabia prompted the evacuation of some US diplomatic personnel and family members. At least 18 shipping attacks over two weeks intensified concerns over Gulf crude supplies, with tanker risks extending beyond the Strait of Hormuz. US crude inventories fell 3.06 million barrels to 412.5 million barrels, exceeding the expected 820,000-barrel draw, while distillate stocks unexpectedly increased. Washington offered loans from its emergency heating oil reserve to ease supply pressures. Separately, Russia agreed to resume US-mediated Ukraine peace talks as soon as next month, with Ukraine expressing support.

Currencies
The South African rand closed 0.10% firmer against the dollar yesterday, taking its gain for the month to 0.23%. The dollar steadied on Thursday as investors awaited next week’s central bank meetings, with unchanged rates but hawkish guidance expected in the US, Europe and Japan. Expectations that AI investment will sustain US growth continued to support dollar positioning, although recent gains in sterling and other major currencies suggested some bullish bets had eased. The euro remained constrained by French fiscal concerns and Europe’s energy vulnerability, while intervention risks and rate expectations supported the yen. Markets anticipate the ECB holding at 2.5% and the Federal Reserve maintaining its 3.75%–4% range, with increases expected before year-end. Japan’s next increase to 1.5% is anticipated early next year.

Commodities & Currencies

Selected Indicators	This Morning	Close	1 Day	1 Month	2026
Brent Crude	0.77%	109.77	0.60%	9.69%	80.22%
Gold	-1.22%	4141.33	0.39%	-4.65%	-4.10%
Palladium	-3.05%	1093.37	-1.13%	-17.07%	-33.09%
Platinum	-2.20%	1631.65	-1.57%	-9.60%	-20.54%
Silver	-2.71%	57.98	-0.04%	-12.17%	-19.01%
USDZAR	0.19%	16.37	-0.10%	0.77%	-1.18%
GBPZAR	0.23%	21.92	-0.02%	0.94%	-1.70%
EURZAR	0.13%	18.41	-0.03%	-1.39%	-5.42%
AUDZAR	0.00%	11.51	0.23%	-0.53%	4.09%
EURUSD	0.09%	1.12	-0.05%	-2.03%	-4.37%

Commodities & Currencies - Normalised % Performances



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Today's Expected Economic Calendar

Time	Area	Expected Today	Expected	Previous
14:30	SA	Building Permits YoY	3.20%	4.10%
14:30	US	Unemployment Claims	200k	199k
16:00	EU	Consumer Confidence	-17	-17
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10-Year Bond Yields

Region	Yield	1 Day	1 Month	1 Year
United States	5.08%	-2	13	112
United Kingdom	5.38%	-3	17	90
Germany	3.42%	2	-4	87
Japan	2.88%	-1	-10	122
South African 10Y	8.71%	-18	-2	-24

Last Session's Releases

Time	Area	Releases	Expected	Actual
08:00	UK	CPI YoY	3.40%	3.50%
10:00	SA	Inflation Rate YoY	4.80%	4.50%
10:00	SA	Core Inflation Rate YoY	4.30%	4.00%
13:00	SA	Retail Sales YoY	2.50%	3.30%
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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	Dec '25	3.75%	4.00%
Euro Area	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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