Market Update

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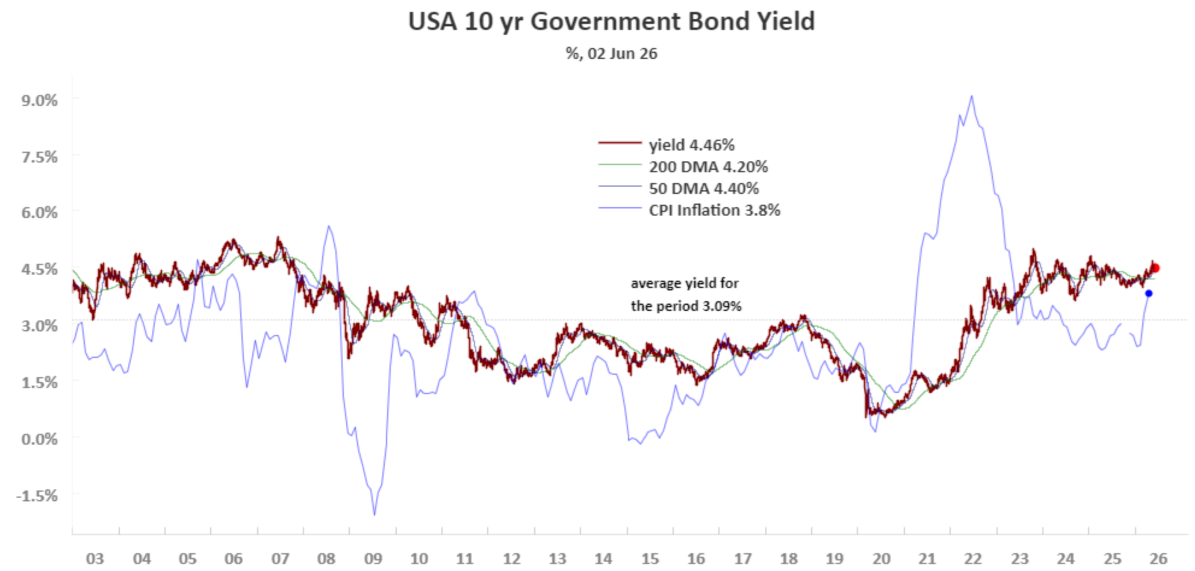
Global Markets



Stocks found their footing in unsteady trading on Tuesday as investors shrugged off doubts about the durability of a Middle East ceasefire to return to favoured AI plays.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan rose 0.4% after fluctuating between gains and losses as trading commenced. Regional declines were led by Korean shares tumbling as much as 3.3% after an initially higher open, while gains for shares in China and Hong Kong steadied the regional benchmark. S&P 500 e-mini futures were down 0.3%, while in Japan, the Nikkei 225 slumped 0.7%. "This isn't a re-rating of the AI trade; it's profit-taking after a blistering run," said Fabien Yip, a market analyst at IG in Sydney. "Ceasefire negotiations between the U.S. and Iran have seen repeated false starts since April, and today's lack of progress is no exception," she said. "The market has grown accustomed to the back-and-forth."

Brent crude slipped 0.9% to $94.13 a barrel after Lebanon announced a partial ceasefire between Hezbollah and Israel on Monday, retracing some of Monday's gains, after reports that Tehran had halted indirect negotiations with the U.S. Markets remain cautious about progress in U.S.–Iran peace talks to end their three-month war, given the fragility of the April ceasefire.

Overnight, the S&P 500 closed 0.3% higher after ISM's manufacturing PMI rose to 54.0 in May from 52.7 the previous month, beating expectations to reach the highest level in four years, likely driven by businesses front-loading orders amid rising prices and shortages because of the war with Iran. "That the equity market is in boom mode is not up for debate," despite higher energy prices and surging real interest rates, said David Rosenberg, founder and president at Rosenberg Research in Toronto, in a note to clients. "The S&P 500 is now up nine weeks in a row, a streak we last witnessed in late 2023."

AI suppliers in Asia made gains after AI developer Anthropic said it had confidentially filed for a U.S. initial public offering, which could draw a trillion-dollar valuation. Alphabet shares slipped 0.7% in after-hours trading after the tech giant said it is looking to raise $80 billion in equity offerings, including an investment from Berkshire Hathaway, in an aggressive push to fund the expansion of its AI infrastructure. Meanwhile, in Taipei, Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang said on Tuesday the AI industry bellwether has enough supply to accommodate robust growth in central processing units (CPUs) and graphics processing units (GPUs) but acknowledged that supply constraints remain a concern. South Korean equities were especially erratic, with the benchmark KOSPI swinging sharply lower after hitting a record high as bellwethers like Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix flipped between gains and losses.

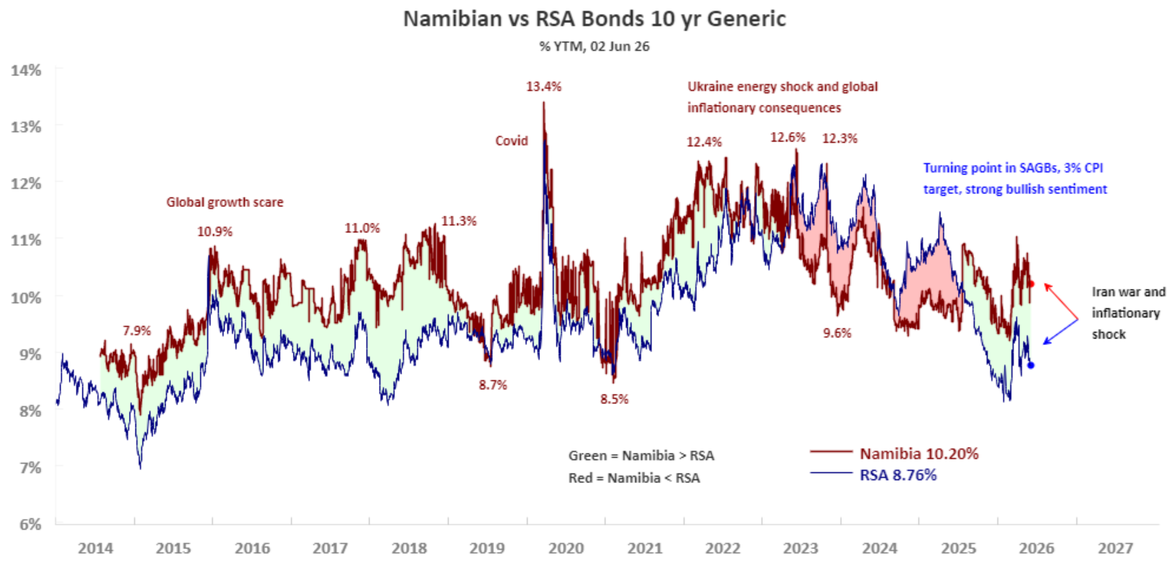
South Korea's consumer price data were also thrown into the mix for markets, with inflation quickening in May to a more than two-year high, and bolstering expectations for a rate hike next month. Last week, the Bank of Korea signalled an imminent turn towards a more restrictive policy stance to curb inflation and support a slumping won.

The U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, held steady at 99.15, firmly within the tight range it has sat in for the past three weeks. The euro edged up to $1.1633, and sterling gained slightly to $1.3457. The yield on the U.S. 10-year Treasury bond was down 4.5 basis points at 4.43%. Gold was up 0.9% at $4,523.58 in choppy trade.

In precious metals, Spot gold rose 0.8% to $4,517.73 per ounce by 0556 GMT. U.S. gold futures for August delivery gained 0.9% to $4,547.80. While spot silver rose 2.1% to $76.41 per ounce, platinum gained 1.8% to $1,958.67, and palladium rose 1.5% to $1,382.33.

Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.

Domestic Markets



The South African rand gained in early trade on Tuesday, boosted by higher gold prices, as investors awaited clarity on the status of U.S.-Iran peace talks amid conflicting news. At 07:23 GMT, the rand traded at 16.2150 against the dollar, about 0.6% stronger than its previous close. Prices of gold and platinum, major South African exports, rose on Tuesday, supported mainly by lower Treasury yields.

The U.S. dollar was little changed against a basket of currencies as investors remained on edge, treating news of any progress toward ending the Iran conflict with caution, given the fragility of a U.S.–Iran ceasefire struck in early April. Lebanon on Monday announced a partial ceasefire between Hezbollah and Israel, in what would amount to a limited de-escalation of a conflict that has killed thousands of people and inflamed the broader war with Iran. "The rand is likely to remain highly sensitive to shifts in global risk appetite and developments in energy markets," said Wichard Cilliers, head of market risk at TreasuryONE.

On the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, the Top-40 index was up 2.3%, thanks to mining stocks. South Africa's benchmark 2035 government bond also strengthened, as the yield fell 5 basis points to 8.505%.

Patience, that blending of moral courage with physical timidity.

Thomas Hardy

Market Overview

MARKET INDICATORS					02 June 2026
Money Market TB's		**Last Close**	**Change**	**Prev Close**	**Current Spot**
3 months	↑	7.05	0.050	7.00	7.05
6 months	↓	7.28	-0.001	7.28	7.28
9 months	↑	7.31	0.005	7.31	7.31
12 months	↑	7.37	0.052	7.32	7.37
Nominal Bonds		**Last Close**	**Change**	**Prev Close**	**Current Spot**
GC27 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R186)	↓	7.03	-0.001	7.03	7.03
GC28 (Coupon 8.50%, BMK: R186)	↓	8.37	-0.020	8.39	8.36
GC29 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK: R2030)	↑	8.75	0.140	8.61	8.75
GC30 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R2030)	↑	9.06	0.140	8.92	9.06
GC32 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK: R213)	↑	9.38	0.140	9.24	9.37
GC34 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2035)	↑	10.00	0.130	9.87	9.99
GC35 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R209)	↑	10.34	0.125	10.22	10.34
GC37 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R2037)	↑	10.96	0.115	10.84	10.96
GC40 (Coupon 9.80%, BMK: R214)	↑	11.30	0.140	11.16	11.30
GC43 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2044)	↑	11.31	0.140	11.17	11.31
GC45 (Coupon 9.85%, BMK: R2044)	↑	11.46	0.140	11.32	11.46
GC48 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2048)	↑	11.50	0.145	11.36	11.50
GC50 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2048)	↑	11.63	0.145	11.49	11.63
GC53 (Coupon 11.00%, BMK: R2053)	↑	11.11	0.145	10.96	11.11
Inflation-Linked Bonds		**Last Close**	**Change**	**Prev Close**	**Current Spot**
GI27 (Coupon 4.00%, BMK: NCPI)	→	4.50	0.000	4.50	4.50
GI29 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	4.95	0.000	4.95	4.95
GI31 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.21	0.000	5.21	5.21
GI33 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.25	0.000	5.25	5.25
GI36 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.87	0.000	5.87	5.87
GI41 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI)	→	6.10	0.000	6.10	6.10
Commodities		**Last Close**	**Change**	**Prev Close**	**Current Spot**
Gold	↓	4,485	-1.22%	4,540	4,533
Platinum	↑	1929	0.46%	1920	1979
Brent Crude	↑	95.0	3.18%	92.05	93.62
Main Indices		**Last Close**	**Change**	**Prev Close**	**Current Spot**
NSX Overall Index	↓	1435	-1.03%	1450	1435
JSE All Share	↑	114,361	2.08%	112,032	114,361
S&P 500	↑	7,600	0.26%	7,580	7,600
FTSE 100	↑	10,382	0.42%	10,339	10,382
Hangseng	↑	26,025	2.47%	25,398	26,025
DAX	↑	25,266	1.05%	25,003	25,266
JSE Sectors		**Last Close**	**Change**	**Prev Close**	**Current Spot**
Financials	↓	24,979	-2.10%	25,514	25,008
Resources	↓	120,023	-3.86%	124,842	123,993
Industrials	↓	126,262	-1.20%	127,801	130,178
Forex		**Last Close**	**Change**	**Prev Close**	**Current Spot**
N$/US Dollar	↑	16.32	0.55%	16.23	16.20
N$/Pound	↑	21.95	0.55%	21.83	21.82
N$/Euro	↑	18.98	0.32%	18.92	18.87
US Dollar/ Euro	↓	1.163	-0.60%	1.17	1.16
		Namibia		**RSA**	
Interest Rates & Inflation		**May-26**	**Apr-26**	**May-26**	**Apr-26**
Central Bank Rate	→	6.50	6.50	7.00	6.75
Prime Rate	→	10.00	10.00	10.50	10.25
		Apr-26	**Mar-26**	**Apr-26**	**Mar-26**
Inflation	↑	3.1	2.1	4.0	3.1

Notes to the table:

- The money market rates are TB rates
- "BMK" = Benchmark
- "NCPI" = Namibian inflation rate
- "Difference" = change in basis points
- Current spot = value at the time of writing
- NSX is the Overall Index, including dual listeds

Source: Thomson Reuters Refinitiv

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