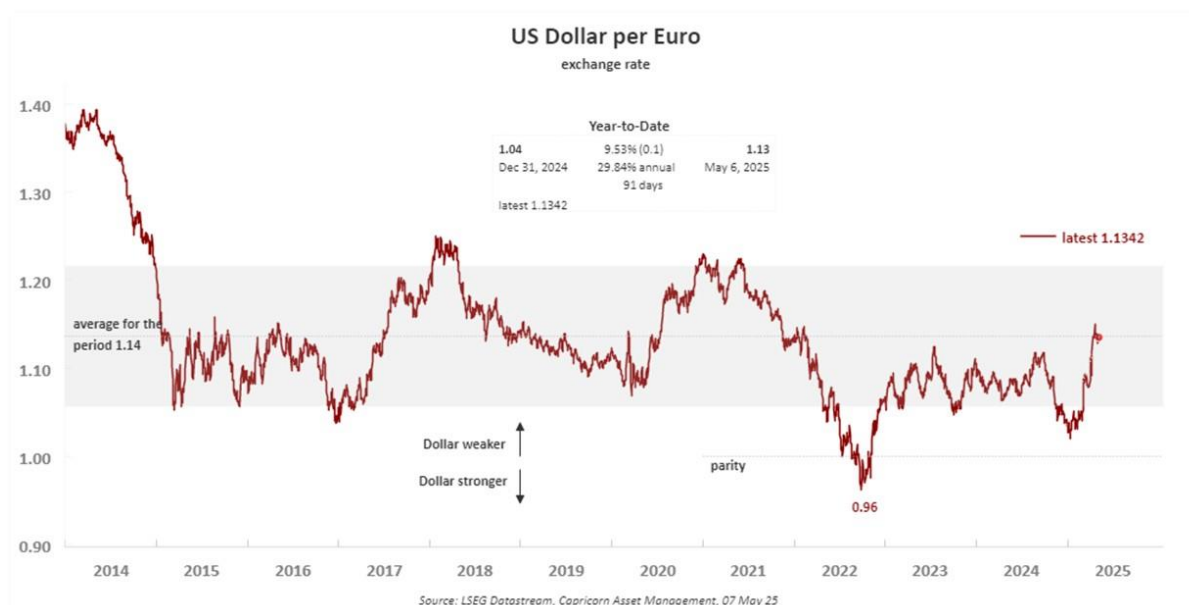




Market Update

Wednesday, 07 May 2025

Global Markets



U.S. stock futures and Chinese markets rose on Wednesday, as investors cheered news of a meeting between top U.S. and Chinese trade officials as a chance to tone down the tariffs, while China cut interest rates and vowed to support stock markets. "My sense is this will be about de-escalation," U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said of the meeting, scheduled for the weekend in Switzerland.

S&P 500 futures rose about 0.9% and Hong Kong's Hang Seng was up 1.7% by mid-morning. China blue chips rose 0.5% and Japan's Nikkei was broadly flat. "It suggests that there is perhaps a willingness and enthusiasm on both sides to meet at a high level, so it can't be anything but positive I would have thought," said National Australia Bank's head of foreign exchange research Ray Attrill. "It's ostensibly positive for Asian FX generally."

China's central bank governor on Wednesday flagged a 10-basis point cut in its benchmark interest rate and a 50-basis point cut to bank reserve requirements - sending more cash into the banking system. Simultaneously the financial regulator announced an expanded scheme to send insurance investment into the stock market and promised more steps to support property markets, which investors took as a signal of authorities acting in concert. "It's kind of reminiscent of the joint press

conference starting the stimulus euphoria in September. So that's positive," said Homin Lee, senior macro strategist at Lombard Odier in Singapore.

The U.S. Federal Reserve meets to set interest rates later on Wednesday, with expectations for cuts being dialled down. Markets imply nearly no chance of a move on Wednesday and only a 33% chance of a cut in June, down from 64% a month ago. The heaviest fighting in more than two decades has erupted between nuclear-armed neighbors India and Pakistan, with shelling and gunfire over the frontier in Kashmir and India striking targets inside Pakistan. "It adds another layer to geopolitical tensions," said NAB's Attrill, and would likely push down on India's rupee.

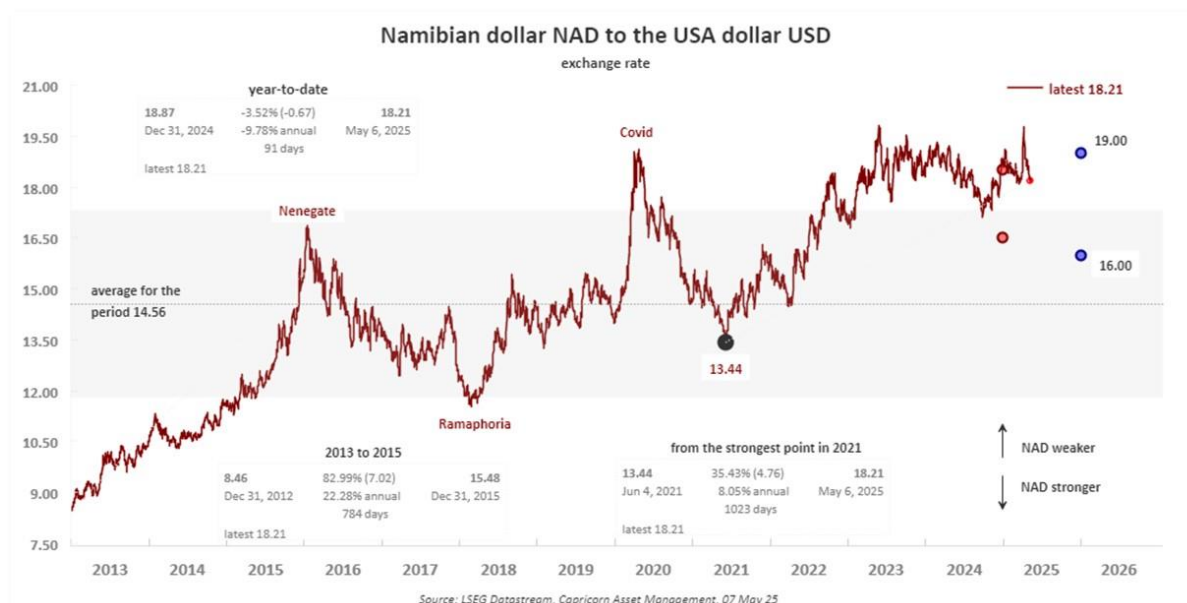
The dollar rose slightly on the yen and euro, while China's rate cuts weighed on the yuan and knocked the China-sensitive Australian dollar back below 65 U.S. cents. South Korea's won, which had been rallying hard with a broad surge in Asian currencies, fell back by more than 1%. The euro had support above \$1.13 with German conservative leader Friedrich Merz elected chancellor in a second round of voting after his alliance with the Social Democrats was dealt a surprise defeat in the first attempt.

In commodities, Oil prices rose on Wednesday, holding slightly above recent four-year lows, as investors focused on U.S.-China trade talks and signs of lower U.S. production. Brent crude futures gained 44 cents a barrel, or 0.7%, to \$62.59 a barrel by 0400 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude was up 50 cents, or 0.9%, at \$59.59 a barrel.

Gold fell 1.4% and oil was about 0.5% higher.

Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.

Domestic Markets



The South African rand held steady for much of Tuesday's trading session after the release of a purchasing managers' index (PMI) survey that showed the country's private sector showed signs of stabilization in April. At 1340 GMT, the rand traded at 18.25 against the dollar, little changed from Monday's close. The rand gained roughly 1% against a weaker dollar on Monday, after utility Eskom said it was optimistic about the power outlook over the next four months, aiming for no electricity cuts.

The dollar last traded about 0.4% weaker against a basket of currencies as investors worried about U.S. President Donald Trump's latest tariff threats. On Wednesday, the global investor focus will shift to the Federal Reserve's policy decision.

The S&P Global South Africa PMI rose to the neutral 50-point mark in April, emerging from a four-month downturn as sales picked up slightly. That was an improvement on last week's local manufacturing PMI, which slumped further into contractionary territory.

On the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, the Top 40 index last traded 0.4% lower. The benchmark 2030 government bond slipped, as the yield rose 6.5 basis points to 8.93%.

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There is no passion to be found playing small - in settling
for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.

Nelson Mandela

Market Overview

| MARKET INDICATORS (Bloomberg) | | | | 07 May 2025 | |
|----------------------------------|---|------------|--------|-------------|--------------|
| Money Market TB's | | Last Close | Change | Prev Close | Current Spot |
| 3 months | ↓ | 7.60 | -0.036 | 7.64 | 7.60 |
| 6 months | ↓ | 7.65 | -0.006 | 7.65 | 7.65 |
| 9 months | ↓ | 7.73 | -0.027 | 7.76 | 7.73 |
| 12 months | ↑ | 7.79 | 0.004 | 7.79 | 7.79 |
| Nominal Bonds | | Last Close | Change | Prev Close | Current Spot |
| GC26 (Coupon 8.50%, BMK: R186) | ↑ | 7.93 | 0.000 | 7.93 | 7.93 |
| GC27 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R186) | ↑ | 8.31 | 0.015 | 8.29 | 8.31 |
| GC30 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R2030) | ↑ | 8.86 | 0.121 | 8.74 | 8.86 |
| GC32 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK: R213) | ↑ | 9.81 | 0.032 | 9.77 | 9.81 |
| GC35 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R209) | ↑ | 11.23 | 0.031 | 11.20 | 11.23 |
| GC37 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R2037) | ↑ | 11.56 | 0.032 | 11.53 | 11.56 |
| GC40 (Coupon 9.80%, BMK: R214) | ↑ | 11.78 | 0.116 | 11.66 | 11.78 |
| GC43 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2044) | ↑ | 11.98 | 0.145 | 11.84 | 11.98 |
| GC45 (Coupon 9.85%, BMK: R2044) | ↑ | 12.34 | 0.186 | 12.15 | 12.34 |
| GC48 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2048) | ↑ | 12.25 | 0.230 | 12.02 | 12.25 |
| GC50 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2048) | ↑ | 12.42 | 0.249 | 12.18 | 12.42 |
| Inflation-Linked Bonds | | Last Close | Change | Prev Close | Current Spot |
| GI25 (Coupon 3.80%, BMK: NCPI) | ↑ | 2.54 | 0.020 | 2.53 | 2.52 |
| GI27 (Coupon 4.00%, BMK: NCPI) | ↑ | 4.47 | 0.003 | 4.46 | 4.47 |
| GI29 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI) | ↑ | 4.66 | 0.005 | 4.65 | 4.66 |
| GI33 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI) | ↑ | 5.30 | 0.005 | 5.30 | 5.30 |
| GI36 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI) | ↓ | 5.63 | -0.002 | 5.63 | 5.63 |
| Commodities | | Last Close | Change | Prev Close | Current Spot |
| Gold | ↑ | 3,432 | 2.93% | 3,334 | 3,390 |
| Platinum | ↑ | 988 | 2.45% | 964 | 987 |
| Brent Crude | ↑ | 62.2 | 3.19% | 60.23 | 62.88 |
| Main Indices | | Last Close | Change | Prev Close | Current Spot |
| NSX Local Index | ↓ | 1018 | -1.74% | 1036 | 1018 |
| JSE All Share | ↓ | 92,028 | -0.04% | 92,063 | 92,028 |
| S&P 500 | ↓ | 5,607 | -0.76% | 5,650 | 5,607 |
| FTSE 100 | ↑ | 8,597 | 0.01% | 8,596 | 8,597 |
| Hangseng | ↑ | 22,728 | 0.29% | 22,663 | 22,728 |
| DAX | ↓ | 23,250 | -0.41% | 23,345 | 23,250 |
| JSE Sectors | | Last Close | Change | Prev Close | Current Spot |
| Financials | → | 20,719 | 0.00% | 20,719 | 20,466 |
| Resources | → | 70,478 | 0.00% | 70,478 | 70,954 |
| Industrials | → | 129,959 | 0.00% | 129,959 | 130,578 |
| Forex | | Last Close | Change | Prev Close | Current Spot |
| N\$/US Dollar | ↓ | 18.21 | -0.33% | 18.27 | 18.22 |
| N\$/Pound | ↑ | 24.35 | 0.21% | 24.30 | 24.34 |
| N\$/Euro | ↑ | 20.71 | 0.15% | 20.68 | 20.71 |
| US Dollar/ Euro | ↑ | 1.137 | 0.62% | 1.13 | 1.14 |
| Interest Rates & Inflation | | Namibia | | RSA | |
| | | Apr-25 | Mar-25 | Apr-25 | Mar-25 |
| Central Bank Rate | → | 6.75 | 6.75 | 7.50 | 7.50 |
| Prime Rate | → | 10.50 | 10.50 | 11.00 | 11.00 |
| | | Mar-25 | Feb-25 | Mar-25 | Feb-25 |
| Inflation | ↑ | 4.2 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 3.2 |

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 listed

Source: Thomson Reuters Refinitiv

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