



Market Update

Friday, 09 May 2025

Global Markets



Japanese stocks jumped on Friday, supported by the dollar's surge against the yen, after a U.S. trade deal with Britain fuelled hopes of progress in tariff talks with other countries. Bitcoin soared to the highest since January and U.S. crude ticked up after a more than 3% surge on Thursday, when President Donald Trump announced the agreement with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer - the first in the month since Trump started a 90-day pause on trade tariffs to allow room for negotiations.

At the same time, concerns that the limited trade agreement with London may not provide much of a blueprint for additional deals cooled optimism around the outcome of Sino-U.S. trade talks set for Saturday in Switzerland. Mainland blue chips started the day 0.2% lower, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 0.2%. Japan's Nikkei and broader Topix each climbed about 1.2%, with the Topix set to extend its winning streak to an 11th session, the longest run since October 2017. Taiwan's equity benchmark advanced 1%, while Australian stocks added 0.4%.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan was broadly flat. "The deal between the U.S. and UK was more style over substance. However, it feeds the narrative that the U.S. is looking to bang-out rapid-fire trade deals and reduce tariffs - at the margins - and other trade barriers," Rodda said. Constructive language and statements of intent will likely be enough to drive stocks

higher off the back of the U.S.-China trade talks," said Kyle Rodda, a senior financial markets analyst at Capital.com.

Trump pushed back against seeing the UK deal as a template for other negotiations. The "general terms" agreement leaves in place a 10% tariff on goods imported from the UK but lowers prohibitive U.S. duties on UK car exports. Britain agreed to lower its tariffs to 1.8% from 5.1% and provide greater access to U.S. goods. Last week, Trump said he has "potential" trade deals with India, South Korea and Japan.

The U.S. dollar index, which measures the currency against six major peers, edged up 0.1% to reach a one-month peak at 100.77. The euro sagged to a one-month trough at \$1.12105, and sterling slipped to a three-week low of \$1.32205. The yen ticked up slightly to 145.77 per dollar, but that was after a 1.5% tumble on Thursday, when it touched a one-month low of 146.175.

Higher U.S. Treasury yields helped support the greenback, with the 10-year yield steady at 4.3687% following Thursday's 10-basis point jump as demand for the safety of bonds ebbed.

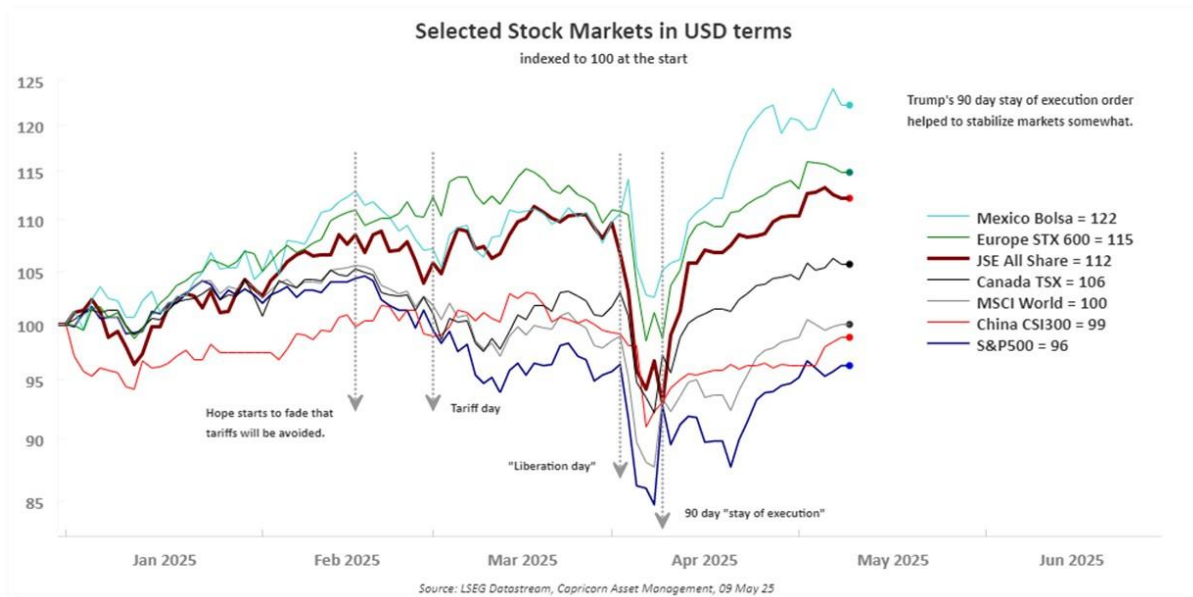
Nymex crude ticked up 0.2% to \$60.02 per barrel early on Friday, building on the previous day's 3.2% surge. Brent crude added 0.3% to \$63 per barrel, following Thursday's 2.8% rally.

Safe-haven gold continued its slide, weakening 0.5% to around 3,288 an ounce, after dropping 3.6% in the past two sessions.

Bitcoin was also buoyed by the improvement in market sentiment, rising to the highest since January 31 at \$103,090.17, and closing the distance with the all-time high from January 20 at \$109,071.86.

Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.

Domestic Markets



The South African rand strengthened on Thursday, boosted by optimism that U.S. President Donald Trump would seal trade deals with major partners after he announced a first agreement with Britain. U.S. and Chinese officials are set for trade talks on Saturday in a meeting that investors hope will start to dial down the trade war between the world's two largest economies.

At 1522 GMT the rand traded at 18.1650 against the dollar, up about 0.6% on Wednesday's closing level. "As Trump looks to make a deal with the UK, and U.S.-China trade discussions are set for the weekend, we have seen an improvement in risk sentiment," said Shaun Murison, senior market analyst at IG. After a strong run recently, Murison noted that on Thursday the rand had reached its best levels against the dollar since late March.

Domestic economic data on Thursday was mixed. Net foreign reserves rose to \$64.318 billion at the end of April from \$63.167 billion in March. But manufacturing output fell 0.8% year on year in March, contrary to expectations for growth.

The Johannesburg Stock Exchange's Top 40 index closed down 0.6%.

Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.

Indeed, there is an eloquence in true enthusiasm that is not to be doubted.

Washington Irving

Market Overview

| MARKET INDICATORS (Bloomberg) | | | | 09 May 2025 | |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Money Market TB's | | Last Close | Change | Prev Close | Current Spot |
| 3 months | ↓ | 7.57 | -0.030 | 7.60 | 7.57 |
| 6 months | ↑ | 7.67 | 0.025 | 7.65 | 7.67 |
| 9 months | ↓ | 7.72 | -0.017 | 7.73 | 7.72 |
| 12 months | ↓ | 7.78 | -0.011 | 7.79 | 7.78 |
| Nominal Bonds | | Last Close | Change | Prev Close | Current Spot |
| GC26 (Coupon 8.50%, BMK: R186) | ↓ | 7.91 | -0.012 | 7.92 | 7.90 |
| GC27 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R186) | ↓ | 8.31 | -0.009 | 8.32 | 8.31 |
| GC30 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R2030) | ↓ | 8.87 | -0.011 | 8.89 | 8.88 |
| GC32 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK: R213) | ↑ | 9.78 | 0.117 | 9.67 | 9.78 |
| GC35 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R209) | ↑ | 11.27 | 0.033 | 11.24 | 11.27 |
| GC37 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R2037) | ↓ | 11.56 | -0.012 | 11.57 | 11.56 |
| GC40 (Coupon 9.80%, BMK: R214) | ↑ | 11.77 | 0.018 | 11.76 | 11.77 |
| GC43 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2044) | ↑ | 11.96 | 0.006 | 11.95 | 11.96 |
| GC45 (Coupon 9.85%, BMK: R2044) | ↓ | 12.35 | -0.010 | 12.36 | 12.35 |
| GC48 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2048) | ↑ | 12.27 | 0.023 | 12.25 | 12.27 |
| GC50 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2048) | ↑ | 12.51 | 0.052 | 12.46 | 12.51 |
| Inflation-Linked Bonds | | Last Close | Change | Prev Close | Current Spot |
| GI25 (Coupon 3.80%, BMK: NCPI) | ↑ | 2.55 | 0.003 | 2.55 | 2.49 |
| GI27 (Coupon 4.00%, BMK: NCPI) | ↑ | 4.48 | 0.007 | 4.47 | 4.48 |
| GI29 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI) | ↑ | 4.67 | 0.015 | 4.66 | 4.67 |
| GI33 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI) | ↑ | 5.31 | 0.008 | 5.30 | 5.31 |
| GI36 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI) | ↑ | 5.64 | 0.008 | 5.63 | 5.64 |
| Commodities | | Last Close | Change | Prev Close | Current Spot |
| Gold | ↓ | 3,306 | -1.75% | 3,365 | 3,325 |
| Platinum | ↑ | 984 | 0.55% | 979 | 988 |
| Brent Crude | ↑ | 62.8 | 2.81% | 61.12 | 63.19 |
| Main Indices | | Last Close | Change | Prev Close | Current Spot |
| NSX Local Index | ↓ | 1010 | -1.08% | 1021 | 1010 |
| JSE All Share | ↓ | 90,890 | -0.66% | 91,497 | 90,890 |
| S&P 500 | ↑ | 5,664 | 0.59% | 5,631 | 5,664 |
| FTSE 100 | ↓ | 8,532 | -0.32% | 8,559 | 8,532 |
| Hangseng | ↑ | 22,833 | 0.25% | 22,776 | 22,833 |
| DAX | ↑ | 23,353 | 1.03% | 23,116 | 23,353 |
| JSE Sectors | | Last Close | Change | Prev Close | Current Spot |
| Financials | → | 20,437 | 0.00% | 20,437 | 20,334 |
| Resources | → | 70,991 | 0.00% | 70,991 | 69,412 |
| Industrials | → | 128,939 | 0.00% | 128,939 | 129,057 |
| Forex | | Last Close | Change | Prev Close | Current Spot |
| N\$/US Dollar | ↓ | 18.20 | -0.38% | 18.27 | 18.23 |
| N\$/Pound | ↓ | 24.11 | -0.70% | 24.28 | 24.14 |
| N\$/Euro | ↓ | 20.44 | -0.97% | 20.64 | 20.50 |
| US Dollar/ Euro | ↓ | 1.123 | -0.62% | 1.13 | 1.12 |
| | | Namibia | | RSA | |
| Interest Rates & Inflation | | 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 listeds

Source: Thomson Reuters Refinitiv

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