



Market Update

Wednesday, 13 August 2025

Global Markets



Stocks in Asia climbed and the U.S. dollar was subdued on Wednesday, as data showed both resilience in major economies and the need for central banks to remain accommodative. Wall Street scaled new heights on Tuesday, driven by increasing certainty the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates next month. Japan's Nikkei broke through the 43,000 level for the first time and cryptocurrency ether rose to an almost four-year high. Pan-region Euro Stoxx 50 futures were up 0.5%, German DAX futures rose 0.5% and FTSE futures climbed 0.2%. U.S. stock futures, the S&P 500 e-minis, were flat. The highly anticipated U.S. inflation readings indicated President Donald Trump's tariff regime had yet to filter down to consumer prices. In Japan, a report showed manufacturers grew more confident about business conditions after a trade agreement with the United States.

The MSCI All Country World Index of shares climbed for a second day and reached 949.19, an all-time high. Japan's Nikkei stock index rose 1.2%, also setting a fresh peak for a second-straight session. U.S. Labor Department data showed the consumer price index rose 2.7% in the 12 months through July, slightly below the 2.8% rate that economists polled by Reuters had forecast. A Reuters poll that tracks the Bank of Japan's quarterly tankan business survey showed Japanese manufacturers' sentiment index improved for a second month straight. Another report showed

Japan's wholesale inflation slowed in July, underscoring the central bank's view that upward price pressure from raw material costs will dissipate.

On Wall Street, the benchmark S&P 500 and the Nasdaq hit record highs after President Trump signed an executive order pausing triple-digit levies on Chinese imports for another 90 days. Traders are pricing in a 94% chance of a Fed cut in September, up from nearly 86% a day ago and about 57% a month earlier, according to the CME FedWatch tool. Investors had been on tenterhooks about the inflation data because it followed a surprisingly weak jobs report on August 1 and had the potential to stoke concerns about stagflation. Trump has nominated White House adviser Stephen Miran to temporarily fill a vacant board seat at the U.S. central bank, stirring up speculation about presidential interference in monetary policy. And the White House said it was "the plan" that the Bureau of Labor Statistics would continue to publish its closely watched monthly employment report after Trump's pick to head the agency E.J. Antoni proposed suspending its release.

Speculation the labour report would be halted has "done the USD no favours and would have only incentivised foreign investors to review their hedging ratios on U.S. investments," Chris Weston, head of research at Pepperstone, said in a note. The dollar edged 0.1% higher to 147.95 yen. The euro added 0.1% to \$1.1683, after a 0.5% jump in the previous session. The dollar index, which tracks the greenback against a basket of major peers, dipped to 98.02, extending its 0.5% fall on Tuesday. Against the yen, the dollar edged 0.07% higher to 147.95. Elsewhere, sterling gained 0.03% to \$1.3505. The Australian dollar was up 0.03% to \$0.6531, while the New Zealand dollar gained 0.05% to \$0.5957. In cryptocurrencies, bitcoin halted its rally towards a fresh record and last traded 0.7% lower at \$119,337.25, while ether scaled a nearly four-year high of \$4,679.47.

Treasury yields similarly fell on the heightened rate cut expectations, with the two-year yield last at 3.7348%, having swung in a range of nearly 10 basis points on Tuesday. The benchmark 10-year yield eased about 1 basis point to 4.2829%.

In commodities, Spot gold was up 0.3% at \$3,355.30 per ounce, as of 0651 GMT. U.S. gold futures for December delivery gained 0.2% to \$3,405.50.

Silver climbed 1.2% to \$38.35 per ounce, platinum gained 1% to \$1,348.70 and palladium rose 0.8% to \$1,138.04.

U.S. crude rose 0.2% to \$63.27 a barrel. Spot gold rose 0.2% to \$3,350.09 per ounce.

Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.

Domestic Markets



The South African rand extended its gains in early trade on Wednesday, boosted by a weaker dollar ahead of the release of a domestic business confidence index and retail sales figures later in the day. At 0625 GMT, the rand traded at 17.5450 against the dollar, about 0.4% firmer than its previous close, after strengthening by more than 1% on Tuesday. The dollar last traded flat against a basket of currencies. The South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SACCI) will release its business confidence index at 0930 GMT, which will offer clues on private sector sentiment towards Africa's most industrialized economy. This will be followed at 1100 GMT by retail sales figures from the statistics agency.

JPMorgan said on Tuesday the recently imposed 30% U.S. tariffs on South African exports are expected to have a limited effect on the country's assets, as markets have "largely priced in the reality of higher tariff headwinds". South African exports to the U.S. were hit with a 30% tariff last week, the highest rate in sub-Saharan Africa, but the country said on Tuesday it will submit a revised trade offer to Washington in hopes of getting a lower rate. It also said a reduction to the 15-20% range aligning with regional peers could ease economic pressure and support domestic equities, the rand, and bonds.

South Africa's benchmark 2035 government bond was marginally stronger in early deals, with the yield up 1.5 basis points to 9.65%. The Johannesburg Stock Exchange's Top 40 index closed up 0.6%.

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Charles Kettering

Market Overview

MARKET INDICATORS (Bloomberg)		13 August 2025			
Money Market TB's		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
3 months	↓	7.39	-0.052	7.44	7.39
6 months	↓	7.57	-0.031	7.61	7.57
9 months	↓	7.67	-0.038	7.71	7.67
12 months	↓	7.67	-0.048	7.72	7.67
Nominal Bonds		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
GC26 (Coupon 8.50%, BMK: R186)	↓	7.52	-0.006	7.53	7.52
GC27 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R186)	↓	7.65	-0.004	7.65	7.65
GC30 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R2030)	↑	8.89	0.008	8.88	8.89
GC32 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK: R213)	↓	9.32	-0.116	9.44	9.32
GC35 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R209)	↑	10.79	0.002	10.79	10.79
GC37 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R2037)	↑	11.12	0.005	11.12	11.12
GC40 (Coupon 9.80%, BMK: R214)	↑	11.39	0.013	11.38	11.39
GC43 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2044)	↑	11.54	0.010	11.53	11.54
GC45 (Coupon 9.85%, BMK: R2044)	↑	11.83	0.008	11.83	11.83
GC48 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2048)	↑	11.73	0.010	11.72	11.73
GC50 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2048)	↑	11.84	0.010	11.83	11.84
Inflation-Linked Bonds		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
GI27 (Coupon 4.00%, BMK: NCPI)	↓	4.44	-0.001	4.44	4.44
GI29 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	↑	4.70	0.003	4.69	4.70
GI33 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	↑	5.23	0.001	5.23	5.23
GI36 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI)	↑	5.67	0.002	5.67	5.68
Commodities		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
Gold	↑	3,348	0.18%	3,342	3,352
Platinum	↑	1343	0.74%	1333	1345
Brent Crude	↓	66.1	-0.77%	66.63	66.06
Main Indices		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
NSX Overall Index	↑	1063	0.95%	1053	1063
JSE All Share	↑	101,271	0.64%	100,630	101,271
S&P 500	↑	6,446	1.15%	6,373	6,446
FTSE 100	↑	9,148	0.20%	9,130	9,148
Hangseng	↑	25,465	1.98%	24,970	25,465
DAX	↓	24,025	-0.23%	24,081	24,025
JSE Sectors		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
Financials	⇒	21,318	0.00%	21,318	21,556
Resources	⇒	88,784	0.00%	88,784	88,448
Industrials	⇒	138,766	0.00%	138,766	139,841
Forex		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
N\$/US Dollar	↓	17.59	-0.96%	17.76	17.57
N\$/Pound	↓	23.75	-0.46%	23.86	23.73
N\$/Euro	↓	20.54	-0.44%	20.63	20.52
US Dollar/ Euro	↑	1.168	0.69%	1.16	1.17
Interest Rates & Inflation		Namibia		RSA	
		Jul-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Jun-25
Central Bank Rate	⇒	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.25
Prime Rate	⇒	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.75
		Jul-25	Jun-25	Jun-25	May-25
Inflation	↑	3.5	3.7	3.0	2.8

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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