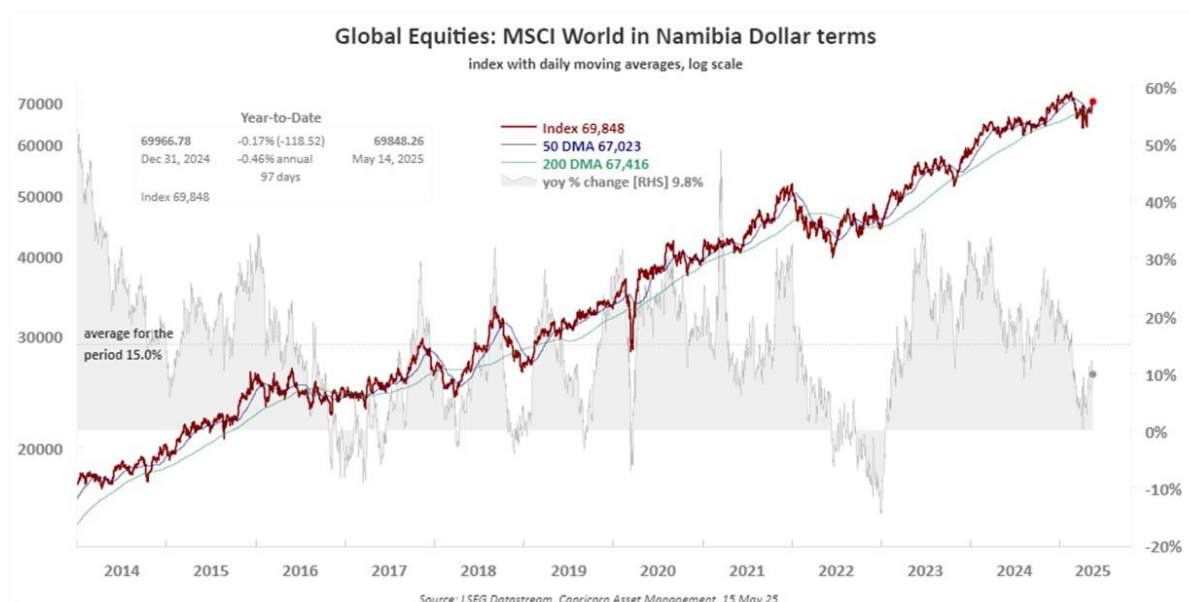




Market Update

Thursday, 15 May 2025

Global Markets



Stocks fell on Thursday while the dollar stumbled as the euphoria from market tailwinds earlier in the week fizzled out, with traders looking to U.S. data later in the day for further catalysts. Oil prices slid on expectations of a potential U.S.-Iran nuclear deal, with Brent crude futures and U.S. crude falling more than 2% each. U.S. Treasury yields were elevated, and the benchmark 10-year yield rose to a one-month top, in part due to worries over President Donald Trump's budget package that would add trillions of dollars to the U.S. debt.

Investors were greeted with a plethora of good news earlier this week from a U.S.-China trade-war truce to a raft of headline-grabbing investment deals from the Middle East during Trump's Gulf tour, in moves that breathed new life into battered global stocks. But most of the optimism died down by Thursday, leaving MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan down 0.15% and Wall Street futures slightly lower after notching marginal gains during the overnight cash session. "We've had a huge party, everyone's hung over, and now we're just recuperating and waiting for the next big party," said Tony Sycamore, a market analyst at IG.

While the trade deal between the U.S. and China gave markets some reason to cheer, the absence of clarity over Trump's trade policies has left markets with a sense of lingering uncertainty over the

global economic outlook. Investors were also waiting for further details of trade deals with other countries. "I get the feeling there is a little bit of a reluctance to take the market higher from here. I don't think foreign investors are going to be rushing back to that overweight position they've had in U.S. equities because of that confidence that has been shaken during the events over the past couple of months, both from tariffs and lawmakers."

Europe was similarly set for a dour opening, with EUROSTOXX 50 futures down 0.17% while DAX futures eased 0.23%. FTSE futures were little changed. In Japan, the Nikkei fell 0.85%. China's CSI300 blue-chip index slid 0.63% while Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index lost 0.55%. For now, investors were awaiting Thursday's data on U.S. retail sales and earnings from Walmart, a bellwether for the U.S. retail industry, for a check on the pulse of consumer sentiment. A disappointing outcome could feed fears of a recession in the world's largest economy, which would be a drag on markets. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell is also scheduled to speak later in the day, where the focus will be on any clues regarding the outlook for U.S. rates.

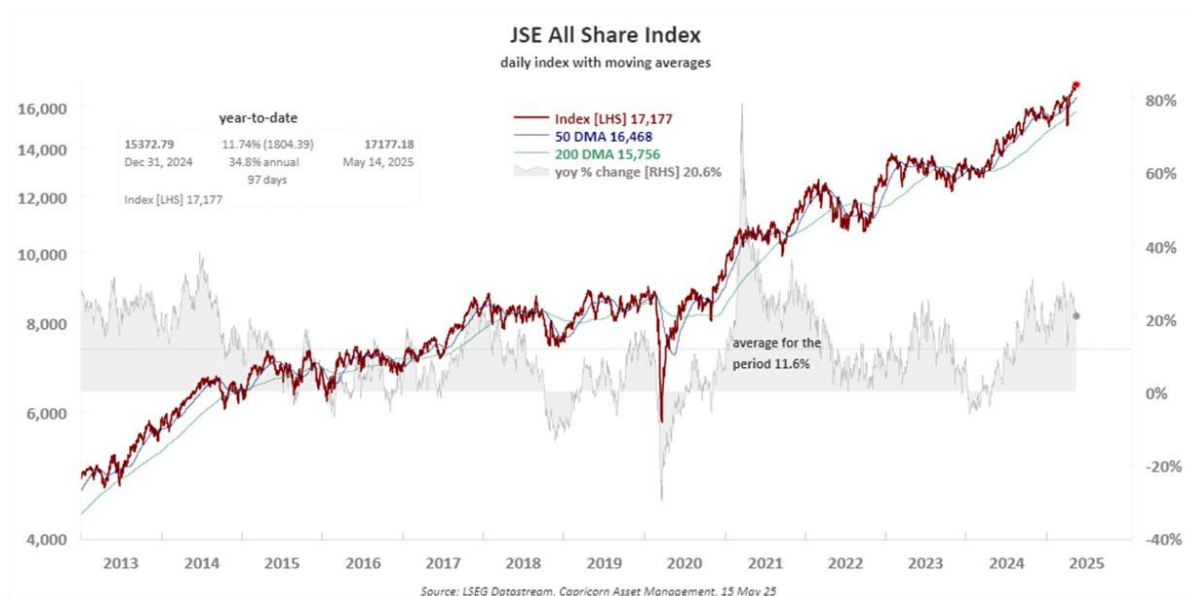
In currencies, the dollar was struggling to extend its strong gains made at the start of the week, falling 0.55% against the yen to 145.99. The euro rose 0.2% to \$1.1193. Moves against the Korean won were particularly choppy for a second straight day, after news that South Korea's deputy finance minister Choi Ji-young met with Assistant Secretary for International Finance at the U.S. Treasury, Robert Kaproth, to discuss the dollar/won market on May 5. A report from Bloomberg that Washington is not negotiating for a weaker dollar as part of tariff talks helped calm currency markets but concerns that the U.S. administration is pursuing just such a strategy continue to keep investors wary. The dollar was last down more than 0.8% against the won at 1,395.52. The Aussie jumped after data showed Australian employment blew past expectations in April, before paring some of those gains. It last bought \$0.6432.

Oil prices fell over \$1 during trade on Thursday on expectations of a potential U.S.-Iran nuclear deal, while a surprise build in U.S. crude oil inventories last week heightened investor concerns about oversupply. Brent crude futures fell \$1.49, or 2.3%, to \$64.60 a barrel by 0405 GMT. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures slid \$1.46, or 2.3%, to \$61.69.

Spot gold fell 1.2% to \$3,141.16 an ounce.

Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.

Domestic Markets



South Africa's rand recovered some losses on Wednesday, a day after the country's power utility implemented rolling power cuts. South Africa's Eskom said on Tuesday it would implement power cuts during evening peak hours this week. Power cuts have held back economic growth in Africa's most industrialized economy for more than a decade, but a turnaround in Eskom's plant performance has resulted in far fewer outages over the last year.

At 1507 GMT the rand traded at 18.23 against the dollar, about 0.3% stronger than its close on Tuesday, when it was also knocked by local jobs data. Investors are seeking clarity on a potential meeting between South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and U.S. President Donald Trump.

The Business Day newspaper reported that South Africa's agriculture, energy and transport ministers are crafting trade agreements ahead of a meeting planned for next week in Washington.

On the stock market, the Top 40 index closed about 0.3% lower. The benchmark 2030 government bond was weaker, as the yield rose 2.5 basis points to 8.95%.

Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or
the mirror that reflects it.

Edith Wharton

Market Overview

MARKET INDICATORS (Bloomberg)				15 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	-0.004	7.91	7.91
GC27 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R186)	↑	8.28	0.003	8.27	8.28
GC30 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R2030)	↑	8.72	0.011	8.71	8.98
GC32 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK: R213)	↓	9.75	-0.023	9.78	9.77
GC35 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R209)	↓	11.19	-0.066	11.26	11.35
GC37 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R2037)	↓	11.56	-0.097	11.65	11.73
GC40 (Coupon 9.80%, BMK: R214)	↓	11.76	-0.027	11.79	11.82
GC43 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2044)	↓	11.98	-0.006	11.99	11.98
GC45 (Coupon 9.85%, BMK: R2044)	↑	12.36	0.015	12.34	12.33
GC48 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2048)	↑	12.25	0.009	12.24	12.25
GC50 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2048)	↑	12.43	0.003	12.43	12.43
Inflation-Linked Bonds		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
GI25 (Coupon 3.80%, BMK: NCPI)	↑	2.53	0.009	2.52	2.50
GI27 (Coupon 4.00%, BMK: NCPI)	↑	4.48	0.002	4.48	4.48
GI29 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	↑	4.69	0.003	4.68	4.69
GI33 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	↑	5.32	0.003	5.32	5.32
GI36 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI)	↓	5.63	-0.001	5.63	5.63
Commodities		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
Gold	↓	3,177	-2.25%	3,250	3,144
Platinum	↓	985	-0.70%	992	982
Brent Crude	↓	66.1	-0.81%	66.63	64.55
Main Indices		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
NSX Local Index	↓	1051	-0.66%	1058	1051
JSE All Share	↓	92,474	-0.18%	92,639	92,474
S&P 500	↑	5,893	0.10%	5,887	5,893
FTSE 100	↓	8,585	-0.21%	8,603	8,585
Hangseng	↓	23,434	-0.88%	23,641	23,434
DAX	↓	23,527	-0.47%	23,639	23,527
JSE Sectors		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
Financials	→	20,913	0.00%	20,913	20,828
Resources	→	67,826	0.00%	67,826	66,282
Industrials	→	133,527	0.00%	133,527	134,534
Forex		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
N\$/US Dollar	↓	18.27	-0.27%	18.32	18.24
N\$/Pound	↓	24.24	-0.49%	24.36	24.25
N\$/Euro	↓	20.42	-0.29%	20.48	20.45
US Dollar/ Euro	↓	1.118	-0.18%	1.12	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	↓	3.6	4.2	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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