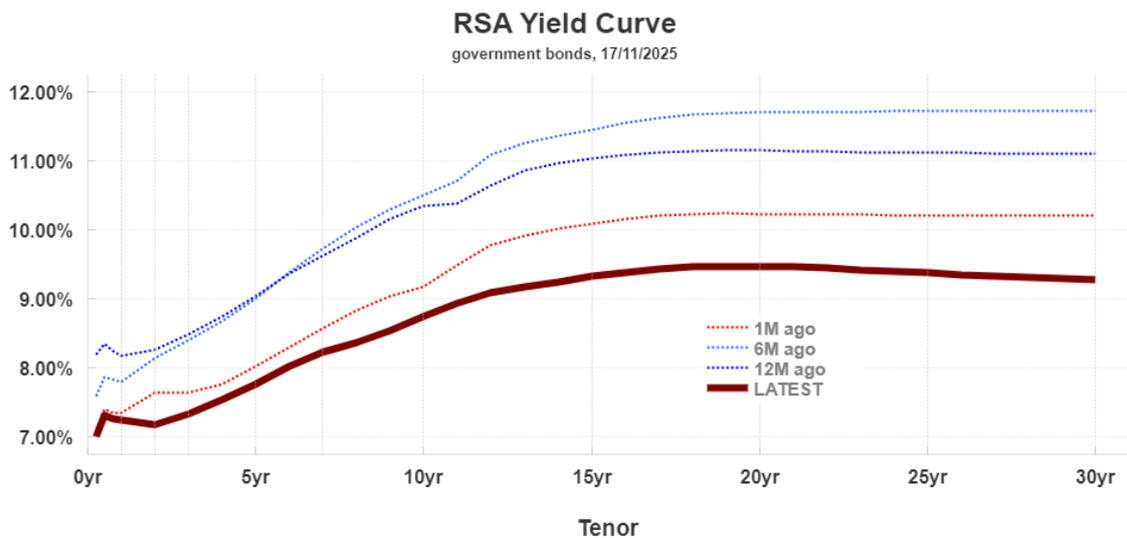




Market Update

Monday, 17 November 2025

Global Markets



The dollar firmed slightly on Monday as investors braced for the release of a slew of U.S. economic data following the end of the government's shutdown, hoping it will add clarity to the Federal Reserve's interest rate decision in December. Market reaction to U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff U-turn on more than 200 food products was muted, with some analysts saying the move was not a surprise due to the cost-of-living issues caused by the levies.

Sterling remained under pressure following a whirlwind Friday session as speculation swirled around the British government's highly anticipated November 26 budget. The safe-haven Swiss franc pulled back from a one-month high and last stood at 0.7954 per dollar, having found support last week from jitters over an ugly selloff in global stock markets.

The focus this week will be on various U.S. data releases for clues on the health of the world's largest economy, with the closely watched September nonfarm payrolls report due on Thursday. "We have

had a data vacuum for over 40 days, so I think markets will be super interested in any new information about the U.S. economy," said Carol Kong, a currency strategist at Commonwealth Bank of Australia. "I think the risk is definitely skewed to a weaker payrolls print, and that would just reignite market expectations about a December FOMC rate cut and send the U.S. dollar down."

The dollar regained its footing in Asia trade on Monday ahead of the releases, reversing some of its losses from last week, with the euro weakening 0.2% to \$1.1597. The Australian dollar fell 0.24% to \$0.6521, and the New Zealand dollar eased 0.18% to \$0.5670.

The dollar index, which measures the currency against a basket of peers, rose 0.14% to 99.46.

Despite signs of further weakness in the U.S. economy from recent private-sector data, investors have trimmed expectations of a Fed cut next month, betting that gaps in economic data will delay or even derail further easing.

Markets are now pricing in just over a 40% chance of a 25-basis-point rate cut in December, down from more than 60% earlier this month.

However, that hasn't substantially lifted the dollar, which last week was caught up in a broad selloff alongside U.S. stocks and bonds.

Thierry Wizman, global FX and rates strategist at Macquarie Group, said the currency's weakness reflects "speculative traders closing long U.S. dollar positions ahead of heightened volatility", in anticipation of the data deluge in the coming few weeks.

The British pound traded 0.3% lower at \$1.3137 on Monday, following sharp swings at the end of last week on news that Finance Minister Rachel Reeves has no plans to raise income tax rates in the upcoming budget.

That alarmed investors who had been anticipating a rise to help fill an expected fiscal shortfall, sparking a surge in government borrowing costs on Friday. Analysts expect Reeves to need to raise tens of billions of pounds to stay on track to meet her fiscal targets in the November 26 annual budget, and financial markets had seen a rise in income tax as the surest way to achieve that.

Against the pound, the euro held near its strongest level in about 2-1/2 years at 88.25 pence.

"It will definitely be more difficult to fill the big budget hole without raising the income tax rate," said CBA's Kong.

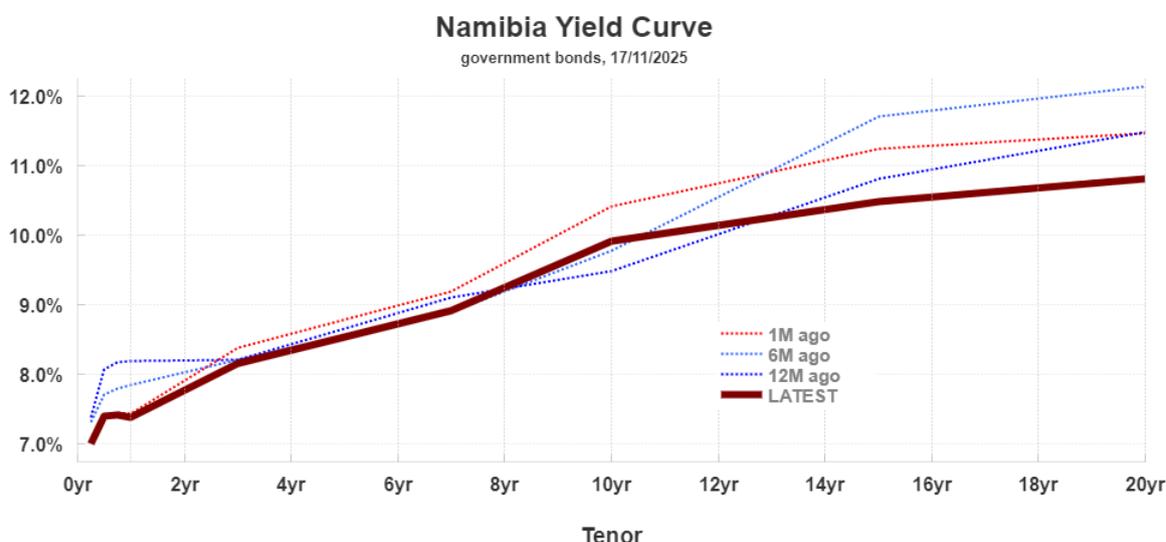
"Concerns remain that the UK government may not be able to consolidate the budget as much as previously expected, and that could again fuel concerns about the UK fiscal trajectory."

In other currencies, the yen languished near the 155 per dollar level and last changed hands at 154.80, leaving traders alert to the threat of intervention from Japanese authorities to stem the yen's decline. Japan last intervened in the currency market in July 2024 when the yen fell to a 38-year low of around 161.96 to the dollar, as currency weakness stoked sharp food and fuel price inflation.

The yen hardly reacted to data on Monday that showed Japan's economy shrank an annualized 1.8% in the three months through September, as a drop in exports in the face of U.S. tariffs resulted in the first contraction in six quarters.

Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.

Domestic Markets



The South African rand held its ground in early trading on Monday, shrugging off S&P Global's first credit upgrade of the country since 2005 - a move to BB from BB- with a positive outlook - as investors shifted focus to this week's looming interest rate decision. At 0721 GMT, the rand traded at 17.07 against the U.S. dollar, little changed from its Friday close.

"The muted reaction reflects that the move was largely priced in, though the upgrade, combined with Treasury's backing of a 3% inflation target, supports SA's longer-term risk profile," said Wichard Cilliers, head of market risk at TreasuryONE, in a note.

Last week, the rand briefly broke below a key 17-per-dollar level for the first time since February 2023 to touch 16.955 after the government's Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement showed signs of fiscal discipline.

This week's economic calendar will feature October consumer inflation figures and September retail sales data on Wednesday, followed by the central bank's interest rate decision on Thursday. The general consensus is that the central bank will cut interest rates by a quarter point. However, economists polled by Reuters expect that the Monetary Policy Committee will keep its main lending rate unchanged at 7.0%.

On the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, the Top-40 index was last up 0.5% in early trade. South Africa's benchmark 2035 government bond was firmer in early deals, with the yield falling 5 basis points to 8.605%.

Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.

The future starts today, not tomorrow.

Pope John Paul II

Market Overview

MARKET INDICATORS		17 November 2025			
Money Market TB's		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
3 months	↑	7.31	0.019	7.30	7.31
6 months	↑	7.34	0.014	7.33	7.34
9 months	↑	7.36	0.031	7.33	7.36
12 months	↑	7.33	0.060	7.27	7.33
Nominal Bonds		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
GC26 (Coupon 8.50%, BMK: R186)	↑	7.38	0.015	7.37	7.33
GC27 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R186)	↓	7.23	-0.020	7.25	7.18
GC28 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R186)	↑	8.19	0.045	8.15	8.14
GC30 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R2030)	↑	8.58	0.045	8.53	8.52
GC32 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK: R213)	↑	8.96	0.035	8.92	8.91
GC35 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R209)	↑	10.15	0.233	9.91	10.09
GC37 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R2037)	↑	10.31	0.055	10.25	10.25
GC40 (Coupon 9.80%, BMK: R214)	↑	10.52	0.055	10.46	10.47
GC43 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2044)	↑	10.83	0.055	10.77	10.78
GC45 (Coupon 9.85%, BMK: R2044)	↑	11.10	0.304	10.80	11.05
GC48 (Coupon 9.85%, BMK: R2044)	↑	10.92	0.060	10.86	10.87
GC50 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2048)	↑	10.92	0.060	10.86	10.87
Inflation-Linked Bonds		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
GI27 (Coupon 4.00%, BMK: NCPI)	→	4.58	0.000	4.58	4.53
GI29 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	4.95	0.000	4.95	4.90
GI31 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.23	0.000	5.23	5.18
GI33 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.46	0.000	5.46	5.41
GI36 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.89	0.000	5.89	5.84
GI41 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI)	→	6.19	0.000	6.19	6.14
Commodities		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
Gold	↓	4,084	-2.10%	4,172	4,088
Platinum	↓	1545	-2.53%	1586	1563
Brent Crude	↑	64.4	2.19%	63.01	63.97
Main Indices		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
NSX Local Index	↓	1221	-1.05%	1234	1221
JSE All Share	↑	112,364	0.35%	111,973	112,364
S&P 500	↓	6,734	-0.04%	6,737	6,734
FTSE 100	↓	9,698	-1.12%	9,808	9,698
Hangseng	↓	26,381	-0.72%	26,572	26,381
DAX	↓	23,877	-0.69%	24,042	23,877
JSE Sectors		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
Financials	↓	23,582	-0.77%	23,765	23,829
Resources	↓	110,937	-2.75%	114,077	110,374
Industrials	↓	144,950	-2.04%	147,966	145,497
Forex		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
N\$/US Dollar	↑	17.09	0.29%	17.04	17.05
N\$/Pound	↑	22.51	0.13%	22.48	22.46
N\$/Euro	↑	19.86	0.15%	19.83	19.80
US Dollar/ Euro	↑	1.162	0.17%	1.16	1.16
		Namibia		RSA	
Interest Rates & Inflation		Oct-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Sep-25
Central Bank Rate	↓	6.50	6.75	7.00	7.00
Prime Rate	↓	10.13	10.38	10.50	10.50
Inflation	↑	Oct-25	Sep-25	Sep-25	Aug-25
		3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3

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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