



The Daily Brief

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Market Update

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Global Markets

Gold prices hit a fresh high on Tuesday and were poised to log their best month in nearly 16 years, as fears of a potential U.S. government shutdown and growing expectations of further Federal Reserve rate cuts boosted demand for the metal. Spot gold rose 1% to \$3,870.14 per ounce, as of 0634 GMT. Bullion has risen 12.3% so far in September, and is on track for its biggest monthly percentage gain since November 2009. U.S. gold futures for December delivery gained 1.1% to \$3,897.80

"The looming government shutdown creates a haze of uncertainty over the market, which has served to accelerate gold's gains," said KCM Trade Chief Market Analyst Tim Waterer. "The \$4,000 level now seems a viable year-end target for gold, whilst market dynamics such as lower interest rates and ongoing geopolitical hotspots keep working in favour of the precious metal."

U.S. President Donald Trump and his Democratic opponents appeared to make little progress at a White House meeting aimed at heading off a government shutdown that could disrupt a wide range of services as soon as Wednesday.

Recent U.S. economic data has lifted expectations for further rate cuts this year, with traders pricing in a roughly 89% chance of a 25-basis-point reduction at the next Fed meeting in October, according to CME Group's FedWatch tool. St. Louis Federal Reserve President Alberto Musalem said he was open to further cuts but added that the Fed must be cautious and keep rates high enough to continue to lean against inflation.

Gold, often used as a safe store of value during times of political and financial uncertainty, thrives in a low-interest-rate environment. SPDR Gold Trust, the world's largest gold-backed exchange-traded fund, said its holdings rose 0.60% to 1,011.73 metric tons on Monday, their highest since July 2022.

Investors now await U.S. data on job openings, private payrolls, the ISM manufacturing PMI and non-farm payrolls report on Friday for further clues on the economy's health.

The U.S. Labor Department confirmed on Monday that its statistics agency would suspend data releases, including the closely-watched monthly employment report for September, in the event of a partial government shutdown. Elsewhere, spot silver gained 0.3% to \$47.08 per ounce and has climbed 18.6% so far this month. Platinum rose 0.5% to \$1,609.40 and palladium climbed 0.9% to \$1,278.62.

Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.

Domestic Markets

The South African rand was steady in early trade on Tuesday amid a flurry of economic data from the central bank, revenue service agency, National Treasury and statistics agency. At 0657 GMT the rand traded at 17.2350 against the dollar, near Monday's closing level and at its strongest level in 12 months.

Data from the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) showed that M3 money supply growth last month was at 6.18%, down from 6.75% in July. Credit growth for August came in at 5.86%, just above July's 5.84% and exceeding the 5.20% forecast in a Reuters poll.

The SARB is expected to release its quarterly bulletin at around 0800 GMT, offering insight into second-quarter foreign direct investment and portfolio flows.

Statistics South Africa will follow with formal sector employment data which excludes the agricultural sector at around 0930 GMT, and investors were also watching for August's budget and trade balance data from the National Treasury and the South African Revenue Service.

In fixed income, government bonds strengthened in early deals, as the yield for debt maturing in 2035 fell 3 basis points to 9.125%.

Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.

It is never too late to be what you might have been.

George Eliot

Market Overview

MARKET INDICATORS		30 September 2025			
Money Market TB's		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
3 months	↑	7.32	0.001	7.32	7.32
6 months	↓	7.41	-0.006	7.42	7.41
9 months	↓	7.42	-0.040	7.46	7.42
12 months	↓	7.38	-0.072	7.45	7.38
Nominal Bonds		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
GC26 (Coupon 8.50%, BMK: R186)	↓	7.36	-0.015	7.38	7.31
GC27 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R186)	↓	7.74	-0.010	7.75	7.68
GC30 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R2030)	↓	8.65	-0.005	8.65	8.58
GC32 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK: R213)	↓	9.30	-0.002	9.30	9.22
GC35 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R209)	↓	10.21	-0.008	10.21	10.13
GC37 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R2037)	↓	10.69	-0.002	10.69	10.61
GC40 (Coupon 9.80%, BMK: R214)	↓	11.07	-0.020	11.09	10.99
GC43 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2044)	↓	11.21	-0.025	11.24	11.14
GC45 (Coupon 9.85%, BMK: R2044)	↓	11.41	-0.025	11.44	11.34
GC50 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2048)	↓	11.53	-0.030	11.56	11.45
Inflation-Linked Bonds		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
GI27 (Coupon 4.00%, BMK: NCPI)	→	4.47	0.000	4.47	4.53
GI29 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	4.95	0.000	4.95	4.99
GI33 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.28	0.000	5.28	5.33
GI36 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.82	0.000	5.82	5.90
Commodities		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
Gold	↑	3,834	1.96%	3,760	3,852
Platinum	↑	1603	1.45%	1581	1599
Brent Crude	↓	68.0	-3.08%	70.13	67.36
Main Indices		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
NSX Local Index	↑	1152	0.61%	1145	1152
JSE All Share	↑	107,439	0.18%	107,244	107,439
S&P 500	↑	6,661	0.26%	6,644	6,661
FTSE 100	↓	9,294	-0.06%	9,300	9,294
Hangseng	↑	26,820	0.74%	26,623	26,820
DAX	↓	23,707	-0.16%	23,745	23,707
JSE Sectors		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
Financials	↓	21,137	-0.51%	21,246	21,205
Resources	↑	111,489	1.12%	110,255	111,612
Industrials	↑	140,880	0.77%	139,798	141,033
Forex		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
N\$/US Dollar	↓	17.27	-0.40%	17.34	17.25
N\$/Pound	↓	23.20	-0.17%	23.24	23.19
N\$/Euro	↓	20.26	-0.10%	20.28	20.26
US Dollar/ Euro	↑	1.173	0.26%	1.17	1.17
Interest Rates & Inflation		Namibia		RSA	
		Aug-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Jul-25
Central Bank Rate	→	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00
Prime Rate	→	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
		Aug-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Jul-25
Inflation	↓	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.5

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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