

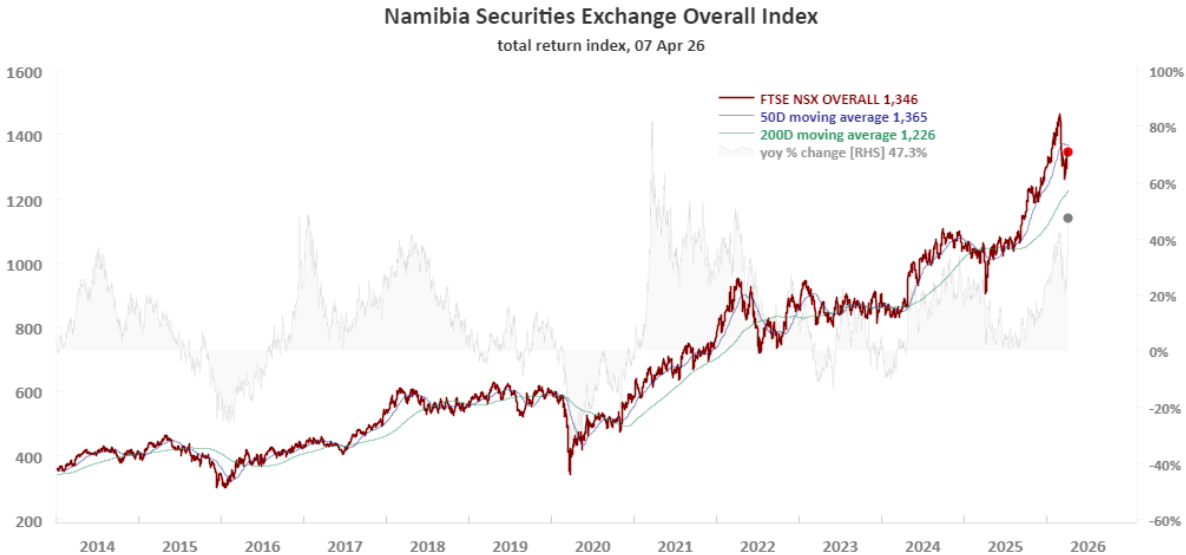


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Market Update

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Global Markets

Global stocks wavered on Tuesday, while oil prices were perched above \$110 per barrel as the prospect of escalation in the war in the Middle East and the looming deadline for a deal to be reached kept nervous investors on the sidelines. Markets have been rattled since the U.S.-Israel war on Iran broke out at the end of February, with Tehran effectively closing the Strait of Hormuz, a key global oil transit chokepoint that has spurred inflation worries.

While investors have pinned their hopes on a resolution to the war, the talks so far have yielded no progress, with U.S. President Donald Trump imposing a deadline of Tuesday, 8 p.m. Eastern Time (00:00 GMT Wednesday) for a deal to be reached. That has triggered a risk-off and cautious mood, with the U.S. dollar holding onto its gains and oil prices surging. Brent crude futures rose 1% to \$111.53 a barrel, having risen over 50% since the war started.

A record-breaking quarterly profit forecast from chipmaker Samsung Electronics helped lift investor mood a bit in Asian hours before the reality of the energy shock from the six-week-long war set in. Japan's Nikkei was choppy as it erased early gains to trade flat. South Korean stocks were up 0.2%, having surged over 2.5% earlier in the session. U.S. stock futures fell 0.35%, while European futures pointed to a slightly higher open after being closed for holidays on Friday and Monday. "We are back on a Trump-imposed countdown clock, and there's no way to predict with any confidence what will happen," said Kyle Rodda, senior markets analyst at Capital.com. "The more intrepid traders might make a bet one way or the other. Others will look to hedge risk or stay out entirely. But there's not much market participants can really do but wait and see."

Iran said it wanted a lasting end to the war, instead of a temporary ceasefire and pushed back against pressure to reopen the waterway, a conduit for about a fifth of the world's oil and natural gas supply. Trump warned Iran could be "taken out" if it did not meet his deadline for a deal, vowing to destroy Iranian power plants and bridges, brushing off concerns that such actions would be a war crime. "Any follow-through on threats to target Iran's power infrastructure would mark a significant escalation, raising the risk of retaliatory action that could further disrupt Gulf energy facilities," said Vasu Menon, managing director of investment strategy at OCBC in Singapore. The conflict has spurred worries about stagflation - high inflation with weak or slow growth - upending the global rates outlook, with traders no longer pricing in any rate cuts from the Federal Reserve this year.

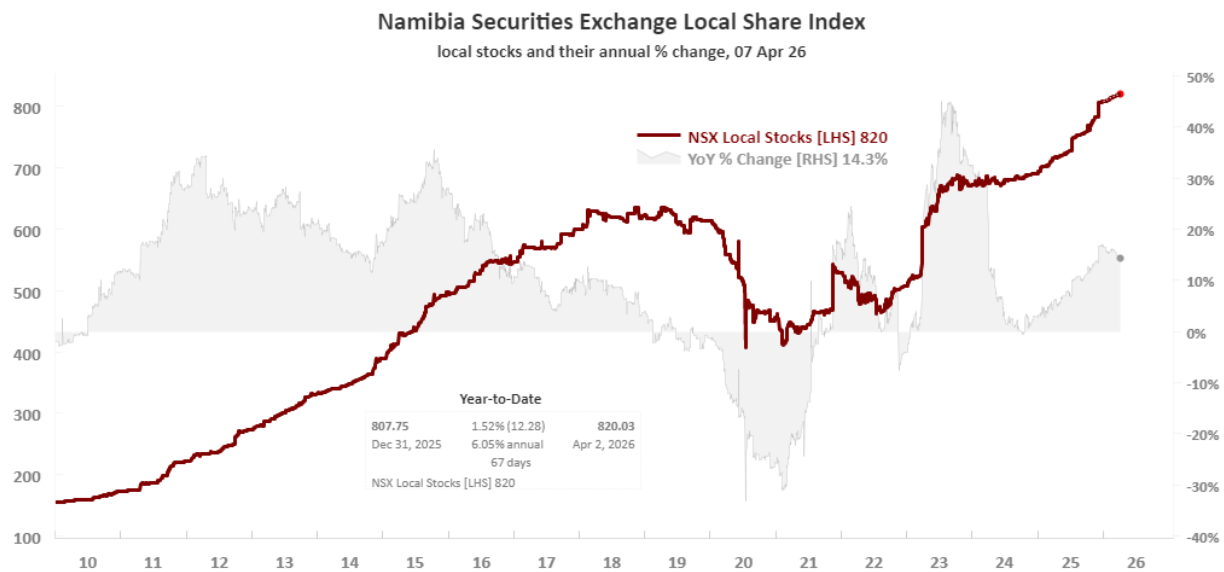
Data on Monday showed U.S. services sector growth slowed in March, while prices paid by businesses for inputs increased by the most in more than 13 years, an early indication that the prolonged war with Iran was boosting inflationary pressure. U.S. inflation data is due on Friday, which will likely underscore the extent of the pricing pressure from rising energy prices, but for now, investor attention will be on Trump's war deadline and whether a deal will be agreed.

In currencies, the euro was steady at \$1.1538. The dollar index, which measures the U.S. currency against six other units, was at 100.03, near its recent highs. The dollar has been the haven of choice among investors during the tumult. The Japanese yen last bought 159.74 per U.S. dollar, hovering near the crucial 160 level that traders have been watching out for to gauge whether Tokyo might intervene in the wake of strong recent comments from officials.

Gold prices eased 0.17% to \$4,640 per ounce in early trading. Spot silver fell 0.8% to \$72.19 per ounce, platinum shed 1% to \$1,959.82, and palladium slid 0.6% to \$1,475.93.

Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.

Domestic Markets



The South African rand was weaker in early trade on Tuesday, as investors remained cautious ahead of a deadline set by U.S. President Donald Trump for Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz. At 07:37 GMT, the rand traded at 16.93 against the dollar, down about 0.4% from its previous close.

Iran and Israel traded attacks as Tehran refused to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and accept a ceasefire deal on the eve of Trump's deadline to agree to his demands or get "taken out." War in the Middle East and the closure of the chokepoint in the Persian Gulf have sent energy prices soaring, with oil prices currently holding above \$110 a barrel. The rand has been at the mercy of global market sentiment since the U.S. and Israel started the war at the end of February, and Iran retaliated. The local currency fell about 6% last month, with economists expecting inflation to rise in the net energy-importing nation. "Global traders are walking on eggshells at the moment," said ETM Analytics in a note, adding that further updates on the war will offer directional clarity. "At face value, it still appears that the U.S. and Iran are worlds apart, with neither willing to negotiate on the other's terms," said the note.

Domestic investors will analyse the March S&P Global Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for clues on the health of Africa's largest economy. The U.S. dollar was flat against a basket of currencies as global traders awaited minutes of the Fed's March policy meeting on Wednesday, as well as U.S. inflation indicators, including the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) data later this week.

To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.

Winston Churchill

Market Overview

MARKET INDICATORS		07 April 2026			
Money Market TB's		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
3 months	↓	7.19	-0.027	7.22	7.19
6 months	↑	7.39	0.010	7.38	7.39
9 months	↑	7.41	0.007	7.41	7.41
12 months	↑	7.48	0.037	7.44	7.48
Nominal Bonds		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
GC26 (Coupon 8.50%, BMK: R186)	↑	6.09	0.013	6.08	6.09
GC27 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R186)	↓	7.42	-0.001	7.42	7.42
GC28 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R186)	↑	8.78	0.065	8.71	8.77
GC30 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R2030)	↑	9.33	0.065	9.27	9.33
GC32 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK: R213)	↑	9.99	0.075	9.91	9.98
GC35 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R209)	↑	10.77	0.080	10.69	10.77
GC37 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R2037)	↑	11.31	0.080	11.23	11.31
GC40 (Coupon 9.80%, BMK: R214)	↑	11.50	0.090	11.41	11.50
GC43 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2044)	↑	11.71	0.095	11.62	11.71
GC45 (Coupon 9.85%, BMK: R2044)	↑	11.70	0.095	11.61	11.70
GC48 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2048)	↑	11.70	0.090	11.61	11.70
GC50 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2048)	↑	11.60	0.090	11.51	11.60
Inflation-Linked Bonds		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
GI27 (Coupon 4.00%, BMK: NCPI)	→	4.56	0.000	4.56	4.56
GI29 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.04	0.000	5.04	5.04
GI31 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.28	0.000	5.28	5.28
GI33 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.47	0.000	5.47	5.47
GI36 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.94	0.000	5.94	5.94
GI41 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI)	→	6.21	0.000	6.21	6.21
Commodities		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
Gold	↓	4,650	-0.58%	4,677	4,651
Platinum	↓	1981	-0.43%	1989	1964
Brent Crude	↑	109.8	0.68%	109.03	111.31
Main Indices		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
NSX Overall Index	↓	1346	-0.30%	1350	1346
JSE All Share	↓	116,123	-0.41%	116,600	116,123
S&P 500	↑	6,612	0.44%	6,583	6,612
FTSE 100	↑	10,436	0.68%	10,365	10,436
Hangseng	↓	25,117	-0.70%	25,294	25,117
DAX	↓	23,168	-0.56%	23,299	23,168
JSE Sectors		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
Financials	→	25,004	0.00%	25,004	24,967
Resources	→	135,600	0.00%	135,600	135,071
Industrials	→	127,308	0.00%	127,308	126,408
Forex		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
N\$/US Dollar	↓	16.86	-0.71%	16.98	16.89
N\$/Pound	↓	22.31	-0.53%	22.43	22.37
N\$/Euro	↓	19.46	-0.51%	19.56	19.49
US Dollar/ Euro	↑	1.154	0.35%	1.15	1.15
Interest Rates & Inflation		Namibia	RSA		
		Feb-26	Jan-26	Feb-26	Jan-26
Central Bank Rate	→	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.75
Prime Rate	→	10.00	10.00	10.25	10.25
		Feb-26	Jan-26	Feb-26	Jan-26
Inflation	↓	2.4	2.9	3.0	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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