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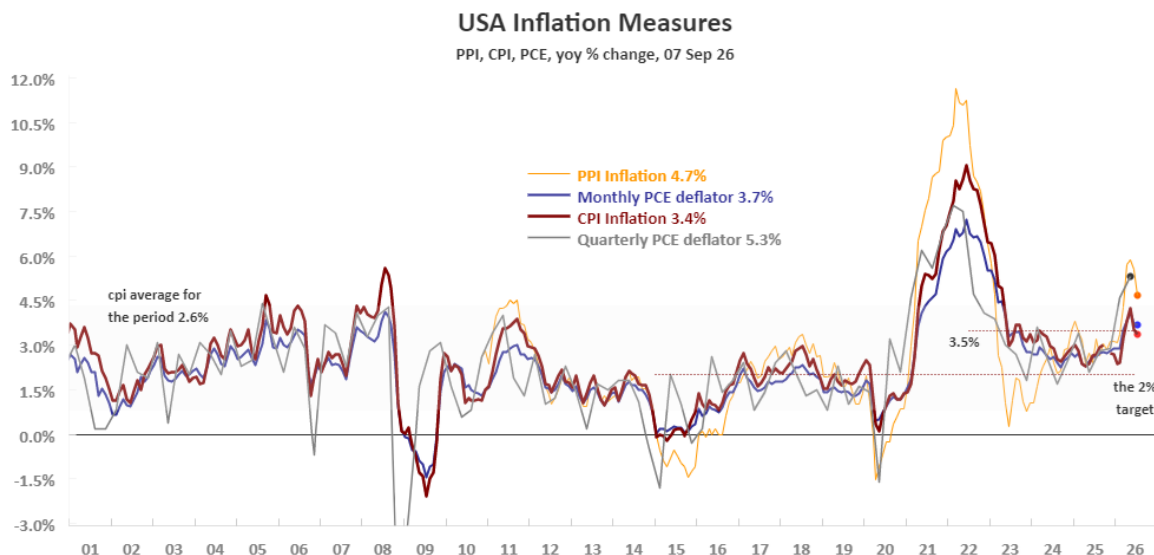


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Market Update

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Global Markets



US financial markets are closed today in observance of Labour Day, with the next trading session resuming on Tuesday. The pause comes as continued volatility in global oil markets, driven by the ongoing disruption to Middle East supply routes, weighs on investor sentiment heading into the week. Asian and European markets open with thinner liquidity than usual in the absence of US participation.

Tehran said it will announce a restricted zone outside the Strait of Hormuz in the coming days, after U.S. forces hit three Iranian tankers and Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps launched ballistic missiles at two U.S. Navy ships. As a result, Brent climbed 1.1% to reach \$97.37 a barrel, having surged almost 8% last week, while U.S. crude rose 1.2% to \$92.57 a barrel. That is not good news for diesel prices, which hit record highs last week. Diesel is the fuel that matters most for transport, shipping, farming and manufacturing.

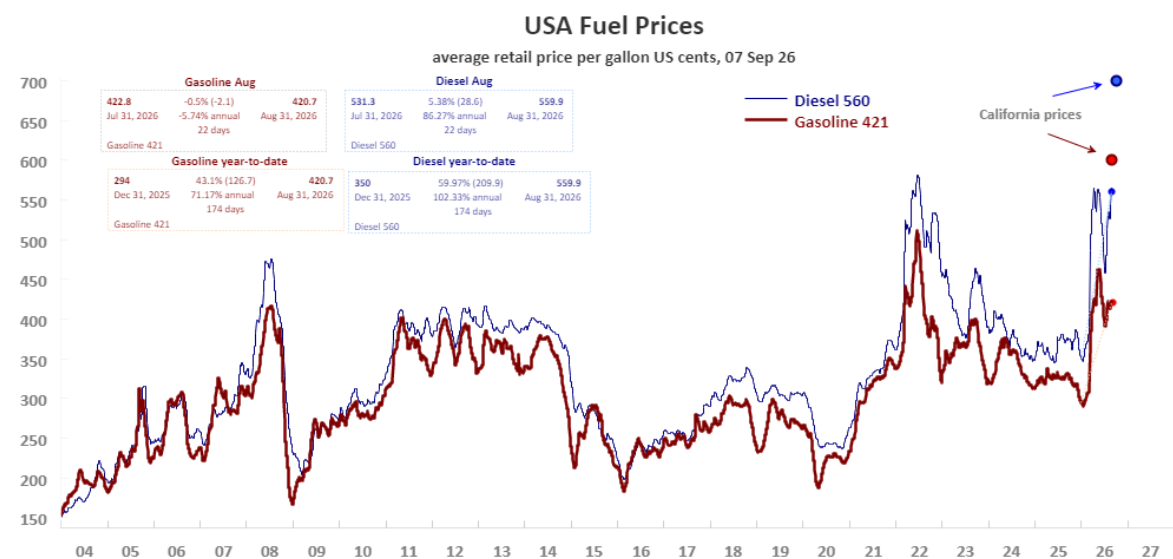
That inflationary impulse raises the stakes for a key reading of U.S. consumer prices this week, and is a major reason the European Central Bank is seen as certain to lift rates to 2.75% on Thursday. Futures also imply a 75% chance of another hike to 3.0% by December. The risk of hawkish guidance

from the ECB after the rate hike is likely to keep European stocks on edge on Monday. EUROSTOXX 50 futures, DAX futures and FTSE futures were all down 0.1%. On Wall Street, a U.S. holiday kept turnover light, with both S&P 500 futures off 0.1% and Nasdaq futures up 0.1%.

In Asia, enthusiasm for tech stocks saw Japan's Nikkei rebound 2.0%, after losing a similar amount last week, while South Korea rallied 4.3%. Some traders pointed to an uber-bullish outlook from Goldman Sachs predicting a further 75% rise in the Kospi to 12,000, though that has been a long-standing call. Chinese blue chips added 0.2%, with some relief that China's finance ministry will lead a combined \$54 billion capital injection into state-owned insurers and banks. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan climbed 1.5%.

Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.

Domestic Markets



Namibia's Orange Basin deepwater story gained fresh momentum over the weekend. According to Mining and Energy Namibia (5 September 2026), Galp Energia is targeting the fourth quarter of 2026 to begin its next exploration and appraisal drilling campaign at the Mopane discovery. This follows the completion of a strategic transaction with TotalEnergies that expands Galp's Namibian offshore portfolio from one block to three. Should the campaign commence as planned, it would represent one of the most significant upstream milestones in the Orange Basin since TotalEnergies confirmed its operatorship of Mopane and set a 2028 target for a Final Investment Decision. Each successive drilling event de-risks the resource and builds the commercial case for the basin as a whole -- a positive signal for international capital, local content participation, and Namibia's medium-term fiscal outlook.

On the uranium front, Mining and Energy Namibia reports that Swakop Uranium expects the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract for the Erongo desalination facility to be awarded by the end of September. The Erongo project is critical long-term water infrastructure supporting operations at Husab, one of the world's largest uranium mines by production capacity. Its advancement signals continued capital commitment to Namibia's uranium sector.

Namibia's foreign reserve position strengthened over the past week. The Bank of Namibia reported that the country's international reserves rose by N\$1.62 billion to N\$58.04 billion as of 4 September,

according to The Brief (4 September 2026). This level of reserve cover supports the currency peg to the South African rand and provides the Bank of Namibia with continued monetary policy latitude.

NedNamibia Holdings Limited reported a 23.7% increase in profit after tax to N\$239 million in the first half of 2026, with net lending up 25.4%, according to The Brief (4 September 2026). The result points to resilient credit demand in the domestic economy, consistent with the Bank of Namibia's August 2026 Economic Outlook, which projected full-year GDP growth of 2.1%. Strong lending growth also reflects households and businesses accessing credit to manage elevated import costs.

Mining and Energy Namibia (6 September 2026) published data showing that Namibia's mining sector contributed approximately 14% of GDP in 2025, generated total turnover of N\$64.2 billion, paid N\$7.8 billion in taxes, invested N\$7.5 billion in fixed capital, and directed almost N\$24 billion in procurement to Namibian-registered suppliers. These figures reinforce the sector's centrality to Namibia's fiscal position -- and underscore the stakes attached to commodity price volatility, particularly in diamonds, uranium and, increasingly, oil.

In South Africa, the most significant domestic economic event this week is the release of South Africa's second-quarter 2026 GDP data. Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) has confirmed it will publish the Q2 2026 GDP results at a media briefing in Tshwane on Tuesday, 8 September 2026. Following Q1 2026 GDP growth of 0.5% quarter-on-quarter, the Q2 print will be a key indicator of whether the economy is sustaining a modest recovery or beginning to slow under the weight of elevated borrowing costs and a difficult external environment. The South African Reserve Bank will be closely attuned to the outcome as it navigates the balance between supporting growth and anchoring inflation expectations.

Stats SA reported that South Africa's unemployment rate for Q2 2026 stood at 33.6% -- one of the highest rates globally by comparable measure and a persistent structural constraint on domestic consumption and social stability. The figure underscores the challenge of translating headline economic growth into broad-based employment creation, particularly in a service-oriented economy where the tertiary sector accounts for approximately 70% of economic activity.

The JSE begins the week without directional cues from US markets given today's Labour Day holiday. Mining and resources counters remain sensitive to the elevated global oil price environment and the continuing risk-off tone that has characterised recent sessions. Gold mining shares may find some near-term support from reports that global money managers are rebuilding bullion positions -- a development that, if sustained, would benefit South Africa's gold producers and, by extension, the JSE resources index. All eyes turn to tomorrow's Stats SA GDP release.

The most effective way to do it, is to do it.

Amelia Earhart

Market Overview

MARKET INDICATORS		07 September 2026			
Money Market TB's		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
3 months	↑	7.16	0.064	7.10	7.16
6 months	→	7.40	0.000	7.40	7.40
9 months	↑	7.60	0.041	7.56	7.60
12 months	↑	7.65	0.038	7.61	7.65
Nominal Bonds		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
GC27 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R186)	↓	7.02	-0.003	7.02	7.02
GC28 (Coupon 8.50%, BMK: R186)	↓	8.19	-0.050	8.24	8.18
GC29 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK: R2030)	↓	8.66	-0.050	8.71	8.66
GC30 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R2030)	↓	8.75	-0.050	8.80	8.75
GC32 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK: R213)	↓	9.34	-0.030	9.37	9.33
GC34 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2035)	↓	9.81	-0.060	9.87	9.81
GC35 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R209)	↓	10.26	-0.045	10.30	10.25
GC37 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R2037)	↓	10.61	-0.065	10.68	10.61
GC40 (Coupon 9.80%, BMK: R214)	↓	11.15	-0.055	11.20	11.14
GC43 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2044)	↓	11.10	-0.055	11.16	11.10
GC45 (Coupon 9.85%, BMK: R2044)	↓	11.46	-0.055	11.51	11.45
GC48 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2048)	↓	11.58	-0.065	11.64	11.58
GC50 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2048)	↓	11.73	-0.065	11.79	11.72
GC53 (Coupon 11.00%, BMK: R2053)	↓	11.86	-0.040	11.90	11.86
Inflation-Linked Bonds		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
GI27 (Coupon 4.00%, BMK: NCPI)	→	3.93	0.000	3.93	3.93
GI29 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	4.37	0.000	4.37	4.37
GI31 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	4.92	0.000	4.92	4.92
GI33 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.14	0.000	5.14	5.14
GI36 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.70	0.000	5.70	5.70
GI41 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI)	→	6.06	0.000	6.06	6.06
Commodities		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
Gold	↓	4,430	-0.96%	4,473	4,396
Platinum	↓	1822	-0.05%	1823	1812
Brent Crude	↑	96.3	0.80%	95.52	97.21
Main Indices		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
NSX Overall Index	↑	1525	0.46%	1518	1525
JSE All Share	↓	116,641	-0.07%	116,726	116,641
S&P 500	↓	7,719	-0.37%	7,748	7,719
FTSE 100	↓	10,814	-0.16%	10,831	10,814
Hangseng	↓	25,433	-0.85%	25,651	25,433
DAX	↓	26,001	-0.17%	26,046	26,001
JSE Sectors		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
Financials	↑	26,274	0.69%	26,095	26,340
Resources	↓	135,952	-0.43%	136,545	135,443
Industrials	↓	121,739	-0.12%	121,883	121,554
Forex		Last Close	Change	Prev Close	Current Spot
N\$/US Dollar	↓	15.96	-0.19%	15.99	15.98
N\$/Pound	↓	21.57	-0.28%	21.63	21.61
N\$/Euro	↓	18.53	-0.32%	18.59	18.56
US Dollar/ Euro	↑	1.161	0.09%	1.16	1.16
Interest Rates & Inflation		Namibia	RSA		
		Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Jul-26
Central Bank Rate	→	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00
Prime Rate	→	10.25	10.25	10.50	10.50
		Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Jun-26
Inflation	→	4.4	4.4	4.3	5.0

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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