Market Update

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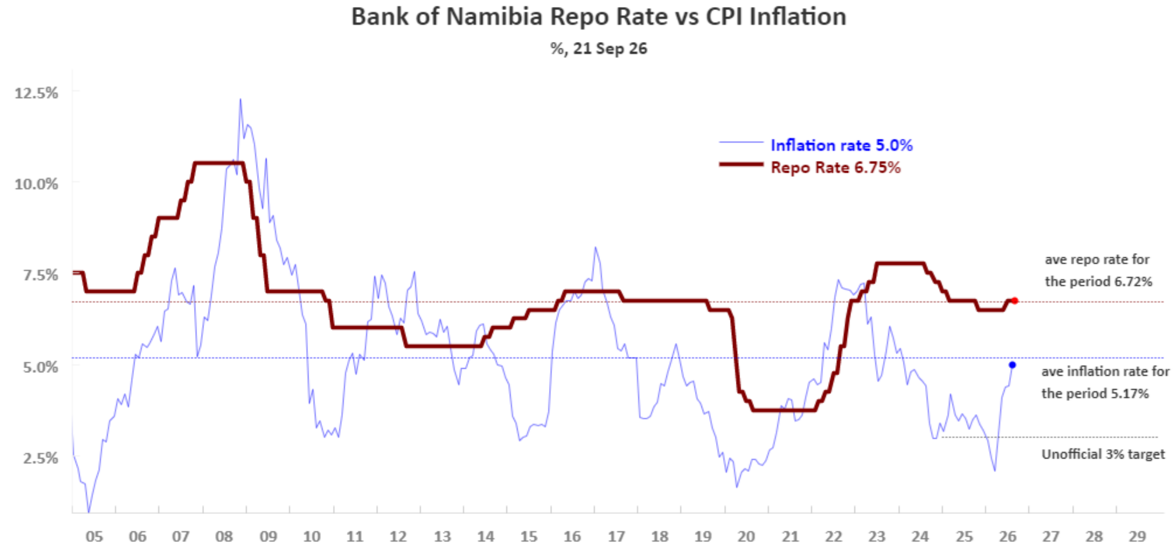

Global Markets

The US Federal Reserve raised its benchmark federal funds rate by 25 basis points on 16 September, setting a new target range of 3.75% to 4.00% in a unanimous 12-0 vote. The Federal Reserve stated that economic activity is expanding at a solid pace, that job gains have kept pace with the workforce, and that inflation remains elevated. The Fed’s projections show US GDP growth of 2.3% for 2026, unemployment holding at 4.1%, and PCE inflation at 3.7%. The next FOMC meeting is scheduled for 27–28 October. For South Africa and Namibia, the rate hike reinforces dollar strength, which puts pressure on the rand and the Namibian dollar (pegged to the rand), raises import costs, and narrows the room for domestic monetary easing.

Year-to-date US equity market performance has been positive: the S&P 500 is up 7.5%, the Nasdaq has advanced 14.1%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average has gained 11.8%, according to LSEG data reported by Reuters. Gains have been supported by resilient corporate earnings and productivity growth, though the cumulative effect of higher-for-longer rates remains a headwind for rate-sensitive sectors.

Whereas in Asia, South Korea's tech-heavy index gained 1.4%, while Taiwan rose 1% to a three-month high. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan added 0.9%, and Chinese blue chips gained 0.2%. Japan's Nikkei was closed, but futures rose 0.2%. S&P 500 futures firmed 0.4%, while Nasdaq futures added 0.6%. In Europe, EUROSTOXX 50 futures rose 0.5%, while DAX futures gained 0.4% and FTSE futures 0.2%.

Commodity markets softened modestly on Friday, though levels remain historically elevated. According to Moneyweb, gold traded at $4,355.35 per troy ounce, down 0.64% on the day, while Brent crude fell 1.26% to $101.91 per barrel. Oil above $100 per barrel reflects ongoing disruption linked to the Middle East conflict, including uncertainty around shipping routes. Platinum closed at $1,797.94 per ounce (-0.36%), palladium at $1,308.58 (-0.49%), and silver at $66.20 (-0.03%). While a single-day pullback in gold is not unusual, the price remains near record highs, supported by central bank demand and safe-haven buying. For Namibia, elevated gold prices provide a critical buffer against declining production volumes at key mines.

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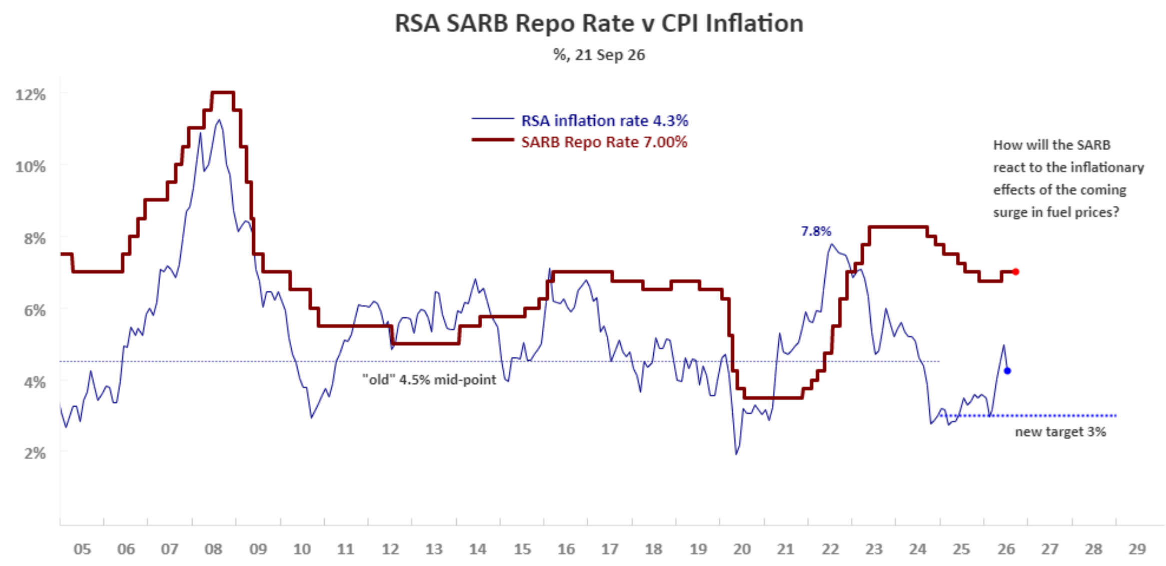

Domestic Markets

Namibia’s uranium sector continued to attract capital this week. According to Mining and Energy, Deep Yellow Limited more than doubled its exploration and evaluation spending in Namibia to N$788 million (US$48.4 million), reflecting sustained investor confidence in the country’s uranium endowment at a time when the global energy transition is sustaining long-term nuclear fuel demand. Separately, Bannerman Energy raised N$1.43 billion to fully fund its Etango Uranium Project, aiming to reach production debt-free. Uranium accounted for 22.3% of Namibia’s total exports in June 2026, according to the Chamber of Mines of Namibia, making it the country’s single largest export commodity.

Activity in copper and gold has also accelerated. According to Mining and Energy, Ongwe Minerals expanded drilling at its Khorixas gold project following high-grade intersections, Sultan applied for a 171 km² copper-gold exploration licence, and Unicorn secured N$27.1 million to advance the Klein Aub copper mine. These developments signal continued appetite for exploration across Namibia’s mineral corridors, even as the Chamber of Mines describes 2026 as a transitional year characterised by lower production volumes but cushioned by strong commodity prices. Gold contributed 11.8% of Namibia’s export earnings in June 2026.

On the diamond front, Namibia signed the Beijing Declaration on Natural Diamonds and Sustainable Development on 17 September, according to Mining and Energy, opening the way for closer trade and cooperation ties with China. The move is strategically significant given the prolonged weakness in global diamond demand, which has weighed on Namibia's export earnings. Securing deeper market access with China, one of the world's largest diamond consumers, could help stabilise demand for Namibian rough diamonds over the medium term.

Two infrastructure developments warrant attention. Dangote Industries plans to launch a 2,650 kilometre fuel pipeline network in October, starting in Namibia and extending through to the DRC, as reported by Mining and Energy. If realised, this would meaningfully alter Namibia's fuel import logistics and reduce price volatility at the mine gate, where fuel is a critical cost input. Additionally, Chevron and TotalEnergies backed training for Namibian government officials in international oil and gas contract negotiation, facilitated by the Association of International Energy Negotiators, as Namibia prepares for its offshore oil production era.

In SA, the JSE All Share Index closed at 113,002 on Thursday, 18 September, falling 1.01% on the day and 1.73% over the past week, according to Moneyweb. The Resource 10 index was the weakest performer, declining 2.52%, dragged lower by Glencore (-3.69%), Implats (-3.23%) and ARM (-3.93%). The Top 40 shed 1.23%, and the Financials 15 fell 0.62%. Among the day's outperformers were Remgro (+3.88%), PPC (+4.65%) and HCI (+5.16%). Year-to-date, the JSE All Share is down 2.44%, reflecting a difficult first half shaped by global uncertainty and domestic headwinds. The rand was trading at R16.23 to the US dollar as of Sunday evening, softening by 0.22%.

The South African Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is scheduled to announce its next rate decision on 23 September. The SARB's repo rate currently stands at 7.00%, with the prime lending rate at 10.50%. According to the South African Reserve Bank, consumer price inflation was 4.3% in July 2026, while producer price inflation was 5.7%. At its July meeting, the MPC held rates steady, citing a careful balance between upside inflation risks and the need to protect South Africa's fragile economic recovery. With the Fed having hiked again and Brent crude remaining above $100 per barrel, the September MPC meeting on Wednesday will be closely watched. The SARB's own model projects rate cuts later in the forecast horizon as inflation approaches the 3% target.

The South African Reserve Bank also reported that the country's current account balance swung to a deficit of 2.6% of GDP in the second quarter of 2026, from a surplus of 2.3% in the first quarter. The deterioration reflects weaker export performance and persistent import pressures, and underscores South Africa's external financing vulnerability in an environment of rising global interest rates and a stronger US dollar.

What really matters is what you do with what you have.

H. G. Wells

Market Overview

MARKET INDICATORS		21 September 2026			
Money Market TB's		**Last Close**	**Change**	**Prev Close**	**Current Spot**
3 months	↑	7.22	0.030	7.19	7.22
6 months	↑	7.54	0.136	7.41	7.54
9 months	↑	7.70	0.084	7.61	7.70
12 months	↑	7.76	0.052	7.71	7.76
Nominal Bonds		**Last Close**	**Change**	**Prev Close**	**Current Spot**
GC27 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R186)	↓	7.06	-0.004	7.07	7.06
GC28 (Coupon 8.50%, BMK: R186)	↑	8.40	0.050	8.35	8.39
GC29 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK: R2030)	↑	8.72	0.050	8.67	8.72
GC30 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R2030)	↑	8.89	0.050	8.84	8.88
GC32 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK: R213)	↑	9.41	0.060	9.35	9.40
GC34 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2035)	↑	9.88	0.060	9.82	9.88
GC35 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R209)	↑	10.25	0.060	10.19	10.24
GC37 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R2037)	→	10.61	0.000	10.61	10.60
GC40 (Coupon 9.80%, BMK: R214)	↓	11.03	-0.004	11.03	11.03
GC43 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2044)	↑	11.24	0.033	11.21	11.24
GC45 (Coupon 9.85%, BMK: R2044)	↑	11.60	0.089	11.51	11.60
GC48 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2048)	↑	11.65	0.090	11.55	11.64
GC50 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2048)	↑	11.77	0.043	11.73	11.77
GC53 (Coupon 11.00%, BMK: R2053)	↑	12.02	0.080	11.94	12.02
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)	→	4.00	0.000	4.00	4.00
GI31 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	4.47	0.000	4.47	4.47
GI33 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.03	0.000	5.03	5.03
GI36 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI)	→	5.65	0.000	5.65	5.65
GI41 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI)	→	6.03	0.000	6.03	6.03
Commodities		**Last Close**	**Change**	**Prev Close**	**Current Spot**
Gold	↑	4,379	0.85%	4,342	4,354
Platinum	↑	1802	1.61%	1774	1799
Brent Crude	↓	103.9	-0.91%	104.82	101.68
Main Indices		**Last Close**	**Change**	**Prev Close**	**Current Spot**
NSX Overall Index	↓	1482	-0.47%	1489	1482
JSE All Share	↑	113,779	0.69%	113,003	113,779
S&P 500	↑	7,651	0.17%	7,638	7,651
FTSE 100	↑	10,693	0.32%	10,659	10,693
Hangseng	↑	24,989	0.96%	24,751	24,989
DAX	↑	25,486	0.72%	25,304	25,486
JSE Sectors		**Last Close**	**Change**	**Prev Close**	**Current Spot**
Financials	↓	25,500	-0.62%	25,660	25,615
Resources	↓	129,008	-2.52%	132,346	130,509
Industrials	↓	118,831	-0.31%	119,206	119,621
Forex		**Last Close**	**Change**	**Prev Close**	**Current Spot**
N$/US Dollar	↓	16.25	-0.06%	16.26	16.24
N$/Pound	↑	21.77	0.23%	21.72	21.73
N$/Euro	→	18.67	0.00%	18.67	18.64
US Dollar/ Euro	↓	1.149	-0.09%	1.15	1.15
		Namibia		**RSA**	
Interest Rates & Inflation		**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
		Aug-26	**Jul-26**	**Jul-26**	**Jun-26**
Inflation	↑	5.0	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 listeds

Source: Thomson Reuters Refinitiv

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