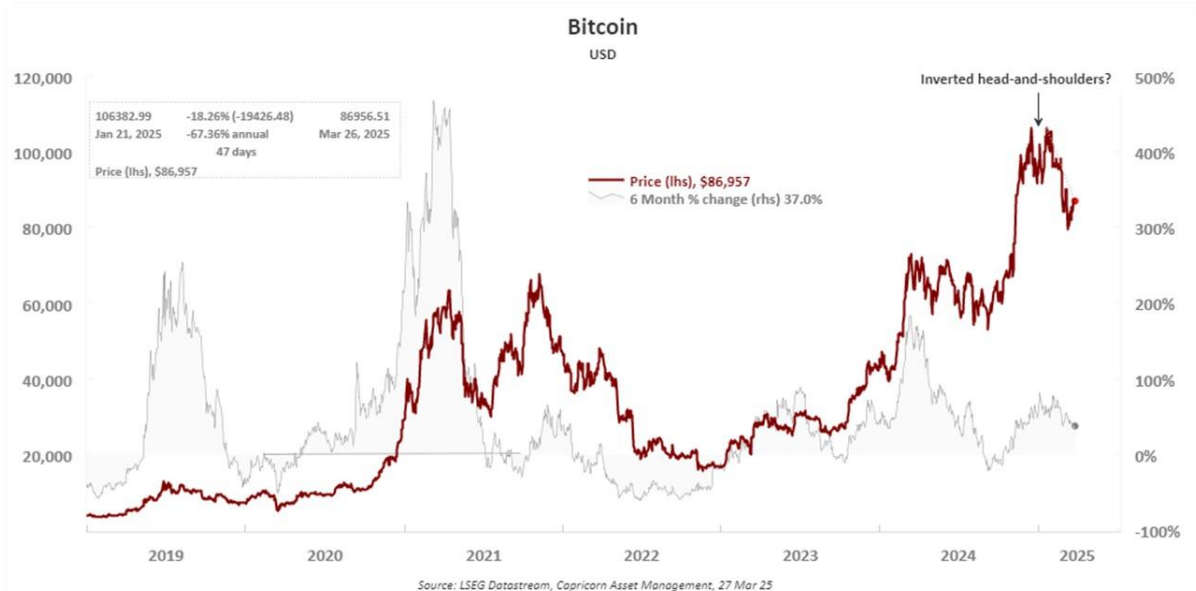




## Market Update

Thursday, 27 March 2025

### Global Markets



Asian shares skidded with Wall Street on Thursday while the dollar hovered near a three-week high after U.S. President Donald Trump announced new tariffs on all auto imports, ratcheting up a global trade war that risks fueling inflation. Japan's Nikkei fell 1.2%, led by heavy losses in automakers. Toyota Motor shares tumbled 3.4%, and both Mazda Motor and Subaru plunged about 6. South Korea's KOSPI dropped 0.7%. Japanese and South Korean automakers have a big presence in the U.S. market. Shares of Chinese EV makers also fell, with Nio down 2.8% and Xpeng 1.1% lower. China's blue-chip index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng were both down 0.3%.

Trump late on Wednesday announced plans for long-promised 25% tariffs on automotive imports that are set to go into effect on April 2. However, he said planned reciprocal tariffs on all countries will be "lenient". On China, he said he may give Beijing some reduction in tariffs to get a deal done to sell TikTok. After the announcement, U.S. automakers lost ground after the bell. General Motors slumped 6%, while shares in Ford fell almost 5%.

Nasdaq futures dropped 0.2% and S&P 500 futures fell 0.1% in Asia. Wall Street already ended sharply lower on expectations of such a move, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq slumping more than 2% on Wednesday. European stock futures were in the red, with pan-European STOXX 50 futures down

0.5%. Back in Asia, MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan dropped 0.6, also weighed by a pull-back in tech shares. "I think the timing has caught people off guard, but I don't think the detail of the announcement so much caught people off guard so now it's just how the Europeans, South Koreans and the Japanese choose to respond." said Tony Sycamore, analyst at IG.

Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba said all options were on the table in response to the U.S. tariffs. Canada said it could impose retaliatory duties, while the European Union expressed regret but was seeking negotiated solutions. Analysts have warned Trump's tariff plans could stoke U.S. inflation, with the Federal Reserve already pausing its policy easing cycle. St Louis Fed President Alberto Musalem said on Wednesday it was possible inflation would be higher and growth lower than expected and there was no urgency for the Fed to cut interest rates. Minneapolis Fed President Neel Kashkari said the Fed should stay put amid continued policy uncertainty.

In currency markets, the dollar index, which measures the greenback against six major peers, rose 0.5% overnight to 104.71, the highest in three weeks, before settling at 104.46 on Thursday. The euro touched a three-week low of \$1.0731 but bounced off the 200-day moving average and was last up 0.1% at \$1.0762. The yen, on the other hand, recovered some of the overnight losses and bounced 0.2% to 150.24 per dollar on Thursday. The overall uptrend in the U.S. dollar has been aided by higher Treasury yields. The benchmark 10-year Treasury yields held steady at 4.3422%, having gained 5 basis points overnight.

In Commodity markets, the tariff uncertainty sent gold 0.3% higher to \$3,028 per ounce, not far from a record high of \$3,057.

Oil prices were marginally higher, having hit three-week tops on concerns about tighter global supply after U.S. threatened to slap tariffs on countries that buy Venezuelan oil. Brent futures rose 0.1% to \$73.87 a barrel, while U.S. crude futures CLc1 also added 0.2% to \$69.77 per barrel.

**Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.**



## Domestic Markets

South Africa's rand was stable on Wednesday, as investors awaited U.S. President Donald Trump's reciprocal tariff plans, which they fear will cause an economic slowdown in the world's biggest economy. At 1321 GMT, the rand traded at 18.2750 against the U.S. dollar, near its Tuesday closing level of 18.2800. The dollar was last up about 0.1% against a basket of currencies.

Investors feared that Trump's reciprocal tariffs, expected to take effect on April 2, are likely to be inflationary, potentially slowing economic growth and intensifying trade tensions. However, Trump said on Monday that not all of his threatened duties would be imposed next week, and some countries may get breaks. "Increasingly, one gets the sense that the U.S. economy is slowing and that the Trump administration does not want to exacerbate a downturn through the harsh imposition of tariffs," ETM Analytics said in a research note.

Like other risk sensitive currencies, the rand often takes cues from global drivers like U.S. policies and economic data, in the absence of major local drivers. South Africa-focused investors will on Thursday look to producer inflation figures for February for hints on the health of Africa's most industrialized economy.

On the stock market, the Top 40 index was last up about 0.5%. South Africa's benchmark 2030 government bond was stronger, with the yield down 3 basis points to 9.115%.

Source: LSEG Thomson Reuters Refinitiv.

There is always room at the top.

Daniel Webster

## Market Overview

MARKET INDICATORS (Bloomberg)		27 March 2025			
<b>Money Market TB's</b>		<b>Last Close</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prev Close</b>	<b>Current Spot</b>
3 months	↑	7.51	0.009	7.50	7.51
6 months	↓	7.60	-0.011	7.61	7.60
9 months	↓	7.60	-0.069	7.67	7.60
12 months	↓	7.68	-0.022	7.71	7.68
<b>Nominal Bonds</b>		<b>Last Close</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prev Close</b>	<b>Current Spot</b>
GC25 (Coupon 8.50%, BMK: R186)	↓	7.19	-0.022	7.21	7.10
GC26 (Coupon 8.50%, BMK: R186)	↑	8.44	0.020	8.42	8.43
GC27 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R186)	↑	8.59	0.024	8.56	8.58
GC30 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK: R2030)	↓	9.02	-0.016	9.03	9.01
GC32 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK: R213)	↑	9.83	0.120	9.71	9.75
GC35 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R209)	↓	10.96	-0.012	10.98	10.96
GC37 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK: R2037)	↑	11.33	0.133	11.20	11.32
GC40 (Coupon 9.80%, BMK: R214)	↑	11.58	0.010	11.57	11.58
GC43 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2044)	↑	11.83	0.277	11.56	11.80
GC45 (Coupon 9.85%, BMK: R2044)	↑	11.80	0.015	11.78	11.79
GC48 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK: R2048)	↑	11.81	0.018	11.80	11.81
GC50 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2048)	↑	11.85	0.184	11.67	11.84
<b>Inflation-Linked Bonds</b>		<b>Last Close</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prev Close</b>	<b>Current Spot</b>
GI25 (Coupon 3.80%, BMK: NCPI)	↑	3.48	0.004	3.48	3.49
GI27 (Coupon 4.00%, BMK: NCPI)	↑	4.44	0.003	4.44	4.45
GI29 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	↑	4.66	0.002	4.66	4.67
GI33 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK: NCPI)	↓	5.31	0.000	5.31	5.31
GI36 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK: NCPI)	↓	5.63	-0.002	5.64	5.63
<b>Commodities</b>		<b>Last Close</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prev Close</b>	<b>Current Spot</b>
Gold	↓	3,019	-0.02%	3,020	3,033
Platinum	↓	977	-0.37%	981	976
Brent Crude	↑	73.8	1.05%	73.02	73.83
<b>Main Indices</b>		<b>Last Close</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prev Close</b>	<b>Current Spot</b>
NSX Local Index	↑	1061	0.47%	1056	1061
JSE All Share	↑	89,927	0.24%	89,713	89,927
S&P 500	↓	5,712	-1.13%	5,777	5,712
FTSE 100	↑	8,690	0.30%	8,664	8,690
Hangseng	↑	23,675	0.82%	23,483	23,675
DAX	↓	22,839	-1.17%	23,110	22,839
<b>JSE Sectors</b>		<b>Last Close</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prev Close</b>	<b>Current Spot</b>
Financials	↑	20,826	1.61%	20,496	21,019
Resources	↑	66,692	1.25%	65,866	66,777
Industrials	↑	125,368	0.11%	125,227	125,205
<b>Forex</b>		<b>Last Close</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prev Close</b>	<b>Current Spot</b>
N\$/US Dollar	↓	18.26	-0.05%	18.27	18.21
N\$/Pound	↓	23.54	-0.47%	23.65	23.53
N\$/Euro	↓	19.64	-0.41%	19.72	19.63
US Dollar/ Euro	↓	1.075	-0.46%	1.08	1.08
<b>Interest Rates &amp; Inflation</b>		<b>Namibia</b>		<b>RSA</b>	
		<b>Feb-25</b>	<b>Jan-25</b>	<b>Feb-25</b>	<b>Jan-25</b>
Central Bank Rate	↓	6.75	7.00	7.50	7.75
Prime Rate	↓	10.50	10.75	11.00	11.00
		<b>Feb-25</b>	<b>Jan-25</b>	<b>Feb-25</b>	<b>Jan-25</b>
Inflation	↑	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.2

**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

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