

MONTHLY REPORT

Jan-2024

Monthly updates on relevant indices, asset classes, currencies and commodities as well as updated performance figures across our Fairtree investment offerings. This includes global summaries of the economic climate, political temperatures and headline news.





Index Activity

Jan-2024

LOCAL

JSE All Share Local Equity Market

SWIX Local Equity Market - Capped

SAPY Property

ALBI Bonds

STEFI Cash

GLOBAL

MSCI World (ZAR) Equity Market
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Shangai (ZAR) China Index

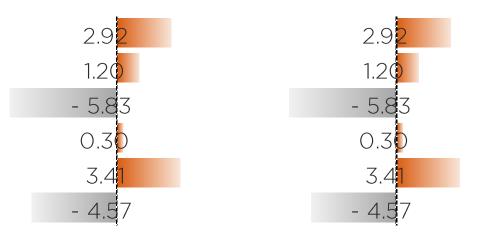
FTSE 100 (ZAR) Top 100 on London Stock Exchange

SP 500 (ZAR) Top 500 US Companies

MSCI (EM - ZAR) BRICS Countries









Asset Class Returns

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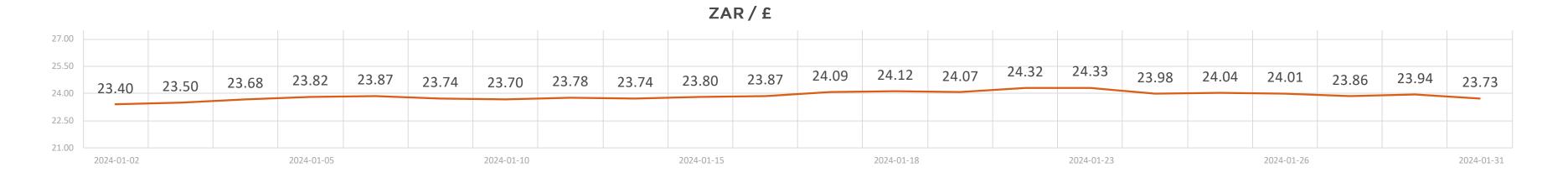
	1 MONTH		3 MONTH		YTD		1 YEAR		3 YEARS		5 YEARS	
BEST	Industrial	-1.22	Resources	-0.34	Resources	-6.31	Financial	13.75	Financial	19.69	Resources	12.36
	Resources	-6.31	Equities	7.47	Industrial	-1.22	Property	16.52	Property	17.48	Industrial	11.15
	Bonds	0.71	Industrial	9.53	Cash	0.70	Bonds	7.33	Industrial	8.98	Equities	10.61
	Equities	-2.93	Cash	2.09	Property	4.42	Cash	8.18	Equities	10.51	Bonds	7.78
	Cash	0.70	Bonds	7.05	Equities	-2.93	Industrial	2.14	Bonds	7.42	Cash	5.96
	Property	4.42	Property	25.15	Bonds	0.71	Equities	-2.61	Cash	5.82	Financial	4.76
\$ST	Financial	-2.90	Financial	11.41	Financial	-2.90	Resources	-22.27	Resources	4.14	Property	-1.41

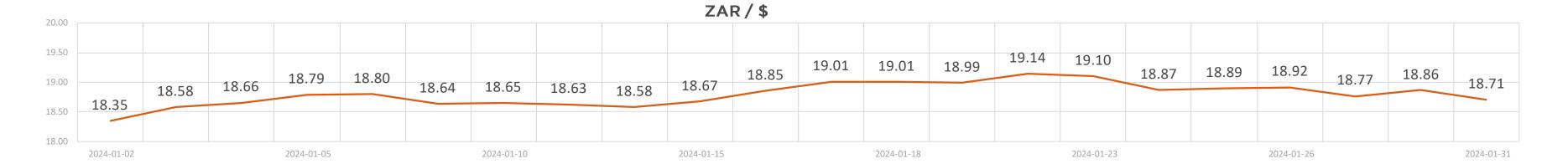


Currency Comparisons

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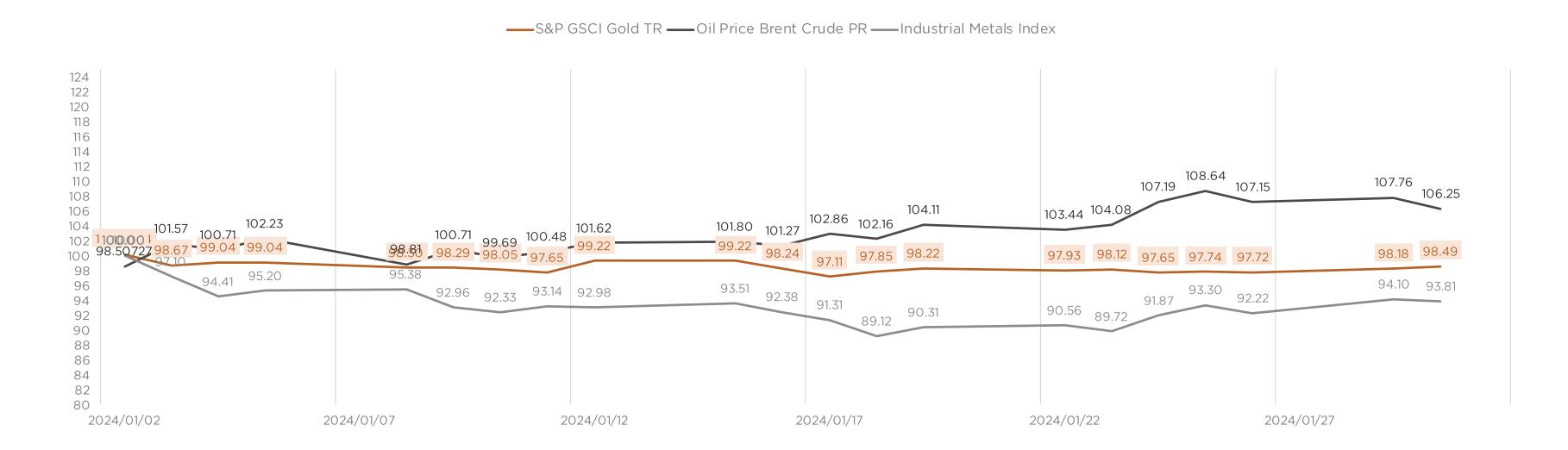




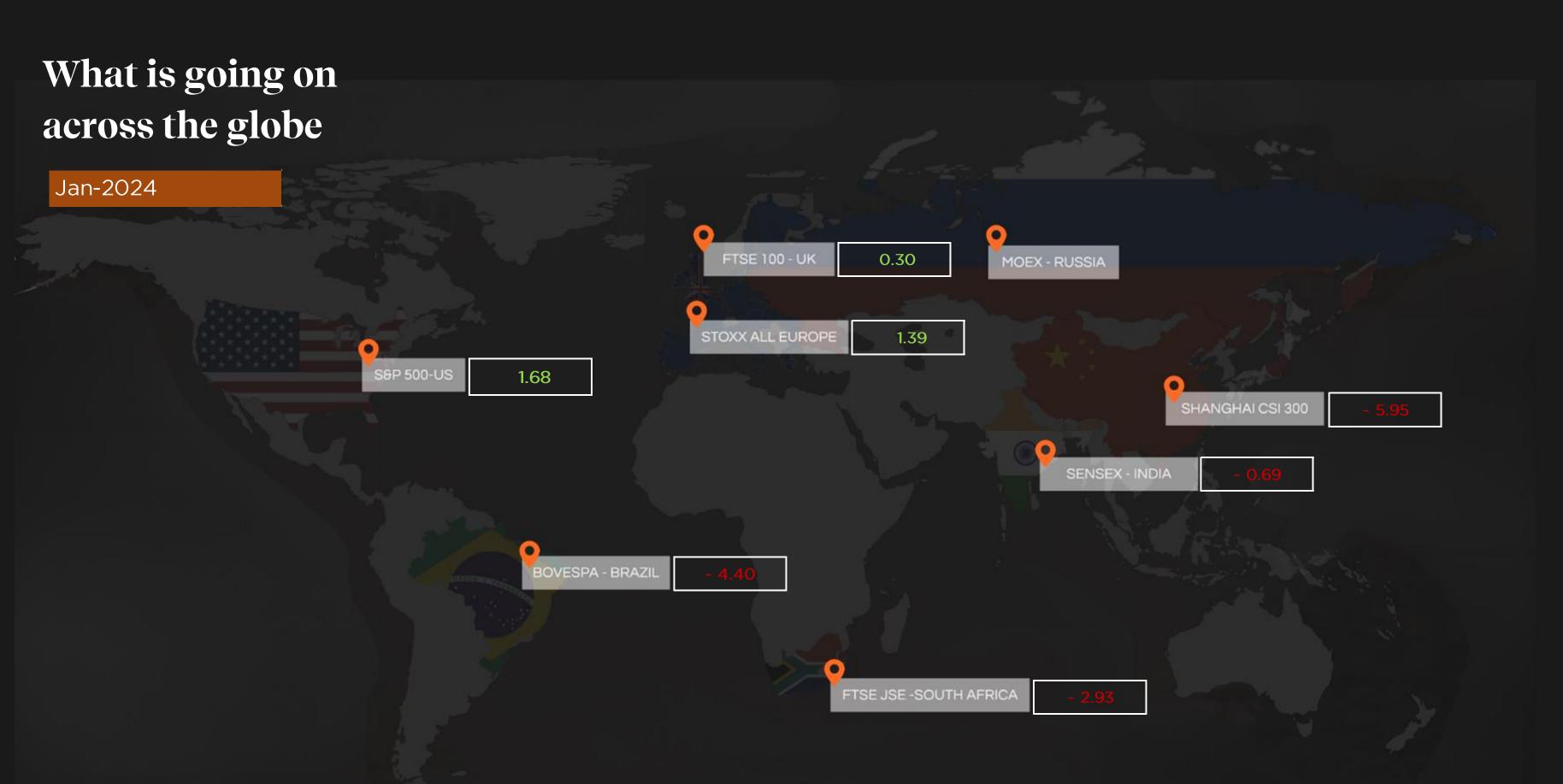
ASSET CLASS

Commodity Tracker

Jan-2024



Oil was the main positive performer for January, increasing by 6.1% for the month. Most of the other commodities were down during the month, including iron ore by 3.6% and gold by 1.1%.



What is going on across the globe

GEO - ECONOMIC CLIMATE



Mostly Cloud/Part Sunny

GEO - POLITICAL TEMPERATURE



GLOBAL SUMMARY

Tight financial conditions and slowing growth will weigh on valuations, profit margins and earnings. US valuations and earnings estimates remains elevated. We prefer South Africa and emerging market equities with better valuations, less exposure to inflation risks and more exposure to a China recovery and the potential to ease policy. In terms of performance, global equities rose 1.2%, led by US and Europe which was up more than 1.5%. The rally has been rather narrow driven by large growth stocks which were up 2.1% and tech stocks which were up 4%. Emerging markets were down 4.6% led by China, down 10.6%. South African equities were down 2.8% led by Resources, down 5.9% and Banks, down 3.7%. Global government bonds fell 1.4%.

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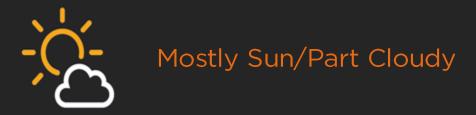
- Consumers remain under pressure due to high rates.
- The SARB may cut interest rates towards the middle of the year.
- Political uncertainty will likely increase

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- Economic data from the US indicated that GDP expanded in Q4.
- The US dollar benefitted during January.
- Interest rates remained the same at the Policy-setting meeting.

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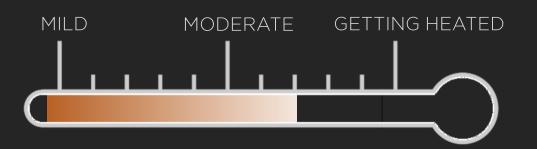
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POLITICAL TEMPERATURE



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- The ECB kept interest rates unchanged at the January meeting.
- ECB president indicated the "the disinflationary process is at work".

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- The property and equity market remain weak in China.
- Chinese authorities announced a cut in the RRR.

Market Commentary

SOUTH AFRICA

Economic data from South Africa has been weak for the first month of the year. Consumers remain under pressure from high interest rates. South African businesses are also being negatively impacted by the lack of government investment and maintenance of state infrastructure and services. Markets are expecting that the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) will start to cut interest rates towards the middle of the year. Political uncertainty will likely increase, as South African voters are heading to the polls towards the middle of the year.

CURRENCY

AMERICA

Economic data from the US indicated that GDP expanded at an annualised rate of 3.3% for the fourth quarter of 2023. However, annual inflation increased from 3.1% to 3.4%. Interest rates remained the same at the Policy-setting meeting at the end of the month. Fed chair Jerome Powell indicated that they need "greater confidence" that inflation will be sustained at 2% and that an interest rate cut is unlikely at the next meeting. The US dollar benefitted as emerging market assets and commodities came under pressure.

EUROPE

The consumer price index increased in December to 2.9% from 2.4% in November, thus fading the chance of earlier interest rate cuts by the European Central Bank (ECB). The ECB kept interest rates unchanged at the January meeting. However, markets are expecting cuts at a later stage this year, as ECB president Christine Lagarde indicated that "the disinflationary process is at work". The eurozone economy did not register any economic growth during the fourth quarter of 2023

ASIA

Emerging market assets struggled during January due to the soft data from China and the lack of meaningful policy intervention by authorities. The property and equity market remain weak in China, leading to reduced investor confidence. Chinese authorities announced a cut in the Reserve Requirement Ratio during January, to increase liquidity in the economy. On the other side, demand remains weak, and the supply side responses form authorities are creating a dangerous deflationary force.



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