

## MONTHLY REPORT

### Feb-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

**INDICES** 

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#### 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

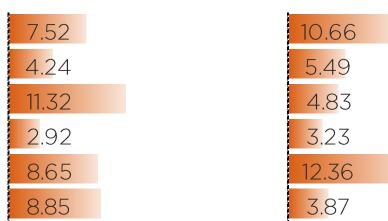
FTSE 100 (ZAR) Top 100 on London Stock Exchange

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 | -0.74  | Resources  | -12.82 | Resources  | -12.79 | Financial  | 10.04  | Financial  | 17.64 | Resources  | 8.85  |
| <b>↑</b> | Resources  | -6.92  | Equities   | -3.41  | Industrial | -1.95  | Property   | 16.28  | Property   | 13.76 | Industrial | 10.21 |
|          | Bonds      | - 0.58 | Industrial | -1.25  | Cash       | 1.36   | Bonds      | 7.64   | Industrial | 7.88  | Equities   | 9.32  |
|          | Equities   | -2.44  | Cash       | 2.06   | Property   | 4.07   | Cash       | 8.30   | Equities   | 7.53  | Bonds      | 7.75  |
|          | Cash       | 0.65   | Bonds      | 1.62   | Equities   | -5.31  | Industrial | -0.18  | Bonds      | 7.18  | Cash       | 5.98  |
|          | Property   | -0.34  | Property   | 14.39  | Bonds      | 0.13   | Equities   | -2.86  | Cash       | 5.95  | Financial  | 5.01  |
| TSS      | Financial  | -0.85  | Financial  | 1.62   | Financial  | -3.72  | Resources  | -17.31 | Resources  | -1.97 | Property   | -0.51 |



# **Currency Comparisons**

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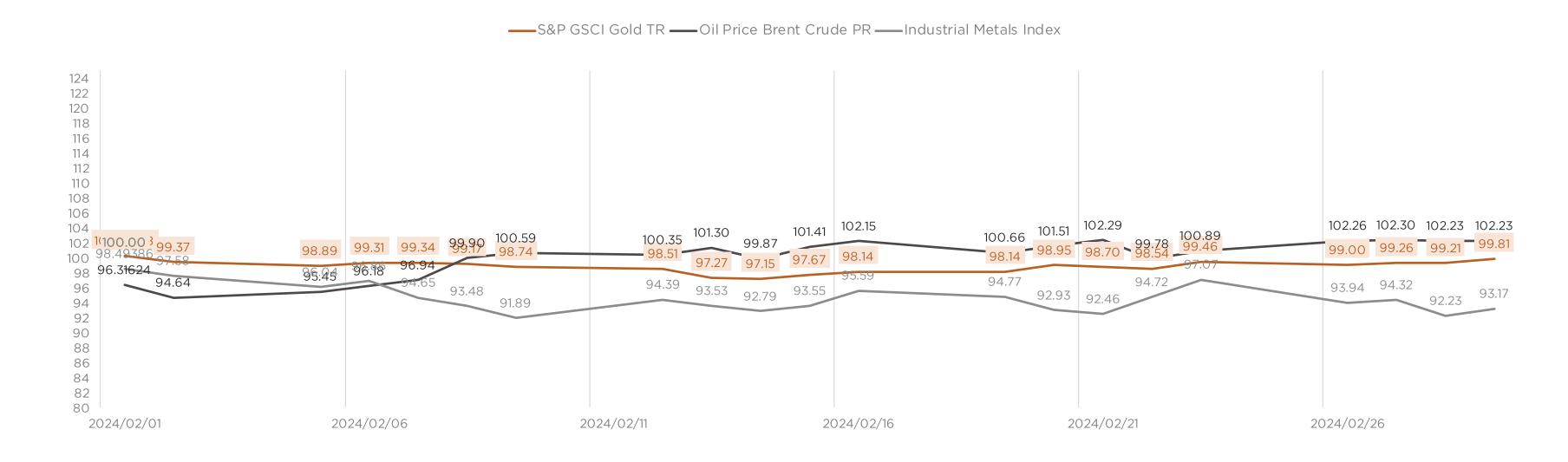




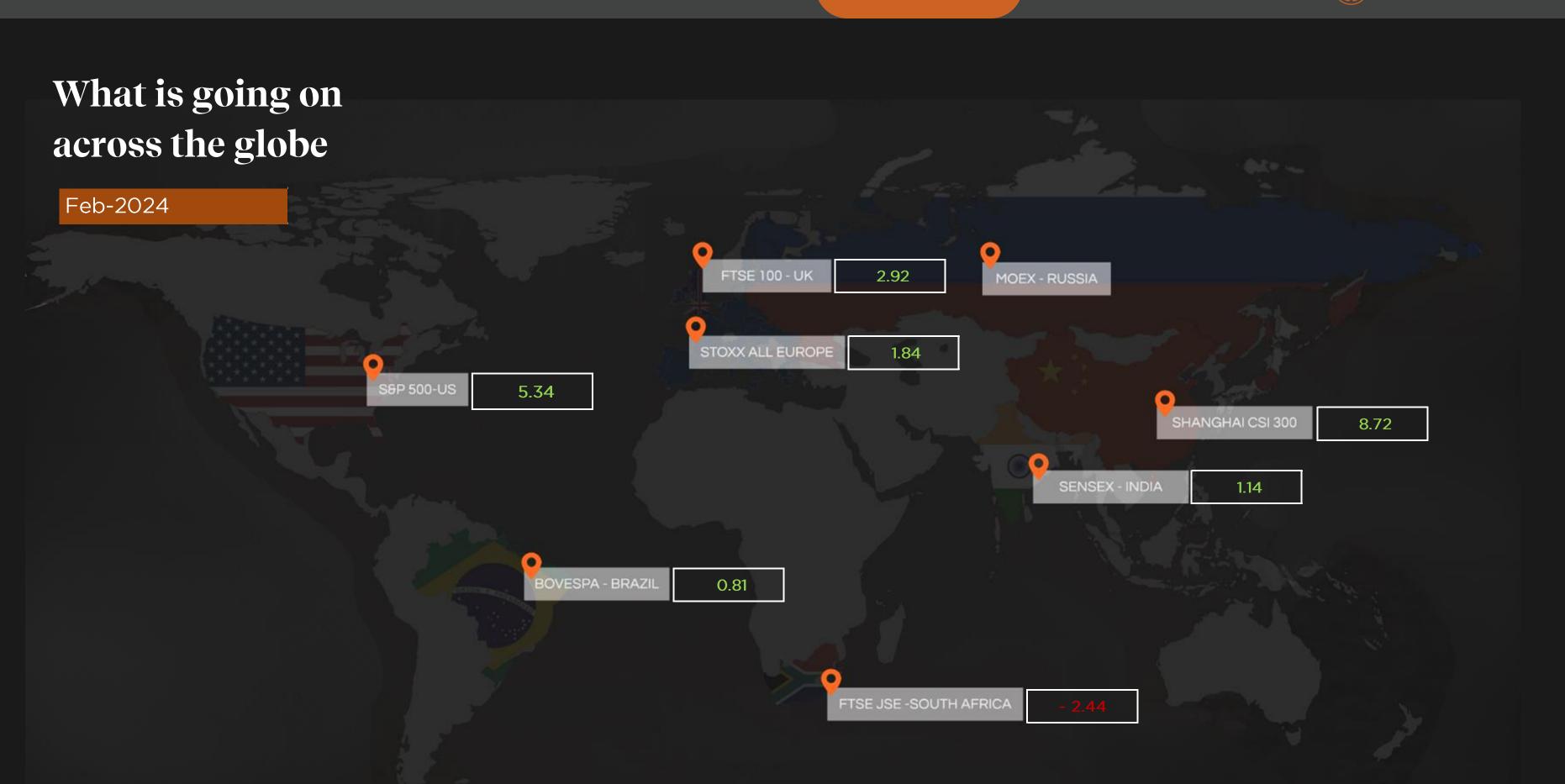
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## **Commodity Tracker**

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Commodities had a mixed month during February. Brendt crude oil and unleaded gasoline had a positive month, while natural gas decreased significantly. Gold and silver also decreased during February. The prices for aluminium, copper, lead and zinc all ended negative.



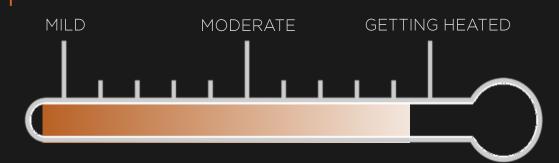
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#### **GEO - ECONOMIC CLIMATE**



Mostly Cloud/Part Sunny

#### **GEO - POLITICAL TEMPERATURE**



#### **GLOBAL SUMMARY**

Tight financial conditions and slow 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 cut rates. Local bond yields are attractive. Local core inflation remains contained but upside risks are high. Headline inflation has peaked, and we expect the SARB to cut rates this year. The sovereign credit premium remains elevated. Global developed market bonds remain attractive given the outlook for softer growth.

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#### **ECONOMIC CLIMATE**



Chance of Rain

### POLITICAL TEMPERATURE



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- The recent budget did provide some upside surprises.
- Hopes of early interest rate cuts faded during February.

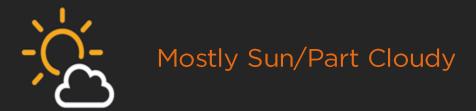


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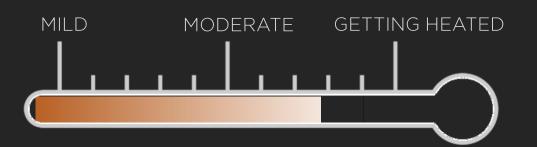


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#### **ECONOMIC CLIMATE**



#### POLITICAL TEMPERATURE



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- US nonfarm payrolls showed that 353 000 jobs were added during January.
- The delay in the interest rate cutting cycle is due to sticky inflation

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- Economic data indicated that the UK economy entered a technical recession.
- The Bank of England remains cautious to rate cuts.
- Inflation decreased to 2.6% from 2.8% in the Eurozone.

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- Consumer and business confidence in China remains low.
- State corporations were urged by Chinese authorities to buy local equities.
- The sustainability of this tourism boost remains uncertain.

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## Market Commentary

#### SOUTH AFRICA

Consumer and investor confidence in South Africa remains very weak with the economy in stagnating and increasing election uncertainty. The recent budget did provide some upside surprise in terms of allowing profits on the SARB's gold and foreign exchange contingency reserve account to be rightly transferred to National Treasury and thereby reducing the debt burden. However, revenue and spending measures disappointed and consumers ultimately face tighter fiscal conditions ahead. Combined with still tight monetary policy setting, the overall policy setting remains restrictive. Hopes of early rate cuts have faded as global rate cuts have also been pushed back.

**CURRENCY** 

#### **AMERICA**

During February, US earing results were positive in general. Equity indices remained driven by large consumer tech stocks. Economic data from the US remains strong as the Fed continues to indicate that interest rate cuts are still ahead. The Fed however signalled that the interest rate cuts are pushed back and is now expected only in June of this year, with only three cuts expected this year. The delay in the interest rate cutting cycle is due to sticky inflation. US nonfarm payrolls showed that 353 000 jobs were added during January, which was higher than markets expected.

#### EUROPE

In the Eurozone, data indicated that inflation decreased to 2.6% from 2.8% during January. During the same period, there were also signs of improving business activity. The European Central Bank President indicated that pending interest rate cuts may happed later than expected. She stated this to the European Parliament as the central bank does not want to run the risk of reversing the interest rate cuts. Economic data indicated that the UK economy entered a technical recession during the second half of 2023. Although inflation showed signs of improvement, the Bank of England remains cautious with regards to interest rate cuts.

#### ASIA

Consumer and business confidence in China remains low due to the underperformance of industrial metal commodities, the continued property weakness in China and the lack of sufficient policy responses by authorities. State corporations were urged by Chinese authorities to buy local equities, which had a positive impact on the Chinese equity market. On the positive side, tourism activity during the Chinese Lunar New Year has been very strong, surpassing 2019 levels. The sustainability of this tourism boost remains uncertain.



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