

### MONTHLY REPORT

#### Mar-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

Mar-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

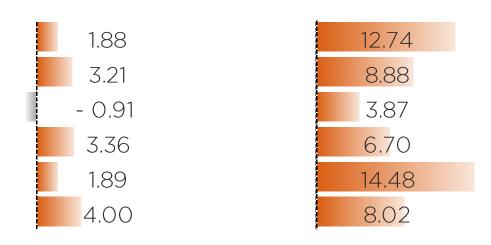
FTSE 100 (ZAR) Top 100 on London Stock Exchange

SP 500 (ZAR) Top 500 US Companies

MSCI (EM - ZAR) BRICS Countries









### Asset Class Returns

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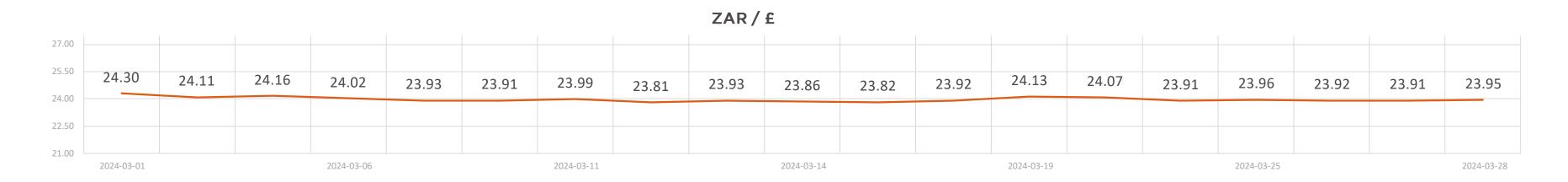
	1 MONTH		3 MONTH		YTD		1 YEAR		3 YEARS		5 YEARS	
BEST	Industrial	2.64	Resources	-1.63	Resources	-1.63	Financial	12.70	Financial	15.82	Resources	10.50
<b>↑</b>	Resources	12.80	Equities	-2.25	Industrial	0.64	Property	20.33	Property	12.96	Industrial	10.16
	Bonds	- 1.93	Industrial	0.64	Cash	2.06	Bonds	4.19	Industrial	8.15	Equities	9.68
	Equities	3.23	Cash	2.06	Property	3.47	Cash	8.39	Equities	8.10	Bonds	7.05
	Cash	0.70	Bonds	- 1.80	Equities	-2.25	Industrial	3.30	Bonds	7.41	Cash	6.00
	Property	-0.58	Property	3.47	Bonds	- 1.80	Equities	1.55	Cash	6.08	Financial	5.29
YST .	Financial	-3.49	Financial	-7.08	Financial	-7.08	Resources	-8.98	Resources	1.64	Property	-0.24



# **Currency Comparisons**

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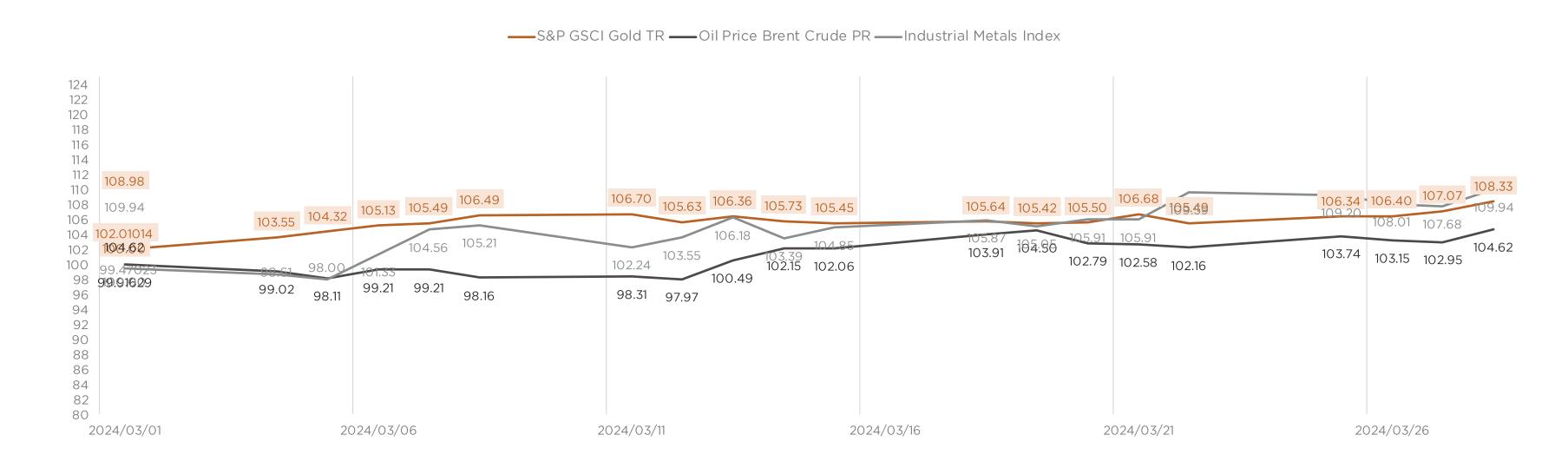






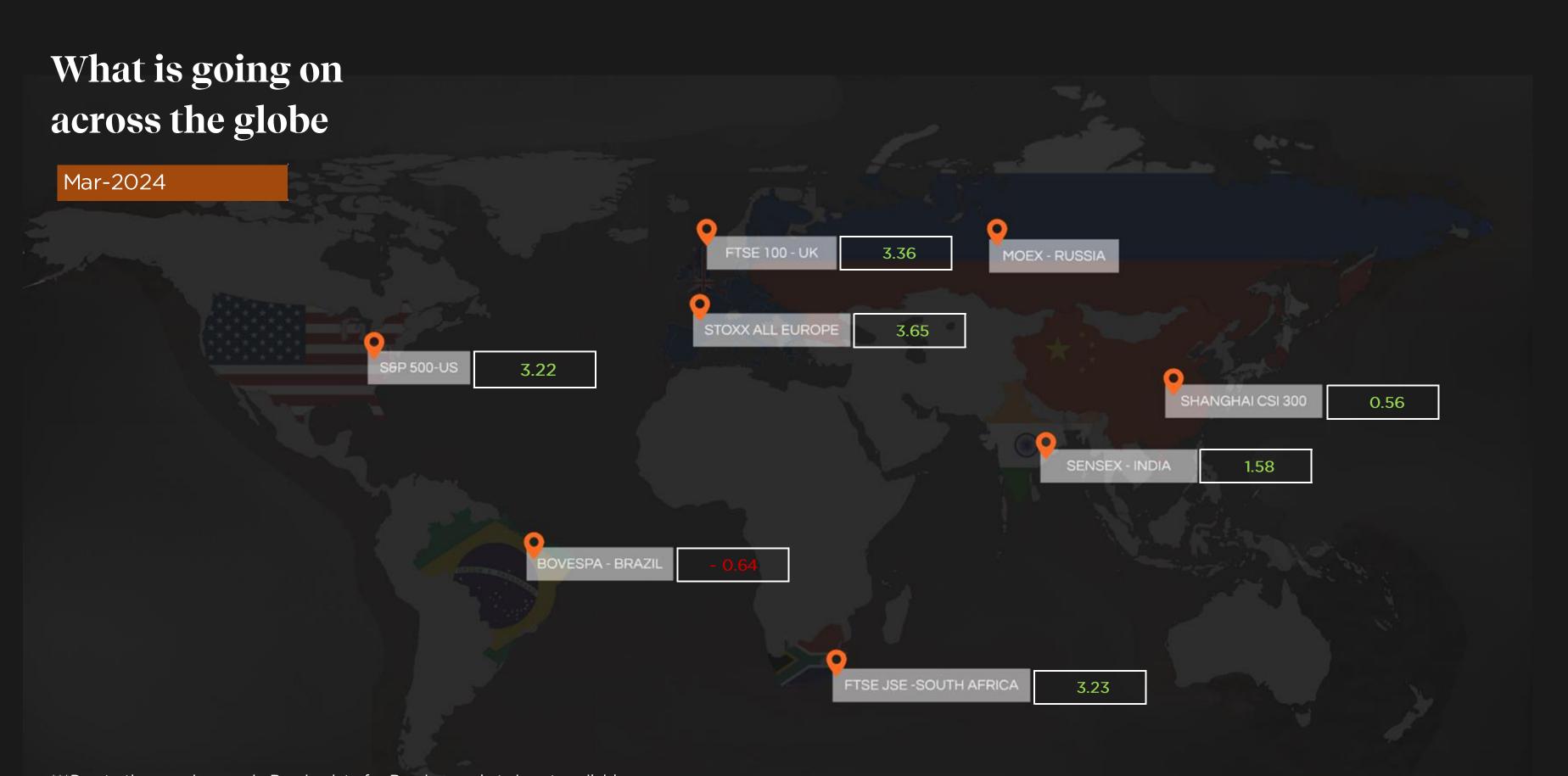
### **Commodity Tracker**

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Commodities had positive returns during the month of March. Energy and materials were the best performing sector during the month. Oil increased by 5%, while other commodities also increased due to uncertainties in the global markets.





## What is going on across the globe

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



Mostly Cloud/Part Sunny

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



#### **GLOBAL SUMMARY**

US Financial conditions remain tight with increasing signs that growth may be slowing. Corporates are finding it harder to pass on higher prices to consumers adding pressure to profit margins. Valuations and earnings expectations remains elevated. Outside the US valuations seems fairer with emerging markets trading at attractive valuations. 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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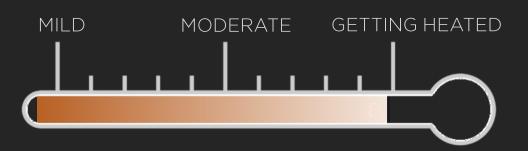
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#### **ECONOMIC CLIMATE**



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#### POLITICAL TEMPERATURE



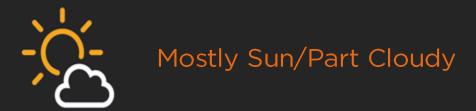
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- Political uncertainty has increased.
- The first interest rate cut may only happen in the second half of this year.

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- The Federal Reserve indicated that it may only cut interest rates at a later stage.
- US government bonds have also faced pressure.

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- The European economy experienced a mild recession.
- Real wages are starting to show positive growth.
- The ECB may be able to start cutting interest rates earlier than the Fed.

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- The Chinese economy is showing signs of stabilizing.
- Emerging market equities continue to lag behind those of the US.
- Chinese authorities are increasingly inclined to loosen policy measures.

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### Market Commentary

#### SOUTH AFRICA

Consumer and investor confidence remains low in the South African economy. Economic activity remains slow due to uncertainty with regards to the upcoming elections in May. Political uncertainty has increased, raising concerns that the political landscape may shift to a more left-leaning populist stance post the election. Despite these uncertainties with regards to the elections, there is still anticipation that policies promoting electricity and logistics reforms will continue. Expectations continue for the first interest rate cut to happen in the second half of this year, regardless of recent signs of increases in inflation.

**CURRENCY** 

#### **AMERICA**

Economic indicators from the US economy remains strong, regardless of hints of a slowdown. The current inflation levels suggest that higher prices might be around for longer, largely due to higher oil prices and fragile supply chains. The Federal Reserve indicated that it may only cut interest rates at a later stage. Markets are now expecting the first rate cut to only be around June or July. US government bonds have also faced pressure as the yields on 10-year bonds increased by more than 40 basis points since the beginning of the year.

#### EUROPE

The European economy experienced a mild recession during the past few months but has lately shown signs of improvement as overall economic confidence increased during the past month. Real wages are starting to show positive growth and energy costs have decreased. The European Central Bank (ECB) may be able to start cutting interest rates earlier than the Federal Reserve. This is largely due to significant decreases in inflation in the European economy.

#### ASIA

Despite stronger performance, emerging market equities continue to lag behind those of the US. The Chinese economy is showing signs of stabilizing as various indicators including manufacturing and services activity surveys, retail sales, industrial production, and exports showing signs of increases in activity. The recent National People's Congress (NPC) meeting indicated that Chinese authorities are increasingly inclined to loosen policy measures to achieve their set our 5% growth target.



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