

AFR Automated Weekly Financial “Weather Report”

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Main Events for the Week

Ethiopia: Debt Done, Confidence Spreads.

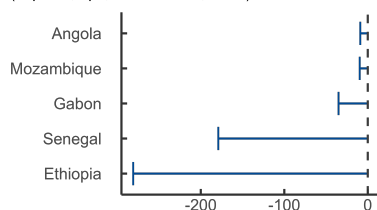
Ethiopia secured a preliminary agreement with investors holding over 45% of its \$1 billion eurobond due 2024, aligning with IMF-backed reforms and marking a critical step in its broader debt restructuring process. This deal follows a final agreement with official creditors on \$8.4 billion in debt, freeing up over \$3.5 billion for public investments. **Ethiopia's** sovereign debt spreads tightened sharply by 281 basis points to -767, signaling improved investor confidence.

Africa's currencies: Mining their own business.

Seychelles and **Zambia** saw the strongest currency appreciations against the USD last week, with the Seychelles rupee gaining over 8% and the Zambian kwacha around 6%, while **Botswana's** pula strengthened by more than 3% and **South Africa's** rand by 1.5%; **Ghana's** cedi bucked the trend with a slight depreciation. Commodity markets favored exporters as **copper** and **gold** prices rose over 2.5% each, though **cocoa** dipped nearly 2% and oil edged lower.

Change in Sovereign Spreads in the Past Week

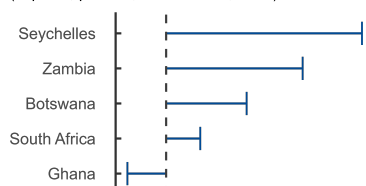
(Top five, bps, as of Jan 06, 2026)



Source: Bloomberg LLC.

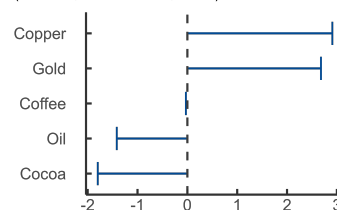
Currency Movements in the Past Week

(Top five, percent, as of 06 Jan, 2026)



Commodity-Price Movements in the Past Week

(Percent, as of Jan 06, 2026)

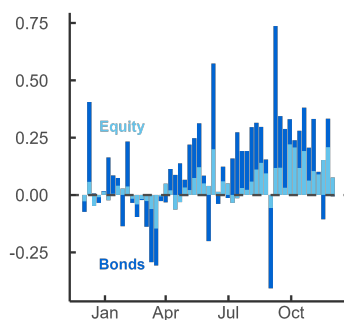


Capital Flows

Africa's allure: Capital flows find their rhythm.

Fund Flows to Sub-Saharan Africa, 2025

(USD billions per week, as of week ending Dec 31)



Source: EPFR and IMF staff calculations

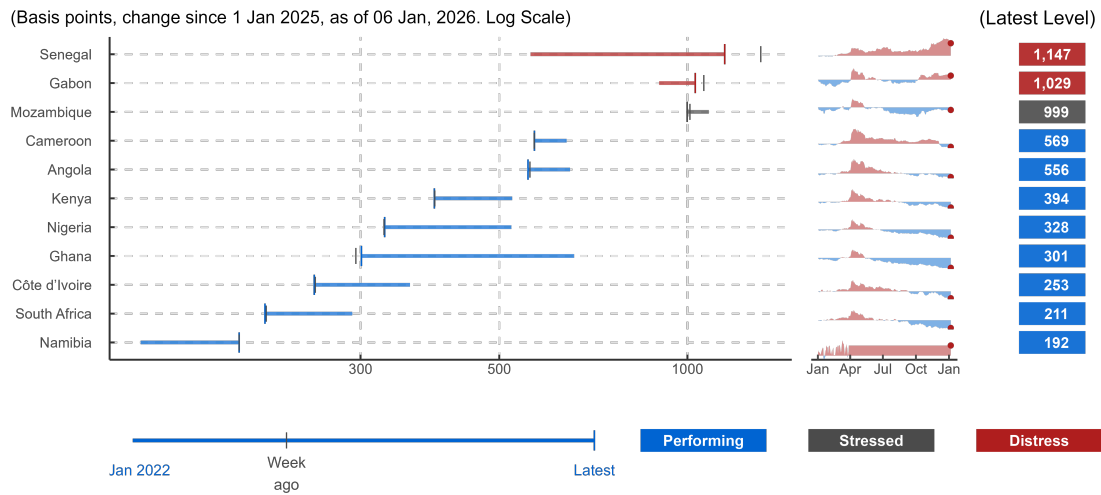
Fund Flows to Emerging Markets, 2025

(USD billions, week ending Dec 31)

| Region | YTD | Past Month | Past Week | Past Week as % of YTD |
|----------|-------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Asia | 187.8 | 47.2 | 7.5 | 4.0 |
| Lat.Am | 24.6 | 5.0 | 0.8 | 3.3 |
| Mid.East | 7.7 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| Europe | 17.0 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 1.6 |
| SSA | 6.6 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 1.1 |

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Sovereign Spreads



Exchange Rates

