

Weekly Market Recap

Market Performance

The **Africa Eurobond Index** rose by **+3.00% YTD**, driven by Gabon (+14.5%), Nigeria (+4.8%) and Ghana (+3.2%).

The **African Local Currency Bond Index** climbed **+2.08% YTD** in USD terms, with Zambia (+23.6%), Nigeria (+12.4%) and Kenya (+6.6%).

Weekly Commentary

African local markets recorded a mostly positive week, supported by a weaker US dollar (-0.48%) and improving global risk sentiment following signs of de-escalation in the Middle East conflict. Oil prices also eased during the week as the US paused “Project Freedom” operations, helping support broader currencies and risk assets. Namibia (+3.02%), South Africa (+2.95%) and Egypt (+2.03%) led performance, while Ghana (-1.24%) lagged as both bonds and FX came under pressure.

Egypt (+2.03%) had a strong week, driven mainly by currency gains (+1.82%). Sentiment was supported by the World Bank’s approval of a USD1bn financing package aimed at supporting private sector-led growth, strengthening fiscal resilience and advancing Egypt’s reform agenda.

In **Ghana (-1.24%)**, inflation rose slightly to 3.4% y/y in April from 3.2% in March, ending a 15-month disinflation trend, although the print came in lower than expected as government fuel subsidies helped cushion the impact of higher global energy prices. Bond yields moved higher during the week as markets remained cautious around the inflation outlook, geopolitical risks and the potential fiscal burden of extending fuel subsidies. Markets now expect the Bank of Ghana to maintain rates at 14.0% at its upcoming MPC meeting.

Fitch also upgraded the country’s sovereign rating to ‘B’ from ‘B-’, citing stronger fiscal consolidation, progress on debt restructuring and improving external reserves

Nigeria (+1.65%) posted positive returns, supported by a stronger Naira (+1.21%). Private sector activity continued to improve, with the PMI rising to 52.4 in April from 51.9 in March, marking a third consecutive month of expansion. Growth in new orders and business activity remained positive, although higher fuel and transportation costs linked to the Middle East conflict continued to push up operating costs and inflationary pressures.

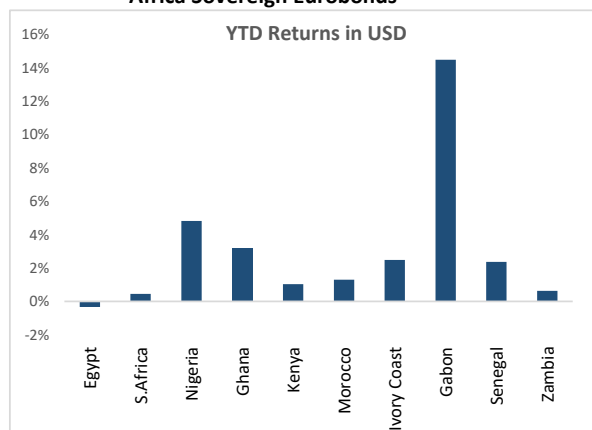
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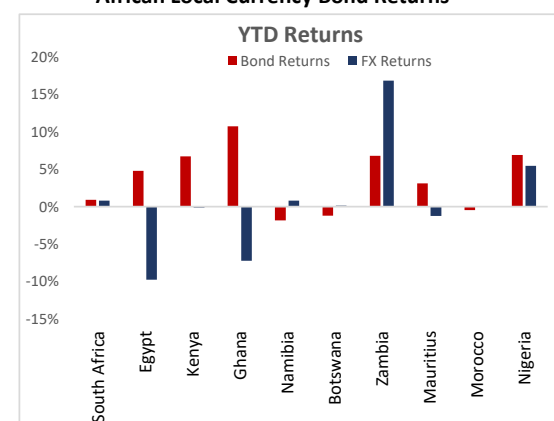
	Local Currency Yields					Economic Indicators				
	1-Yr	2-Yr	10-Yr	20-Yr	Δ 10yr yield	Policy Rate	GDP Growth Rate	CPI	C/A (% of GDP)	Fiscal Deficit
Egypt	24.8%	23.6%	21.2%	21.2%	0.0%	19.0%	9.8%	14.9%	-4.2%	-7.1%
S. Africa	6.9%	7.5%	8.8%	9.3%	-0.1%	6.8%	0.4%	3.1%	-0.5%	-4.5%
Nigeria	18.9%	16.2%	15.0%	14.3%	-0.3%	26.5%	13.2%	15.4%	5.1%	-3.9%
Ghana	11.0%	12.4%	14.3%	14.4%	0.1%	14.0%	1.5%	3.4%	4.4%	-4.8%
Kenya	8.1%	9.5%	12.2%	13.0%	0.0%	8.8%	1.1%	5.6%	-2.1%	-4.9%
Namibia	8.1%	8.5%	10.7%	11.6%	-0.1%	6.5%	6.4%	2.1%	-15.3%	-6.6%
Botswana	11.4%	11.5%	12.4%	12.8%	0.0%	5.5%	-11.4%	4.2%	-7.3%	-9.0%
Zambia	13.3%	14.5%	17.0%	18.0%	0.0%	13.5%	0.0%	6.8%	-1.0%	-3.5%
Mauritius	4.4%	4.6%	5.5%	5.9%	0.0%	4.5%	2.1%	3.6%	-6.4%	-5.7%
Morocco	2.0%	2.3%	3.1%	3.7%	0.0%	2.3%	1.1%	0.9%	-2.3%	-3.6%

RETURNS

Africa Sovereign Eurobonds



African Local Currency Bond Returns



Country	Egypt	S. Africa	Nigeria	Ghana	Kenya	Morocco	Ivory Coast	Gabon	Senegal	Zambia
YTD	-0.3%	0.5%	4.8%	3.2%	1.0%	1.3%	2.5%	14.5%	2.4%	0.6%

Returns	South Africa	Egypt	Kenya	Ghana	Namibia	Botswana	Zambia	Mauritius	Morocco	Nigeria
Bond	0.9%	4.8%	6.7%	10.7%	-1.9%	-1.2%	6.8%	3.1%	-0.5%	6.9%
FX	0.8%	-9.8%	-0.1%	-7.2%	0.8%	0.1%	16.8%	-1.2%	0.0%	5.5%
Total	1.7%	-5.0%	6.6%	3.5%	-1.0%	-1.1%	23.6%	1.9%	-0.5%	12.4%

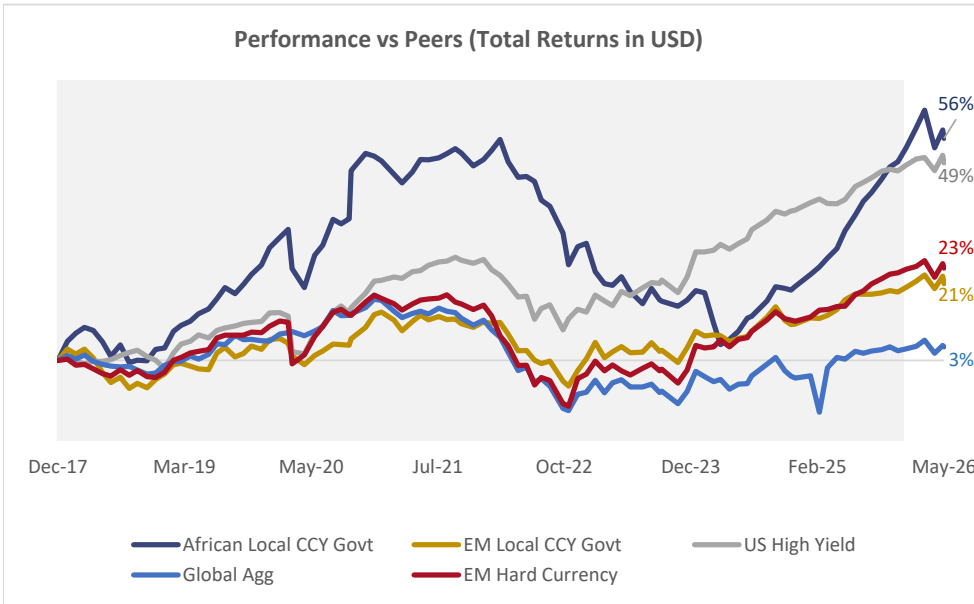
Chart 1: African Eurobonds YTD Performance

Source: Bloomberg, MCBM as at 11 May 2026

Chart 2: African Local Currency bonds and FX YTD Performance

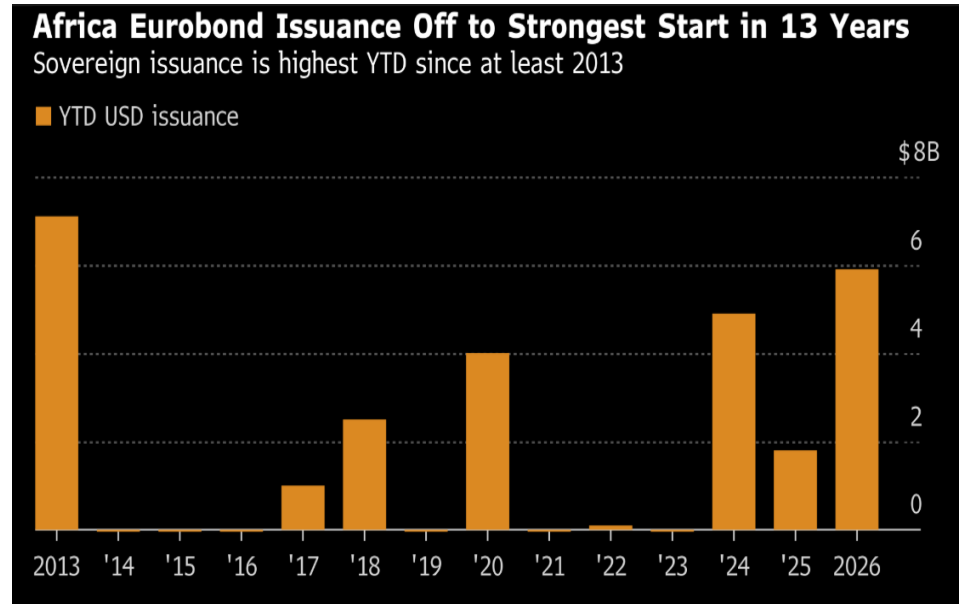
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Performance vs Peers (Total Returns in USD)



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Chart of the week



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YTD: Year to date
 MTD: Month to date
 LCY: Local Currency

GDP: Gross Domestic Product
 CPI: Consumer Price Index

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