



Economic and Political News

The South African government will soon announce its decision regarding the replacement of Lungisa Fuzile, as the head of National Treasury when his five-year term ends in May.

African National Congress (ANC), secretary general, Gwede Mantashe stated that the party was losing supporter's confidence and could lose it all if it does not deal with the discontent with President Jacob Zuma. He further stated that people were beginning to trust ANC a little less and all the members of the organisation must defend and protect the organization, and not the President alone.

The Gupta family, alleged of having influence over President Jacob Zuma, are believed to have left South Africa for Dubai. Moreover, the Gupta brothers resigned from the management of Oakbay Resources, though they remain the largest shareholders in the company. Meanwhile, President Jacob Zuma's son, Duduzane Zuma, also resigned from the role non-executive director of Shiva Uranium, a subsidiary of Oakbay Resources.

South Africa Market

South African markets closed higher

South African markets closed in the green on Friday, amid gains in banking and financial sector stocks. The JSE All Share Index rose 0.5% to close at 51,424.48.



Key Indices

	Last Close		1 Day Chg	1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg
JSE All Share	51424.48	•	277.66	0.54%	NA	-1.58%	5.74%	1.44%
JSE Top 40	45252.36	•	228.19	0.51%	NA	-1.92%	5.34%	-1.19%
FTSE 100	6204.41	•	67.52	1.10%	NA	0.48%	1.28%	-0.61%
DAX 30	9622.26	•	91.64	0.96%	NA	-3.44%	4.95%	-10.43%
CAC 40	4303.12	•	57.21	1.35%	NA	-1.87%	0.72%	-7.20%
S&P 500	2047.60	•	5.69	0.28%	NA	-0.59%	6.60%	0.18%
Nasdaq Composite	4850.69	•	2.32	0.05%	NA	-0.39%	6.84%	-3.13%
DJIA	17576.96	•	35.00	0.20%	NA	-0.61%	7.08%	0.87%

US Market

The S&P 500 futures are trading in the red

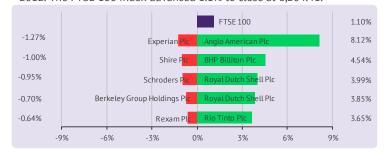
US markets closed higher on Friday, buoyed by gains in energy sector stocks. Data indicated that US wholesale inventories dropped more-than -expected on a monthly basis in February. The S&P 500 Index climbed 0.3% to close at 2,047.60.



UK Market

The FTSE 100 futures are trading in negative territory

UK markets finished higher on Friday, led by gains in mining and energy sector stocks. Data revealed that the UK's NIESR GDP estimate rose in January-March period, but is the weakest quarterly estimate since 4Q 2012. The FTSE 100 Index advanced 1.1% to close at 6,204.41.



Asian Market

Trading mixed

Asian markets are trading mixed this morning. Earlier in the session, data showed that China's inflation missed market expectations on a yearly basis in March, while producer prices extended its slump in the same period. The Nikkei 225 Index is trading 1.2% lower at 15,639.22.



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USDZAR

USD trading weaker against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the US Dollar declined 0.4% against the South African Rand to trade at R14.9267. With no economic releases in the US today, traders will look ahead to the US import & export price indices and monthly budget statement, scheduled to release tomorrow.

The US Dollar fell against the South African Rand on Friday, after e US wholesale inventories dropped more-than expected in February, easing at its fastest pace in nearly three years, signalling a greater slowdown in first quarter economic growth.

GBPZAR

GBP trading lower against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the British Pound retreated 0.3% against the South African Rand to trade at R21.0896. Later today, traders will keep an eye on UK's BRC retail sales monitor for further direction in the Pound.

The British Pound declined against the South African Rand on Friday, after UK's NIESR GDP estimate indicated expansion of 0.3% in 1Q16, the weakest growth since fourth quarter of 2012. Moreover, industrial activity suffered its biggest decline since August 2013 in February and manufacturing production dropped higher than market expectations in the same month, raising concerns about nation's economic growth. Furthermore, UK's trade deficit widened more-than-expected in February.

EURZAR

EUR trading weaker against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Euro is trading 0.2% weaker against the South African Rand at R17.0330. Going forward, market participants will keep a tab on German consumer price index, scheduled to release tomorrow for further direction.

The Euro weakened against the South African Rand on Friday. In Germany, the trade surplus expanded surprisingly in February, on the back of solid gains in exports.

AUDZAR

AUD trading lower against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Australian Dollar retreated 0.2% against the South African Rand to trade at R11.2875. Earlier in the session, in China, Australia's largest trading partner, the consumer price inflation index rose less-than-expected on an annual basis in March but producer prices fell in the same month.

The Australian Dollar fell against the South African Rand on Friday, extending losses from previous sessions.

Key Currencies & Commodities

	Current		1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg
USDZAR	14.9267	•	-1.84%	NA	1.45%	-6.98%	-3.18%
GBPZAR	21.0896	•	-1.34%	NA	-0.19%	-4.01%	-7.19%
EURZAR	17.0330	•	-1.70%	NA	1.57%	-2.64%	1.57%
AUDZAR	11.2875	•	-1.23%	NA	0.08%	-0.26%	-0.40%
EURUSD	1.1412	A	0.18%	NA	0.15%	4.61%	4.89%
GBPUSD	1.4130	A	0.51%	NA	-1.62%	3.17%	-4.17%
Brent (\$/barrel)	42.10	A	6.37%	NA	3.99%	10.28%	12.50%
Gold (\$/oz)	1251.60	A	0.51%	NA	0.67%	-0.02%	17.19%
Platinum (\$/oz)	967.5		1.44%	NA	-0.93%	4.53%	8.50%
Copper (\$/MT)*	4663.8	•	-0.04%	NA	-4.44%	3.72%	-0.89%
*As of Previous Clo	ise						

Gold

Trading in the green

At 06:00 SAST, gold prices gained 0.7% to trade at \$1,251.60/oz.

On Friday, gold prices rose 0.5% to close at \$1,242.50/oz, amid a broad weakness in the US Dollar and worries about the growth in the global economy, increased demand for the yellow metal.

Brent Crude Oil

Trading stronger

At 06:00 SAST, Brent crude oil edged 0.4% higher to trade at \$42.10/bl.

On Friday, Brent crude oil advanced 6.4% to settle at \$41.94/bl, after Baker Hughes reported that US oil rig count fell to 354 last week, falling for a consecutive third week and renewed hopes of an agreement being reached by oil producers at the April 17 Doha meeting.

Platinum

Trading flat

At 06:00 SAST, platinum prices dropped marginally to trade at \$967.50/

On Friday, platinum prices climbed 1.4% to close at \$967.50/oz.

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Major South Africa Corporate News

Brimstone Investment Corporation Limited

The company announced that its subsidiary, Sea Harvest Holdings Proprietary Limited will make a conditional proportional cash offer to acquire 1 out of every 2 shares in Mareterram Limited held by the shareholders of Mareterram. The transaction could increase Sea Harvest Holdings Proprietary Limited's stake in Mareterram Limited from 19.9% to 59.6%. The company also announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Brimco Proprietary Limited will purchase Kagiso's stake in Sea Harvest such that the company's effective shareholding in Sea Harvest will increase from 58.4% to 85%. The transaction is anticipated to take place effective April 30, 2016.

Illovo Sugar Limited

The company announced that it has entered into an agreement with Associated British Foods (ABF) in which either ABF or a wholly-owned subsidiary of ABF will make an offer to purchase all of the company's issued shares.

KAP Industrial Holdings Limited

The company announced that its Chief Financial Officer, John Haveman will resign from his position effective April 15, 2016, but will continue to remain with the company for a period of atleast 6 months to facilitate smooth transition.

Major Global Economic News

UK

The NIESR estimated GDP in the UK registered a rise of 0.3% in the January-March 2016 period on a monthly basis, from a revised climb by 0.2%, in the December-February 2016 period.

In February, UK's manufacturing production dropped 1.1%, on a monthly basis, more than market expectations for a fall of 0.2%. The production had recorded a revised rise of 0.5% in the prior month.

On a monthly basis, industrial production in the UK recorded an unexpected drop of 0.3% in February, compared to a revised advance of 0.2% in the prior month. Markets were anticipating production to climb 0.1%.

In February, total trade deficit in the UK dropped to GBP4.84bn, more than market expectations of a deficit of GBP3.40bn. The UK had reported a revised deficit of GBP5.23bn in the prior month.

Eurozone

In Germany, the seasonally adjusted trade surplus widened to EUR20.30bn in February, compared to market expectations of a surplus of EUR18.00bn. Germany had reported a revised surplus of EUR13.40bn in the prior month.

On a monthly basis, industrial production in France slid 1.0% in February, more than market expectations for a drop of 0.4%. The production had risen by a revised 1.0% in the prior month.

The budget deficit in France rose to EUR25.60bn in February, compared to a deficit of EUR9.20bn in the prior month.

Asia

In China, the consumer price index registered a rise of 2.30% on a YoY basis in March, lower than market expectations for a rise of 2.40%. In the previous month, the index had registered a similar rise.

In February, machinery orders dropped 9.2% in Japan on a monthly basis, less than market expectations for a drop of 12.0%. In the prior month, machinery orders had registered a rise of 15.0%.

US

The seasonally adjusted US wholesale inventories recorded a drop of 0.5% in February, compared to a revised drop of 0.2% in the previous month. Market expectation was for the inventories to drop 0.2%.

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40 Best Performers on the All Share Index

Company Name	Last Close	1 Week % Change	MTD % Change	YTD % Change
Harmony Gold Mining Co Ltd	56	8.72%	6.45%	261.86%
Assore Ltd	152	-8.13%	-5.90%	143.96%
Sibanye Gold Ltd	55	1.02%	-2.40%	141.93%
Kumba Iron Ore Ltd	86	6.16%	8.26%	109.00%
AngloGold Ashanti Ltd	214	7.40%	4.78%	101.65%
African Rainbow Minerals Ltd	87	-7.37%	-8.13%	100.92%
Anglo American Platinum Ltd	364	1.89%	0.59%	96.40%
Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd	45	-2.18%	-5.32%	77.72%
Pan African Resources Plc	3	0.34%	0.00%	66.86%
Anglo American Plc	114	2.76%	-1.04%	65.71%
Northam Platinum Ltd	43	1.85%	3.28%	64.65%
Murray & Roberts Holdings Ltd	13	1.75%	1.75%	60.25%
Exxaro Resources Ltd	70	-3.41%	-2.43%	59.51%
Royal Bafokeng Platinum Ltd	39	1.80%	0.65%	44.58%
Gold Fields Ltd	61	6.42%	3.80%	43.77%
Lonmin Plc	26	-5.48%	-8.47%	40.55%
Illovo Sugar Ltd	24	15.66%	14.82%	40.30%
African Oxygen Ltd	18	-0.95%	-0.28%	37.00%
Coronation Fund Managers Ltd	70	-3.57%	-4.63%	32.33%
Blue Label Telecoms Ltd	16	4.53%	4.46%	31.11%
Massmart Holdings Ltd	129	1.83%	1.96%	29.32%
Imperial Holdings Ltd	150	2.28%	-0.27%	25.67%
Santam Ltd	235	2.47%	0.17%	24.10%
JSE Ltd	156	4.87%	4.94%	23.00%
Redefine Properties Ltd	12	0.68%	-1.17%	22.06%
Steinhoff International Holdings NV	95	1.02%	-1.83%	21.11%
Resilient REIT Ltd	138	1.11%	1.79%	19.45%
Liberty Holdings Ltd	137	-5.35%	-5.07%	19.15%
Hudaco Industries Ltd	112	5.73%	3.33%	17.54%
Shoprite Holdings Ltd	168	-3.67%	-3.38%	17.09%
Barloworld Ltd	72	-1.59%	-4.19%	16.88%
Hyprop Investments Ltd	120	0.93%	1.77%	15.87%
Clicks Group Ltd	103	4.50%	5.99%	15.73%
AVI Ltd	89	6.29%	2.89%	15.52%
Foschini Group Ltd	140	-1.32%	-0.74%	15.29%
Super Group Ltd/South Africa	44	0.72%	-0.32%	14.65%
Tongaat Hulett Ltd	107	4.82%	2.08%	14.54%
SPAR Group Ltd	211	4.93%	5.88%	14.45%
Italtile Ltd	13	9.52%	11.25%	13.14%
Ascendis Health Ltd	23	5.73%	2.65%	12.54%
JSE All Share Index	51424	-0.31%	-1.58%	1.44%

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Economic Calendar

Country	SAST	Economic Indicator	Relevance	Consensus/ *Actual	Previous/ **Previous Est.	Frequency
Japan	01:50	Machinery Orders (MoM) (Feb)	\checkmark	-9.20%*	15.00%	Monthly
China	03:30	Consumer Price Index (YoY) (Mar)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	2.30%*	2.30%	Monthly
* China	03:30	Producer Price Index (YoY) (Mar)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	-4.30%*	-4.90%	Monthly
China	03:30	Consumer Price Index (MoM) (Mar)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	-0.40%*	1.60%	Monthly
Italy	10:00	Industrial Production s.a. (MoM) (Feb)	\checkmark	-0.90%	1.90%	Monthly
Italy	11:00	Bank of Italy Publishes Monthly Report `Money and Banks'	\checkmark	-	-	As scheduled
US	15:25	Fed's Dudley Speaks in New York	$\checkmark\checkmark$	-	-	As scheduled
US	19:00	Fed's Kapalan Speaks in Louisiana	$\checkmark\checkmark$	-	-	As scheduled
China	-	FDI - Foreign Direct Investment (YTD) (YoY) (Mar)	\checkmark	-	2.70%	Monthly
China	-	Actual FDI (YoY) (Mar)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	2.40%	1.80%	Monthly
China	-	New Yuan Loans (Mar)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	CNY1100.00bn	CNY726.60bn	Monthly
** China	-	Aggregate Financing (Mar)	\checkmark	CNY1400.00bn	CNY780.20bn	Monthly

Note: ✓ ✓ ✓ High √√ Medium

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