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# **Economic and Political News**

South Africa's controversial Gupta family, accused of holding undue political influence over President Jacob Zuma, announced that it are planning to selling all its shareholdings in all businesses in the nation by the end of the year. Separately, the Gupta family also added that no charges have ever been brought against them, following Gordhan's comments to the national treasury staff that Guptas were attacking him because of the work the department was doing.

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South African Reserve Bank's (SARB) Deputy Governor, Daniel Mminele mentioned that risks in policy environment were too numerous to be able to say definitively that the rate hiking cycle is over.

The National Prosecution Authority's spokesman, Luvuyo Mfaku dismissed media reports stating that Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan could be charged with graft as soon as this week.

President Jacob Zuma, while addressing the sixth Tokyo International Conference of African Development, mentioned that Africa is increasingly taking ownership and responsibility for its socioeconomic destiny.

### South Africa Market

#### South African markets closed higher

South African markets closed in the green on Friday, amid gains in platinum mining sector stocks. The JSE All Share Index rose marginally to close at 53,506.62.



## **UK Market**

## The FTSE 100 futures are trading in negative territory

UK markets finished higher on Friday, led by gains in mining sector stocks. Data indicated that the second estimate for UK's 2Q16 GDP advanced in line with previous estimates. The FTSE 100 Index advanced 0.3% to close at 6,838.05.



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Key Indices

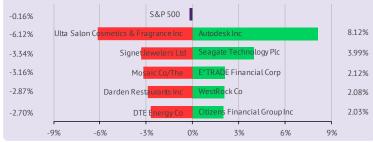
	Last Close		1 Day Chg	1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg
JSE All Share	53506.62		23.74	0.04%	NA	1.34%	1.11%	5.55%
JSE Top 40	46806.74		47.16	0.10%	NA	1.94%	-0.13%	2.20%
FTSE 100	6838.05		21.15	0.31%	NA	1.69%	3.38%	9.54%
DAX 30	10587.77		58.18	0.55%	NA	2.42%	6.79%	-1.45%
CAC 40	4441.87		35.26	0.80%	NA	0.05%	4.77%	-4.21%
S&P 500	2169.04	▼	-3.43	-0.16%	NA	-0.21%	3.56%	6.12%
Nasdaq Composite	5218.92		6.71	0.13%	NA	1.10%	6.60%	4.22%
DJIA	18395.40	▼	-53.01	-0.29%	NA	-0.20%	2.80%	5.57%

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### **US Market**

#### The S&P 500 futures are trading in the red

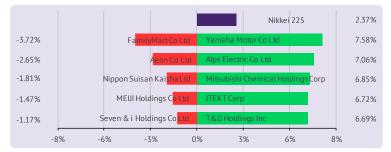
US markets fell on Friday, weighed down by losses in utility sector stocks. Fed Chief, Janet Yellen indicated that the case for an interest rate hike has strengthened in recent months due to improved labour market conditions. The S&P 500 Index fell 0.2% to close at 2,169.04.



# Asian Market

#### Trading mixed

Asian markets are trading mixed this morning. The Nikkei 225 Index is trading 2.4% higher at 16,748.14.



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**Key Currencies & Commodities** 

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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 R14.3155. Later today, traders will keep a close watch on US Personal income and spending along with Dallas Fed manufacturing index for further direction.

The US Dollar rose against the South African Rand on Friday, after the Fed Chief, Janet Yellen, citing improved labour market conditions and modest economic growth, mentioned that the case for an interest rate hike has strengthened in recent months. On the other hand, data indicated that the second estimate for the annualized GDP in the US was revised lower in the second quarter of 2016. Further, the nation's final reading on consumer sentiment eased in August, posting its third straight monthly decline.

### GBPZAR

### GBP trading lower against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the British Pound fell 0.4% against the South African Rand to trade at R18.7960.

The British Pound advanced against the South African Rand on Friday, after data indicated that the second estimate of UK's GDP in the three months to June expanded in line with previous estimates. Moreover, total business investment rebounded sharply in the second quarter of 2016 and consumer spending grew at its fastest pace since 2014 during the same period.

### EURZAR

#### EUR trading weaker against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Euro is trading 0.5% weaker against the South African Rand at R16.0140. Going forward, market participants will keep a tab on Germany's import price index for further cues.

The Euro strengthened against the South African Rand on Friday. Separately, data revealed that Eurozone's private loans advanced at par with market expectations on an annual basis in July. Elsewhere, Germany's GfK consumer confidence index climbed unexpectedly in August, marking its best reading since June 2015.

### AUDZAR

#### AUD trading lower against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Australian Dollar retreated 0.5% against the South African Rand to trade at R10.8025.

The Australian Dollar rose against the South African Rand on Friday.

	Current		1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg
USDZAR	14.3155	▼	1.11%	NA	3.54%	-5.76%	-7.13%
GBPZAR	18.7960	▼	0.63%	NA	2.75%	-6.41%	-17.27%
EURZAR	16.0140	▼	0.36%	NA	3.71%	-5.05%	-4.27%
AUDZAR	10.8025	▼	0.30%	NA	2.81%	-3.73%	-4.43%
EURUSD	1.1199		-0.77%	NA	0.21%	0.61%	3.05%
GBPUSD	1.3124	▼	-0.42%	NA	-0.70%	-0.61%	-10.89%
Brent (\$/barrel)	49.4	▼	0.50%	NA	14.68%	-12.43%	33.91%
Gold (\$/oz)	1320.0	▼	0.11%	NA	-2.04%	2.15%	24.65%
Platinum (\$/oz)	1074.5	▼	0.06%	NA	-6.34%	12.64%	20.86%
Copper (\$/MT)*	4603.5	▼	-0.29%	NA	-6.34%	1.55%	-2.17%
*As of Previous Close							

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# Gold 🔻

#### Trading in the red

At 06:00 SAST, gold prices edged 0.1% lower to trade at \$1,320.00/oz.

On Friday, gold prices rose 1.1% to close at \$1,321.50/oz. However, gold pared gains after Fed Chair, Janet Yellen supported the case for an interest rate hike in recent months.

### **Brent Crude Oil**

#### Trading weaker

At 06:00 SAST, Brent crude oil fell 1.0% to trade at \$49.40/bl.

On Friday, Brent crude oil advanced 0.5% to settle at \$49.92/bl. Separately, Baker Hughes reported that US oil rig count remained unchanged last week.

### Platinum

### Trading in negative territory

At 06:00 SAST, platinum prices edged lower 0.3% to trade at 1,074.50/ oz.

On Friday, platinum prices climbed 0.1% to close at \$1077.70/oz.

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# Major South Africa Corporate News

## **Adcock Ingram Holdings Limited**

In its FY16 results, the company stated that its revenue increased to R5.56bn from R5.18bn posted in the preceding year. Its diluted headline EPS rose 42.8% from the same period of the prior year to 228.70c. Its profit before taxation advanced to R549.93mn from R491.81mn recorded in the preceding year.

# Ascendis Health Limited

The company announced that it has fulfilled all outstanding conditions precedent relating to the acquisitions of the entire issued share capital of Remedica Holdings Limited, a pharmaceutical company based in Cyprus and Scitec International S.à r.l., a European sports nutrition company, with the payment by Ascendis being concluded on August 25, 2016. The transactions are officially unconditional and have been implemented as of August 25, 2016.

# **Northam Platinum Limited**

In its FY16 results, the company indicated that its sales revenue rose to R6.10bn from R6.04bn posted in the prior year. Its fully diluted headline loss decreased 30.6% from the previous year to 140.90c/share. Its loss before tax fell to R271.37mn from R868.33mn recorded in the preceding year.

## **Rebosis Property Fund Limited**

The company stated that it has concluded an agreement for the disposal of 3 properties known as 28 Harrison Street, 124 Main Street and 64 Eloff Street to Southern Palace Group of Companies Proprietary Limited for an aggregate cash consideration of R847,498,292. If the properties are not transferred into Southern Palace's name by November 1, 2016, the total purchase price will escalate at 1/12<sup>th</sup> of 8.0% per month until the properties are transferred into Southern Palace's name. It has also entered into a sale agreement in respect of a disposal of another non-core asset to the value of R150.00mn to another vendor.

# Net 1 UEPS Technologies Inc.

In its FY16 results, the company revealed that its revenue declined 5.6% from the preceding year to USD590.75mn. Its diluted headline EPS stood at USD0.44, compared with USD0.51 recorded in the previous year.

# Major Global Economic News

# UK

In the UK, the second estimate of GDP rose 0.6% on a quarterly basis in 2Q16, compared to a rise of 0.4% in the previous quarter. The preliminary figures had also recorded a rise of 0.6% and market anticipation was for GDP to rise 0.6%.

In 2Q16, on a quarterly basis, the preliminary government spending recorded an unexpected drop of 0.20% in the UK, compared to market expectations for an advance of 0.3%. In the prior quarter, government spending had risen 0.5%.

In the UK, on a quarterly basis, the flash total business investment unexpectedly climbed 0.50% in 2Q 2016, higher than market expectations for a fall of 0.90%. In the previous quarter, total business investment had registered a drop of 0.60%.

## Eurozone

Private sector loans in the Eurozone advanced 1.8%, on an annual basis in July. Private sector loans had risen 1.7% in the previous month.

In September, the GfK consumer confidence index in Germany rose unexpectedly to a level of 10.20 from 10.00 in the previous month.

# US

The Federal Reserve (Fed) Chairwoman, Janet Yellen, while speaking at annual gathering in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, stated that the case for an increase in US short-term interest rates has increased in recent months on the back of continued solid performance of the labour market and outlook for economic activity & inflation. Moreover, Fed's Vice Chair Stanley Fischer mentioned that if the economy continued to perform well, rate hike could come at the central bank's September policy meeting.

In the US, the second estimate of annualized gross domestic product climbed 1.1% on a quarterly basis, in 2Q16, in line with market expectations. In the prior quarter, the annualized GDP had recorded a revised rise of 0.8% and the preliminary figures had indicated an advance of 1.2%.

The final Reuters/Michigan consumer sentiment index in the US recorded an unexpected drop to 89.80 in August, compared to a reading of 90.00 in the prior month. The preliminary figures had indicated a rise to 90.40 and markets were anticipating the index to rise to a level of 90.80.

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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	1.97%	-10.09%	260.83%
Kumba Iron Ore Ltd	135	-4.45%	-0.45%	227.43%
Sibanye Gold Ltd	62	-7.81%	-3.43%	171.33%
Assore Ltd	160	-3.54%	-13.69%	157.07%
Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd	61	-4.24%	-0.66%	142.01%
AngloGold Ashanti Ltd	257	-1.53%	-15.22%	141.86%
Anglo American Plc	159	4.17%	4.09%	130.86%
Anglo American Platinum Ltd	416	-4.78%	-5.43%	124.50%
Lonmin Plc	41	2.19%	-6.14%	122.24%
African Rainbow Minerals Ltd	95	-3.03%	-3.96%	118.14%
Pan African Resources Plc	4	-1.33%	-6.77%	112.57%
Gold Fields Ltd	85	-1.23%	-1.43%	100.24%
Royal Bafokeng Platinum Ltd	49	-2.97%	-5.77%	83.86%
Northam Platinum Ltd	48	-0.29%	-5.90%	83.21%
Exxaro Resources Ltd	80	0.76%	-3.13%	82.56%
Niveus Investments Ltd	36	23.79%	23.84%	79.50%
Murray & Roberts Holdings Ltd	14	-2.85%	10.94%	78.75%
Bidvest Group Ltd	154	-1.84%	-3.64%	72.84%
African Oxygen Ltd	21	1.21%	4.90%	61.38%
Blue Label Telecoms Ltd	19	3.48%	4.54%	59.26%
Clicks Group Ltd	126	-1.05%	1.60%	41.85%
Imperial Holdings Ltd	165	-4.54%	-0.45%	38.24%
Barloworld Ltd	85	-5.36%	2.89%	36.76%
Shoprite Holdings Ltd	195	-3.47%	-4.08%	36.12%
Coronation Fund Managers Ltd	71	-1.95%	-3.75%	34.22%
Cashbuild Ltd	402	1.00%	6.63%	34.00%
Tongaat Hulett Ltd	124	1.72%	3.65%	33.05%
Massmart Holdings Ltd	131	-6.35%	-9.66%	31.00%
Omnia Holdings Ltd	173	-1.18%	4.92%	29.95%
Tsogo Sun Holdings Ltd	31	-2.16%	7.97%	29.38%
Hyprop Investments Ltd	134	-2.05%	-1.05%	29.17%
JSE Ltd	164	-4.59%	-3.48%	29.01%
Wilson Bayly Holmes-Ovcon Ltd	146	5.05%	21.76%	28.47%
Raubex Group Ltd	22	-4.36%	12.57%	27.60%
Group Five Ltd/South Africa	25	0.64%	10.23%	25.68%
Ascendis Health Ltd	25	-0.63%	6.11%	25.46%
Tiger Brands Ltd	396	1.48%	1.52%	25.08%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	140	-6.69%	1.05%	23.35%
Foschini Group Ltd	146	-3.95%	-2.01%	19.89%
Italtile Ltd	14	-0.57%	4.09%	18.64%
JSE All Share Index	53507	1.39%	1.34%	5.55%

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# **Economic Calendar**

Country	SAST	Economic Indicator	Relevance	Consensus/ *Actual	Previous/ **Previous Est.	Frequency
Italy	10:00	Consumer Confidence (Aug)	$\checkmark$	110.30	111.30	Monthly
ик	10:30	Gross Consumer Credit (Jul)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	-	GBP21.50bn	Monthly
US	14:30	Personal Income (MoM) (Jul)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	0.40%	0.20%	Monthly
US	14:30	Personal Spending (Jul)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	0.30%	0.40%	Monthly
US	14:30	Personal Consumption Expenditure Core (MoM) (Jul)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	0.10%	0.10%	Monthly
US	14:30	Personal Consumption Expenditure Core (YoY) (Jul)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	1.50%	1.60%	Monthly
US	14:30	Personal Consumption Expenditure Deflator (MoM) (Jul)	$\checkmark$	0.00%	0.10%	Monthly
US	14:30	Personal Consumption Expenditure Deflator (YoY) (Jul)	$\checkmark$	0.80%	0.90%	Monthly
US	16:30	Dallas Fed Manufacturing Business Index (Aug)	$\checkmark$	-3.90	-1.30	Monthly

Note: √ √ √ High

√√ Medium √ Low

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