



Economic and Political News

Finance Minister, Pravin Gordhan revealed that he met Oakbay Investments CEO Nazeem Howa and told him that he could not intervene in the company's dispute with a number of banks who had severed ties with the company.

The Democratic Alliance's chief whip, John Steenhuisen stated that the party was worried over the proposed draconian security upgrades to Parliament which can undermine democracy and impact the functioning of Parliament.

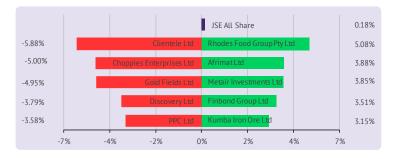
Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa commented that there was an impression of a lack of coherence among different institutions of the state and that South Africa wanted leaders who will steer the country in a stable and consistent way.

Portfolio Manager, Rashaad Tayob, of Abax Investments indicated that the fund manager has reduced bond purchases from South African stateowned companies over the past three years due to concerns over their weaker performance.

South Africa Market

South African markets closed higher

South African markets closed in the green on Friday, amid gains in resources sector stocks. The JSE All Share Index rose 0.2% to close at 53,347.30.



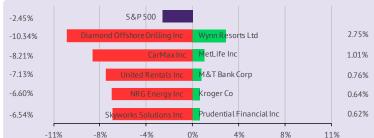
Key Indices

	Last Close		1 Day Chg	1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg
JSE All Share	53347.30	•	97.05	0.18%	NA	1.16%	-0.12%	5.23%
JSE Top 40	46734.92	•	146.21	0.31%	NA	1.02%	0.75%	2.05%
FTSE 100	6776.95	•	-81.75	-1.19%	NA	-0.07%	0.85%	8.56%
DAX 30	10573.44	•	-101.85	-0.95%	NA	-0.18%	2.47%	-1.58%
CAC 40	4491.40	•	-50.80	-1.12%	NA	1.20%	-0.04%	-3.14%
S&P 500	2127.81	•	-53.49	-2.45%	NA	-1.99%	-0.12%	4.10%
Nasdaq Composite	5125.91	•	-133.57	-2.54%	NA	-1.67%	0.99%	2.37%
DJIA	18085.45	•	-394.46	-2.13%	NA	-1.71%	-0.17%	3.79%

US Market

The S&P 500 futures are trading in the red

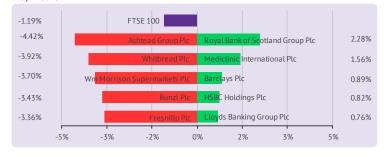
US markets dipped sharply on Friday, weighed down by losses in utility sector stocks. Data revealed that the final reading on wholesale inventories in the US came in line with previous estimates in July. The S&P 500 Index dropped 2.5% to close at 2,127.81.



UK Market

The FTSE 100 futures are trading in negative territory

UK markets finished lower on Friday, despite a rally in banking sector stocks. Data indicated that UK's total trade deficit narrowed less-thanexpected in July. The FTSE 100 Index declined 1.2% to close at 6,776.95.



Asian Market

Trading lower

Asian markets are trading lower this morning, tracking Friday's losses on Wall street. Earlier in the session, data indicated that Japan's machinery orders advanced unexpectedly on a monthly basis in July. The Nikkei 225 Index is trading 1.9% lower at 16,643.70.



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USDZAR

USD trading firmer against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the US Dollar advanced 0.2% against the South African Rand to trade at R14.4378. Going forward, traders will keep a close watch on US monthly budget statement, scheduled for release tomorrow.

The US Dollar rose against the South African Rand on Friday, after the Fed's Boston President, Eric Rosengren backed a gradual rise in interest rates to avoid overheating the US economy, while also cautioning that failure to do so could shorten the period of the nation's recovery. Separately, the final wholesale inventories in the US remained flat in July as previously estimated.

GBPZAR

GBP trading stronger against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the British Pound climbed 0.1% against the South African Rand to trade at R19.1540.

The British Pound advanced against the South African Rand on Friday, after data indicated that the median expectation for inflation among Britons rose for August. Moreover, UK's total trade deficit shrank less than market expectations in July. Separately, construction output came in flat on a monthly basis in July.

EURZAR 🔺

EUR trading higher against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Euro is trading 0.2% higher against the South African Rand at R16.2283. Going forward, market participants will keep a tab on Eurozone's ZEW economic sentiment index and employment change, scheduled for release tomorrow.

The Euro strengthened against the South African Rand on Friday. Separately, Germany's trade surplus narrowed more-than-expected in July, as exports dropped on a monthly basis in the same month.

AUDZAR 🔺

AUD trading firmer against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Australian Dollar is trading marginally firmer against the South African Rand at R10.8731.

The Australian Dollar rose against the South African Rand on Friday. Separately, data indicated that home loans in Australia declined morethan-expected in July. Elsewhere, in China, Australia's largest trading partner, annual consumer price inflation in August grew at its slowest pace since October 2015.

Key Currencies & Commodities

	Current		1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg
USDZAR	14.4378	A	2.00%	NA	-2.14%	6.14%	-6.83%
GBPZAR	19.1540	A	1.78%	NA	-1.16%	5.43%	-16.10%
EURZAR	16.2283	A	1.74%	NA	-1.48%	5.96%	-3.65%
AUDZAR	10.8731	A	0.60%	NA	-1.84%	4.86%	-4.31%
EURUSD	1.1240	A	-0.24%	NA	0.67%	-0.14%	3.38%
GBPUSD	1.3264	•	-0.21%	NA	0.98%	-0.70%	-10.00%
Brent (\$/barrel)	47.3	•	-3.96%	NA	2.39%	7.72%	28.78%
Gold (\$/oz)	1331.5	A	-0.53%	NA	1.74%	-3.05%	25.51%
Platinum (\$/oz)	1056.1	•	-1.59%	NA	1.33%	-8.44%	19.72%
Copper (\$/MT)*	4614.5	•	-0.69%	NA	0.19%	-6.30%	-1.94%
*As of Previous Clo	se						

Gold

Trading in the green

At 06:00 SAST, gold prices edged 0.1% higher to trade at \$1,331.50/oz.

On Friday, gold prices fell 0.5% to close at \$1,330.70/oz, amid a stronger US Dollar and following comments from a Fed official hinting at a sooner than expected hike in interest rates.

Brent Crude Oil

Trading weaker

At 06:00 SAST, Brent crude oil fell 1.5% to trade at \$47.29/bl.

On Friday, Brent crude oil dropped 4.0% to settle at \$48.01/bl, reversing previous session gains and as Baker Hughes reported that US oil rig count rose by 7 to 414 last week, rising for a tenth week in the past 11.

Platinum

Trading in negative territory

At 06:00 SAST, platinum prices edged 1.1% lower to trade at \$1,056.10/

On Friday, platinum prices declined 1.6% to close at \$1,067.50/oz.

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Major South Africa Corporate News

Capitec Bank Holdings Limited

S&P Global Ratings has affirmed all of the counterparty credit ratings of Capitec Bank, while maintaining the outlook for these ratings at negative. Its international scale long- and short-term ratings remain at 'BB+/B', while the South African national scale long- and short-term ratings remain unchanged at 'zaA/zaA-2'. S&P indicated that the negative outlook reflects the growth slowdown and high inflation in South Africa, and the positive interest rate cycle in the nation.

RMB Holdings Limited

In its FY16 results, the company indicated that its net income fell to R7.68bn from R7.91bn posted in the previous year. Its diluted headline EPS increased 4.6% from the corresponding period of the previous year to 531.70c. Its profit before tax declined to R7.57bn from R7.78bn recorded in the preceding year.

Major Global Economic News

Eurozone

In Germany, the seasonally adjusted trade surplus fell to EUR19.50bn in July, following a revised surplus of EUR24.70bn in the prior month. Markets were anticipating the nation to record a surplus of EUR23.70bn.

The seasonally adjusted exports in Germany unexpectedly eased 2.6% on a monthly basis in July, compared to a revised rise of 0.2% in the previous month. Market expectation was for exports to climb 0.4%.

In July, the seasonally adjusted imports unexpectedly eased 0.7% in Germany on a monthly basis, compared to market expectations for a rise of 0.5%. In the prior month, imports had recorded a revised rise of 1.1%.

UK

In July, total trade deficit in the UK narrowed to GBP4.50bn, more than market expectations of a deficit of GBP4.20bn. The UK posted a revised deficit of GBP5.57bn in the previous month.

In July, construction output in the UK slid 1.5% on an annual basis, less than market expectations for a drop of 3.4%. Construction output dropped by a revised 0.7% in the previous month.

US

In the US, the seasonally adjusted wholesale inventories remained steady on a monthly basis in August, similar to a flat reading in the prior month. Market expectation was for the wholesale inventories to climb 0.1%.

The Federal Reserve Bank (Fed) of Boston President, Eric Rosengren, has backed gradual interest rate hikes to avoid overheating the US economy. He added that failure to do so could shorten, rather than lengthen, the duration of the country's recovery. However, he refrained from discussing exactly when he thought the Fed should raise rates.

Asia

In Japan, machinery orders recorded an unexpected rise of 4.9% on a monthly basis in July, more than market expectations for a drop of 3.0%. Machinery orders had risen 8.3% in the prior month.

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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	53	-3.14%	1.03%	239.62%
Kumba Iron Ore Ltd	138	3.16%	3.27%	235.51%
Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd	68	2.68%	20.21%	171.05%
Assore Ltd	155	1.08%	-6.68%	149.63%
Sibanye Gold Ltd	55	-5.19%	-3.52%	140.79%
Anglo American Plc	161	4.30%	7.95%	133.93%
AngloGold Ashanti Ltd	240	-0.89%	-0.08%	125.48%
Anglo American Platinum Ltd	412	-1.60%	4.33%	122.53%
Lonmin Plc	39	-1.87%	5.91%	115.57%
African Rainbow Minerals Ltd	92	5.25%	5.16%	111.35%
Pan African Resources Plc	4	-0.28%	-0.55%	105.71%
Royal Bafokeng Platinum Ltd	52	5.97%	8.19%	93.25%
Northam Platinum Ltd	50	1.01%	3.09%	89.47%
Gold Fields Ltd	75	-2.25%	0.21%	78.36%
Niveus Investments Ltd	35	-4.63%	-7.16%	75.00%
Bidvest Group Ltd	156	-1.40%	2.30%	74.88%
Exxaro Resources Ltd	77	-3.07%	1.73%	73.77%
Blue Label Telecoms Ltd	19	4.45%	2.31%	60.41%
Murray & Roberts Holdings Ltd	13	-3.67%	-1.25%	57.63%
African Oxygen Ltd	20	-0.40%	-2.93%	53.08%
Wilson Bayly Holmes-Ovcon Ltd	167	7.75%	11.94%	47.02%
Clicks Group Ltd	127	5.39%	5.12%	43.03%
Raubex Group Ltd	24	0.84%	7.83%	43.03%
Ascendis Health Ltd	29	9.64%	14.87%	42.74%
Imperial Holdings Ltd	167	5.01%	6.02%	40.10%
Barloworld Ltd	87	4.83%	4.33%	40.07%
Coronation Fund Managers Ltd	73	3.69%	4.82%	38.19%
Tongaat Hulett Ltd	127	1.21%	3.03%	36.72%
Group Five Ltd/South Africa	27	6.51%	5.10%	35.14%
Cashbuild Ltd	397	1.02%	1.73%	32.33%
Tsogo Sun Holdings Ltd	32	3.01%	3.55%	30.17%
Shoprite Holdings Ltd	186	-2.06%	-1.33%	29.83%
Omnia Holdings Ltd	170	-2.58%	-1.85%	27.33%
Italtile Ltd	15	0.00%	2.04%	27.12%
Massmart Holdings Ltd	127	-0.55%	-1.88%	26.98%
JSE Ltd	161	2.06%	3.37%	26.85%
Tiger Brands Ltd	397	1.33%	4.07%	25.47%
Hyprop Investments Ltd	128	4.07%	-0.44%	23.85%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	140	2.95%	4.90%	23.05%
Zeder Investments Ltd	7	5.07%	6.15%	20.23%
JSE All Share Index	53347	-0.29%	1.16%	5.23%

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Economic Calendar

Country	SAST	Economic Indicator	Relevance	Consensus/ *Actual	Previous	Frequency
Japan	01:50	Machinery Orders (MoM) (Jul)	\checkmark	4.90%*	8.30%	Monthly
Japan	01:50	Domestic Corporate Goods Price Index (MoM) (Aug)	\checkmark	-0.30%*	0.00%	Monthly
Japan	08:00	Machine Tool Orders (YoY) (Aug) (P)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	-	-19.70%	Monthly
Portugal	12:00	Consumer Price Index (MoM) (Aug)	\checkmark	-	-0.70%	Monthly
US	14:05	Fed's Lockhart Speaks to Business Economists in Atlanta	\checkmark	-	-	As scheduled
US	15:30	US Fed Receipts (Aug)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	-	-	Monthly
US	15:30	US Fed Outlays (Aug)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	-	-	Monthly
US	19:00	Fed's Kashkari Speaks on Economy and TBTF	\checkmark	-	-	As scheduled
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