



Economic and Political News

In South Africa (SA), trade surplus widened more-than-expected to ZAR9.50bn in May, from a trade surplus of ZAR5.10bn in April. Meanwhile, private sector credit registered a higher-than-anticipated rise of 6.69% YoY in May, compared to an advance of 5.90% in April.

The Chairman of the Parliament's Standing Committee on Finance, Yunus Carrim, indicated that the government had no choice but to bailout South African Airways (SAA), after the Treasury earlier revealed that it had provided SAA ZAR2.3bn to repay loans.

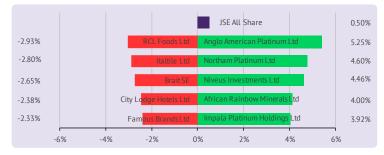
In the ANC's policy conference, President, Jacob Zuma, stated that SA will likely miss the government's growth forecast of 1.1%. Finance Minister, Malusi Gigaba, called for drastic measures to drive recovery and indicated that SA may need outside financial support to get rid of its economic spiral. ANC's Treasurer General, Zweli Mkhize, highlighted that radical economic policies were required to end inequality. Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa stated that there were no divisions among the delegates attending the conference.

Parliament will hold the debate on the motion of no confidence in President, Jacob Zuma, on August 8. Parties have been told to submit their views on having the vote by a secret or open ballot by July 14.

South Africa Market 🔥

South African markets closed higher

South African markets closed in the green on Friday, amid gains in platinum mining sector stocks. Data revealed that South Africa's trade balance expanded more-than-expected in May. The JSE All Share Index rose 0.5% to close at 51,611.01.



Key Indices

	Last Close		1 Day Chg	1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg
JSE All Share	51611.01	A	255.04	0.50%	NA	NA	-3.64%	1.89%
JSE Top 40	45421.76	A	210.02	0.46%	NA	NA	-3.67%	3.46%
FTSE 100	7312.72	•	-37.60	-0.51%	NA	NA	-2.76%	2.38%
DAX 30	12325.12	•	-91.07	-0.73%	NA	NA	-2.30%	7.35%
CAC 40	5120.68	•	-33.67	-0.65%	NA	NA	-3.08%	5.31%
S&P 500	2423.41	A	3.71	0.15%	NA	NA	0.48%	8.24%
Nasdaq Composite	6140.42	•	-3.93	-0.06%	NA	NA	-0.94%	14.07%
DJIA	21349.63	A	62.60	0.29%	NA	NA	1.62%	8.03%

US Market

The S&P 500 futures are trading in the green

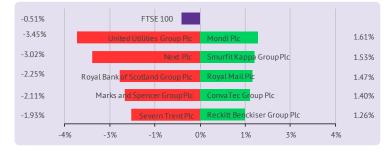
US markets closed higher on Friday, supported by a rise in industrial sector stocks. Data indicated that US personal consumption expenditure recorded an expected rise on an annual basis in May. The S&P 500 Index climbed 0.2% to close at 2,423.41.



UK Market

The FTSE 100 futures are trading in positive territory

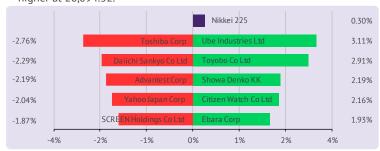
UK markets finished lower on Friday, led by losses in utility and consumer discretionary sector stocks. Data showed that the UK economy advanced at par with market forecast on a quarterly basis in 1017. The FTSE 100 Index declined 0.5% to close at 7,312.72.



Asian Market

Trading mostly higher

Asian markets are trading mostly higher this morning. On the data front, China's Caixin manufacturing PMI expanded at a faster pace notching its highest level in 3 months in June. The Nikkei 225 Index is trading 0.3% higher at 20,094.32.



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USDZAR

USD trading lower against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the US Dollar retreated 0.1% against the South African Rand to trade at R13.0669. Later today, traders will keep a close watch on the US ISM manufacturing PMI and Markit manufacturing PMI for further cues. Separately, South Africa's manufacturing PMI will be on investors' radar.

The US Dollar rose against the South African Rand on Friday. In economic news, US personal consumption expenditure grew in line with market anticipations on an annual basis in May. Further, personal spending increased as forecasted in May. Additionally, flash Michigan consumer confidence index advanced more than expected in June. Separately, South Africa's trade balance for May recorded a surplus of higher than market expectations. Moreover, private sector credit advanced higher-than-anticipated in the same month.

GBPZAR

GBP trading weaker against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the British Pound declined 0.3% against the South African Rand to trade at R16.9851. Later today, traders will keep an eye on UK Markit manufacturing PMI for further direction.

The British Pound advanced against the South African Rand on Friday. On the macro front, UK's gross domestic product (GDP) posted a rise in line with market expectations on a quarterly basis for the first quarter of 2017. Whereas, current account deficit widened in line with the market forecast in 1Q17.

EURZAR

EUR trading lower against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Euro is trading 0.2% weaker against the South African Rand at R14.9057. Going forward, market participants will keep a tab on EUR Eurozone's unemployment rate along with Markit manufacturing PMI across the Eurozone.

The Euro strengthened against the South African Rand on Friday, after Eurozone's consumer price index jumped higher than expected on an annual basis in June. Meanwhile, Germany's unemployment rate remained unchanged for June, compared to its prior reading. Further, retail sales rebounded more-than-expected on a monthly basis in May.

AUDZAR

AUD trading weaker against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Australian Dollar retreated 0.1% against the South African Rand to trade at R10.0283. Earlier in the session, data indicated that Australia's AiG Performance of manufacturing Index registered a rise in June, compared to its previous reading. Separately, building approvals retreated more-than-anticipated on a monthly basis in May. Meanwhile, in China, Australia's largest trading partner, Caixin manufacturing PMI for June advanced to its strongest level in 3 months.

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Key Currencies & Commodities

	Current		1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg
USDZAR	13.0669	•	0.40%	NA	NA	-0.33%	-4.78%
GBPZAR	16.9851	•	0.55%	NA	NA	0.98%	0.61%
EURZAR	14.9057	•	0.29%	NA	NA	1.56%	3.47%
AUDZAR	10.0283	•	0.28%	NA	NA	3.21%	1.29%
EURUSD	1.1407	•	-0.13%	NA	NA	1.62%	8.68%
GBPUSD	1.2998	•	0.14%	NA	NA	1.05%	5.59%
Brent (\$/barrel)	48.9	A	2.85%	NA	NA	-3.92%	-14.17%
Gold (\$/oz)	1237.4	•	-0.28%	NA	NA	-2.33%	7.87%
Platinum (\$/oz)	922.9	•	0.51%	NA	NA	-2.80%	2.45%
Copper (\$/MT)*	5927.0	•	-0.07%	NA	NA	4.76%	7.31%
*As of Previous Clo	ose						

Gold

Trading in the red

At 06:00 SAST, gold prices fell 0.4% to trade at \$1,237.40/oz.

On Friday gold prices fell 0.3% to close at \$1,242.30/oz, as strength in the US Dollar dented demand for the precious yellow metal.

Brent Crude Oil 🔥

Trading stronger

At 06:00 SAST, Brent crude oil climbed 0.2% to trade at \$48.87/bl.

On Friday, Brent crude oil advanced 2.9% to settle at \$48.77/bl, after Baker Hughes reported that US crude oil rig count fell by 2 to 756 last week.

Platinum

Trading in negative territory

At 06:00 SAST, platinum prices declined 0.1% to trade at \$922.90/oz.

On Friday, platinum prices climbed 0.5% to close at \$923.70/oz.

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Major South Africa Corporate News

BHP Billiton Plc

The company indicated that it has approved a total of \$250.00mn in financial support for the Renova Foundation and Samarco Mineração (Samarco) until December 31, 2017. The amount of \$174.00mn will be used to fund the Renova Foundation for remediation and compensation programs identified under the agreement with the Federal Prosecutors' Office in Brazil in relation to the Samarco dam failure. This amount will be offset against the Group's provision for the Samarco dam failure. A short-term facility of up to \$76.00mn will be made available to Samarco to carry out remediation and stablisation work and to support Samarco's operations.

Hudaco Industries Limited

In its 1H17 results, the company stated that its turnover increased to ZAR2.67bn from ZAR2.51bn posted in the corresponding period of the previous year. Its diluted headline EPS rose 0.4% from the same period of the prior year to 473.00c. Its pre-tax earnings advanced to ZAR217.00mn from ZAR210.00mn posted last year.

Sibanye Gold Limited

The company announced that its Cooke Operations will resume production, following an unprotected strike which started on June 6, 2017. The unprotected strike ensued after a prohibition on food being taken underground, which had been agreed with the majority union, was implemented.

Major Global Economic News

Asia

In Australia, the AIG performance of manufacturing index rose to a level of 55.00 in June. The index had recorded a level of 54.80 in the prior

In May, the seasonally adjusted building approvals slid 5.6% on a monthly basis in Australia, more than market expectations for a drop of 1.3%. In the previous month, building approvals had recorded a revised rise of 4.8%.

In China, Caixin/Markit manufacturing PMI index rose to a level of 50.40 in June, compared to market expectations of a rise to 49.80. In the previous month, the index had recorded a reading of 49.60.

In Japan, the Nikkei final manufacturing PMI dropped to 52.40. Manufacturing PMI had recorded a level of 53.10 in the prior month. The preliminary figures had indicated a drop to 52.00.

Eurozone

In the Eurozone, the flash consumer price index (CPI) advanced 1.3% on an annual basis in June, more than market expectations for an advance of 1.2%. The CPI had climbed 1.4% in the prior month.

In Germany, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained flat at 5.7% in June, at par with market expectations.

In May, retail sales rose 0.5% on a monthly basis in Germany, higher than market expectations for an advance of 0.3%. In the prior month, retail sales had recorded a drop of 0.2%.

US

In the US, the final Reuters/Michigan consumer sentiment index dropped to 95.10 in June, compared to a reading of 97.10 in the previous month. Markets were anticipating the index to fall to 94.50. The preliminary figures had indicated a rise to 98.00.

In May, core personal consumption expenditure climbed 1.4% on a yearly basis in the US, compared to a rise of 1.5% in the previous month. Markets were anticipating core personal consumption expenditure to climb 1.4%.

In the US, personal spending registered a rise of 0.1% on a monthly basis, in May, meeting market expectations. Personal spending had advanced 0.4% in the previous month.

UK

In the UK, the final gross domestic product (GDP) rose 0.2% on a quarterly basis in 1017, compared to a rise of 0.7% in the prior quarter. Market expectation was for GDP to climb 0.2%. The preliminary figures had also recorded an advance of 0.2%.

In the UK, current account deficit rose to GBP16.90bn in 1Q17, as expected GBP16.90bn. The UK had reported a current account deficit of GBP12.10bn in the prior quarter

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40 Best Performers on the All Share Index

Company Name	Last Close	1 Week % Change	MTD % Change	YTD % Change
Trencor Ltd	3699	2.75%	NA	31.56%
Naspers Ltd	254500	-3.55%	NA	26.36%
Mondi Plc	34065	0.67%	NA	24.27%
Dis-Chem Pharmacies Ltd	2771	-2.50%	NA	24.03%
Clicks Group Ltd	14000	0.63%	NA	24.00%
Adcock Ingram Holdings Ltd	5910	-1.50%	NA	23.79%
Bid Corp Ltd	29922	2.75%	NA	23.20%
Mondi Ltd	33911	0.41%	NA	23.15%
DataTec Ltd	6025	3.70%	NA	21.77%
RCL Foods Ltd/South Africa	1524	1.46%	NA	20.86%
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	83000	5.73%	NA	20.68%
Cie Financiere Richemont SA	10817	0.53%	NA	19.21%
British American Tobacco Plc	89345	-1.00%	NA	17.44%
Shoprite Holdings Ltd	19938	0.95%	NA	17.31%
Astral Foods Ltd	14800	-1.46%	NA	16.64%
Hudaco Industries Ltd	12850	-0.39%	NA	15.40%
Reunert Ltd	7332	1.83%	NA	14.77%
Murray & Roberts Holdings Ltd	1307	-2.46%	NA	13.45%
Anglo American Platinum Ltd	29975	1.10%	NA	13.37%
PSG Konsult Ltd	825	-0.48%	NA	13.06%
Discovery Ltd	12792	-1.98%	NA	12.46%
Equites Property Fund Ltd	1712	0.12%	NA	11.97%
Brimstone Investment Corp Ltd	1300	-3.70%	NA	11.57%
PSG Group Ltd	24000	2.71%	NA	10.93%
Vodacom Group Ltd	16427	0.58%	NA	10.71%
Capital & Regional Plc	964	0.42%	NA	10.41%
Reinet Investments SCA	2948	-0.61%	NA	10.00%
Fortress Income Fund Ltd	3470	-0.29%	NA	9.79%
Octodec Investments Ltd	2302	-4.08%	NA	9.10%
Resilient REIT Ltd	12174	0.03%	NA	8.86%
KAP Industrial Holdings Ltd	813	5.58%	NA	8.69%
AECI Ltd	10628	0.77%	NA	7.94%
Exxaro Resources Ltd	9300	7.63%	NA	7.82%
Fortress Income Fund Ltd	1716	0.65%	NA	7.71%
Kumba Iron Ore Ltd	17121	17.26%	NA	7.68%
Sanlam Ltd	6480	-0.87%	NA	7.28%
MAS Real Estate Inc	2350	1.82%	NA	7.25%
Investec Plc	9730	2.58%	NA	7.22%
Trustco Group Holdings Ltd	446	4.94%	NA	6.95%
Texton Property Fund Ltd	790	-0.25%	NA	6.74%
JSE All Share Index	51611	0.21%	NA	1.89%

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Economic Calendar

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Japan	01:50	Tankan Large All Industry Capex (Q2)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	8.00%*	0.60%	Quarterly
Japan	01:50	Tankan Large Manufacturing Index (Q2)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	17.00*	12.00	Quarterly
Japan	01:50	Tankan Large Manufacturing Outlook (Q2)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	15.00*	11.00	Quarterly
Japan	01:50	Tankan Non - Manufacturing Index (Q2)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	23.00*	20.00	Quarterly
Japan	01:50	Tankan Non - Manufacturing Outlook (Q2)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	18.00*	16.00	Quarterly
Japan	02:30	Nomura/ JMMA Manufacturing PMI (Jun) (F)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	52.40*	52.00**	Monthly
China	03:45	Caixin/Markit Manufacturing PMI (Jun)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	50.40*	49.60	Monthly
Japan	07:00	Consumer Confidence Index (Jun)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	43.90	43.60	Monthly
Japan	07:00	Vehicle Sales (YoY) (Jun)	\checkmark	-	6.10%	Monthly
Germany	09:55	Markit Manufacturing PMI (Jun) (F)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	59.30	59.30**	Monthly
Eurozone	10:00	Markit Manufacturing PMI (Jun) (F)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	57.30	57.30**	Monthly
US	10:30	Fed's Bullard Speaks at BoE Conference in London	✓	-	-	As scheduled
U K	10:30	Markit Manufacturing PMI (Jun)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	56.30	56.70	Monthly
Eurozone	11:00	Unemployment Rate (May)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	9.30%	9.30%	Monthly
South Africa	11:00	PMI Manufacturing (Jun)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	-	51.50	Monthly
US	15:45	Markit Manufacturing PMI (Jun) (F)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	52.10	52.10**	Monthly
US	16:00	ISM Employment (Jun)	✓	-	53.50	Monthly
US	16:00	Construction Spending (MoM) (May)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	0.30%	-1.40%	Monthly
US	16:00	ISM Manufacturing PMI (Jun)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	55.20	54.90	Monthly
US	16:00	ISM Prices Paid (Jun)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	58.50	60.50	Monthly
South Africa	-	Naamsa Vehicle Sales (YoY) (Jun)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	-	-2.60%	Monthly
Japan	-	Japan Foreign Reserves (Jun)	✓	-	USD1251.90bn	Monthly

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√Low

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