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Economic and Political News

African National Congress (ANC) Secretary-General, Gwede Mantashe, stated that ANC MPs who voted against President, Jacob Zuma, in the motion of no confidence will not be disciplined by the party. Separately, he stated that the ANC's elective conference in December was a matter of 'life and death' for the party.

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ANC chief whip Jackson Mthembu hinted that he is considering quitting national politics after the party's elective conference in December.

Deputy President, Cyril Ramaphosa, stated that South Africa's (SA) recovery from a technical recession should encourage government, business and labour to work together to improve and strengthen the economy.

The Democratic Alliance (DA) has asked Finance Minister, Malusi Gigaba, to assure Parliament and the South African public that due procedure will be followed before handling ZAR70.0bn in contracts to Chinese companies.

Roger Baxter, the chief of South Africa's Chamber of Mines stated on Friday that the mining industry in the nation is in "crisis" and that policy and regulatory uncertainty had frozen new investment in the sector.

South Africa Market

South African markets closed lower

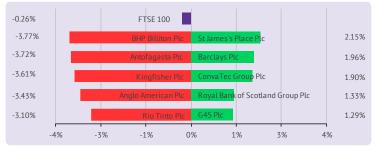
South African markets closed in the red on Friday, led by sharp losses in resources and retail sector stocks. The JSE All Share Index fell 0.3% to close at 55,724.67.



UK Market

The FTSE 100 futures are trading in positive territory

UK markets finished lower on Friday, amid a decline in mining sector stocks. Data revealed that UK's NIESR estimated gross domestic product advanced on a monthly basis in the June-August 2017 period. The FTSE 100 Index declined 0.3% to close at 7,377.60.



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3.29%	0.80%	-0.71%	NA	-0.26%	-19.38	▼	7377.60	FTSE 100
7.17%	-0.52%	2.06%	NA	0.06%	7.35		12303.98	DAX 30
5.17%	-0.16%	0.55%	NA	-0.02%	-1.13	▼	5113.49	CAC 40
9.94%	0.05%	-0.41%	NA	-0.15%	-3.67	▼	2461.43	S&P 500
18.15%	1.27%	-1.07%	NA	-0.59%	-37.68	▼	6360.19	Nasdaq Composite
10.30%	0.26%	-0.68%	NA	0.06%	13.01		21797.79	DIIA

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MTD %

-1.41%

-1.45%

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Prev. Month

% Chg

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US Market

Key Indices

ISE All Share

JSE Top 40

Last Close

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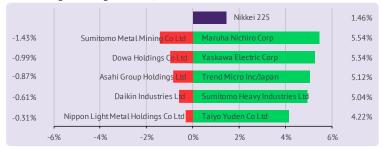
The S&P 500 futures are trading in the green

US markets closed lower on Friday, weighed down by losses in energy and information technology sector stocks. Data indicated that US final wholesale inventories recorded a more-than-expected rise on a monthly basis in July. The S&P 500 Index dropped 0.1% to close at 2,461.43.



Asian Market Trading higher

Asian markets are trading higher this morning. Over the weekend, data showed that China's consumer price index (CPI) surged higher than market expectations on an annual basis in August. The Nikkei 225 Index is trading 1.5% higher at 19,556.55.



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Key Currencies & Commodities



USDZAR

USD trading weaker against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the US Dollar retreated 0.1% against the South African Rand to trade at R12.9188. With no major economic news in the US today, investor sentiment will be determined by global macroeconomic news.

The US Dollar rose against the South African Rand on Friday. On the data front, US final wholesale inventories climbed higher than market anticipations on a monthly basis in July. Further, consumer credit surged more-than-expected in the same month.

GBPZAR

GBP trading lower against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the British Pound is trading 0.2% weaker against the South African Rand at R17.0235. As there are no major releases in the UK today, investor sentiment will be determined by global macroeconomic news.

The British Pound advanced against the South African Rand on Friday, after UK's manufacturing production advanced at a stronger-thanexpected pace this year on a monthly basis in July, as car production rebounded. Furthermore, NIESR estimated GDP recorded a rise on a monthly basis in the June-August 2017 period. Moreover, industrial production grew in line with market anticipations on a monthly basis in the same month. Additionally, trade deficit unexpectedly narrowed in July. Whereas, construction output eased more-than-estimated on a monthly basis in the same month.

EURZAR

EUR trading weaker against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Euro fell 0.3% against the South African Rand to trade at R15.5182. With no major economic news in the Eurozone today, investor sentiment will be determined by global macroeconomic news.

The Euro strengthened against the South African Rand on Friday. On the macro front, Germany's trade surplus narrowed more than market expectations in July.

AUDZAR

AUD trading lower against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Australian Dollar is trading 0.1% weaker against the South African Rand at R10.3990. Over the weekend, in China, Australia's largest trading partner, CPI accelerated sharply on a yearly basis in August, boosted by higher food prices. Furthermore, producer price index (PPI) accelerated sharply to its highest level in 4 months on an annual basis in the same month, driven by robust gains in raw materials.

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	Current		1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. Month % Chg	% YTD Che
USDZAR	12.9188	▼	1.02%	NA	-0.57%	-1.39%	-5.849
GBPZAR	17.0235	▼	1.74%	NA	1.43%	-3.47%	0.79%
EURZAR	15.5182	▼	1.12%	NA	0.46%	-0.81%	7.75%
AUDZAR	10.3990	▼	1.07%	NA	0.71%	-2.31%	5.07%
EURUSD	1.2013	•	0.11%	NA	1.06%	0.57%	14.49%
GBPUSD	1.3178	▼	0.76%	NA	2.09%	-2.16%	7.00%
Brent (\$/barrel)	54.0		-1.30%	NA	1.74%	0.27%	-5.35%
Gold (\$/oz)	1341.7	▼	0.06%	NA	2.18%	4.10%	16.98%
Platinum (\$/oz)	1005.6	▼	-0.44%	NA	1.38%	6.14%	12.28%
Copper (\$/MT)*	6672.3	▼	-2.93%	NA	-1.29%	6.68%	20.819
*As of Previous Close							

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Gold 🔻

Trading in the red

At 06:00 SAST, gold prices fell 0.4% to trade at \$1,341.70/oz.

On Friday, gold prices rose 0.1% to close at \$1,347.30/oz, as the greenback weakened against its major counterparts, increasing demand for the safe haven asset.

Brent Crude Oil

Trading stronger

At 06:00 SAST, Brent crude oil advanced 0.4% to trade at \$54.00/bl.

On Friday, Brent crude oil dropped 1.3% to settle at \$53.78/bl, amid rising pressure as Gulf refiners are recovering at a slower pace. Meanwhile, Baker Hughes reported that US crude oil rig count fell by 3 to 756 last week.

Platinum

Trading in negative territory

At 06:00 SAST, platinum prices dropped 0.7% to trade at \$1,005.60/oz.

On Friday, platinum prices declined 0.4% to close at \$1012.30/oz.

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Major South Africa Corporate News

African Oxygen Limited

In its 1H17 results, the company revealed that its revenue advanced 6.9% from the same period of the preceding year to ZAR2.79bn. Its basic and diluted EPS stood at 94.40c, compared with 77.80c recorded in the corresponding period of the previous year.

RMB Holdings Limited

In its FY17 results, the company stated that its revenue increased to ZAR16.00mn from ZAR7.00mn posted in the previous year. Its diluted EPS rose 6.0% from the prior year to 561.70c.

Transaction Capital Limited

The company announced that Mr Raboijane (Moses) Kgosana has stepped down as Chairman and member of the audit, risk and compliance committee (ARC) and as a director of the board with immediate effect.

Major Global Economic News

UK

In the UK, NIESR estimated GDP climbed 0.4% on a monthly basis in the June-August 2017 period. NIESR estimated GDP had registered a rise of 0.2% in the May-July 2017 period.

In July, construction output fell 0.9% on a monthly basis in the UK, compared to a fall of 0.1% in the prior month. Markets were anticipating construction output to drop 0.2%.

In the UK, manufacturing production recorded a rise of 0.5% on a monthly basis in July, more than market expectations for a rise of 0.3%. In the prior month, manufacturing production had recorded a flat reading.

In July, industrial production climbed 0.2% on a monthly basis in the UK, compared to an advance of 0.5% in the previous month. Market anticipation was for industrial production to rise 0.2%.

In the UK, total trade deficit dropped to GBP2.87bn in July, less than market expectations of a total trade deficit of GBP3.25bn. The UK had registered a revised total trade deficit of GBP2.91bn in the previous month.

US

In the US, the seasonally adjusted final wholesale inventories advanced 0.6% on a monthly basis in July, higher than market expectations for a rise of 0.4%. The preliminary figures had recorded a rise of 0.4%. The wholesale inventories had registered a revised similar rise in the previous month.

In July, consumer credit advanced USD18.50bn in the US, compared to a revised advance of USD11.83bn in the previous month. Markets were expecting consumer credit to rise USD15.00bn.

Asia

In China, the CPI advanced 1.8% on a yearly basis in August, more than market expectations for a rise of 1.6%. In the prior month, the CPI had advanced 1.4%.

In August, the PPI rose 6.3% on an annual basis in China, more than market expectations for a rise of 5.6%. In the prior month, the PPI had advanced 5.5%.

In Japan, the tertiary industry index registered a rise of 0.1% on a monthly basis in July, in line with market expectations. The index had dropped by a revised 0.2% in the previous month.

Eurozone

In Germany, the seasonally adjusted trade surplus fell to EUR19.50bn in July, compared to a trade surplus of EUR22.30bn in the prior month. Market expectation was for the country's trade surplus to narrow to EUR21.00bon.

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40 Best Performers on the All Share Index

Company Name	Last Close	1 Week % Change	MTD % Change	YTD % Change
Kumba Iron Ore Ltd	21482	-2.29%	48.89%	47.07%
Exxaro Resources Ltd	12588	-1.07%	23.30%	45.94%
Murray & Roberts Holdings Ltd	1680	2.07%	26.41%	45.83%
Naspers Ltd	286384	-2.22%	5.46%	42.19%
Trencor Ltd	3900	-2.26%	15.73%	38.71%
Gold Fields Ltd	5898	4.74%	27.99%	38.31%
Anglo American Platinum Ltd	35713	1.75%	28.04%	35.07%
Glencore Plc	6192	1.34%	27.71%	34.90%
Clicks Group Ltd	15105	-0.17%	11.59%	33.78%
Adcock Ingram Holdings Ltd	6350	-0.35%	2.75%	33.00%
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	91205	2.28%	17.11%	32.61%
Cie Financiere Richemont SA	11878	2.60%	7.39%	30.90%
Dis-Chem Pharmacies Ltd	2888	-1.67%	0.17%	29.26%
Shoprite Holdings Ltd	21475	-2.27%	4.28%	28.23%
Mondi Plc	34397	-3.48%	0.55%	26.54%
PSG Konsult Ltd	919	2.11%	12.07%	25.95%
Fortress Income Fund Ltd	3879	0.81%	13.55%	25.70%
Mondi Ltd	34315	-3.54%	0.22%	25.67%
Discovery Ltd	14289	-3.84%	11.53%	25.62%
Northam Platinum Ltd	5065	2.55%	15.17%	25.06%
Anglo American Plc	23471	-0.95%	37.24%	23.79%
Equites Property Fund Ltd	1884	1.29%	9.79%	23.22%
Holdsport Ltd	6969	2.83%	22.55%	22.85%
DataTec Ltd	6028	7.15%	15.48%	21.83%
Astral Foods Ltd	15400	-0.65%	-2.86%	21.37%
South32 Ltd	3247	7.52%	25.32%	21.28%
MAS Real Estate Inc	2650	3.43%	12.77%	20.94%
Bid Corp Ltd	29360	-2.33%	-2.02%	20.88%
Hudaco Industries Ltd	13000	-0.38%	0.55%	18.38%
Cashbuild Ltd	39999	6.74%	16.26%	17.96%
Resilient REIT Ltd	12732	1.86%	8.42%	16.60%
Mr Price Group Ltd	18050	-3.73%	23.78%	16.37%
Assore Ltd	26900	0.07%	40.18%	16.35%
African Oxygen Ltd	2140	-3.12%	8.30%	15.82%
Sibanye Gold Ltd	1909	-6.70%	20.67%	15.69%
BHP Billiton Plc	23967	-1.32%	21.80%	14.90%
PPC Ltd	635	16.51%	3.42%	14.83%
KAP Industrial Holdings Ltd	857	3.25%	-4.25%	14.57%
RCL Foods Ltd/South Africa	1420	-6.58%	-5.33%	12.62%
Echo Polska Properties NV	2142	2.49%	5.31%	12.52%
JSE All Share Index	55725	-1.40%	-1.41%	10.01%

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Economic Calendar

Country	SAST	Economic Indicator	Relevance	Consensus/ *Actual	Previous	Frequency			
 Japan 	01:50	Machinery Orders (MoM) (Jul)	\checkmark	8.00%*	-1.90%	Monthly			
Japan	01:50	Machinery Orders (YoY) (Jul)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	-7.50%*	-5.20%	Monthly			
 Japan 	01:50	Money Supply M3 (YoY) (Aug)	\checkmark	3.40%*	3.40%	Monthly			
Japan	01:50	Money Supply M2+CD (YoY) (Aug)	\checkmark	4.00%*	4.00%	Monthly			
 Japan 	06:30	Tertiary Industry Index (MoM) (Jul)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	0.10%*	0.00%	Monthly			
Japan	08:00	Machine Tool Orders (YoY) (Aug) (P)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	-	28.00%	Monthly			
Italy	10:00	Industrial Production n.s.a. (YoY) (Jul)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	-	5.40%	Monthly			
Italy	10:00	Industrial Production s.a. (Jul)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	-	96.80	Monthly			
Italy	10:00	Industrial Production w.d.a.(YoY) (Jul)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	-	5.30%	Monthly			
Italy	10:00	Industrial Production s.a. (MoM) (Jul)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	-0.40%	1.10%	Monthly			
UK	13:00	Composite Leading Indicator (Jul)	\checkmark	-	99.55	Monthly			
spain	13:00	Composite Leading Indicator (Jul)	\checkmark	-	99.69	Monthly			
Canada	14:15	Housing Starts s.a. (Aug)	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$	216.00K	222.30K	Monthly			
Note: ✓✓✓ High	Note: $\sqrt[4]{\sqrt{High}}$ $\sqrt[4]{Medium}$ $\sqrt[4]{Low}$								

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