

Economic and Political News

Moody's has retained its negative outlook on the South African banking system, citing weak operating conditions and challenging loan quality and profitability. Further, the rating agency indicated that "volatile and unpredictable" political climate in South Africa (SA) and diminished business and consumer confidence could result in sluggish economic growth. The agency has forecast a growth of 0.5% in 2017 and 1.8% in 2018 for SA.

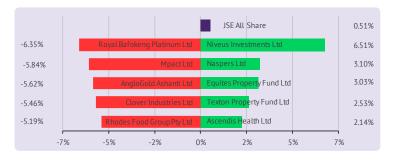
Finance Minister, Malusi Gigaba, stated that the National Treasury's growth forecast of 1.3% for 2017 is at risk and added that the most important step in developing the nation is creating more employment opportunities for South Africans. Separately, Gigaba asked South African tax practitioners to support the government in fighting corruption, money laundering and illicit financial flows. He added that he will deliver his Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) next month on October 25.

The Pretoria High Court will hear President, Jacob Zuma's, challenge to former Public Protector, Thuli Madonsela's state capture report on Tuesday and Wednesday.

South Africa Market

South African markets closed higher

South African markets closed in the green yesterday, amid gains in industrial sector stocks. The JSE All Share Index rose 0.5% to close at 56,008.77.



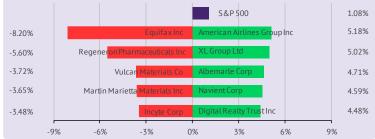
Key Indices

	t Close	ay 1 D % hg Chg		MTD % Chg	Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg
10	008.77	10 0.51%	0.51%	-0.91%	2.38%	10.57%
51	627.54	51 0.72%	0.72%	-0.74%	2.30%	13.04%
99	413.59	99 0.49%	0.49%	-0.23%	0.80%	3.79%
26	475.24	26 1.39%	1.39%	3.48%	-0.52%	8.66%
22	176.71	22 1.24%	1.24%	1.79%	-0.16%	6.47%
68	488.11	68 1.08%	1.08%	0.67%	0.05%	11.13%
07	432.26	07 1.13%	1.13%	0.06%	1.27%	19.49%
58	057.37	58 1.19%	1.19%	0.50%	0.26%	11.61%

US Market

The S&P 500 futures are trading in the green

US markets closed higher yesterday, driven by a rise in financial and technology sector stocks. Furthermore, the markets went higher after Hurricane Irma weakened, causing less damage on Florida. The S&P 500 Index climbed 1.1% to close at 2,488.11.



UK Market

The FTSE 100 futures are trading in negative territory

UK markets finished higher yesterday, boosted by gains in financial and industrial sector stocks. The FTSE 100 Index advanced 0.5% to close at 7,413.59



Asian Market

Trading mostly higher

Asian markets are trading mostly higher this morning. The Nikkei 225 Index is trading 1.1% higher at 19,753.30.



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USDZAR

USD trading lower against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the US Dollar marginally dropped against the South African Rand to trade at R12.9783. Later today, traders will keep a close watch on US JOLTS job openings and the NFIB small business optimism index for further direction.

The US Dollar rose against the South African Rand yesterday.

GBPZAR

GBP trading stronger against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the British Pound advanced 0.1% against the South African Rand to trade at R17.1017. Later today, traders will keep an eye on UK's consumer price index, retail price index and house price index for further cues.

The British Pound advanced against the South African Rand yesterday.

EURZAR

EUR trading higher against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Euro is trading marginally firmer against the South African Rand at R15.5159. With no major economic news in the Eurozone today, investor sentiment will be determined by global macroeconomic news.

The Euro weakened against the South African Rand yesterday.

AUDZAR

AUD trading weaker against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Australian Dollar retreated 0.3% against the South African Rand to trade at R10.3932. Earlier in the session, Australia's NAB business confidence index dropped in August, compared to its prior reading. Whereas, NAB business conditions index recorded a rise in the same month.

The Australian Dollar rose against the South African Rand yesterday.

Key Currencies & Commodities

	Current		1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg
USDZAR	12.9783	•	0.42%	0.42%	-0.15%	-1.39%	-5.45%
GBPZAR	17.1017	A	0.14%	0.14%	1.57%	-3.47%	0.93%
EURZAR	15.5159	A	-0.29%	-0.29%	0.17%	-0.81%	7.44%
AUDZAR	10.3932	•	0.12%	0.12%	0.83%	-2.31%	5.20%
EURUSD	1.1955	A	-0.69%	-0.69%	0.36%	0.57%	13.70%
GBPUSD	1.3177	A	-0.28%	-0.28%	1.80%	-2.16%	6.70%
Brent (\$/barrel)	53.8	•	0.11%	0.11%	1.85%	0.27%	-5.24%
Gold (\$/oz)	1329.5	•	-1.15%	-1.15%	1.01%	4.10%	15.64%
Platinum (\$/oz)	989.6	•	-1.33%	-1.33%	0.03%	6.14%	10.78%
Copper (\$/MT)*	6729.3	A	0.85%	0.85%	-0.45%	6.68%	21.84%
*As of Previous Close							

Gold

Trading in the red

At 06:00 SAST, gold prices declined 0.2% to trade at \$1,329.50/oz.

Yesterday, gold prices fell 1.1% to close at \$1,331.80/oz, as strength in the greenback and gains in global equities lowered demand for the precious yellow metal.

Brent Crude Oil

Trading weaker

At 06:00 SAST, Brent crude oil edged 0.2% lower to trade at \$53.75/bl.

Yesterday, Brent crude oil advanced 0.1% to settle at \$53.84/bl, after Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister, Khalid al-Falih, discussed with its peers over the possibility of extending the crude supply cut agreement beyond March 2018.

Platinum

Trading in negative territory

At 06:00 SAST, platinum prices edged 0.9% lower to trade at \$989.60/oz.

Yesterday, platinum prices declined 1.3% to close at \$998.80/oz.

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Major South Africa Corporate News

AVI Limited

In its FY17 results, the company stated that its revenue increased to ZAR13.18bn from ZAR12.18bn posted in the previous year. Its diluted EPS rose 9.8% from the prior year to 503.60c.

Remgro Limited

In its FY17 trading statement, the company revealed that its HEPS is expected to rise between 1,466.70c and 1,511.50c, compared with 1,119.60c reported in the prior year.

Major Global Economic News

Asia

In Australia, the NAB business confidence index registered a drop to 5.00 in August. The index had registered a level of 12.00 in the prior

In August, the NAB business conditions index registered a rise to 15.00 in Australia. The index had registered a revised level of 14.00 in the previous month.

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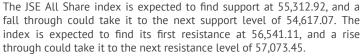




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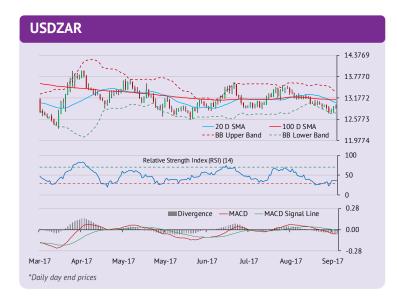
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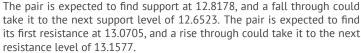






The S&P 500 index is expected to find support at 2,460.12, and a fall through could take it to the next support level of 2,432.14. The index is expected to find its first resistance at 2,502.52, and a rise through could take it to the next resistance level of 2,516.94.







Gold is expected to find support at \$1,319.57/oz, and a fall through could take it to the next support level of \$1,307.33/oz. The precious metal is expected to find its first resistance at \$1,351.27/oz, and a rise through could take it to the next resistance level of \$1,370.73/oz.

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Economic Calendar

Country	SAST	Economic Indicator	Relevance	Consensus/ *Actual	Previous	Frequency
Japan	02:01	Manpower Survey (Q3)	✓	23.00%*	23.00%	Quarterly
China	02:01	Manpower Survey (Q4)	\checkmark	9.00%*	5.00%	Quarterly
UK	10:30	Consumer Price Index (MoM) (Aug)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	0.50%	-0.10%	Monthly
UK	10:30	Consumer Price Index (YoY) (Aug)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	2.80%	2.60%	Monthly
UK	10:30	Consumer Price Index Core (YoY) (Aug)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	2.50%	2.40%	Monthly
UK	10:30	Retail Price Index (Aug)	✓	-	274.30	Monthly
UK	10:30	Retail Price Index (MoM) (Aug)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	-	0.50%	Monthly
UK	10:30	Retail Price Index (YoY) (Aug)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	-	3.70%	Monthly
UK	11:20	BoE Markets Director Salmon Speaks in Barcelona	\checkmark	-	-	As scheduled
US	12:00	NFIB Small Business Optimism (Aug)	✓	-	104.80	Monthly
US	14:55	Redbook Index (YoY) (08-Sep)	✓	-	4.40%	Weekly
US	14:55	Redbook Index s.a. (MoM) (08-Sep)	✓	-	0.30%	Weekly
UK	15:45	ECB Vice President Constancio Speaks in Frankfurt	✓	-	-	As scheduled
US	16:00	JOLTs Job Openings (Jul)	\checkmark	-	6000.00K	Monthly

Note: ✓ ✓ ✓ High √ √ Medium √ Low

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