

# **Economic and Political News**

On Friday, the Supreme Court of Appeal ruled that President, Jacob Zuma, must face charges of corruption, thus upholding a High Court The President expressed disappointment on the ruling. Meanwhile, Zwelini Lawrence Mkhize, the Treasurer-General of the ANC, has called for a need to put an end to scandals that are tarnishing the party's image.

The Democratic Alliance (DA) has indicated that the ANC faced the possibility of electoral defeat in the 2019 national elections and that the DA was preparing to lead a national coalition government after the elections. The party also highlighted that the biggest enemy to South Africa's (SA) economic growth was corruption prevailing at all levels of government institutions

The DA has indicated that would refer Public Enterprises Minister, Lynne Brown, to the office of the Public Protector and the Ethics Committee, after reports emerged that Eskom had awarded tenders to a company co owned by her partner.

Reuters has reported that SA' Department of Environmental Affairs has granted authorisation to Eskom to build a new 4,000 megawatt nuclear power plant in the Western Cape.

# South Africa Market

#### South African markets closed higher

South African markets closed in the green on Friday, driven by a rise in property and platinum mining stocks. The JSE All Share Index rose 0.2% to close at 57,876.60.



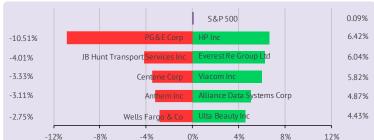
# **Key Indices**

	Last Close		1 Day Chg	1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg
JSE All Share	57876.60	<b>A</b>	129.26	0.22%	NA	4.13%	-1.67%	14.26%
JSE Top 40	51450.39	<b>A</b>	97.57	0.19%	NA	4.20%	-1.24%	17.19%
FTSE 100	7535.44	•	-20.80	-0.28%	NA	2.21%	-0.78%	5.50%
DAX 30	12991.87	<b>A</b>	8.98	0.07%	NA	1.27%	6.41%	13.16%
CAC 40	5351.74	•	-9.07	-0.17%	NA	0.41%	4.80%	10.07%
S&P 500	2553.17	<b>A</b>	2.24	0.09%	NA	1.34%	1.93%	14.04%
Nasdaq Composite	6605.80	<b>A</b>	14.29	0.22%	NA	1.69%	1.05%	22.71%
DJIA	22871.72	<b>A</b>	30.71	0.13%	NA	2.08%	2.08%	15.73%

# **US Market**

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

US markets closed higher on Friday, boosted by gains in information technology and material sector stocks. Data revealed that US consumer price index (CPI) advanced less-than-expected on a yearly basis in September. The S&P 500 Index climbed 0.1% to close at 2,553.17.



# **UK Market**

### The FTSE 100 futures are trading in positive territory

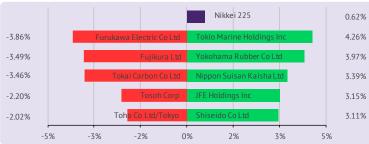
UK markets finished lower on Friday, amid strength in the British Pound. The FTSE 100 Index declined 0.3% to close at 7,535.44.



# Asian Market

### Trading mostly higher

Asian markets are mostly trading higher this morning. Data showed that China's annual CPI rose in line with market expectations, while annual producer price index (PPI) grew more-than-expected in September. The Nikkei 225 Index is trading 0.6% higher at 21,285.62.



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# **USDZAR**

#### USD trading stronger against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the US Dollar is trading 0.3% higher against the South African Rand at R13.3038. With no major economic news in the US today, investor sentiment will be determined by global macroeconomic news.

The US Dollar fell against the South African Rand on Friday, after data indicated that US annual and monthly CPI climbed less than market forecast in September. On the other hand, advance retail sales rebounded to its highest level since 2005 in September. Furthermore, preliminary Michigan consumer confidence index surprisingly surged to its strongest level since 2004 in October. Additionally, business inventories rose at par with the market forecast in August. Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve (Fed) Chair, Janet Yellen, indicated that the Fed expects to continue raising interest rates gradually as ongoing strength of the US economy and tightening labour market will eventually boost inflation.

### **GBPZAR**

# GBP trading higher against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the British Pound is trading 0.3% firmer against the South African Rand at R17.6789. On the data front, UK's Rightmove house price index advanced on a monthly basis in October.

The British Pound declined against the South African Rand on Friday.

# **EURZAR**

# EUR trading firmer against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Euro is trading 0.2% higher against the South African Rand at R15.7096. Going forward, market participants will keep a tab on Eurozone's trade balance for further cues.

The Euro weakened against the South African Rand on Friday. On the macro front, Germany's final CPI recorded a steady reading on an annual basis in September.

# AUDZAR 🔺

### AUD trading higher against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Australian Dollar advanced 0.1% against the South African Rand to trade at R10.4777. Earlier in the session, in China, Australia's largest trading partner, the CPI advanced at par with market expectations on a yearly basis in September, while the PPI soared to its highest level in six months on an annual basis in the same month.

The Australian Dollar fell against the South African Rand on Friday. Data revealed that, in China, Australia's largest trading partner, trade surplus narrowed more than market forecast in September.

# **Key Currencies & Commodities**

			1 D %	WTD %	MTD %	Prev. Month	YTD %
	Current		Chg	Chg	Chg	% Chg	Chg
USDZAR	13.3038	<b>A</b>	-1.55%	NA	-2.15%	4.27%	-3.37%
GBPZAR	17.6789	<b>A</b>	-1.38%	NA	-2.97%	8.01%	4.13%
EURZAR	15.7096	<b>A</b>	-1.63%	NA	-2.09%	3.41%	8.60%
AUDZAR	10.4777	<b>A</b>	-0.72%	NA	-1.50%	2.78%	5.62%
EURUSD	1.1809	•	-0.08%	NA	0.05%	-0.81%	12.43%
GBPUSD	1.3292	<b>A</b>	0.17%	NA	-0.84%	3.62%	7.69%
Brent (\$/barrel)	57.9	<b>A</b>	1.64%	NA	0.67%	7.43%	0.62%
Gold (\$/oz)	1304.7	<b>A</b>	0.63%	NA	1.56%	-2.81%	13.01%
Platinum (\$/oz)	945.2		0.65%	NA	3.83%	-8.83%	4.84%
Copper (\$/MT)*	6859.0	•	-0.03%	NA	6.63%	-4.84%	24.19%
*As of Previous Clo	se						

# Gold

#### Trading in the green

At 06:00 SAST, gold prices edged 0.2% higher to trade at \$1,304.70/oz.

On Friday, gold prices rose 0.6% to close at \$1,301.50/oz, after the US consumer price inflation grew at a slower pace in September.

### **Brent Crude Oil**

### Trading stronger

At 06:00 SAST, Brent crude oil edged 1.2% higher to trade at \$57.85/bl.

On Friday, Brent crude oil advanced 1.6% to settle at \$57.17/bl, after Baker Hughes reported that US oil rig count fell by 5 to 743 last week.

# **Platinum**

### Trading flat

At 06:00 SAST, platinum prices traded flat at \$945.20/oz.

On Friday, platinum prices climbed 0.6% to close at \$945.20/oz.

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# **Major South Africa Corporate News**

# **Brimstone Investment Corporation Limited**

The company and Stadio Holdings Limited, acting through a newly incorporated private company, Milpark Investments SPV Proprietary Limited have entered into an agreement with Coöperative Apollo Global Netherlands U.A., Encosolve Proprietary Limited and MBS Education Investments Proprietary Limited to acquire 100.0% of the issued share capital of MBS Education.

# **Old Mutual Plc**

The company announced that it has completed the sale of its 26.0% stake in Kotak Mahindra Old Mutual Life Insurance Limited to its joint venture partner Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited.

# Major Global Economic News

# US

The Fed Chair, Janet Yellen, stated that the central bank expects to continue raising interest rates gradually, as strength in the US economy and tightened labour market will eventually boost inflation. Further, Yellen also reiterated that the impact of recent hurricanes on the economy would be temporary.

In the US, the CPI registered a rise of 2.2% on an annual basis in September, compared to a rise of 1.9% in the previous month. Markets were expecting the CPI to climb 2.3%.

In September, advance retail sales registered a rise of 1.6% on a monthly basis in the US, less than market expectations for a rise of 1.7%. Advance retail sales had recorded a revised drop of 0.1% in the prior month.

In the US, the flash Reuters/Michigan consumer sentiment index unexpectedly advanced to 101.10 in October, compared to a reading of 95.10 in the prior month. Market anticipation was for the index to drop to 95.00.

In August, business inventories recorded a rise of 0.7% on a monthly basis in the US, compared to a revised advance of 0.3% in the previous month. Markets were expecting business inventories to advance 0.7%.

# Asia

In China, the CPI registered a rise of 1.6% on an annual basis in September, at par with market expectations. The CPI had risen 1.8% in the previous month.

In September, the PPI advanced 6.9% on a yearly basis in China, more than market expectations for an advance of 6.4%. The PPI had risen 6.3% in the previous month.

In Japan, the final industrial production rose 2.0% on a monthly basis, in August. Industrial production had dropped 0.8% in the prior month. The preliminary figures had recorded a rise of 2.1%.

### **Eurozone**

In Germany, the final CPI registered a rise of 1.8% on a yearly basis in September, compared to a similar rise in the prior month. Market anticipation was for the CPI to climb 1.8%. The preliminary figures had also indicated a rise of 1.8%.

#### UK

In the UK, the Rightmove house price index rose 1.1% on a monthly basis in October. The index had fallen 1.2% in the previous month.

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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	25390	9.09%	75.98%	73.82%
Exxaro Resources Ltd	14423	4.51%	44.67%	71.24%
Naspers Ltd	320000	1.12%	18.15%	59.30%
Murray & Roberts Holdings Ltd	1667	4.19%	29.18%	49.03%
Trencor Ltd	4133	3.58%	22.64%	47.00%
Glencore Plc	6680	1.00%	37.77%	45.53%
Dis-Chem Pharmacies Ltd	3250	12.07%	12.73%	45.46%
Clicks Group Ltd	16161	4.48%	19.39%	43.14%
Equites Property Fund Ltd	2132	1.52%	24.24%	39.44%
Anglo American Plc	26108	-1.15%	52.65%	37.69%
Astral Foods Ltd	17469	0.11%	10.19%	37.68%
Cie Financiere Richemont SA	12227	-1.82%	12.88%	37.59%
Anglo American Platinum Ltd	36150	1.76%	29.61%	36.72%
MAS Real Estate Inc	2940	0.93%	27.37%	36.60%
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	93800	5.03%	20.44%	36.38%
Trustco Group Holdings Ltd	550	5.77%	27.61%	31.89%
Bid Corp Ltd	31679	1.39%	6.59%	31.51%
Fortress Income Fund Ltd	4040	3.09%	18.26%	30.92%
African Oxygen Ltd	2350	-2.08%	21.31%	29.73%
Resilient REIT Ltd	14156	2.58%	20.54%	29.64%
Shoprite Holdings Ltd	21671	2.14%	5.23%	29.40%
South32 Ltd	3379	-4.25%	33.71%	29.40%
Assore Ltd	29000	-4.00%	55.77%	29.29%
Gold Fields Ltd	5407	-6.78%	17.33%	26.79%
Discovery Ltd	14279	3.10%	12.22%	26.41%
Adcock Ingram Holdings Ltd	5910	-1.30%	-3.18%	25.33%
Mondi Plc	33814	-10.59%	-1.16%	24.40%
PPC Ltd	683	7.22%	11.24%	23.51%
PSG Konsult Ltd	900	0.56%	9.76%	23.34%
Mondi Ltd	33651	-11.26%	-1.72%	23.24%
RCL Foods Ltd/South Africa	1550	-1.96%	3.33%	22.93%
Cashbuild Ltd	41200	2.74%	20.97%	22.74%
PSG Group Ltd	25925	5.31%	8.22%	19.83%
Mr Price Group Ltd	18520	5.11%	27.00%	19.40%
DataTec Ltd	5900	0.43%	13.03%	19.24%
Sanlam Ltd	7184	5.34%	4.68%	18.93%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	17100	6.79%	19.64%	18.90%
BHP Billiton Plc	24790	0.53%	25.98%	18.84%
African Rainbow Minerals Ltd	10900	-0.25%	43.10%	17.96%
KAP Industrial Holdings Ltd	852	-0.12%	-2.39%	16.79%
JSE All Share Index	57877	1.13%	4.13%	14.26%

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# **Economic Calendar**

Country	SAST	Economic Indicator	Relevance	Consensus/ *Actual	Previous/ **Previous Est.	Frequency
UK UK	01:01	Rightmove House Price Index (MoM) (Oct)	✓	1.10%*	-1.20%	Monthly
UK	01:01	Rightmove House Price Index (YoY) (Oct)	✓	1.40%*	1.10%	Monthly
China	03:30	Consumer Price Index (MoM) (Sep)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	0.50%*	0.40%	Monthly
China	03:30	Consumer Price Index (YoY) (Sep)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	1.60%*	1.80%	Monthly
China	03:30	Producer Price Index (YoY) (Sep)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	6.90%*	6.30%	Monthly
Japan	06:30	Capacity Utilisation (MoM) (Aug)	$\checkmark$	3.30%*	-1.80%	Monthly
<ul><li>Japan</li></ul>	06:30	Industrial Production (MoM) (Aug) (F)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	2.00%*	2.10%**	Monthly
Japan	06:30	Industrial Production (YoY) (Aug) (F)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	5.30%*	5.40%**	Monthly
Germany	08:00	Wholesale Price Index (MoM) (Sep)	$\checkmark$	-	0.30%	Monthly
Germany	08:00	Wholesale Price Index (YoY) (Sep)	$\checkmark$	-	3.20%	Monthly
Eurozone	11:00	Trade Balance n.s.a. (Aug)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	EUR23.30bn	EUR23.20bn	Monthly
Eurozone	11:00	Trade Balance s.a. (Aug)	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	EUR20.20bn	EUR18.60bn	Monthly
US	14:30	NY Empire State Manufacturing Index (Oct)	$\checkmark\checkmark$	20.50	24.40	Monthly
Note: ✓ ✓ ✓ High	√√Med	lium ✓Low				

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