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Minute Brief

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Economic and political news

The South African Revenue Service (SARS) stated that it has been served with a seven-day notice by the workers affiliated to the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union and Public Servants Association, to go on strike from 28 March, demanding an 11.4% salary increase.

President, Cyril Ramaphosa, stated that Eskom will receive an additional 900 megawatts of power from Mozambique after power lines damaged by Cyclone Idai were restored.

Higher Education and Training Minister, Naledi Pandor, has allocated almost ZAR1bn to settle outstanding debt owed by National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) funded students.

Eskom stated that no load shedding is anticipated this week, as there have been improvements in the electricity system.

Key indices

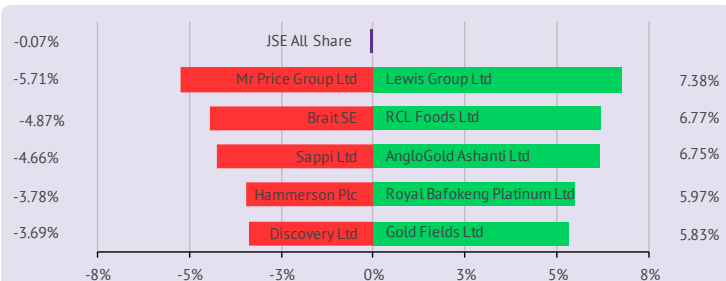
	As at 22 March 2019	1 Day Chg	1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. month % Chg	YTD % Chg
JSE All Share (ZAR)	56107.48	▼	-38.19	-0.07	NA	3.41	6.39
JSE Top 40 (ZAR)	49792.42	▼	-35.14	-0.07	NA	3.57	6.56
FTSE 100(GBP)	7207.59	▼	-147.72	-2.01	NA	1.52	7.13
DAX 30 (EUR)	11364.17	▼	-185.79	-1.61	NA	3.07	7.63
CAC 40 (EUR)	5269.92	▼	-108.93	-2.03	NA	4.96	11.40
S&P 500 (USD)	2800.71	▼	-54.17	-1.90	NA	2.97	11.72
Nasdaq Composite (USD)	7642.67	▼	-196.29	-2.50	NA	3.44	15.18
DJIA (USD)	25502.32	▼	-460.19	-1.77	NA	3.67	9.32
MSCI Emerging Markets (USD)	1059.63	▼	-10.06	-0.94	NA	0.10	9.70
MSCI Developed World (USD)	2094.81	▼	-33.12	-1.56	NA	2.83	11.19

South Africa Market ▼

South African markets closed lower

South African markets closed in the red on Friday, led by losses in banking sector stocks. The JSE All Share Index fell 0.1% to close at 56,107.48.

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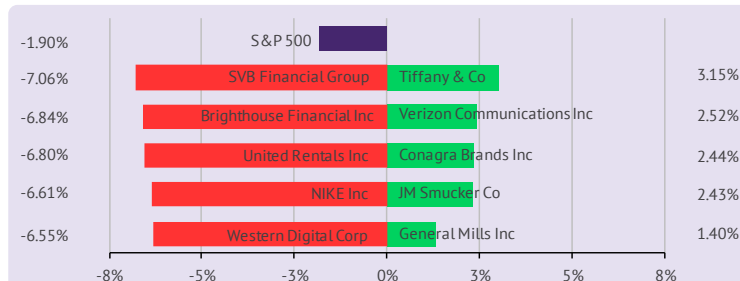


US Market ▼

The S&P 500 futures are trading in the red

US markets closed lower on Friday, amid global growth fears and following dismal US economic data. Data revealed that the US manufacturing PMI unexpectedly fell in February. The S&P 500 Index dropped 1.9% to close at 2,800.71.

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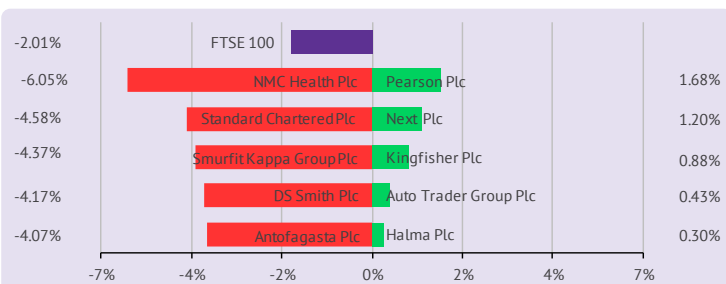


UK Market ▼

The FTSE 100 futures are trading in negative territory

UK markets finished lower on Friday, as the British Pound strengthened, after European Union (EU) leaders and UK Prime Minister agreed to a Brexit delay until 12 April 2019. The FTSE 100 Index declined 2.0% to close at 7,207.59.

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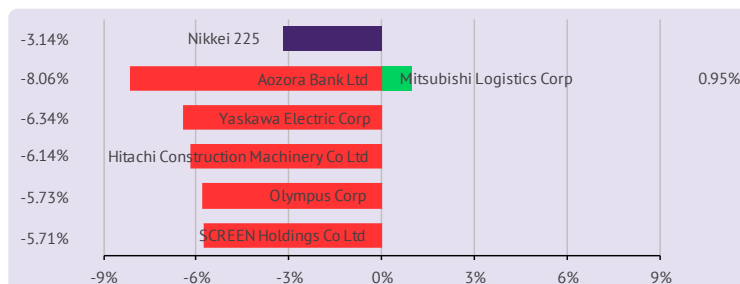


Asian Market ▼

Trading lower

Asian markets are trading lower this morning, as global concerns spurred recession fears. The Nikkei 225 Index is trading 3.1% lower at 20,949.25.

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USD ZAR ▲

USD trading higher against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the US Dollar gained 0.2% against the South African Rand to trade at R14.5319. Later today, traders will keep a close watch on the US Chicago Fed national activity index and the Dallas Fed manufacturing index for further indication.

The US Dollar rose against the South African Rand on Friday. Data indicated that on the US existing home sales climbed more than market forecast to a 3-year high level on a monthly basis in February. On the flipside, the US reported a more-than-anticipated monthly budget deficit in February. Additionally, the Markit manufacturing PMI registered an unexpected decline in March, marking its lowest level in 21 months. Moreover, the services PMI fell more than market anticipations to a two-month low level in March.

GBP ZAR ▲

GBP trading firmer against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the British Pound climbed 0.1% against the South African Rand to trade at R19.1700. With no major economic news 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 the EU leaders offered to delay Brexit until 12 April 2019.

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EUR ZAR ▲

EUR trading stronger against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Euro is trading 0.2% higher against the South African Rand at R16.4192. Going forward, market participants will keep a tab on Germany's Ifo indices for further direction.

The Euro strengthened against the South African Rand on Friday, despite downbeat manufacturing data across the euro area. On the data front, the Eurozone's current account surplus widened in January. Meanwhile, the region's Markit manufacturing PMI unexpectedly dropped to a five-year low level in March. Additionally, the services PMI fell in line with market expectations in March. Separately, Germany's Markit manufacturing PMI recorded an unexpected decline for a third consecutive month in March, while the services PMI fell less than market forecast in the same month.

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AUD ZAR ▲

AUD trading firmer against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Australian Dollar is trading 0.2% higher against the South African Rand at R10.2869.

The Australian Dollar rose against the South African Rand on Friday.

Key currencies & commodities

	Current#		1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. month % Chg	YTD % Chg
USDZAR	14.5319	▲	1.98	NA	2.93	6.27	1.05
GBPZAR	19.1700	▲	2.77	NA	2.50	7.50	4.50
EURZAR	16.4192	▲	1.36	NA	2.33	5.58	-0.41
AUDZAR	10.2869	▲	1.55	NA	2.74	3.66	1.41
EURUSD	1.1298	▼	-0.63	NA	-0.61	-0.67	-1.44
GBPUSD	1.3193	▼	0.78	NA	-0.41	1.17	3.57
Brent (\$/barrel)	66.5	▼	-1.22	NA	1.09	8.99	24.59
Gold (\$/oz)	1321.6	▲	0.38	NA	-0.29	-0.27	2.42
Platinum (\$/oz)	848.4	=	-1.47	NA	-3.06	6.12	6.60
Copper (\$/MT)*	6314.5	▼	-1.84	NA	-3.68	6.57	6.14

*As of previous close, #As on 06:00 SAST

Gold ▲

Trading in the green

At 06:00 SAST, gold prices climbed 0.7% to trade at \$1,321.60/oz.

On Friday, gold prices rose 0.4% to close at \$1,312.30/oz, amid concerns over global economic slowdown.

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Brent Crude Oil ▼

Trading weaker

At 06:00 SAST, Brent crude oil edged 0.8% lower to trade at \$66.50/bl, amid worries over global economic slowdown.

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On Friday, Brent crude oil dropped 1.2% to settle at \$67.03/bl, amid concerns over global energy demand. Meanwhile, Baker Hughes reported that US oil rig count fell for a fifth consecutive week by 9 to 824 last week.

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Platinum ▼

Trading in negative territory

At 06:00 SAST, platinum prices are trading marginally lower at \$848.40/oz.

On Friday, platinum prices declined 1.5% to close at \$848.40/oz.

Major South African corporate news

EOH Holdings Limited

The company announced the appointment of independent Non-Executive Director, Jesmane Boggenpoel, as interim Chairperson, until such time that the board appoints a permanent independent Non-Executive Chairperson.

Fairvest Property Holdings Limited

The company announced that it has appointed Ms Khegu Rose Nkuna as an independent Non-Executive Director, with effect from 20 March 2019.

Major global economic news

Eurozone

In the Eurozone, seasonally adjusted current account surplus widened to EUR36.80bn in January, compared to a surplus of EUR16.20bn in the prior month.

In the Eurozone, the flash manufacturing PMI unexpectedly fell to 47.60 in March. In the previous month, the manufacturing PMI had recorded a level of 49.30.

In the Eurozone, the flash services PMI dropped to 52.70 in March, meeting market forecast and compared to a level of 52.80 in the prior month.

In Germany, the preliminary manufacturing PMI unexpectedly eased to a level of 44.70 in March, compared to a reading of 47.60 in the prior month.

In March, the preliminary services PMI recorded a less-than-expected drop to 54.90 in Germany, compared to a level of 55.30 in the prior month.

US
















In the US, the preliminary Markit manufacturing PMI unexpectedly fell to a level of 52.50 in March. In the previous month, the Markit manufacturing PMI had recorded a reading of 53.00.

In the US, the preliminary Markit services PMI dropped to 54.80 in March, more than market expectations. In the prior month, the Markit services PMI had recorded a level of 56.00.

In the US, existing home sales registered a more-than-anticipated rise of 11.8% to a level of 5.51mn on a monthly basis in February, compared to a revised level of 4.93mn in the previous month.

The US reported a more-than-expected budget deficit of USD234.00bn in February, compared to a surplus of USD8.70bn in the previous month.

Economic calendar

Country	SAST	Economic indicator	Relevance	Consensus/ *Actual	Previous	Frequency
 US	03:45	Fed's Evans Speaks on a Panel in Hong Kong	✓	-	-	As scheduled
 Japan	06:30	All Industry Activity Index (MoM) (Jan)	✓✓✓	-0.20%*	-0.40%	Monthly
 Japan	08:30	BoJ Harada makes a speech at conference held by DIR	✓	-	-	As scheduled
 Germany	09:00	Import Price Index s.a. (MoM) (Feb)	✓✓	0.50%	-0.20%	Monthly
 Germany	09:00	Import Price Index n.s.a. (YoY) (Feb)	✓✓	1.80%	0.80%	Monthly
 Spain	10:00	Producer Price Index (MoM) (Feb)	✓	-	0.20%	Monthly
 Spain	10:00	Producer Price Index (YoY) (Feb)	✓	-	1.80%	Monthly
 Portugal	10:45	Bank of Portugal, IMF Conference on Reform and Growth	✓	-	-	As scheduled
 Germany	11:00	Ifo - Business Climate (Mar)	✓✓✓	98.60	98.50	Monthly
 Germany	11:00	Ifo - Current Assessment (Mar)	✓✓	103.00	103.40	Monthly
 Germany	11:00	Ifo - Expectations (Mar)	✓✓	94.30	93.80	Monthly
 Eurozone	11:15	ECB's Costa Speaks in Lisbon	✓	-	-	As scheduled
 Eurozone	11:30	ECB's Coeure Speaks in Lisbon	✓	-	-	As scheduled
 US	12:00	Fed's Harker Speaks in London on Economic Outlook	✓	-	-	As scheduled
 US	14:30	Chicago Fed National Activity Index (Feb)	✓✓✓	-0.25	-0.43	Monthly
 US	16:30	Dallas Fed Manufacturing Business Index (Mar)	✓✓✓	9.60	13.10	Monthly

Note: ✓✓✓ High ✓✓ Medium ✓ Low

40 best performers on the All Share Index

Company name	Last close	1 Week % change	MTD % change	YTD % change
Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd	6744	4.98	12.03	83.86
Lonmin Plc	1500	17.19	12.70	78.78
Sibanye Gold Ltd	1725	13.94	12.16	72.16
Anglo American Platinum Ltd	83500	7.38	10.03	56.81
Northam Platinum Ltd	6678	7.59	20.7	54.37
Kumba Iron Ore Ltd	39400	3.77	10.08	45.19
Royal Bafokeng Platinum Ltd	3550	6.29	16.27	42.71
Assore Ltd	37150	3.77	8.90	31.78
Grindrod Ltd	788	-3.31	-5.06	28.13
Clover Industries Ltd	2330	-1.89	4.25	28.09
British American Tobacco Plc	59048	2.99	17.27	27.89
Distell Group Holdings Ltd	13250	0.56	11.87	24.99
Quilter Plc	2708	-1.74	11.76	23.54
AECI Ltd	10300	3.90	5.21	23.34
DataTec Ltd	3365	2.28	6.83	22.99
Telkom SA SOC Ltd	7712	2.00	10.14	21.85
Stenprop Ltd	2132	-2.96	1.96	20.68
MiX Telematics Ltd	1021	-2.76	-2.76	20.46
Raubex Group Ltd	2047	2.35	10.05	20.41
Gold Fields Ltd	5900	5.08	2.96	20.01
Exxaro Resources Ltd	16531	3.42	8.96	19.90
Mpact Ltd	2510	0.00	4.63	19.47
BHP Group Plc	33569	2.10	5.18	18.81
Metair Investments Ltd	2312	6.99	15.08	18.56
Anglo American Plc	37438	1.46	2.46	18.49
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	132289	1.76	1.28	18.33
African Rainbow Minerals Ltd	16708	3.00	-0.41	17.37
South32 Ltd	3911	1.96	3.51	17.28
Libstar Holdings Ltd	820	-2.84	3.80	17.14
Naspers Ltd	327800	4.20	7.64	16.88
Harmony Gold Mining Co Ltd	2927	3.25	-1.11	16.15
Tradehold Ltd	1160	0.00	-7.20	15.42
Bid Corp Ltd	29986	3.08	2.84	14.36
Hospitality Property Fund Ltd	996	-5.05	3.75	13.83
AngloGold Ashanti Ltd	20583	4.50	2.38	13.79
Octodec Investments Ltd	1944	-0.31	-4.42	13.55
Net 1 UEPS Technologies Inc	5700	0.00	1.21	13.43
Barloworld Ltd	12664	1.88	0.42	13.09
Reinet Investments SCA	24621	1.79	10.87	12.71
Hammerson Plc	6544	-6.02	-3.26	11.94
JSE All Share Index	56107	0.12	0.19	6.39

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