

Key indices

| | Last Close | | Last week Chg | 1W% Chg | WTD% Chg | 1M% Chg | 1Y% Chg |
|-----------------------|------------|---|---------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| JSE All Share | 58217.43 | ▲ | 1088.75 | 1.91 | 1.27 | 1.55 | 8.24 |
| JSE Top 40 | 51965.24 | ▲ | 1049.18 | 2.06 | 1.40 | 1.90 | 9.02 |
| FTSE 100 | 7609.81 | ▲ | 11.69 | 0.15 | 0.29 | 1.12 | 10.89 |
| DAX 30 | 13429.43 | ▼ | -65.63 | -0.49 | -0.40 | 1.07 | 22.85 |
| CAC 40 | 6039.03 | ▼ | -3.52 | -0.06 | 0.03 | 1.19 | 25.53 |
| S&P 500 | 3316.81 | ▲ | 42.11 | 1.29 | 1.58 | 3.89 | 26.78 |
| Nasdaq Composite | 9357.13 | ▲ | 153.71 | 1.67 | 1.94 | 6.05 | 33.01 |
| DJIA | 29297.64 | ▲ | 340.74 | 1.18 | 1.64 | 3.65 | 21.03 |
| MSCI Emerging Markets | 1140.62 | ▲ | 11.25 | 1.00 | 0.62 | 3.45 | 13.00 |
| MSCI Developed World | 2406.17 | ▲ | 26.31 | 1.11 | 1.20 | 2.98 | 22.36 |

Key currencies & commodities

| | Current* | | 1W% Chg | WTD% Chg | 1M% Chg | 1Y% Chg |
|-------------------|----------|---|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| USDZAR | 14.4129 | ▼ | 1.44 | 0.34 | 0.22 | 5.28 |
| GBPZAR | 18.8444 | ▼ | 1.53 | 0.46 | -0.19 | 6.92 |
| EURZAR | 16.0451 | ▼ | 1.71 | 0.49 | 0.10 | 2.92 |
| AUDZAR | 9.9347 | ▼ | 1.88 | 0.27 | 0.89 | 1.33 |
| EURUSD | 1.1132 | ▼ | 0.28 | 0.14 | -0.12 | -2.24 |
| GBPUSD | 1.3074 | ▼ | 0.10 | 0.12 | -0.39 | 1.51 |
| Brent (\$/barrel) | 64.6 | ▼ | -1.15 | -0.55 | -2.24 | 5.38 |
| Gold (\$/oz) | 1554.8 | ▼ | -0.24 | -0.62 | 5.15 | 19.84 |
| Platinum (\$/oz) | 995.7 | ▲ | 2.96 | 1.48 | 7.09 | 23.94 |
| Copper (\$/MT)* | 6251.0 | ▲ | 1.60 | 1.28 | 1.27 | 5.27 |

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

South Africa Market ▲

South African markets closed higher

South African markets closed in the green during the week, following the US-China Phase 1 trade deal. Moreover, the South African Reserve Bank's (SARB) has unexpectedly cut its key interest rate by 25 basis points. The JSE All Share Index rose 1.9% to close at 58,217.43.

UK Market ▲

UK market closed in the green

UK markets closed firmer during the week, amid positive developments surrounding the US-China preliminary trade deal. However, gains were limited amid disappointing local economic data. The FTSE 100 Index advanced 0.2% to close at 7,609.81.

USD ZAR ▼

The US Dollar advanced against the South African Rand during the week, following upbeat US economic data. On the data front, US consumer price inflation rose at its fastest pace in eight years in 2019. Separately, the South African Rand fell against the US Dollar after the central bank cut its key interest rate as well as economic forecasts.

EUR ZAR ▼

The Euro strengthened against the South African Rand during the week, as investors grew cautiously optimistic about the outlook for the euro area. On the data front, Eurozone's industrial production grew for the first time in three months in November.

Gold ▼

During the week, gold prices declined 0.2% to close at \$1,550.5/oz, as robust US economic data and optimism over the US-China trade pact dented demand for the precious yellow metal.

US Market ▲

US markets closed firmer

US markets ended higher during the week, after the US President, Donald Trump signed the first phase of the long-anticipated trade deal with China. Additionally, in a recent move, the US has removed China from a list of currency manipulating countries thereby easing tensions between the two countries. The S&P 500 Index climbed 1.3% to close at 3,316.81.

Asian Market ▲

Trading mostly higher

Asian markets are trading mostly higher this morning, tracking gains in the US markets and following the conclusion of phase one US-Sino trade agreement. At 6:00 SAST, the Nikkei 225 Index is trading 0.5% higher at 24,047.86.

GBP ZAR ▼

The British Pound climbed against the South African Rand during the week, amid hopes for Britain's smooth departure from the European Union. However, gains were limited as downbeat domestic economic data spurred prospects for an interest rate cut by the central bank this month.

AUD ZAR ▼

The Australian Dollar rose against the South African Rand during the week, following upbeat economic data from Australia's largest trading partner, China. Data showed that China's imports rose at its fastest pace since October 2018 in December as well as exports sharply increased in the same month.

Brent Crude Oil ▼

During the week, Brent crude oil dropped 1.2% to settle at \$64.62/bl, amid rise in US supplies of gasoline and distillates and after the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) forecasted lower demand for its crude oil in 2020. However, the OPEC raised its 2020 global oil demand growth estimate.

SA economic & political news

- The SARB cut its key interest rate to 6.25% from 6.50% and lowered its growth forecast for 2020 to 1.2% from 1.4%.
- Eskom's Chairman, Jabu Mabuza, resigned on 10 January 2020, with immediate effect. Meanwhile, Professor Malegapuru William Makgoba has been appointed as new interim Chairman.
- SA's consumer confidence index remained unchanged at a 2-year low level in 4Q19.
- The Automobile Association (AA) expects petrol price to drop by 8 cents a litre while diesel price to rise by 13 cents a litre in February.
- South African retail sales grew more than market forecast in November.
- South Africa and Ethiopia have signed an agreement on the waiver of visa requirements.
- South African Airways has put up ZAR37bn-worth aircraft for sale.
- South Africa's mining production fell for the fourth straight month in November.
- Finance Minister, Tito Mboweni is planning to unveil 2020 budget on 26 February.

Global economic and political news

- The US non-farm payrolls advanced less-than-expected in December.
- The US jobless rate remained unchanged at a 50-year low in December.
- Britain's economy grew at its weakest annual pace since 2012 in November.
- The NIESR GDP estimate revealed that UK's economy stagnated in the final three months of 2019.
- In China, trade surplus widened less than market forecast in December.
- The US consumer price index advanced in line with expectations in December.
- UK's consumer price inflation slowed to a 3-year low level in December.
- Federal Reserve's Beige Book reported modest US economic growth in the last six weeks of 2019.
- China's economy expanded at a steady pace in the fourth quarter of 2019.
- US retail sales rose in line with estimates in December
- US initial jobless claims unexpectedly fell in the week ended 10 January.
- ECB minutes indicated that members are slightly optimistic on economic outlook.

SA corporate news

- Massmart Holdings is planning to retrench around 1,440 workers.
- Woolworths Holdings has appointed Mr. Roy Bagattini as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Executive Director.
- SA's Telkom is planning to cut up to 3,000 jobs.
- MTN Group has appointed Gordian Kyomukama as CEO of MTN South Sudan.
- Sibanye-Stillwater has completed the restructuring of its Marikana operations.

Upcoming key economic events

- In South Africa, investors will keep a close watch on the consumer price index (CPI), producer price index (PPI), private sector credit and M3 money supply, due to release next week.
- In the US, the house price index, existing home sales, initial jobless claims, the Markit manufacturing and services PMIs are some of the key events scheduled for next week.
- In the Eurozone, the ECB interest rate decision, the consumer confidence index, the ZEW economic sentiment indicator, the Markit manufacturing and services PMIs while Germany's ZEW economic sentiment indicator, the Markit manufacturing and services PMIs will also be on investors radar.
- Britain's ILO unemployment rate, average earnings, the Markit manufacturing and services PMIs are some of the key economic indicators to be released next week.
- In Asia, Japan's CPI, industrial production, manufacturing PMI and the Bank of Japan's interest rate decision as well as the People's Bank of China's (PBoC) interest rate decision would keep investors on their toes.

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