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Economic and political news

The African National Congress' (ANC) Deputy Secretary-General Jessie Duarte confirmed that President Cyril Ramaphosa will appear before the ANC's integrity commission over controversial campaign donations.

The Banking Association of South Africa (BASA) stated on Friday that it expects disbursements of the government-backed coronavirus loan scheme for small businesses to reach just ZAR24.4bn (USD1.45bn) by January amid weak demand.

News reports indicated that President Cyril Ramaphosa is considering making changes to his cabinet after he meets the ANC's leadership this weekend.

Health Minister Zweli Mkhize confirmed that the number of Covid-19 cases in the country had increased to 625,056.

Analysis by South Africa's Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) revealed that SA has endured its worst power cuts on record this year with 1,498 Gigawatt hours (GWh) of energy being shed so far in the first eight months of 2020.

South Africa Market ▼

South African markets closed lower

South African markets closed in the red on Friday, weighed down by losses in banking and industrial sector stocks. The JSE All Share Index fell 1.4% to close at 56,057.10.

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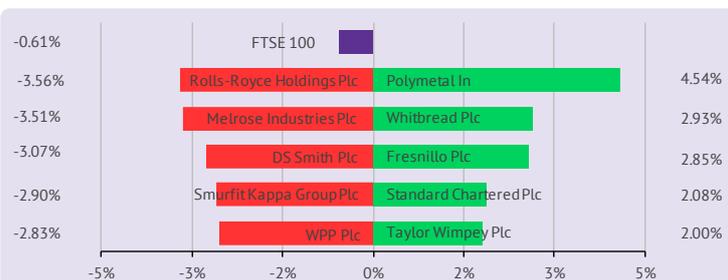


UK Market ▼

UK markets closed in the red

UK markets finished lower on Friday, amid strength in the British pound and mounting concerns over post-pandemic economic recovery. The FTSE 100 Index declined 0.6% to close at 5,963.57. Today, markets are closed on account of a public holiday.

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Key indices

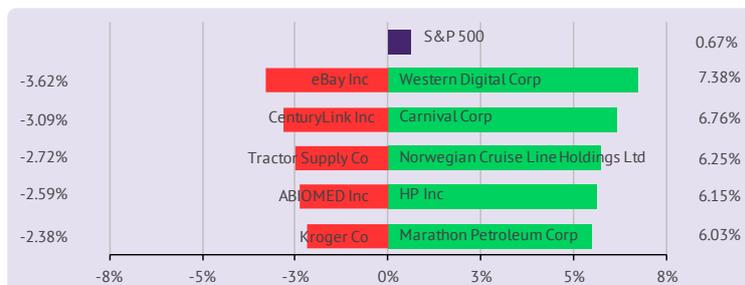
	As at 28 Aug 2020	1 Day Chg	1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. month % Chg	YTD % Chg
JSE All Share (ZAR)	56057.10	▼ -812.57	-1.43	NA	0.60	2.50	-1.80
JSE Top 40 (ZAR)	51750.45	▼ -833.25	-1.58	NA	0.74	2.38	1.84
FTSE 100 (GBP)	5963.57	▼ -36.42	-0.61	NA	1.12	-4.41	-20.93
DAX 30 (EUR)	13033.20	▼ -63.16	-0.48	NA	5.85	0.02	-1.63
CAC 40 (EUR)	5002.94	▼ -13.03	-0.26	NA	4.58	-3.09	-16.31
S&P 500 (USD)	3508.01	▲ 23.46	0.67	NA	7.24	5.51	8.58
Nasdaq Composite (USD)	11695.63	▲ 70.29	0.60	NA	8.84	6.82	30.35
DJIA (USD)	28653.87	▲ 161.60	0.57	NA	8.42	2.38	0.40
MSCI Emerging Markets (USD)	1121.60	▲ 4.38	0.39	NA	3.96	8.42	0.62
MSCI Developed World (USD)	2456.86	▲ 14.07	0.58	NA	6.59	4.69	4.17

US Market ▲

US markets closed firmer

US markets closed higher on Friday, boosted by gains in technology sector stocks and expectations that Federal Reserve (Fed) will maintain lower interest rates for prolonged period. The S&P 500 Index climbed 0.7% to close at 3,508.01. Today, the S&P 500 futures are trading in the green.

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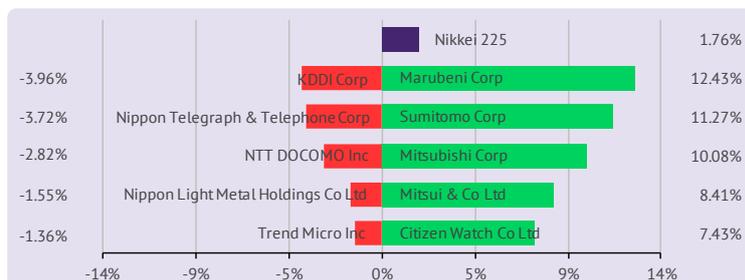


Asian Market ▲

Trading in the green

Asian markets are trading higher this morning, amid expectations of more fiscal stimulus measures from central banks in various countries. As at 6:00 SAST, the Nikkei 225 Index is trading 1.8% higher at 23,286.15.

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USD ZAR ▲

USD trading lower against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the US Dollar is trading 0.3% weaker against the South African Rand at R16.5522. Later today, traders will keep a close watch on the US Dallas Fed manufacturing business index for further direction.

The US Dollar fell against the South African Rand on Friday, after the US Fed's new policy framework suggested that interest rates would remain low. On the macro front, the US final Michigan consumer sentiment index climbed in August. Additionally, both, personal income and personal spending advanced more-than-expected in August. Meanwhile, the Chicago Fed Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) unexpectedly fell in August.

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GBP ZAR ▲

GBP trading weaker against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the British Pound declined 0.2% against the South African Rand to trade at R22.1034. With no major economic releases in the UK today, investor sentiment will be determined by global macroeconomic news.

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EUR ZAR ▲

EUR trading lower against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Euro declined 0.2% against the South African Rand to trade at R19.7135. Going forward, market participants will keep a tab on Germany's consumer price index (CPI) for further cues.

The Euro weakened against the South African Rand on Friday. On the data front, Eurozone's economic sentiment indicator improved more-than-anticipated in August. Additionally, both, the services sentiment indicator and the industrial confidence index advanced more than market forecast in August. Moreover, the final consumer confidence index rose in August. Meanwhile, the business climate indicator advanced less than market expectations in August. On the other hand, Germany's GfK consumer confidence index unexpectedly fell in September.

AUD ZAR ▲

AUD trading weaker against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Australian Dollar declined 0.3% against the South African Rand to trade at R12.1905. Earlier in the session, Australia's private sector credit advanced on an annual basis in July. Elsewhere, in China, Australia's largest trading partner, the NBS manufacturing PMI dropped less-than-expected in August. Moreover, the non-manufacturing PMI unexpectedly rose in August.

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Key currencies & commodities

	Current [#]		1 D % Chg	WTD % Chg	MTD % Chg	Prev. month % Chg	YTD % Chg
USDZAR	16.5522	▲	-2.57	NA	-2.79	-1.61	18.54
GBPZAR	22.1034	▲	-1.52	NA	-0.80	3.78	19.35
EURZAR	19.7135	▲	-1.90	NA	-1.73	3.15	25.85
AUDZAR	12.1905	▲	-1.28	NA	0.23	1.81	24.24
EURUSD	1.1910	▲	0.69	NA	1.06	4.84	6.15
GBPUSD	1.3355	▲	1.15	NA	2.05	5.52	0.72
Brent (\$/barrel)	46.1	▲	1.60	NA	5.26	5.45	-30.59
Gold (\$/oz)	1978.1	▲	2.17	NA	0.20	9.01	29.13
Platinum (\$/oz)	946.2	▲	1.28	NA	2.30	9.30	-3.23
Copper (\$/MT)*	6697.5	▲	0.85	NA	4.29	6.95	8.92

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

Gold ▲

Trading in the green

At 06:00 SAST, gold prices rose 0.6% to trade at \$1,978.10/oz.

On Friday, gold prices rose 2.2% to close at \$1,966.80/oz, amid weakness in the US Dollar and expectations that the US Fed would keep interest rates lower for a prolonged period.

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Brent Crude Oil ▲

Trading stronger

At 06:00 SAST, Brent crude oil edged 0.6% higher to trade at \$46.10/bl, amid production concerns after Hurricane Laura shut down about 84% of offshore production.

On Friday, Brent crude oil advanced 1.6% to settle at \$45.81/bl, after Baker Hughes reported that US oil rig count fell by 3 to 180 last week.

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Platinum ▲

Trading in positive territory

At 06:00 SAST, platinum prices edged 0.7% higher to trade at \$946.20/oz.

On Friday, platinum prices climbed 1.3% to close at \$940.00/oz.

Major South African corporate news

Discovery Limited

In its FY20 trading statement, the company announced that it expects HEPS to be between 0.00c and 78.90c compared to 789.00c in the previous year. The company expects basic EPS to be 50.10c and -50.10c, compared to ZAR10.01 in the prior year.

Grindrod Limited

In its 1H20 results, the company announced that revenues dropped to USD167.15mn from USD167.22mn posted in the corresponding period of the previous year. Its diluted loss per share stood at USD0.55, compared to USD0.99 in the same period of the prior year.

Northam Platinum Limited

In its FY20 results, the company announced that revenues advanced to ZAR17.81bn from ZAR10.65bn recorded in the same period of the preceding year. Its diluted EPS stood at 584.70c, compared with 17.20c recorded in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Steinhoff International Holdings NV

In its 9M20 trading update, the company announced that revenues declined 6.0% to EUR6.76bn, compared to EUR7.19bn in the same period last year.

Major global economic news

Eurozone

In the Eurozone, the services sentiment indicator improved to -17.20 in August, more than market anticipations and compared to a revised level of -26.20 in the previous month.

In August, the economic sentiment indicator advanced to 87.70 in the Eurozone, more than market forecast and compared to a revised level of 82.40 in the previous month.

In the Eurozone, the industrial confidence index rose to -12.70 in August, less than market expectations and compared to a level of -16.20 in the previous month.

In August, the final consumer confidence index advanced to -14.70 in the Eurozone, compared to a level of -15.00 in the previous month. The preliminary figures had also indicated a rise to -14.70.

In the Eurozone, the business climate indicator rose to -1.33 in August, less than market consensus and compared to a level of -1.80 in the prior month.

In Germany, the GfK consumer confidence index unexpectedly dropped to -1.80 in September, compared to a revised level of -0.20 in the previous month.

US

In the US, the final Michigan consumer sentiment index climbed to 74.10 in August, compared to a level of 72.50 in the previous month. The preliminary figures had recorded a rise to 72.80.

In August, the Chicago Fed PMI unexpectedly dropped to a level of 51.20 in the US, compared to a level of 51.90 in the prior month.

In the US, personal income rose 0.4% on a monthly basis in July, more than market expectations and compared to a revised drop of 1.0% in the previous month.

In July, personal spending advanced 1.9% on a monthly basis in the US, compared to a revised rise of 6.2% in the previous month.

Asia

In Japan, industrial production rose 8.0% on a monthly basis in July, more than market anticipations and compared to a rise of 1.9% in the previous month.

In July, seasonally adjusted retail trade unexpectedly dropped 3.3% on a monthly basis in Japan, compared to an advance of 13.1% in the previous month.

In Australia, private sector credit advanced 2.4% on an annual basis in July, compared to a rise of 2.9% in the previous month.

In China, the NBS manufacturing PMI fell to 51.00 in August, less than market forecast and compared to a level of 51.10 in the previous month.

In August, the non-manufacturing PMI unexpectedly advanced to 55.20 in China, compared to a level of 54.20 in the prior month.

UK

The Bank of England (BoE) Governor, Andrew Bailey, in his speech at the Jackson Hole central bank symposium, argued that with the GBP200bn bond-buying operation which the central bank unleashed in March had shown the value of “going big and fast” with quantitative easing. Further, he suggested that it might be necessary for the central bank to start unwinding its asset purchase programme before it raised rates, to make sure it had enough “headroom” to intervene decisively with a rapid burst of quantitative easing when the next crisis struck.

40 best performers on the All Share Index

Company name	Last close	1 Week % change	MTD % change	YTD % change
Pan African Resources PLC	530	0.76	-7.50	145.37
Gold Fields Ltd	21965	2.94	-1.30	131.37
Harmony Gold Mining Co Ltd	10640	5.29	-3.26	107.81
AngloGold Ashanti Ltd	49843	2.75	-10.15	58.36
Kumba Iron Ore Ltd	54829	2.10	3.30	44.52
Naspers Ltd	313972	3.55	-0.24	37.06
African Rainbow Minerals Ltd	20668	2.67	6.46	33.38
Royal Bafokeng Platinum Ltd	6411	-1.10	27.81	29.20
Rebosis Property Fund Ltd	41	10.81	28.13	28.13
Northam Platinum Ltd	15506	2.15	15.69	25.43
Cartrack Holdings Ltd	2939	4.26	16.67	25.20
Blue Label Telecoms Ltd	315	17.54	14.55	22.09
Reinet Investments SCA	32824	8.31	2.53	19.68
BHP Group PLC	37990	-2.28	2.71	19.24
Vodacom Group Ltd	13059	-2.54	1.68	16.92
Steinhoff International Holdings NV	98	3.16	-2.00	16.67
Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Ltd	13650	4.10	3.07	14.49
Afrimat Ltd	3776	12.72	11.06	13.77
Stenprop Ltd	2611	-1.21	-1.84	13.50
Zeder Investments Ltd	236	4.89	-2.88	12.93
Exxaro Resources Ltd	13910	-1.74	3.54	12.08
Investec Australia Property Fund	1587	4.41	8.33	12.06
Coronation Fund Managers Ltd	4294	3.97	9.26	12.06
Quilter PLC	3164	-1.56	-3.65	11.34
Peregrine Holdings Ltd	2033	-0.34	0.69	11.15
Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd	15620	-2.65	3.53	10.66
AfroCentric Investment Corp Ltd	355	1.43	-4.05	9.84
JSE Ltd	12059	-5.05	3.96	9.48
Trencor Ltd	531	7.71	6.20	9.12
Oceana Group Ltd	6451	-0.15	-9.08	6.35
Sirius Real Estate Ltd	1653	-1.96	1.60	5.42
Anglo American PLC	40609	-3.13	-1.79	5.41
Discovery Ltd	12500	1.88	12.79	4.88
Net 1 UEPS Technologies Inc	5399	5.39	7.98	4.69
Rand Merchant Investment Holdings Ltd	3149	-2.57	-1.01	4.24
Raubex Group Ltd	2491	0.69	-1.54	3.83
Allied Electronics Corp Ltd	2350	8.65	16.51	3.00
Mondi PLC	32412	-1.71	8.43	2.25
Cie Financiere Richemont SA	11051	0.06	3.73	0.89
Italtile Ltd	1290	20.11	30.30	0.27
JSE All Share Index	56057	0.19	0.60	-1.80

Economic calendar

Country	SAST	Economic indicator	Relevance	Consensus/ *Actual	Previous	Frequency
China	3:00	NBS Manufacturing PMI (Aug)	✓✓	51.00*	51.10	Monthly
China	3:00	NBS Non-manufacturing PMI (Aug)	✓	55.20*	54.20	Monthly
Japan	6:00	Vehicle Production (YoY) (Jun)	✓	-	-61.10%	Monthly
Japan	7:00	Construction Orders (YoY) (Jul)	✓	-8.80%	-13.40%	Monthly
Japan	7:00	Consumer Confidence Index (Aug)	✓✓	29.40	29.50	Monthly
Japan	7:00	Annualised Housing Starts (Jul)	✓✓	-	0.79mn	Monthly
Japan	7:00	Housing Starts (YoY) (Jul)	✓	-13.70%	-12.80%	Monthly
South Africa	8:00	M3 Money Supply (YoY) (Jul)	✓	9.94%	11.07%	Monthly
South Africa	8:00	Private Sector Credit (YoY) (Jul)	✓	5.94%	5.64%	Monthly
Spain	9:00	Consumer Price Index (MoM) (Aug) (P)	✓✓✓	-0.10%	-0.90%	Monthly
Spain	9:00	Consumer Price Index (YoY) (Aug) (P)	✓✓✓	-0.70%	-0.60%	Monthly
Italy	10:00	Gross Domestic Product s.a. (QoQ) (Q2) (F)	✓✓✓	-12.40%	-5.40%	Quarterly
Italy	10:00	Gross Domestic Product s.a. (YoY) (Q2) (F)	✓✓	-17.30%	-5.50%	Quarterly
Portugal	10:30	Consumer Price Index (MoM) (Aug) (F)	✓	-	-1.29%	Monthly
Portugal	10:30	Consumer Price Index (MoM) (Aug) (P)	✓	-	-1.29%	Monthly
Portugal	10:30	Consumer Price Index (YoY) (Aug) (P)	✓	-	0.14%	Monthly
Italy	11:00	Consumer Price Index (MoM) (Aug) (P)	✓✓✓	0.10%	-0.20%	Monthly
Italy	11:00	Consumer Price Index (YoY) (Aug) (P)	✓✓✓	-0.10%	-0.40%	Monthly
South Africa	11:30	Unemployment Rate (Q2)	✓✓	30.30%	30.10%	Quarterly
South Africa	11:30	Non-Farm Payrolls (QoQ) (Q2)	✓	-	0.00%	Quarterly
Portugal	12:00	Gross Domestic Product (QoQ) (Q2) (F)	✓	-	-3.80%	Quarterly
Portugal	12:00	Gross Domestic Product (YoY) (Q2) (F)	✓	-	-2.30%	Quarterly
Germany	14:00	Consumer Price Index (MoM) (Aug) (P)	✓✓✓	-0.20%	-0.50%	Monthly
Germany	14:00	Consumer Price Index (YoY) (Aug) (P)	✓✓✓	0.20%	-0.10%	Monthly
South Africa	14:00	Trade Balance (Jul)	✓✓	-	ZAR46.63bn	Monthly
US	16:30	Dallas Fed Manufacturing Business Index (Aug)	✓✓✓	-	-3.00	Monthly

Note: ✓✓✓ High ✓✓ Medium ✓ Low

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