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1 Day Chg -277.05 WTD % Chg. -1.35 Prev. Month % Ch 5.87

South Africa Market 🔻

South African markets closed in the red yesterday, weighed down by losses in banking, financial and resources sector stocks.

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ll Share (ZAR)		JSE Top 4	40 (ZAR)	JSE Africa Fin. (ZAR)		
•	67,289.37	▼	61,623.63	▼ 12,581.96		
	1 D % Chg -0.41	1 Day Chg -297.42	1 D % Chg -0.48	1 Day Chg -232.65	1 D % Chg -1.82	
	MTD % Chg. 1.74	WTD % Chg. -1.54	MTD % Chg. 1.43	WTD % Chg. -3.16	MTD % Chg. 3.13	
.hg	YTD % Chg. 13.27	Prev. Month % Chg 6.01	YTD % Chg. 13.32	Prev. Month % Chg 4.37	YTD % Chg. 4.33	



US markets closed mostly weaker yesterday, led by losses in energy sector stocks and ahead of the Federal Reserve's policy meeting.

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Top Losers

NOV Inc

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val Corp

S&P 50	0 (USD)	Nasdaq Composite (USD)		DJIA (USD)	
▼ 3,962.71		▲ 13,471.57		▼ 32,825.95	
1 Day Chg 1 D % Chg		1 Day Chg	1 D % Chg	1 Day Chg	1 D % Chg
-6.23 -0.16		11.86	0.09	-127.51	-0.39
WTD % Chg.	MTD % Chg.	WTD % Chg.	MTD % Chg. 2.12	WTD % Chg.	MTD % Chg.
0.49	3.98	1.14		0.14	6.12
Prev. Month % Chg YTD % Chg. 2.61 5.50		Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg.	Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg.
		0.93	4.53	3.17	7.25

JSE All Share

S&P 500

Top Gainers

Hammerson Plc	11.8%	-4.5%	Cartrack Holdings Ltd
Lighthouse Capital Ltd	8.7%	-4.1%	Momentum Metropolitan Holdin
Afrimat Ltd	4.7%	-3.5%	Woolworths Holdings Ltd
Sibanye Stillwater Ltd	4.6%	-3.4%	Murray & Roberts Holdings Ltd
Shoprite Holdings Ltd	4.4%	-3.3%	Absa Group Ltd

Top Losers Top Gainers

Fox Corp- Class A	3.5% -10.3%	1
Fox Corp- Class B	3.3% -5.4%	Ford M
Applied Materials Inc	3.2% -5.3%	Fre <mark>eport-McMo</mark>
Discovery Inc	2.9% -5.3%	Royal Car <mark>ibbean Crui</mark>
Micron Technology Inc	2.9% -5.2%	Carniv





UK markets finished higher yesterday, amid weakness in the British Pound and upbeat corporate earnings reports.

FTSE 100 futures

1 Day Chg

53.91 WTD % Chg.

0.62

Prev. Month % Chg 1.19

FTSE 100 (GBP)

6,803.61

YTD % Chg.

5.31

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Prev. Month % Chg

5.63

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YTD % Chg.

9.08

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GBP) DAX 3		0 (EUR)	CAC 40	(EUR)
03.61	A	14,557.58	▲ 6,055.43	
1 D % Chg 0.80	1 Day Chg 96.16	1 D % Chg 0.66	1 Day Chg 19.46	1 D % Chg 0.32
MTD % Chg. 4.94	WTD % Chg. 0.38	MTD % Chg. 5.59	WTD % Chg. 0.15	MTD % Chg. 6.18

YTD % Chg.

6.11



Asian markets are trading lower this morning, tracking overnight losses on Wall Street. The Nikkei 225 Index is trading 0.2% lower at 29,859.21.

*As at 6:00 SAST

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Nikkei 225* (JPY)		Shanghai Composite* (CNY)		Hang Seng* (HKD)		
▼ 29,859.21		▼ 3,435.96		▼ 28,956.72		
1 Day Chg 1 D % Chg		1 Day Chg	1 D % Chg	1 Day Chg	1 D % Chg	
-61.88 -0.21		-10.77	-0.31	-70.97	-0.24	
WTD % Chg.	MTD % Chg.	WTD % Chg.	MTD % Chg.	WTD % Chg.	MTD % Chg.	
0.68	3.30	-0.18	-1.78	1.00	0.16	
Prev. Month % Chg YTD % Chg. 4.71 9.03		Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg.	Prev. Month % Chg	YTD % Chg.	
		0.75	- <mark>0.76</mark>	2.46	6.60	

FTSE 100

Prev. Month % Chg

2.63

Nikkei 225

Top Gainers		Top Losers
British Land Co Plc	4.6% -2.2%	Just Eat Takeaway.com NV
Rolls-Royce Holdings Plc	4.1% -1.8%	Royal Dutch Shell Plc- Class B
Land Securities Group Plc	4.0% -1.7%	Royal Dutch Shell Plc – Class A
AstraZeneca Plc	3.6% - 1.6%	CRH Plc
Ocado Group Plc	3.6% -1.6%	BP Plc

Top Gainers

Top Losers CyberAgent Inc Tokyo Electric Power Co Holdings Inc -9.1% 3.6% Advantest Corp -5.6% 3.3% Rakuten Inc SCREEN Holdings Co Ltd Kobe Steel Ltd 2.6% -3.4% Takeda Pharmaceutical Co Ltd Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corp -2.6% 2.5% Omron Corp d -2.5% 2.3% Terumo Corp



Currencies



At 06:00 SAST, the US Dollar advanced 0.10% against the South African Rand.

The US Dollar rose against the South African Rand yesterday.



At 06:00 SAST, the British Pound is trading 0.07% higher against the South African Rand.

The British Pound climbed against the South African Rand yesterday.



At 06:00 SAST, the Euro rose 0.09% against the South African

The Euro weakened against the South African Rand yesterday.



At 06:00 SAST, the Australian Dollar is trading 0.07% lower against the South African Rand.

The Australian Dollar gained against the South African Rand

Commodities



▼ -0.19%

Brent (\$/barrel)

68.26

At 06:00 SAST, Brent crude oil declined. The API reported that crude oil inventories declined by 1mn bls last week.

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Yesterday, Brent crude oil dropped, amid renewed concerns over crude demand as some European nations suspended the use of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines.

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At 06:00 SAST, gold prices edged higher.

Yesterday, gold prices rose.



At 06:00 SAST, platinum prices declined.

Yesterday, platinum prices advanced.



Copper (\$/MT)* 8,964.50

Yesterday, copper prices have fallen.

* As of previous close





Major South African Corporate News

Astral Foods Limited

Expects 1H21 EPS and HEPS to decline not more than 45% compared to the same period last year.

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Shoprite Holdings Limited

1H21 revenues rose to ZAR83.43bn from ZAR79.71bn posted in the same period last year.

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Major Global Economic News



US

retail sales declined in Advance February.

Industrial production unexpectedly fell in February.

Business inventories rose in line with expectations in January.

The NAHB housing market index fell in March.



Eurozone

Eurozone's ZEW economic sentiment index unexpectedly advanced in March.

Germany's ZEW economic sentiment index improved in March.

Germany's ZEW current situation index climbed in March.



Asia

Australia's Westpac leading rebounded in February.

Japan's industrial production advanced in January.

Japan posted a merchandise (total) trade surplus in February.





Economic Calendar

	Country	SAST	Economic Indicator	Relevance	Consensus/*Actuals	Previous	Frequency
	Japan	01:50	Merchandise Trade Balance Total (Feb)	***	JPY217.40bn*	-JPY323.90bn	Monthly
	Eurozone	12:00	Construction Output s.a. (MoM) (Jan)	***	-	-3.70%	Monthly
	Eurozone	12:00	Consumer Price Index (YoY) (Feb) (F)	***	0.90%	0.90%	Monthly
>=	South Africa	13:00	Retail Sales (MoM) (Jan)	**	-) }	-0.80%	Monthly
	US	13:00	MBA Mortgage Applications (12-Mar)	*	3.5	-1.30%	Weekly
*	Canada	14:30	Consumer Price Index (YoY) (Feb)	***	1.30%	1.00%	Monthly
	US	14:30	Housing Starts (MoM) (Feb)	***		-6.00%	Monthly
	US	14:30	Building Permits (MoM) (Feb)	***		10.40%	Monthly
	US	16:30	EIA Crude Oil Stocks Change (Barrels) (12-Mar)	***		13.80mn	Weekly
	US	20:00	Fed Interest Rate Decision	***	0.25%	0.25%	As Scheduled
	US	20:00	Fed's Monetary Policy Statement	***	-	-	As Scheduled
	US	20:30	Fed's Powell Holds Press Conference Following FOMC Deci	ision ***			As Scheduled

Note: ★★★ High ★★ Medium ★Low



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