

## Key Performance Indicators for the Month of August 2009

### Major Global Indices

<i>Market</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Close</i>	<i>Move (%)</i>	<i>Currency</i>
United States	Dow Jones Industrial Average	9496	3.54%	USD
	Nasdaq Composite	2029	2.24%	
	S&P 500	1029	4.27%	
United Kingdom	FTSE 100	4909	6.52%	GBP
Japan	Nikkei 225	10493	1.31%	JPY
Germany	Dax	5465	2.48%	EUR
France	Cac 40	3654	6.63%	
Australia	S&P/ASX 200	4479	5.54%	AUD
China	Shenzhen A	950	-19.16%	CNY
	Shenzhen B	469	-14.54%	
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	19724	-4.13%	HKD
Canada	S&P/TSX Composite	10868	1.79%	CAD
Switzerland	Swiss SMI	6217	4.48%	CHF
Europe	Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50	2775	5.19%	USD
Brazil	Bovespa	57701	5.91%	BRL
Emerging markets	MCSI Emerging Markets	851	2.15%	USD
Developed markets	MCSI – The World	1094	5.32%	

### Indices for selected SADC countries (excluding South Africa)

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Mauritius	SEMDEX	1494	0.78%	MUR
Namibia	FTSE/Namibian Overall	667	-19.94%	NAD
Botswana	Botswana Domestic Companies	6736	5.35%	BWP

### Selected African Markets

<i>Market</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Close</i>	<i>Move (%)</i>	<i>Currency</i>
Nigeria	Nigeria Stock Indices In	23009	-9.01%	NGN
Egypt	EGX 30	6726	8.94%	EGP
Kenya	All Share	56	-3.24%	KES

## South African Indices

<i>Index</i>	<i>Close</i>	<i>Move (%)</i>
All Share	24929	2.76%
Industrials	24233	8.42%
Financials	18439	4.51%
Resources	24314	1.20%
Gold Mining	2344	1.74%
AltX	1482	0.07%
All Bond	924	-2.43%

## Selected South African fixed income securities

<i>Issuer</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Interest Rate</i>	<i>Change (bp)</i>
South African Government	R153	7.40	-20
Eskom	E160	7.00	-80

## Commodities

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Close</i>	<i>Move (%)</i>
Gold (NY)	USD956.60	2.34%
Platinum (London)	USD1244.00	4.63%
Oil (Brent)	USD68.52	-1.62%
Copper (Comex)	USD6490.00	12.87%

## Currencies

<i>Exchange Rate</i>	<i>Close</i>	<i>Move (%)</i>
USD/ZAR	R7.78	0.07%
GBP/ZAR	R12.72	1.04%
EUR/ZAR	R11.11	-1.36%
USD/GBP	GBP0.61	-2.42%
USD/EUR	EUR0.70	1.44%
ZAR/AUD	R6.52	-1.56%
USD/CHF	CHF1.06	2.86%
USD/JPY	JPY92.74	2.69%

## Major South African Indicators

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Latest</i>
GDP Growth – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2009	-3.00%
Inflation -CPI	6.70%
Inflation-PPI	-3.80%
Repo Rate	7.00%
Prime Rate	10.50%

## **Market Summary**

The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the FTSE 100 were up by 3.54% and 6.52% in August 2009. At home, the JSE's All Share Index rose by 2.76% to 24 929. Industrials were the best performing sector, surging 8.42%.

CPI fell further to 6.70% in July, only 0.70% higher than the Reserve Bank's target range of 3-6%. PPI declined by a further 3.80%. The Reserve Bank continued easing interest rates, cutting the repo rate by a further 50 basis points to 7%. This was in response to an economy that still looks weak.

Second quarter GDP contracted by 3.00%, an improvement on the first quarter's 6.40% decline, but lagging countries like France and Germany that have now emerged from the recession. The Reserve Bank expects the economy to have started recovering in the current quarter.

For the third month in a row, South Africa recorded a trade surplus of R400 million in July, with exports rising by 3.86% and imports by a slower rate of 1.02%. The better performance of exports was mainly due to rising commodity prices.

Other positive news was that South Africa's foreign exchange reserves increased by 6.74% in August to USD34.2 billion and the rand continued to remain fairly steady, relatively stable against the US dollar, 1.04% stronger against the pound, and weakening by just 1.36% against the euro.

As for commodities, oil slipped back a bit, by 1.62%, to USD68.52, and copper jumped by an additional 12.87% to USD6 490.00. The price of platinum rose by 4.63% to USD1 244.00 per ounce.

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