

Key Performance Indicators for the Month of October 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	9713	0.00%	USD
	Nasdaq Composite	2045	-3.62%	
	S&P 500	1036	-1.97%	
United Kingdom	FTSE 100	5068	-1.28%	GBP
Japan	Nikkei 225	10035	-0.97%	JPY
Germany	Dax	5432	-4.29%	EUR
France	Cac 40	3622	-4.56%	
Australia	S&P/ASX 200	4643	-2.12%	AUD
China	Shenzhen A	1107	11.14%	CNY
	Shenzhen B	538	6.84%	
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	21753	3.81%	HKD
Canada	S&P/TSX Composite	10911	-4.25%	CAD
Switzerland	Swiss SMI	6286	-0.59%	CHF
Europe	Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50	2739	-4.66%	USD
Brazil	Bovespa	63721	4.06%	BRL
Emerging markets	MCSI Emerging Markets	921	0.91%	USD
Developed markets	MCSI – The World	1128	0.16%	

Indices for selected SADC countries (excluding South Africa)

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Mauritius	SEMDEX	1679	1.45%	MUR
Namibia	FTSE/Namibian Overall	738	12.18%	NAD
Botswana	Botswana Gaborone Index	7011	1.55%	BWP

Selected African Markets

<i>Market</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Close</i>	<i>Move (%)</i>	<i>Currency</i>
Nigeria	Nigeria Stck Exc All Shr	21805	-1.18%	NGN
Egypt	EGX 30	6966	3.02%	EGP
Kenya	All Share	55	0.38%	KES

South African Indices

<i>Index</i>	<i>Close</i>	<i>Move (%)</i>
All Share	26361	5.82%
Industrials	25513	0.91%
Financials	19090	4.59%
Resources	25890	7.20%
Gold Mining	2378	-2.54%
AltX	1285	-9.82%
All Bond	937	0.86%

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	0
Eskom	E160	7.0	10

Commodities

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Close</i>	<i>Move (%)</i>
Gold (NY)	USD1046.80	5.45%
Platinum (London)	USD1320.00	2.56%
Oil (Brent)	USD75.56	12.88%
Copper (Comex)	USD6573.00	10.06%

Currencies

<i>Exchange Rate</i>	<i>Close</i>	<i>Move (%)</i>
USD/ZAR	R7.83	-4.31%
GBP/ZAR	R12.75	-7.89%
EUR/ZAR	R11.45	-5.84%
USD/GBP	GBP0.61	2.03%
USD/EUR	EUR0.67	2.35%
ZAR/AUD	R7.18	-9.74%
USD/CHF	CHF1.02	2.05%
USD/JPY	JPY90.33	-0.69%

Major South African Indicators

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Latest</i>
GDP Growth – 3 rd Qtr 2009	0.90%
Inflation -CPI	6.10%
Inflation-PPI	-3.70%
Repo Rate	7.00%
Prime Rate	10.50%

Market Summary

It was not a good month for the major developed markets in, with the FTSE 100, Nikkei 225, Dax, and the Cac 40 among others, ending October down, with the Dow Jones coming in almost flat at 9 713. The Chinese markets did very well though, with the Shenzhen A and the Shenzhen B up 11.14% and 6.84% respectively. In the United States there is once again concern about the continued rise in unemployment and the strength of the recovery. African markets, barring Nigeria had a good month though, with Namibia performing the best. The FTSE/Namibian Overall Index rose 12.18%. October 2009 also marked the 80th anniversary of the Wall Street Crash.

At home, the JSE's All Share Index bucked the trend and had a good month, rising 5.82% to end at 26 361. Resource stocks were the main driver of this performance, with the index up by 7.20%. The Reserve Bank once again kept the repo rate steady at 7%. This is despite inflation slowing down to 6.10% in September. This is now just 0.1% above the Reserve Bank's target range of 3-6%. In addition, GDP numbers for the 3rd quarter to September 2009 showed the economy leaving the recession behind and growing at annualised rate of 0.9%, helped along by a strong performance in manufacturing.

The rand ended its winning streak though, weakening against all three major currencies in October. The strength of the rand is now a concern to policy makers and some commentators have called upon the government and the Reserve Bank to weaken it. Commodities had a good month, with oil rising by 12.88% to USD75.56 per barrel and copper up by 10.06% to USD6 573.00 per ton. In addition, gold ended the month above USD1 000 an ounce and platinum continued to rise. However, the continued relative strength of the rand is preventing South Africa's gold mining industry from benefiting for higher prices for the precious metal.

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