

KEY INDICATORS – 29 JANUARY 2015

SA MARKETS	LAST PRICE	WEEKLY MOVE	YTD MOVE
JSE ALL-SHARE	48,844.99	2.48%	-3.65%
RESOURCE 10	23,967.62	-0.01%	-5.62%
INDUSTRIAL 25	69,505.09	2.05%	-3.14%
FINANCIAL 15	14,574.00	4.74%	-4.34%
SA LISTED PROPERTY	585.60	4.18%	-3.77%

GLOBAL MARKETS	LAST PRICE	WEEKLY MOVE	YTD MOVE
DOW JONES	16,069.64	-0.15%	-7.78%
S&P 500	1,893.36	-0.71%	-7.37%
NASDAQ	4,506.68	-1.84%	-10.00%
STOXX 600	336.92	-0.43%	-7.90%
NIKKEI 225	17,518.30	3.30%	-7.96%
HANG SENG	19,683.11	3.16%	-10.18%
ASX ALL ORDINARIES	5,056.60	1.75%	-5.39%

COMMODITIES	LAST PRICE	WEEKLY MOVE	YTD MOVE
GOLD	1,117.00	1.80%	5.35%
BRENT CRUDE	34.34	6.71%	-7.89%
IRON ORE	41.14	0.07%	3.94%
PLATINUM	865.90	4.36%	-2.89%

CURRENCIES	LAST PRICE	WEEKLY MOVE	YTD MOVE
USDZAR	16.04	-2.48%	3.75%
GBPZAR	22.92	-2.36%	0.54%
EURZAR	17.49	-1.47%	4.27%

MARKET COMMENTARY

Local Update

The South African Monetary Policy Committee raised interest rates by the expected 50 basis points (half a percent) on Thursday, this coupled with the Federal Reserve's hold on rate hikes the day before provide the necessary catalyst for the rand to strengthen.

South African equities were buoyed by improved sentiment towards emerging markets. Our financial and property counters rebounded strongly over the week, whilst resources continued to be volatile.

Global Update

US economic data continued to disappoint, supporting the Fed's decision to hold off hiking rates. US corporate earnings were mixed with some beats on forecasts and some reinforcing a global slowdown.

Asian markets rallied with the BOJ (Bank of Japan) preparing for negative interest rates. Interesting topic for next week's weekly review.

This week we end off with an improving Rand which will bring some necessary relief for general sentiment and importers in particular.

CHART OF THE WEEK



What the chart is telling us

The chart above is a snapshot of the Rand's movements from the 20th January 2016 (R16,95 to the USD) to Friday 29th January 2016 (16.00 to the USD). The Rand has strengthened by nearly 6% over the past ten day period. Why?

As always several factors can be attributed to the Rands strengthening but the main being the Fed's decision to not hike (coupled with poor economic US data making imminent future hike less likely) and SA's MPC decision to hike rates by 50 bpts to fend off future inflation.