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TOP 10 GAINERS		
Share Name	Closing price	% change
AFROCENTRIC INVESTMENT CORPO	590	12.38
LEWIS GROUP LTD	3499	9.00
CHOPPIES ENTERPRISES LTD	335	7.72
HUDACO INDUSTRIES LTD	15300	6.24
ROYAL BAFOKENG PLATINUM LTD	3240	4.52
MPACT LTD	3040	3.89
SAPPI LIMITED	8650	3.63
SANTAM LTD	29883	3.40
CLOVER INDUSTRIES LTD	1499	3.38
ASPEN PHARMACARE HOLDINGS LT	26254	3.06

TOP 10 LOSERS		
Share Name	Closing price	% change
FORTRESS REIT LTD-B	2501	-27.52
ASCENDIS HEALTH LTD	1000	-25.15
NEPI ROCKCASTLE PLC	13142	-22.20
PAN AFRICAN RESOURCES PLC	174	-21.27
PSG GROUP LTD	23405	-16.43
RESILIENT REIT LTD	10700	-15.85
PPC LTD	715	-15.08
GREENBAY PROPERTIES LTD	162	-14.80
LONMIN PLC	1220	-13.54
STEINHOFF INTERNATIONAL H NV	658	-12.85

GLOBAL EQUITY INDICES		
Indices	% Change	Points
Dow Jones	-2.76	25 881
S & P 500	-2.63	2 797
Nasdaq	-2.72	7 301
FTSE 100	-2.73	7 457
Nikkei 225	-1.51	23 275
Hang Seng	-1.67	32 602
S & P ASX 200	1.18	6 121

COMMODITIES*		
Name	% Change	Price
Gold	-1.36	\$1 330.76
Platinum	-1.83	\$993.12
Brent Crude Oil	-2.61	\$68.32

CURRENCIES*		
Indices	% Change	Price
\$ / R	-1.84	R 12.08
£ / R	-1.59	R 17.07
€ / R	-1.79	R 15.01

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COMMENTS FOR TOP 40 STOCK MOVEMENTS

The All Share closed off a disappointing week, with the index shedding 4.77%. The sell-off was broad based affected by rising bond yields and profit taking by investors. Financials were down 4.99% for the week as the rand weakened against the greenback. Capitec led the loses after Viceroy released a damaging report on the company, suggesting that the bank had overstated its loan book. The Reserve bank and Treasury came out in support of the bank saying that Capitec is well capitalised and met all the prudential requirements. This improved sentiment around the company. Industrials shed 5.52% for the week. Naspers dragged the index lower, with the stock declining 11.43% for the week, following a sell-off in Asian equities which affected Tencent. Resources had weekly losses of 2.36% affected by softer commodity prices. General retailers lost 4.55% after having had a good run as consumer and investor sentiments improved. The listed property index suffered the most, shedding 11.11% for the week affected by rising bond yields, with the Resilient stable leading loses.

KEY EVENTS & COMPANY RESULTS

MTN Group Limited

Trading statement for the year ended 31 December 2017

The company expects both HEPS and EPS to grow by at least 20% compared to a headline loss per share of 77 cents and attributable loss per share of 144 cents respectively for the previous period. The negative performance in the prior period was mainly as a result of the Nigerian regulatory fine and losses on MTN's 51% equity interest in the Nigerian tower company.

Spur Corporation Limited

Sales update for the six months ended 31 December 2017

Group franchised restaurant sales dipped by 2.6% to R3.7bn compared to the comparable period, affected by a deterioration in economic conditions in markets that the company trades. In South Africa, franchised restaurant sales decreased by 3%, while international restaurant sales increased by 3.2% on a constant currency basis.

AngloGold Ashanti Limited

Trading statement for the year ended 31 December 2017

The company expects HEPS to decline by between 4 cents and 9 cents compared to 27 cents in the comparative period and basic loss per share of between 43 cents and 48 cents compared to 15 cents in the comparative period. HEPS and EPS were impacted by non-cash impairments in goodwill and in certain South African assets. The retrenchment costs and the provision of the silicosis class action also weighed on the results.

Vodacom Group Limited

Trading statement for the quarter ended 31 December 2017

Group revenue grew by 6.7% to R22.6bn and service revenue increased up 5.5% to R18.4bn compared to the comparative period. The group added 2.5 million active customers during the quarter, with South Africa contributing 1.6 million and international operations adding 0.9 million to the figure. Active users across the group increased to 73.6 million, up by 13% y/y. Sustained investment into the network and improving customer experience has delivered solid gains in the customer numbers in the S.A business and driven growth in the international operations. Group data revenue grew by 4.9% to R6.6bn and international data revenue was up 19.5% compared to the comparative period.

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Ascendis Health Limited
Voluntary trading statement

HEPS from continuing operations is expected to increase by between 24% and 30% compared to the comparative period. Basic EPS is expected to increase by between 20% and 26% compared to the comparative period.

GLOBAL MARKETS

Global markets resumed their bearish trend as investors cautiously monitored economic conditions and eagerly watched for clues regarding an interest rate hike by the US Federal Reserve in January. US equities had a poor start to the week, with large-cap stocks on the S&P 500 suffering the worst weekly drop in two years. The S&P 500 shed 3.85% for the week, with declines in energy stocks led by lower-than-expected earnings from Chevron and ExxonMobil. Healthcare stocks were under pressure after news came out that Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway and JPMorgan Chase were planning a joint venture to make health care affordable for US employees. Financials fared better, supported by rising bond yields. The Dow Jones slid 4.12% for the week. The FED kept interest rates unchanged during its January meeting, which was in line with market expectations. They cited that gains in employment, household spending and business fixed investment has been solid and near-term risks to the economic outlook appeared balanced. Thus, economic conditions are expected to evolve in a manner that will warrant further gradual increases in the federal funds rate.

All major European indices ended the week in the red, with the DAX and CAC down 4.16% and 2.97%, respectively. Most markets were affected by a rise in bond yields as it made equities more riskier. The economic recovery in the EU continued to strengthen as annual GDP grew by 2.5% in 2017, the strongest level in a decade. Eurozone inflation came in at 1%, which was in line with market expectations, however it's still far below the target level of 2%. The FTSE 100 shed 2.90% for the week, following other global markets lower. Asian equities tracked global markets lower with the Nikkei and Hang Seng index declining 1.51% and 1.67% respectively.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Earnings releases for JSE listed companies

Company	Date
Tower Property Fund Limited	6-Feb-17
Sappi Limited	7-Feb-17
Italtile Limited	7-Feb-17
KAP Industrial Holding Limited	12-Feb-17

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