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TOP 10 GAINERS		
Share Name	Closing price	% change
CASHBUILD LTD	38700	14.84
MPACT LTD	3268	10.37
CHOPPIES ENTERPRISES LTD	330	10.00
HUDACO INDUSTRIES LTD	13840	8.92
MEDICLINIC INTERNATIONAL PLC	13949	8.27
KUMBA IRON ORE LTD	21200	8.14
LONMIN PLC	2327	7.43
ROYAL BAFOKENG PLATINUM LTD	4100	7.05
METAIR INVESTMENTS LTD	2263	6.59
MR PRICE GROUP LTD	16781	6.57
TOP 10 LOSERS		
Share Name	Closing price	% change
SOUTH32 LTD	2615	-7.14
BRIMSTONE INVESTMENT - N SHS	1400	-6.67
ASSORE LTD	26500	-6.61
BALWIN PROPERTIES PTY LTD	710	-5.33
SPAR GROUP LIMITED/THE	17593	-5.16
HOLDSPORT LTD	6003	-4.71
AFRICAN RAINBOW MINERALS LTD	11365	-3.68
ASTRAL FOODS LTD	14727	-3.57
WILSON BAYLY HOLMES-OVCON	14329	-3.48
ROCKCASTLE GLOBAL REAL ESTAT	3311	-3.47
GLOBAL EQUITY INDICES		
Indices	% Change	Points
Dow Jones	0.83	20,239
S & P 500	0.68	2,313
Nasdaq	1.08	5,728
FTSE 100	1.00	7,260
Nikkei 225	2.44	19,379
Hang Seng	1.93	23,575
S & P ASX 200	1.76	5,721
COMMODITIES*		
Name	% Change	Price
Gold	1.16	\$1,234.47
Platinum	0.26	\$1,007.35
Brent Crude Oil	-0.14	\$56.73
CURRENCIES*		
Indices	% Change	Price
\$ / R	-0.86	R 13.38
£ / R	-0.97	R 16.73
€ / R	0.46	R 14.24

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COMMENTS FOR TOP 40 STOCK MOVEMENTS

The All Share gained a marginal 0.81% in a week where major global markets had a positive performance amid economic data releases, Trump policies and increased commodity prices. The local bourse started the week with losses as U.S. and European markets underperformed. However, Trump's promise of a new tax plan and better than expected Chinese export data helped the local market reach its largest one-day gain in 2017, coming in at 1.51% on Friday.

Resources only managed to eek out a weekly gain of 0.02%, despite strong commodity prices with iron-ore reaching a 2.5 year high and copper rising by as much as 5%. Financial stocks had a good week gaining 2.06% with Barclays Africa the top performer with returns of 4.9%. Retailers also fared well registering returns of 3.6% with Cashbuild earning a substantial 14.84% return.

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Jacob Zuma delivered an address that was seen as largely disappointing. He had promised the launch of "a new chapter of radical economic transformation". However, a number of points in his speech had been mentioned before.

Some issues the President touched on were the controversial mining charter. He said that government remained committed to reaching a deal with the mining industry on a new version. He also said he would refer the expropriation bill back to parliament and that unnecessary red tape with regard to investment in the country must be eliminated.

KEY EVENTS & COMPANY RESULTS

Astral Foods Limited

General trading update

Trading for the 1st quarter ended 31 December 2016 was negatively impacted by a number of factors including weakened consumer spending and continuously high levels of imported poultry. Based on the 1st quarter's results and the continuation of current unfavourable trading conditions, both EPS and HEPS are expected to be down not more than 75%.

Anglo American Platinum

Updated trading statement for the twelve months ended 31 December 2016

The platinum giant reported that basic earnings are expected to increase to between R550 million and R670 million, while EPS is expected to rise to between 210 cents 255 cents. This is a significant increase compared to losses of R12.125 billion and 4638 cents per share in the prior year. The increase in basic earnings particular is largely due to impairments and write offs in the comparative period of R14.0 billion (post-tax).

Mondi Limited

Mondi Group acquires Excelsior Technologies

Mondi Group has acquired all the remaining equity in Excelsior Technologies for a total consideration of £33 million on a debt and cash free basis. The funds are

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managed by Endless LLP and various other minority shareholders. Mondi Group CEO commented on the acquisition saying that the acquisition supported their consumer packaging business in high growth product applications.

The SPAR Group Limited

Trading update: 13 weeks to 31 December 2016

Sales for the period increased by 16.9% from R21.9 billion to R25.6 billion over the comparable period in 2015. Furthermore, the Group's retail sales grew by 6.1% with comparable store sales up by 5.2%. South African Group sales also increased (5.8%), although they were impacted by the unimpressive performance of their building materials business. The Irish business experienced positive festive season trading, with turnover higher by 1.5% (in constant euro-currency terms).

Sappi Limited

First quarter results for the period ended December 2016

Higher profit and improved EPS per share (excluding special items) are some of the highlights in the first quarter results provided by the diversified wood fibre company. Profits rose by 20% due to greater sales volumes across all major categories, higher dissolving wood pulp prices and cost savings initiatives implemented. All regions of the business experienced positive results. The South African business delivered enhanced margins while the European business benefited from an extra week of sales which assisted it to achieve strong results. The U.S market saw higher y/y sales volumes resulting in a larger market share.

MTN Group Limited

Trading statement for the year ended 31 December 2016

One of South Africa's largest cell phone network providers released a trading statement on Wednesday that resulted in it closing down 1.7%. MTN advised shareholders that it expects to report a loss in basic HEPS and basic EPS for FY2016. The regulatory fine imposed on MTN Nigeria was the main contributor to the expected losses. Other factors among others include foreign exchange losses in a number of operations, losses from joint ventures and associates and additional depreciation resulting from prior hyper-inflation adjustments in MTN Irancell.

GLOBAL AND WORLD MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

Major U.S indices closed in positive territory on Friday as they logged record closing highs, with the S&P index and Nasdaq posting third weekly gains. This follows Thursday's comments from Donald Trump that he would have the outlines of a tax reform package in the next few weeks. The S&P index, Nasdaq and Dow Jones recorded 5-day returns of 0.81%, 1.19% and 0.99%, respectively. His comments also came a day after economic data released showed that there was an increase in the U.S. trade deficit in 2016 to \$502.3 billion. However, the gap in December narrowed by 3.2% to \$44.3 billion. In addition, the deficit with Mexico rose 4.2% to \$63.2 billion in 2016. Other data released this week showed that U.S consumer confidence declined in February from a 13-year high. The University of Michigan's preliminary index of sentiment fell to a 3-month low of 95.7 from 98.5 in January.

Stocks in Europe declined at the start of the week, with mixed data as the Eurozone Sentix Investor Confidence Index declined slightly in February while German factory orders rose the most in two and a half years in December. The STOXX Europe 600 Index managed to give investors a weekly gain of 0.91%, with ams AG delivering the highest returns on the index (33.43%). In Asia, markets ended broadly higher on Friday with shares in Japan leading the region. This proved to be the case for the week as the Nikkei recorded 5-day returns of 2.44%, the Hang Seng lagged behind at 1.93% while the Shanghai Composite came in at 1.8%.

THE WEEK AHEAD**Earnings releases for JSE listed companies**

Company	Date
KAP Industrial Holdings Ltd (KAP)	13-Feb-17
Kumba Iron Ore Ltd (KIO)	14-Feb-17
Distell Group Ltd (DST)	15-Feb-17
Emira Property Fund Ltd (EMI)	15-Feb-17
Anglo American Platinum Ltd (AMS)	15-Feb-17
New Europe Property Investments PLC (NEP)	15-Feb-17
Woolworths Holdings Ltd(WHL)	16-Feb-17
Gold Fields Ltd(GFI)	16-Feb-17
Truworths International Ltd (TRU)	16-Feb-17
Resilient REIT Ltd (RES)	17-Feb-17

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