

# Weekly Investment Update

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#### Market moves

Performace: 01/10/2016 to 07/10/2016	Return (Cumulative)
Local Markets	
All Share TR ZAR	-0.45
Ind/Financials TR ZAR	0.49
Ind/Industrials TR ZAR	-0.81
Financials&Indl 30 TR ZAR	-0.41
Ind/Basic Materials TR ZAR	-0.61
Gold Mining TR ZAR	-15.16
SA Listed Property TR ZAR	0.53
Beassa ALBI TR ZAR	0.30
Commodities	
Oil Price Brent Crude PR	5.85
LBMA Platinum AM PR USD	-6.50
Gold London AM Fixing PR USD	-5.49

#### The week ahead

#### Domestic

13 Oct Mining production

26 Oct Medium term budget

#### International

14 Oct China: Inflation rate

17 Oct EA: Inflation rate

# Macro

#### South Africa

South Africa posted a trade gap of R8.56 billion in August, from a downwardly revised surplus of R5.04 billion in July, and way below market expectation of a R3 billion surplus. Exports declined 5.5%, mostly due to a fall in sales of precious metals and stones, while imports jumped by 9.2% due to higher purchases of precious metals and stones.

#### **United States**

Consumer credit in the United States increased by \$25.87 billion in August, following an upwardly revised \$17.78 billion rise in July and above market expectations of \$16.5 billion.

### Japan

Japan's current account surplus rose to 2 008-billion yen in August, from 1 938.2-billion yen in July. It was the largest surplus since March and above market estimates of a surplus 1 539-billion yen. Primary income surplus stood at 1 985.3-billion yen, up from 1 693.8-billion yen a month earlier.

# Markets\*

## Best performer

For the week was Net 1 UEPS Technologies with a return of 28%. ArcelorMittal South Africa was second with a 23% return for the week

# Worst performer

Sibanye Gold was the worst performer for the week with a loss of 20%. Followed by Harmony Gold with a 15% drop for the same period.

#### **Sectors**

The best performing sector for the week was support services with a return of 12.2% for the week. The sector representing tobacco was the worst performing sector for the week with a 4.6% loss.

<sup>\*</sup>Disclaimer: Total weekly returns based on closing values from Monday to Monday.



# Macro headline

## IMF warns of unprecedented global debt

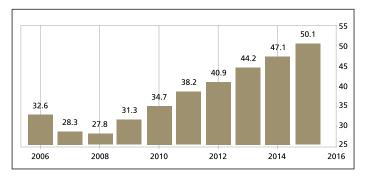
Eight years after the financial crisis, the world is suffering from a debt legacy of unprecedented proportions. Gross debt in the non-financial sector has more than doubled in nominal terms since the turn of the century, reaching \$152-trillion last year, and it's still rising, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said.

The figure includes debt held by governments, non-financial firms and households. Current debt levels now sit at a record 225% of world gross domestic product (GDP), the IMF said in its semi-annual Fiscal Monitor, noting that about two-thirds of the liabilities reside in the private sector.

The rest of it is public debt, which has increased to 85% of GDP last year from below 70%. The massive debt load complicates the task for global policy makers, who have been urged to use fiscal policy to boost growth amid the waning ability of central banks to stimulate the economy.

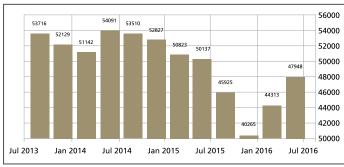
Most of this debt in advanced economies dates back to the boom in private debt before the 2008 crisis. Meanwhile low interest rates drove a surge in corporate debt in emerging markets. Levels of private debt are now high in both advanced nations and a few large emerging markets such as China and Brazil that are considered systemically important to the global financial system.

### SA government debt



Source: Trading Economics

# SA government debt to GDP



Source: Trading Economics

# Bottom line

The figures above show that South Africa's offshore debt, as a percentage of GDP is tiny, and not a good enough reason to warrant a downgrade by credit agencies. However, the rate at which this debt needs to be serviced, (about 8%-10%) compared to the rate for advanced economies (about 0.25%-0.25%),

could impact these agencies views on the economy. In times of low equity returns, clients can benefit from the PSG Wealth Solutions which offers various multiasset funds of funds that are allowed to invest in these higher yielding South-African bonds.



# Market headline

# Quarterly contributors and detractors

The 0.48% total return of the FTSE/All Share Index (ALSI) over the last quarter was mainly driven by six shares on the index. The year-to-date total return of the ALSI at the end of September was 4.82%, compared to the 4.32% at the end of the previous quarter.

Research conducted by the PSG Wealth Investment Divisions shows that Naspers, BHP Billiton, Anglo American, Standard Bank, Impala Platinum and Shoprite Holdings were the major contributors for returns on the index in the past quarter. Thus, investors with active positions in these companies, would have improved their return relative to the index.

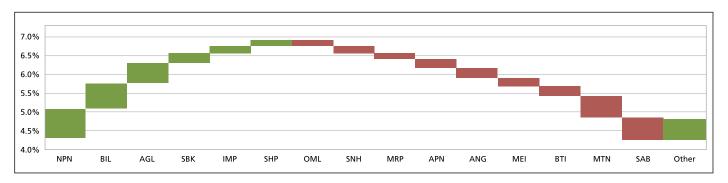
Naspers was the number one index contributor for the quarter, mainly due to a strong performance from Tencent. The share price of Tencent, China's biggest internet company, rose 21% for the quarter. BHP Billiton, the global mining giant, benefited from strong price movements over the past quarter in most of the commodities it trades in. The rally in coal prices and more recently the uptick in global oil prices contributed to its strong performance.

Unfortunately, companies like SABMiller, MTN, British American Tobacco and Mediclinic International were some of the main detractors on the ALSI over this period.

SABMiller was the number one detractor for the quarter, mainly due to the weakening of the sterling. The currency depreciated by 9.23% against the rand for the quarter.

MTN continued to feel the headache of its Nigerian operations which included the company's first results reported after the regulatory fine imposed on its operations. As a result of Nigeria's sovereign credit downgrade, S&P followed suit by downgrading the MTN Group's long-term credit rating to junk status.

# 2016Q3: Top contributors and detractors on ALSI



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