

## Weekly Investment Update

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### Market moves

Performace: 17/09/2016 to 23/09/2016	Return (Cumulative)
Local Markets	
All Share TR ZAR	0.55
Ind/Financials TR ZAR	2.36
Ind/Industrials TR ZAR	-1.08
Financials&Indl 30 TR ZAR	-0.17
Ind/Basic Materials TR ZAR	3.66
Gold Mining TR ZAR	3.89
SA Listed Property TR ZAR	2.29
Beassa ALBI TR ZAR	1.07
Commodities	
Oil Price Brent Crude PR	0.26
LBMA Platinum AM PR USD	2.73
Gold London AM Fixing PR USD	1.65

#### The week ahead

#### Domestic

29 Sep PP

30 Sep M3 money supply

#### International

30 Sep Japan: Inflation rate

30 Sep UK: GDP growth rate

## Macro

#### South Africa

Consumer prices in South Africa went up 5.9% YoY in August 2016, following a 6% gain in the previous period. This was in line with consensus. It is the lowest reading since December as transport prices went up at a slower pace.

#### Euro area

Loans to households in the Eurozone increased 1.8% YoY in August, the same pace as in the previous two months and the biggest gain since September 2011. Credit to non-financial corporations went up 1.9%, the same as in July.

## Hong Kong

The Hong Kong trade gap rose to HKD 32 billion in August 2016 from HKD a 25.1 billion shortfall a year earlier. Exports went up 0.8% to HKD 309.7 billion and imports rose at a faster 2.8% to HKD 341.8 billion.

## Markets\*

## Best performer

For the week was Niveus Investments with a return of 9%. Pan African Resources was second with an 8% return for the week.

## Worst performer

The cement producer PPC was the worst performer for the week with a loss of 13%. Followed by Balwin Properties with a 10% drop for the same period.

#### Sectors

The best performing sector for the week was personal goods with a return of 6.2% for the week. The sector representing construction and materials was the worst performing sector for the week with a 5.4% loss.

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



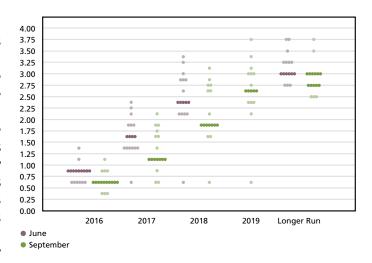
## Macro headline

# Dovish stance from Fed for 2017 and 2018 rates

The US Federal Reserve (Fed) is expecting interest rates to rise at a more subdued pace in the next few years. Last week the Fed and the South African Reserve bank left interest rates unchanged in their respective countries. The 'dot plot' used by the Fed released along with the policy decision statement, shows where each participant in the meeting thinks the fed funds rate should be at the end of the year for the next few years and in the longer run. In the release after June's meeting, the dots indicated a dovish path for rates moving forward. The median FOMC member saw rates between 0.75% and 1% at the end of 2016, suggesting two more rate hikes this year, and then rates eventually rising to around 3% in the longer term.

The new plot is even more dovish. The median of FOMC member predict rates between 0.5% and 0.75% at the end of this year, suggesting only one more hike in 2016. In the longer term, Fed members see rates around 2.75% or 3%, and the median dots suggest a slower course of raising rates than the June projections. Here's the new dot plot, along with June's projections. The darker dots illustrate the median FOMC member.

## Fed dot plot\*



#### Source: Trading Economics

\* While the 'dot plot' is not an official policy tool, it provides some insight into how the committee members feel about economic and monetary conditions going forward.

## **Bottom line**

The changing trend of expected interest rates over the next two years, is in a sense, more significant than the next interest rate hike itself. The dots represents the view of the individual members who are perceived to be 'insiders' with a better understanding of current economic conditions. As such it indicates that members came to realise that:

- it could take longer than expected for the US economy to recovery to a healthy level; and
- it could take longer than expected for US inflation to reach a level where it becomes a concern.

This is a very good illustration of how difficult it is to forecast economic variables and conditions, even for those that are supposed to have access to the best available sources of information. The message to investors is that the lower-than-expected interest rates could result in a more stable world economy and international financial markets. Lower rates can also assist investers to withstand any irrational urge to deviate from their long-term financial plans and investment portfolios.



## Market headline

## SAB shareholders vote on InBev deal today

SABMiller shareholders will today (28 September) vote on Anheuser-Busch InBev's (AB InBev's) offer to take over one of the largest companies on the FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI).

The JSE noted on Monday that if the vote goes through, then FTSE indices will adjust in the auction on Thursday, 29 September. Meaning that SAB will no longer be listed on this local bourse and its weighting will be added to other shares on the index.

According to the JSE, the FTSE/JSE will rank the companies on the reserve list of the indexes with a fixed number of constituents by investable market capitalisation as at close of business two days prior (27 September) to the deletion of SABMiller on 29 September. The highest ranking company on the reserve list will then be identified as an addition to the index.

If the vote goes through SAB will be deleted from all the FTSE/JSE Indices.

The JSE and the PSG Wealth Investment Division used data from Friday's close to estimate what certain indices would look like after SAB delisted.

The estimates show that Impala Platinum will go into the Top 40, however this could change in the next few days. Naspers's weighting in the Top 40 will move up to 18.96% from 16.67%. While Richemont will be the next biggest weighting at 7.85%.

See the table below for possible changes to the weightings of the top five largest stocks on the ALSI, CAPI and Top 40 indices.

## Estimated changes in weightings of the top five stocks

	ALSI		CAPI		TOP 40	
Stock	Old Weight	New Weight	Old Weight	New Weight	Old Weight	New Weight
Naspers	13.83%	15.46%	9.64%	10%	16.67%	18.96%
Richemont	5.73%	6.40%	6.13%	6.82%	6.91%	7.85%
BHP Billiton	5.62%	6.28%	6.01%	6.69%	6.77%	7.70%
British American Tobacco	3.40%	3.80%	3.64%	4.05%	4.10%	4.66%
Anglo American	3.05%	3.41%	3.26%	3.62%	3.67%	4.17%

Source: PSG Wealth Investment Division



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