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Top40: -0.01%

Value: R9.658bn / \$1.271bn

Volume 255mn

\$/ZAR 7.5959

£/ZAR 12.5990

€/ZAR 11.3068

Gold: \$1089.57

Plat \$1354.25

Brent Crude \$78.48

Copper Future \$296.80

Top40 Index Overview: Market initially opened lower -0.52% as most miners gave back gains from yesterday's rally. Gold stocks led declines as ANG & GFI both declined by around 3%, with platinum miners pushed lower by NHM -2.70% & AMS -1.58%. News of the IMF's comments that S.A.'s companies are coping well with Rand swings & that its recent strength will lead to companies managing their currency risk better in the future, did little to spur markets. The direction lower continued to plague the market for most of the morning until European markets opened, helping volumes to improve and lifting the local bourse off its intraday low of 22957 (which was around -1.5% lower). The market then traded firmer to flat throughout the day until positive US economic data showed Nonfarm productivity rose, initial jobless claims and continuing claims declined and chain store sales were in line with estimates, which helped the local market surge higher and break into, and test, positive territory for the 1st time throughout the day. After the US market opened in positive territory, the local market slipped a little and closed just in negative territory by the end of the trading session.

Resi20: -0.64% with heavyweights mixed: AGL **+0.21%** but BIL **-0.05%** after BHP suspended a contractor from working on the rail component of its \$4.8bn iron ore expansion project in Western Australia because of safety concerns. Other news in the industry was from Exxaro, who said that it plans to reduce costs to withstand "vagaries" of the zinc market. Exxaro's zinc unit had a "tough year" and the company hasn't yet taken a decision on whether to exit the business. The Gold mining Index closed **-3.63%** lower with miners mostly lower except for SIM **+0.94%**. The balance of miner's losses included: HAR **-2.45%**, DRD **-2.43%**, GFI **-3.16%** & ANG **-4.43%**. Plats index **-1.37%** with platinum stocks mostly lower: WEZ **+9.63%** bucking the trend but LON **-0.05%**, AMS **-1.60%**, NHM **-1.32%** & IMP **-1.39%**. SOL **+0.26%**, despite crude oil prices being lower on concerns an increase in stockpiles in a key storage area in the U.S. showed fuel demand has yet to recover and Asian unemployment, which is still high, is snapping demand by the world biggest energy user.

Indi25: +0.48% with VOD **+2.11%** after the company was rated "buy" in a new coverage from Citigroup, after the company said VOD "stands out" as a defensive, well-managed business that has historically dominated the market. MTN ended **+1.61%** higher.

Fini15: +0.44%, as banking stocks mostly ended higher with RMH **-1.46%** & ASA **-0.213%** lower. NED **+0.81%** higher, after reporting 3rd quarter earnings, SBK **+1.64%** & FSR **+1.02%** higher on the day with Life Co.'s mixed as OML **-0.51%**, despite news that its unit trust sales surged 47% as investors switched into equities from other asset classes. SLM **-0.53%** but DSY **+0.40%** higher.

General Retailers: FOS **-3.60%**, despite reporting unaudited results which showed Diluted headline earnings per share was up 1.8% to 231.9 cps & retail turnover up 7.9% to R4.1bn. TRU **-1.77%** despite reporting sales for its 1st 18 weeks of fiscal 2010 rising 10% to R2.3bn compared with a year earlier.

USD/ZAR recap: The ZAR managed to maintain strength despite comments from S&P rating agency that S.A. needs to lower its 7.6% fiscal deficit projected for the current fiscal year if it wants to keep its BBB+ long term foreign currency rating. The ZAR recovered declined to an intraday low of 7.5533 before trading around 7.5959 by the close of the session.

Top40 - Top 3: ACL **+3.80%**, VOD **+2.11%**, & SBK **+1.64%**
Top40- Bottom 3: ANG **-4.43%**, GFI **-3.16%** & SHF **-2.48%**

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