

Outlook for the day

Despite the traction in the US at the close of last week the JSE looks set to exhibit inconsistency with a marginal bias to the downside at the commencement of the week as the mixed tonality in the Asian Pacific region coupled with improved resilience in the Rand undermines early support. Very short-term metrics for the JSE-ALSH, JSE-TOPI and JSE-INDI remains elevated highlighting an increased likelihood of modest short-term profit taking. Heightened levels of risk control are appropriate on very short-term trading positions with the overall technical structure indicating a high probability of traders enjoying an opportunity to engage the market at lower levels

Exchange rates

Latest Rates	Spot	Move
USD/ZAR	15.25	v
GBP/ZAR	20.52	v
EUR/ZAR	17.62	v
CHF/ZAR	16.73	v

- Musk's Tesla stake
- British Airways' lifeline
- Russian gas and Johnson's backlash

Here's what's moving markets.

Twitter Has Spoken

Twitter users said Elon Musk should sell 10% of his Tesla Inc. stock, a stake valued at about \$21 billion, after the chief executive polled them and pledged to abide by the outcome of the vote. Voters backed the share sale by a wide margin, with roughly 58% in favour of a sale and 42% opposed, according to the polling data posted on Twitter. More than 3.5 million votes were cast. "I was prepared to accept either outcome," Mr. Musk tweeted after the poll closed. Mr. Musk on Saturday put the potential share sale up for popular vote on the social-media platform as he waded back into the debate over how some of the wealthiest Americans should be taxed. "Much is made lately of unrealized gains being a means of tax avoidance, so I propose selling 10% of my Tesla stock," he tweeted as he launched the poll, adding, "I will abide by the results of this poll, whichever way it goes."

Elon Musk proposed selling 10% of his Tesla stock on Twitter and took a poll of people on the social network to see if they supported it. A majority of 3.5 million Twitter voters -- 58% -- said they'd support such a sale. Musk had said he would abide by the results and was prepared to accept either outcome. A cryptocurrency version of Tesla's shares trading on FTX suggests Musk's tweeting may cause the shares to fall when Wall Street wakes up Monday.

\$1 Billion Lifeline

The corridor between London Heathrow and New York John F. Kennedy International Airport is finally reopening to Europeans, marking a major step in the return of long-haul travel, and handing British Airways a \$1 billion lifeline. The likes of Deutsche Lufthansa and United Airlines also stand to benefit from a more robust trade between London, Paris, and Frankfurt at one end and New York, Chicago and Los Angeles at the other.

No Relief

Russian President Vladimir Putin promised Europe more gas starting on Monday. So far, there are no signs the continent will get any relief. That's a disappointment for traders who had been counting on Gazprom to follow Putin's orders to ease the continent's supply crunch. Without the volumes promised by Putin, there's concern the market could soar again, with storage levels on the continent well below normal as the winter heating season gets underway.

Mounting Backlash

Boris Johnson is battling a mounting backlash over his attempt to protect a Conservative lawmaker found to have broken lobbying rules, with Parliament set to hold an emergency debate on Monday. Johnson was forced to perform a U-turn following widespread condemnation of his decision to try to tear up Parliament rules rather than accept the suspension of Owen Paterson. The risk is that the scandal hurts Tory support among working-class voters in northern districts.

South Africa

Elections: some of the comments

Everyone agrees the SA has reached a watershed moment as the electorate finally gets it (no need to keep returning the same old same old) and Ramaphosa must move very fast to fix the ANC and the country and deliver instead of continuing with fruitless promises.

ANC now a Bantustan party: William Gumede points that as the middle and working classes in the cities desert the ANC it is the rural areas which do not have independent tax bases and rely on government for welfare grants as well as jobs, that continue to support it. Sunday Times

ANC following liberation movements path to extinction: City Press's Mondli Makanya and Sunday Times' Barney Mthombothi make the same point with Gumede citing Tanzania's Kanu and Zambia's UNIP with ZANU-PF also dependent on the rural support base and brute thuggery and force to retain power.

Politicians must grow up: City Press editorial says to avoid the post 2016 coalition pantomimes parties must digest the US-Swedish paper "Coalition: A Guide for Political parties" based on case studies. Ramaphosa, in similar vein, says all parties must put delivery and the country first and foremost.

DA says no coalitions with ANC: having said that so often it would be difficult to backtrack, but you never know Sunday Times headline "ANC flirts with DA". Maybe threaten everybody with EFF coalitions.

Peter Bruce says it could have been worse:

The EFF back in 2016 looked as though it was on an unstoppable rampage to around 20% but is still around 10%: the DA could have lost even more but still controls enough councils to prove its worth. Clue to possible renaissance: Chris Pappas (white) incoming mayor of Umgeni, first ever DA mayor in KZN, speaks isiZulu.

Spells out his coalition's principles: uncompromising fight against corruption; detailed service delivery programmes; dispute resolution mechanisms. He says "The road to 2024 has never looked so promising. South Africans can now visualise, for the first time in many places, a future without the ANC; a future where corruption, cadre deployment, failed delivery and joblessness can be put in our rear-view mirror. It has never been more exciting to be a South African. Sunday Times.

Where were the youth?

Data shows youth registration was poor and many suspect even the percentage turnout of those registered was very low. Remember the youth played a major role in past turning points such as Soweto in 1976. Sunday Times.

Zuma calls for ANC mutiny

Zuma called for structures to rise and ask what went wrong: apparently more protests are planned for today. Let's see. Sunday Times.

Coming Up

- European futures were little changed and Asian stocks drifted as investors await key U.S. consumer inflation data mid-week.
- Paypal, Roblox and WallStreetBets favourite AMC all report today in the U.S. Tech investors will also be watching Japan's SoftBank for the latest from the world's foremost venture capitalist.
- Facebook whistle-blower Frances Haugen appears before the European Parliament,
- While the ECB Chief Economist Philip Lane delivers opening remarks at a conference by the central bank.

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