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## Top Stories

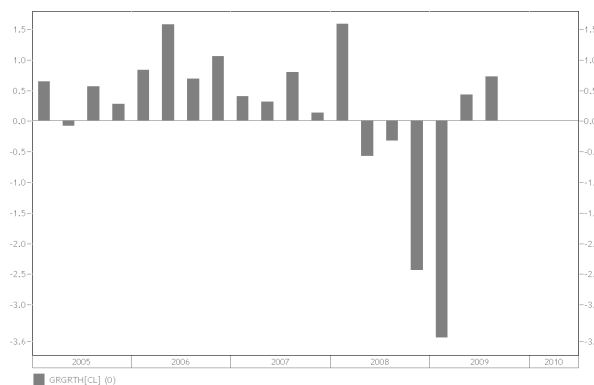
- China tightens bank lending rules**  
Banking regulators in China have ordered institutions to tighten controls on risk and carefully scrutinize borrowers' ability to pay their debts  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 21 Feb 10
- South Africa Q4 GDP increases 3.2 percent**  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 23 Feb 10
- Marcus says bank has no specific role in growth**  
Gill Marcus told MPs that the expanded mandate of the bank passed to her by Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan, which explicitly requires the bank to consider economic growth and job creation, does not mean that the bank has a specific role in these matters  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 23 Feb 10
- Germany's economic recovery stalls**  
German gross domestic product (GDP) was unchanged in the fourth quarter of 2009  
Source: [www.businessday.co.za](http://www.businessday.co.za). 24 Feb 10
- South Africa to lift electricity tariffs by 24.8%**  
Source: [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com). 24 Feb 10
- January CPI inflation dips on food prices**  
Consumer price inflation slowed to 6.2 percent year-on-year in January, compared with 6.3 percent in December  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 24 Feb 10
- South Africa Jan credit demand down for 4th month**  
Growth in the broadly defined M3 measure of money supply slowed to 0.57 percent year-on-year in January  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 26 Feb 10
- [SA] January PPI jumps 2.7% year on year**  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 26 Feb 10
- [US] GDP revised up to 5.9% on slower inventory cuts**  
Source: [www.marketwatch.com](http://www.marketwatch.com). 26 Feb 10
- U.K. fourth-quarter growth revised higher**  
The British economy expanded by an upwardly revised 0.3% in the final three months of 2009  
Source: [www.marketwatch.com](http://www.marketwatch.com). 26 Feb 10

## Top Charts

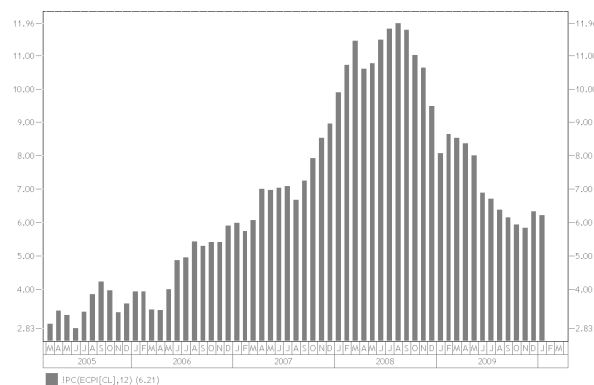
SA GDP, Quarterly  
Mar 05 - Dec 09



German GDP, Quarterly  
Mar 05 - Dec 09



SA CPI, Monthly  
Feb 05 - Jan 10



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