momentum investments





05 August 2020	Close price at 8/4/2020	Daily % change	Month to date	Year to date	Last year
FTSE/JSE indices					
All-Share Index	56,248.93	0.8%	0.9%	-1.5%	0.09
All-Share Index Total Return	8,682.86	0.8%	0.9%	0.3%	3.5%
Resources Index	32,894.75	1.3%	3.0%	16.2%	31.99
Industrials Index	78,810.04	0.3%	0.6%	5.0%	-0.49
Financials Index	25,387.55	0.7%	-2.5%	-35.5%	-34.79
Top 40 Index	51,951.35	0.7%	1.1%	2.2%	3.29
Shareholder Weighted Index	20,402.29	0.6%	0.3%	-3.9%	-0.89
Capped Shareholder Weighted Index	21,235.59	0.8%	0.1%	-7.9%	-4.29
SA Listed Property Index	1,121.32	1.1%	-1.2%	-40.3%	-41.5%
SA Volatility Index	24.72	0.6%	0.2%	56.4%	45.89
Interest-bearing indices					
JSE Assa All Bond Index (Albi)	702.95	-0.2%	-0.3%	0.6%	3.8%
SteFI Composite Index	457.01	0.0%	0.1%	3.7%	6.79
JSE Assa SA Government ILB Index	249.48	0.2%	0.3%	-3.3%	-4.19
Interest rates					
Prime rate	7.00%			-30.0%	-30.09
Repo rate	3.50%			-46.2%	-46.29
Commodities (in US dollars)					
Gold price	1,976.34	0.1%	0.0%	29.6%	37.29
Platinum price	925.31	2.4%	1.9%	-4.7%	9.89
Oil price	44.43	0.6%	2.1%	-32.8%	-27.5%
Global indices (in base currency)					
Dow Jones (US)	26,828.47	0.6%	1.5%	-6.0%	1.39
S&P 500 (US)	3,306.51	0.4%	1.1%	2.3%	12.89
FTSE (UK)	3,356.30	0.2%	2.3%	-20.0%	-16.99
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	24,946.63	2.0%	1.4%	-11.5%	-7.3%
Shanghai	3,371.69	0.1%	1.9%	10.5%	17.69
Nikkei (Japan)*	22,573.66	1.7%	4.0%	-4.6%	7.09
Cac 40 (France)	4,889.52	0.3%	2.2%	-18.2%	-8.89
Dax (Germany)	1,177.25	-0.4%	2.2%	-5.0%	5.99
MSCI Emerging*	1,089.58	1.1%	1.0%	-2.2%	8.69
MSCI Developed*	2,336.82	0.5%	1.4%	-0.9%	8.79
US Volatility Index	23.76	-2.1%	-2.9%	72.4%	33.09
Exchange rates					
Rand/US dollar	17.38	-1.1%	-1.9%	-19.5%	-14.99
Rand/euro	20.51	-1.4%	-2.0%	-23.5%	-19.99
Rand/pound	22.72	-1.1%	-1.7%	-18.3%	-20.99
Dollar/euro	1.18	-0.3%	-0.2%	-5.0%	-5.9%
Inflation indicator					
CPI					2.29
Group indicator					
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	15.96	0.9%	-3.5%	-26.9%	-3.79

Local update

The JSE closed firmer on Tuesday, with miners doing the heavy lifting, as Royal Bafokeng Platinum outperformed both the overall market and its sector while commodity prices continue to rise on positive purchasing managers' index (PMI) data from different countries this week.

A decade after it was formed as the brainchild of the late SA insurance mogul and philanthropist Donald Gordon, Intu Properties, the UK's largest shopping mall chain will delist from the JSE and London Stock Exchange. The company, which owns 17 malls in the UK, including the Trafford Centre in Manchester, and one in Spain, announced on Wednesday that the delistings have been approved and that its future and that of its shareholders' billions of rands' worth of investments now lie in the hands of administrators KPMG. The last day of trade for Intu on the JSE will be August 18. It will delist on August 21 and be removed from the exchange on August 24.

About a quarter of Pick n Pay shareholders voted against its executive pay policy, almost triggering a JSE rule that would have required the food retailer to formally take steps to tackle their concerns. The nonbinding vote at the virtual shareholder meeting shines a harsh spotlight on the company and its share price performance and came as Pick n Pay flagged as much as a 50% drop in half-year earnings, citing coronavirus expenses, store closures and voluntary severance package expenses during the lockdown. That sent its shares tumbling more than 5%.

Bathroom-ware company Italtile, which owns CTM and U-Light, has reappointed Brandon Wood as CFO, with his previous position of executive director for retail falling away in a cost-cutting drive. Wood was previously CFO at Italtile from 2013 to 2018, but before his reappointment to that position, was an executive director for retail at the group. "In light of the board's stated goal to streamline the group's overhead cost structure, accelerated by the current Covid-19 era, the position of executive director: retail will fall away," Italtile said.

Global update

Beirut, Lebanon — Lebanese rescue workers dug through rubble looking for survivors of a powerful warehouse explosion that shook the capital Beirut, killing 100 people and injuring nearly 4,000 in a toll that officials expected to rise.

Copenhagen — Sweden's "light-touch approach" to curtailing the spread of Covid-19 has produced only limited economic benefits, according to research that compared spending patterns in the Scandinavian country and in Denmark, where far more restrictive policies were adopted.