momentum







06 May 2020	Close price at 5/5/2020	Daily % change	Month to date	Year to date	Last year
FTSE/JSE indices					
All-Share Index	49,184.16	0.0%	-2.3%	-13.8%	-17.1%
All-Share Index Total Return	7,583.03	0.0%	-2.3%	-12.4%	-14.0%
Resources Index	24,556.62	-1.6%	-3.7%	-13.3%	-5.8%
Industrials Index	73,793.55	0.4%	-1.3%	-1.7%	-9.2%
Financials Index	25,101.57	1.7%	-2.5%	-36.2%	-42.7%
Top 40 Index	45,210.39	-0.1%	-2.5%	-11.0%	-14.7%
Shareholder Weighted Index	18,226.37	0.3%	-1.9%	-14.1%	-17.6%
Capped Shareholder Weighted Index	18,937.58	0.4%	-2.0%	-17.8%	-20.8%
SA Listed Property Index	1,009.37	-0.3%	-3.1%	-46.2%	-48.0%
SA Volatility Index	30.82	1.7%	1.4%	94.9%	99.5%
Interest-bearing indices					
JSE Assa All Bond Index (Albi)	679.04	2.0%	2.5%	-2.8%	2.5%
SteFI Composite Index	451.01	0.0%	0.1%	2.3%	7.2%
JSE Assa SA Government ILB Index	254.89	1.1%	1.5%	-1.2%	-2.8%
Interest rates					
Prime rate	7.75%			-22.5%	-24.4%
Repo rate	4.25%			-34.6%	-37.0%
Commodities (in US dollars)					
Gold price	1,697.70	-0.3%	-1.1%	11.4%	32.7%
Platinum price	759.75	0.5%	-2.3%	-21.8%	-12.6%
Oil price	30.97	13.9%	17.0%	-53.2%	-56.3%
Global indices (in base currency)					
Dow Jones (US)	23,883.09	0.6%	-1.9%	-16.3%	-9.9%
S&P 500 (US)	2,868.44	0.9%	-1.5%	-11.2%	-2.6%
FTSE (UK)	3,225.90	1.5%	-1.1%	-23.1%	-20.3%
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	23,868.66	1.1%	-3.1%	-15.3%	-20.7%
Shanghai	2,860.08	0.0%	0.0%	-6.2%	-7.1%
Nikkei (Japan)*	19,619.35	0.0%	-2.8%	-17.1%	-11.9%
Cac 40 (France)	4,483.13	2.4%	-1.9%	-25.0%	-19.2%
Dax (Germany)	1,011.58	2.6%	-0.9%	-18.3%	-13.4%
MSCI Emerging*	895.74	0.9%	-3.2%	-19.6%	-17.3%
MSCI Developed*	2,018.12	1.0%	-1.7%	-14.4%	-7.3%
US Volatility Index	33.61	-6.6%	-1.6%	143.9%	161.1%
Exchange rates					
Rand/US dollar	18.52	-0.3%	0.0%	32.3%	29.1%
Rand/euro	20.07	-0.9%	-1.1%	27.9%	25.0%
Rand/pound	23.02	-0.4%	-1.3%	24.1%	21.8%
Dollar/euro	1.08	-0.6%	-1.0%	-3.3%	-3.2%
Inflation indicator					
CPI					4.1%
Group indicator					
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	16.71	-0.7%	-4.5%	-23.5%	-8.4%
*Last available numbers used, as these numl					

Local update

The JSE was a little changed on Tuesday, with its global counterparts mixed as investors remain cautious amid the coronavirus pandemic. Banks and financials stood out, while miners lagged behind.

The SA wine industry, which heaved a sigh of relief after the government made a U-turn on exports, says it is expecting an 8.2% increase in this year's harvest despite the uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The bumper harvest could help the sector maintain its market share overseas, which was threatened by the government decision to halt wine exports. A 1,349,883-tonne, 2020 wine grape crop is expected, according to the latest estimate of the SA Wine Industry Information & Systems. This would be 8.2% larger than the 2019 harvest.

Caxton & CTP Publishers & Printers on Tuesday said it had decided, in principle, to close its magazine division. This affects at least 10 magazines, some of which are household names in SA that have been in circulation for decades. The board said on Tuesday it had begun withdrawing from magazine publishing and associated businesses. The titles affected are Bona, Country Life, Essentials, Food & Home, Garden & Home, People, Rooi Rose, Vrouekeur, Woman & Home and Your Family. Caxton's board said the steady and continuous reduction in advertising spend in the magazine sector as well as the decline in circulation revenues had, over a number of years, significantly reduced the viability of the magazine business.

Comair, a SA aviation icon with a more than seven-decade record of grinding out annual profits, became the second high-profile private company to be floored by the Covid-19 outbreak. Founded shortly after the end of World War 2 to offer chartered flights to some of the remotest places in Africa, Comair entered business rescue — a form of bankruptcy protection that allows a financially distressed company to delay creditors claims against it or its assets — on Tuesday. "We completely understand and support the government's reasons for implementing the lockdown, however as a result we have not been able to operate any flights," CEO Wrenelle Stander said in a statement.

Global update

Moscow — The number of new COVID-19 cases in Russia has risen by 10,102 over the past 24 hours, compared with 10,581 the previous day. This has brought Russia's nationwide tally to 155,370, the country's COVID-19 crisis response centre said on Tuesday. It also reported a total death toll of 1,451.

Sydney — Shares struggled and the yen gained on Wednesday, with markets in China faltering on their return from a long holiday as investors fretted over China-US tension, while oil ended an extended winning streak on oversupply risks amid weak demand.