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07 January 2021	Close price at 1/6/2021	Daily % change	Month to date	Year to date	Last year
FTSE/JSE indices					
All-Share Index	61,857.43	1.5%	4.1%	4.1%	8.2%
All-Share Index Total Return	9,648.85	1.5%	4.1%	4.1%	11.2%
Resources Index	36,551.45	3.9%	10.4%	10.4%	27.1%
Industrials Index	84,719.85	0.3%	2.5%	2.5%	12.5%
Financials Index	29,385.72	0.3%	-3.0%	-3.0%	-23.9%
Top 40 Index	56,877.60	1.6%	4.6%	4.6%	11.5%
Shareholder Weighted Index	22,203.24	0.8%	2.0%	2.0%	4.6%
Capped Shareholder Weighted Index	23,608.79	1.1%	1.8%	1.8%	2.6%
SA Listed Property Index	1,177.90	-1.2%	-4.2%	-4.2%	-36.8%
SA Volatility Index	17.17	-5.5%	-6.9%	-6.9%	7.9%
Interest-bearing indices					
FTSE/JSE All Bond Index (Albi)	759.99	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	8.5%
SteFI Composite Index	464.86	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	5.3%
FTSE/JSE Inflation-Linked Index	268.37	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	4.0%
Interest rates					
Prime rate	7.00%			0.0%	-30.0%
Repo rate	3.50%			0.0%	-46.2%
Commodities (in US dollars)					
Gold price	1,953.41	0.6%	3.1%	3.1%	24.0%
Platinum price	1,103.72	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	12.1%
Oil price	54.30	1.3%	4.8%	4.8%	-20.7%
Global indices (in base currency)					
Dow Jones (US)	30,829.40	1.4%	0.7%	0.7%	7.4%
S&P 500 (US)	3,748.14	0.6%	-0.2%	-0.2%	15.5%
FTSE (UK)	3,861.77	3.0%	5.1%	5.1%	-8.2%
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	27,692.30	0.2%	1.7%	1.7%	-1.9%
Shanghai	3,550.88	0.6%	2.2%	2.2%	15.2%
Nikkei (Japan)*	27,055.94	-0.4%	-1.4%	14.4%	16.6%
Cac 40 (France)	5,630.60	1.2%	1.4%	1.4%	-6.4%
Dax (Germany)	1,313.61	1.3%	1.2%	6.0%	6.7%
MSCI Emerging*	1,315.33	-0.4%	1.9%	1.9%	18.2%
MSCI Developed*	2,699.51	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%	14.2%
US Volatility Index	25.07	-1.1%	10.2%	10.2%	81.0%
Exchange rates					
Rand/US dollar	15.07	-0.7%	-2.5%	-2.5%	-5.7%
Rand/euro	18.58	-0.8%	-3.4%	-3.4%	-14.4%
Rand/pound	20.51	-0.4%	-2.1%	-2.1%	-8.7%
Dollar/euro	1.23	-0.2%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-9.2%
Inflation indicator					
CPI					3.2%
Group indicator					
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	15.93	3.1%	1.1%	1.1%	-26.2%

Local update

The rand remained weaker on Wednesday, trading above R15/\$ for a second day as surging Covid-19 cases and deaths in SA remain a concern. The rand broke above R15/\$ for the first time in three-weeks on Tuesday amid worries and speculation of further lockdown restrictions as the country records record daily Covid-19 cases, while battling with a new variant of the virus.

Discovery Health anticipates that it will cost an upper limit of R7bn for medical schemes to fund Covid-19 vaccines for 7.1-million of their own members as well as to subsidise an equal number of non-members in the public sector. Discovery Health CEO Ryan Noach said in an interview with Business Day on Wednesday that the funding model under consideration would entail medical scheme members paying double the price for the vaccine with the scheme donating 50% of the cost to a funding vehicle, such as the Solidarity Fund. Medical scheme members would receive the vaccine as a prescribed minimum benefit.

Eastern Platinum (Eastplats) delivered its first platinum group metal (PGM) concentrate for sale in December, as the company slowly re-emerges as a player in the sector after a hiatus of more than seven years.

Eastplats, a Vancouver, Canada-based company with mothballed PGM mining assets in SA, has gradually restarted mineral production, extracting chrome from its tailings dumps in 2018 and now PGMs from the same processing circuit.

SA's beer industry body has warned that independent craft breweries are "on the brink of closure" after the government ordered a third ban on alcohol sales to help contain a resurgence in Covid-19 infections. The prohibition, designed in part to ease the burden on hospitals from vehicle accidents and drinking-related violence, was implemented nationwide on December 29, part of a wider set of lockdown measures that include a 9pm curfew. Coronavirus case numbers have been accelerating after the emergence of a new strain late in 2020, while parties and other festive gatherings are known to worsen the spread.

Global undate

Berlin — German biotech firm CureVac has agreed an alliance with drugmaker Bayer to help it seek regulatory approval for its experimental Covid-19 vaccine and distribute doses, the two companies said on Thursday.

Washington — President Donald Trump called on violent protesters who stormed the US Capitol to "stay peaceful" — but didn't explicitly tell them to leave — after earlier urging thousands of his supporters to march on the building to protest congressional certification of his re-election defeat.

^{*}Last available numbers used, as these numbers were not available