momentum investments



07 May 2021	Close price at 5/6/21	Daily % change	Month to date	Year to date	Last year
FTSE/JSE indices					
All-Share Index	67,608.89	0.4%	1.0%	13.8%	35.7%
All-Share Index Total Return	10,694.33	0.4%	1.0%	15.4%	39.2%
Resources Index	40,165.97	-0.4%	2.0%	21.3%	59.1%
Industrials Index	92,045.98	0.6%	0.1%	11.3%	23.1%
Financials Index	32,091.80	1.7%	2.2%	5.9%	29.4%
Top 40 Index	61,705.88	0.3%	1.0%	13.5%	34.3%
Shareholder Weighted Index	24,778.24	0.8%	0.8%	13.8%	34.8%
Capped Shareholder Weighted Index	26,586.20	0.7%	1.0%	14.7%	39.6%
SA Listed Property Index	1,419.66	0.2%	-2.8%	15.5%	41.5%
SA Volatility Index	19.41	2.4%	-11.9%	5.3%	-34.9%
Interest-bearing indices					
FTSE/JSE All Bond Index	773.70	0.4%	1.8%	1.9%	13.8%
SteFI Composite Index	470.47	0.0%	0.1%	1.3%	4.3%
FTSE/JSE Inflation-Linked Index	283.68	0.0%	0.0%	5.8%	10.2%
Interest rates					
Prime rate	7.00%			0.0%	-9.7%
Repo rate	3.50%			0.0%	-17.6%
Commodities (in US dollars)					
Gold price	1,786.88	0.4%	0.8%	-5.7%	4.7%
Platinum price	1,230.01	-0.7%	2.4%	15.0%	60.0%
Oil price	68.09	-1.3%	2.0%	31.4%	129.1%
Global indices (in base currency)					
Dow Jones (US)	34,548.53	0.9%	2.0%	12.9%	46.0%
S&P 500 (US)	4,201.62	0.8%	0.5%	11.9%	47.5%
FTSE (UK)	4,032.10	0.5%	1.2%	9.8%	25.0%
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	28,637.46	0.8%	-0.3%	5.2%	18.6%
Shanghai	3,441.28	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.9%	19.6%
Nikkei (Japan)*	29,331.37	1.8%	1.8%	6.9%	49.5%
Cac 40 (France)	6,357.09	0.3%	1.4%	14.5%	43.4%
Dax (Germany)	1,423.46	-0.2%	-0.2%	9.7%	41.9%
MSCI Emerging*	1,340.80	0.6%	-0.5%	3.8%	49.2%
MSCI Developed*	2,952.03	0.7%	0.5%	9.7%	47.0%
US Volatility Index	18.39	-4.0%	-1.2%	-19.2%	-46.1%
Exchange rates					
Rand/US dollar	14.20	1.2%	2.1%	3.4%	31.9%
Rand/euro	17.13	0.7%	1.7%	4.8%	18.0%
Rand/pound	19.73	1.3%	1.5%	1.8%	17.2%
Dollar/euro	1.21	-0.5%	-0.4%	1.3%	-10.5%
Inflation indicator					
CPI					3.2%
Group indicator					
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	19.46	0.4%	0.6%	23.5%	18.1%

Local update

Retailers and banks led the JSE gains on Thursday, while global markets were mixed as investors weighed up the prospects of economic recovery against the threat of Covid-19 in some countries. The local burse gained for the second day this week, gaining the most in a month on Wednesday as markets rebounded from comments made by US treasury secretary about interest rates.

In a single quarter, Sibanye-Stillwater generated more earnings from its SA platinum group metal (PGM) mines than it paid for those assets in an aggressive race to go top of the world in mine-to-market supplies of those metals. Sibanye made rapid-fire purchases of Aquarius Platinum and the Rustenburg mines owned by Anglo American Platinum before swooping on then-world No 3 platinum miner Lonmin, scooping all these assets up over a five-year period for R13.5bn.

Absa will become the first bank in Africa to extend loans for biomass and other renewable projects under a new sustainable financing programme based on "green loan principles" using money from the World Bank. The deal will see the International Finance Corporation (IFC) — a division of the World Bank focused on the private sector in emerging markets — extending the group a loan of up to \$150m (about R2.1bn) for exclusive use in predefined green projects.

The Saldanha Bay industrial development zone (IDZ) has launched the first phase of a R3.5bn expansion drive, which will be one of the largest projects the government has embarked on in the Western Cape. The IDZ, which is being developed into an offshore and maritime hub, is part of the government's programme to establish special economic zones (SEZs) in each of the nine provinces. The aim of these economic zones is to increase trade, investment and jobs through special incentives, and trade laws that differ from the rest of the country.

*Last available numbers used, as these numbers were not available

Global update

Maplewood/Washington — US support for waiving intellectual property (IP) rights on Covid-19 vaccines could be a tactic to convince drugmakers to back less drastic steps such as sharing technology and expanding joint ventures to quickly boost global production, lawyers said on Thursday.

The coronavirus strain circulating in India has been detected in three African countries, according to the head of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention Africa CDC).

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