momentum investments



11 May 2021	Close price at 5/10/21	Daily % change	Month to date	Year to date	Last year
FTSE/JSE indices					
All-Share Index	68,377.23	-0.2%	2.2%	15.1%	34.1%
All-Share Index Total Return	10,815.86	-0.2%	2.2%	16.7%	37.5%
Resources Index	41,358.99	0.9%	5.1%	25.0%	58.4%
Industrials Index	91,664.54	-1.3%	-0.3%	10.9%	20.6%
Financials Index	32,479.02	0.1%	3.4%	7.2%	27.8%
Top 40 Index	62,389.39	-0.3%	2.1%	14.7%	32.6%
Shareholder Weighted Index	24,938.33	-0.6%	1.4%	14.5%	33.0%
Capped Shareholder Weighted Index	26,864.29	-0.2%	2.1%	15.9%	38.2%
SA Listed Property Index	1,456.43	1.1%	-0.3%	18.4%	41.2%
SA Volatility Index	19.45	2.9%	-11.7%	5.5%	-29.4%
Interest-bearing indices					
FTSE/JSE All Bond Index	778.88	0.3%	2.5%	2.6%	11.4%
SteFI Composite Index	470.66	0.0%	0.1%	1.3%	4.3%
FTSE/JSE Inflation-Linked Index	283.75	0.1%	0.0%	5.9%	10.8%
Interest rates					
Prime rate	7.00%			0.0%	-9.7%
Repo rate	3.50%			0.0%	-17.6%
Commodities (in US dollars)					
Gold price	1,831.32	0.9%	3.3%	-3.3%	6.5%
Platinum price	1,256.50	0.1%	4.6%	17.4%	64.5%
Oil price	68.32	0.1%	2.3%	31.9%	120.6%
Global indices (in base currency)					
Dow Jones (US)	34,742.82	-0.1%	2.6%	13.5%	42.8%
S&P 500 (US)	4,188.43	-1.0%	0.2%	11.5%	43.0%
FTSE (UK)	4,060.80	-0.1%	1.9%	10.5%	24.2%
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	28,595.66	-0.1%	-0.4%	5.0%	18.0%
Shanghai	3,427.99	0.3%	-0.5%	-1.3%	18.4%
Nikkei (Japan)*	29,518.34	0.5%	2.4%	7.6%	46.3%
Cac 40 (France)	6,385.99	0.0%	1.9%	15.0%	40.4%
Dax (Germany)	1,439.98	-0.2%	0.9%	11.0%	39.5%
MSCI Emerging*	1,346.35	-0.2%	-0.1%	4.3%	47.7%
MSCI Developed*	2,961.57	-0.6%	0.8%	10.1%	43.6%
US Volatility Index	19.66	17.8%	5.6%	-13.6%	-29.7%
Exchange rates					
Rand/US dollar	14.05	0.1%	3.2%	4.6%	30.6%
Rand/euro	17.04	0.4%	2.3%	5.3%	16.8%
Rand/pound	19.83	-0.8%	1.0%	1.2%	14.7%
Dollar/euro	1.21	0.3%	-0.9%	0.7%	-10.6%
Inflation indicator		0.070	017.70	0	
CPI					3.2%
Group indicator					2.2.7
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	20.05	-0.8%	3.7%	27.2%	15.4%

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

Global update

Seychelles, which is believed to have vaccinated more of its population against the coronavirus than any other country, said on Monday that active cases of the disease more than doubled in the week to May 7.

Botswana and Zambia have opened the \$260m Kazungula bridge, which may help alleviate congestion at one of Africa's busiest border crossings in neighbouring Zimbabwe.

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Local update

The JSE closed weaker amid mixed global markets as investors digested weak US economic data, while focusing on prospects of continued economic recovery and interest rates remaining low for a longer period. The JSE all share reached a record high in afternoon trade, before pulling back. Miners led the gains in the all share, while technology stocks pulled the index lower, tracking a weaker close in tech-heavy Nasdag.

Pepkor expects its first-half profit to rise by up to 58%, with SA's largest non-grocery retailer saying a strong cash generation enabled it to cut its net debt by half to R6bn, resulting in lower net finance costs. Pepkor sells clothing and general merchandise to lower to middle-income consumers through established brands such as Pep and Ackermans. It also has furniture, appliances and electronics divisions.

AngloGold, which no longer has operating assets in SA, reported gold output of 588,000oz from its international asset base of 10 mines, a 7% fall compare to the same period a year earlier, with most mines reporting lower production. The gold price was 13% higher at \$1,788/oz, which boosted revenue to \$979m compared to \$905m the year before. After-tax profit was \$209m vs \$171m, with lower finance costs feeding into the improved bottom line.

US banking giant JP Morgan expects the rand to extend the gains that pushed it to 16-month highs as the country benefits from surging commodity prices that have boosted the foreign exchange earnings of mining companies. That is sparking more interest in SA assets from foreign investors, who are also awaiting the implementation of structural reforms to boost the economy's competitiveness, it said.