momentum investments





15 October 2020	Close price at 10/14/2020	Daily % change	Month to date	Year to date	Last year
FTSE/JSE indices	10/ 14/ 2020				,
All-Share Index	55,394.23	0.6%	2.1%	-3.0%	0.3%
All-Share Index Total Return	8,621.20	0.6%	2.1%	-0.5%	3.29
Resources Index	31,464.42	1.5%	3.0%	11.1%	24.19
Industrials Index	79,693.83	0.3%	3.2%	6.2%	6.99
Financials Index	24,766.72	-0.4%	-2.8%	-37.1%	-37.79
Top 40 Index	51,041.59	0.6%	2.0%	0.4%	3.99
Shareholder Weighted Index	20,310.96	0.7%	2.5%	-4.3%	-1.49
Capped Shareholder Weighted Index	21,166.27	0.7%	1.8%	-8.2%	-5.29
SA Listed Property Index	972.30	-0.2%	-3.4%	-48.2%	-48.99
SA Volatility Index	24.63	9.2%	-1.2%	55.8%	55.3%
Interest-bearing indices		7.=			
JSE Assa All Bond Index (Albi)	712.50	0.0%	0.2%	2.0%	2.6%
SteFI Composite Index	460.86	0.0%	0.2%	4.5%	6.19
JSE Assa SA Government ILB Index	256.60	0.1%	1.0%	-0.5%	-1.69
Interest rates					
Prime rate	7.00%			-30.0%	-30.09
Repo rate	3.50%			-46.2%	-46.29
Commodities (in US dollars)					
Gold price	1,896.50	-1.1%	0.5%	24.4%	27.39
Platinum price	875.90	0.8%	0.7%	-9.8%	-1.79
Oil price	43.32	2.0%	2.4%	-34.5%	-26.9%
Global indices (in base currency)					
Dow Jones (US)	28,514.00	-0.6%	2.6%	-0.1%	6.49
S&P 500 (US)	3,488.67	-0.7%	3.7%	8.0%	17.69
FTSE (UK)	3,337.64	-0.4%	1.7%	-20.5%	-16.09
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	24,667.09	0.3%	5.1%	-12.5%	-7.09
Shanghai	3,340.78	-0.6%	3.8%	9.5%	11.19
Nikkei (Japan)*	23,626.73	0.1%	1.9%	-0.1%	8.49
Cac 40 (France)	4,941.66	-0.1%	2.9%	-17.3%	-12.49
Dax (Germany)	1,232.55	0.2%	2.5%	-0.5%	6.39
MSCI Emerging*	1,135.56	-0.1%	5.0%	1.9%	11.69
MSCI Developed*	2,453.61	-0.4%	3.6%	4.0%	12.89
US Volatility Index	26.40	1.3%	0.1%	91.6%	81.29
Exchange rates					
Rand/US dollar	16.54	-0.4%	1.3%	-15.3%	-10.49
Rand/euro	19.42	-0.3%	1.1%	-19.2%	-15.89
Rand/pound	21.51	-0.9%	0.6%	-13.7%	-13.29
Dollar/euro	1.17	0.0%	-0.2%	-4.5%	-6.19
Inflation indicator					
CPI					3.19
Group indicator					
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	14.26	-1.1%	-8.0%	-34.7%	-27.79

Local update

The JSE closed firmer on Wednesday, with general retailers little changed, and food and drug retailers losing ground despite the release of improved data for the sector. Statistics SA numbers showed the contraction in retail trade sales for August eased to 4.2% year on year, from July's 8.6%, and better than Bloomberg's expected 6.8%.

Standard Bank Group is planning to scale up some of its operations on the continent and further digitise its systems to fend off fintech firms encroaching on its client base. Companies such as Ant Group's Alipay unit are seeking to tap emerging markets such as Africa and its 1.2-billion people through financial-services offerings. This is complicating the strategies of SA banks that have turned to the rest of the continent for growth, as their home market grapples with a recession, corruption and high joblessness.

If shoppers were to reward a loyalty programme for its excellence, Checkers's Xtra savings promotional card might be the winner. Its card, launched almost a year ago, offers instant discounts in store and, unlike other loyalty programmes, doesn't require endless waiting for accumulated points.

Famous Brands, owner of Steers, has placed Gourmet Burger Kitchen (GBK) into administration, ending its costly and mistimed foray into the crowded UK casual dining market that has cost it more than R2.1bn.
Famous Brands, which also owns the Mugg & Bean and Wimpy chains, said on Wednesday that administrators have been appointed, and that there could be an "insolvency sale" of business and assets.

Global update

Washington — The chances of Congress passing a pre-election stimulus are all but gone, as Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin on Wednesday blamed politics for undermining the months-long negotiations.

Lisbon — Tougher measures will be imposed in Portugal from Thursday to contain record levels of coronavirus cases, including stricter limits on gatherings and heavier penalties for rule-breaking establishments.

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