momentum investments





20 January 2021	Close price at 1/19/2021	Daily % change	Month to date	Year to date	Last year
FTSE/JSE indices					
All-Share Index	63,603.26	-0.2%	7.1%	7.1%	7.8%
All-Share Index Total Return	9,922.67	-0.2%	7.1%	7.1%	10.8%
Resources Index	35,906.69	-1.5%	8.5%	8.5%	23.1%
Industrials Index	90,092.91	0.4%	9.0%	9.0%	13.0%
Financials Index	30,221.79	0.9%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-22.1%
Top 40 Index	58,358.85	-0.3%	7.3%	7.3%	10.7%
Shareholder Weighted Index	23,194.10	0.7%	6.5%	6.5%	6.4%
Capped Shareholder Weighted Index	24,361.92	0.5%	5.1%	5.1%	3.5%
SA Listed Property Index	1,184.37	0.3%	-3.7%	-3.7%	-36.8%
SA Volatility Index	17.64	-0.1%	-4.3%	-4.3%	23.1%
Interest-bearing indices					
FTSE/JSE All Bond Index	759.97	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	8.4%
SteFI Composite Index	465.47	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	5.3%
FTSE/JSE Inflation-Linked Index	271.00	0.0%	1.1%	1.1%	5.0%
Interest rates					
Prime rate	7.00%			0.0%	-28.2%
Repo rate	3.50%			0.0%	-44.0%
Commodities (in US dollars)					
Gold price	1,843.84	0.5%	-2.7%	-2.7%	18.4%
Platinum price	1,098.54	1.8%	2.7%	2.7%	7.5%
Oil price	55.90	2.0%	7.9%	7.9%	-14.1%
Global indices (in base currency)					
Dow Jones (US)	30,930.52	0.4%	1.1%	1.1%	5.4%
S&P 500 (US)	3,798.91	0.8%	1.1%	1.1%	14.1%
FTSE (UK)	3,793.91	-0.1%	3.3%	3.3%	-10.9%
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	29,642.28	2.7%	8.9%	8.9%	2.0%
Shanghai	3,566.38	-0.8%	2.7%	2.7%	16.0%
Nikkei (Japan)*	28,633.46	1.4%	4.3%	21.0%	19.1%
Cac 40 (France)	5,598.61	-0.3%	0.9%	0.9%	-8.2%
Dax (Germany)	1,311.89	0.0%	1.1%	5.9%	4.5%
MSCI Emerging*	1,381.31	1.6%	7.0%	7.0%	20.4%
MSCI Developed*	2,732.48	0.7%	1.6%	1.6%	13.1%
US Volatility Index	23.24	-4.5%	2.2%	2.2%	92.1%
Exchange rates					
Rand/US dollar	14.99	1.1%	-2.0%	-2.0%	-3.4%
Rand/euro	18.18	0.7%	-1.3%	-1.3%	-11.7%
Rand/pound	20.44	0.8%	-1.7%	-1.7%	-7.9%
Dollar/euro	1.21	-0.4%	0.7%	0.7%	-8.6%
Inflation indicator					
CPI					3.2%
Group indicator					
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	16.65	1.4%	5.6%	5.6%	-24.1%

Local update

The rand broke through R15/\$ on Tuesday as risk sentiment improved amid optimism that the incoming administration of US president-elect Joe Biden will move comprehensively to support the US and the world through the Covid-19 pandemic. The rand firmed along with its emerging-market peers, breaking below the psychological barrier against the dollar for the first time in two weeks as global risk sentiment gained traction ahead of Biden's inauguration on Wednesday.

Heineken SA, owner of beer brands Amstel and Windhoek, has become the first major company to cut jobs as a result of SA's third alcohol sales ban, which has stopped trade since late December. Europe's biggest brewer, which is among SA's main investors, said it plans to reduce its domestic workforce by about 7%, or 70 positions out of 1.000.

PSG has embarked on a share buyback programme of as much as 20% of its R13.6bn stock, the latest move by the investment heavyweight that could help tackle its undervaluation. Founded in 1995, PSG has grown rapidly from a small venture capitalist-style investment firm into an investor darling with stakes in fast-growing companies such as private schools operator Curro Holdings, financial services group PSG Konsult and, until 2020, Capitec.

Western Cape premier Alan Winde has called on the government to lift the ban on alcohol sales, soften the curfew, and reopen beaches as the province has passed the peak of its second surge in coronavirus infections. In response to a sharp rise in Covid-19 cases, the government introduced new restrictions on December 28 that prohibited alcohol sales, closed beaches and brought the curfew forward to 9pm.

Global update

Rome — Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte will work to broaden support for his depleted coalition after falling short of an outright majority in a crucial Senate vote. The premier secured the support of 156 senators on Tuesday, less than an outright majority of 161 votes, while 140 rejected him.

London — The UK reported its highest daily death toll since the Covid-19 pandemic began, as data suggested one in eight people in the UK have had the disease.