

21 October 2020

	Close price at 10/20/2020	Daily % change	Month to date	Year to date	Last year
FTSE/JSE indices					
All-Share Index	55,271.75	0.2%	1.9%	-3.2%	-0.8%
All-Share Index Total Return	8,602.14	0.2%	1.9%	-0.7%	2.0%
Resources Index	30,979.56	-0.6%	1.4%	9.4%	22.0%
Industrials Index	79,786.03	1.0%	3.3%	6.3%	5.6%
Financials Index	25,213.17	-0.4%	-1.0%	-35.9%	-37.2%
Top 40 Index	50,851.62	0.2%	1.6%	0.1%	2.7%
Shareholder Weighted Index	20,311.85	0.2%	2.5%	-4.3%	-2.5%
Capped Shareholder Weighted Index	21,193.06	0.1%	1.9%	-8.1%	-6.1%
SA Listed Property Index	974.04	-1.1%	-3.2%	-48.1%	-48.7%
SA Volatility Index	22.93	-5.1%	-8.0%	45.0%	41.6%
Interest-bearing indices					
JSE Assa All Bond Index (Albi)	717.21	-0.1%	0.8%	2.7%	3.4%
SteFI Composite Index	461.16	0.0%	0.2%	4.6%	6.1%
JSE Assa SA Government ILB Index	257.42	0.1%	1.3%	-0.2%	-1.4%
Interest rates					
Prime rate	7.00%			-30.0%	-30.0%
Repo rate	3.50%			-46.2%	-46.2%
Commodities (in US dollars)					
Gold price	1,900.64	-0.5%	0.7%	24.7%	27.5%
Platinum price	855.55	-1.7%	-1.6%	-11.9%	-3.8%
Oil price	43.16	1.3%	2.0%	-34.8%	-27.2%
Global indices (in base currency)					
Dow Jones (US)	28,308.79	0.4%	1.9%	-0.8%	5.7%
S&P 500 (US)	3,443.12	0.5%	2.4%	6.6%	15.3%
FTSE (UK)	3,315.73	0.1%	1.0%	-21.0%	-16.2%
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	24,569.54	0.1%	4.7%	-12.8%	-8.0%
Shanghai	3,328.10	0.5%	3.4%	9.1%	13.3%
Nikkei (Japan)*	23,567.04	-0.4%	1.6%	-0.4%	4.8%
Cac 40 (France)	4,929.28	0.0%	2.6%	-17.5%	-12.5%
Dax (Germany)	1,206.33	-0.9%	0.3%	-2.6%	2.6%
MSCI Emerging*	1,133.94	0.6%	4.8%	1.7%	10.7%
MSCI Developed*	2,422.71	0.2%	2.3%	2.7%	10.4%
US Volatility Index	29.35	0.6%	11.3%	113.0%	106.0%
Exchange rates					
Rand/US dollar	16.48	0.2%	1.7%	-15.1%	-10.4%
Rand/euro	19.49	-0.2%	0.8%	-19.5%	-15.3%
Rand/pound	21.34	0.2%	1.4%	-13.0%	-10.4%
Dollar/euro	1.18	-0.4%	-0.9%	-5.2%	-5.5%
Inflation indicator					
CPI					3.1%
Group indicator					
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	14.20	0.2%	-8.4%	-35.0%	-27.2%

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

Global update

London — If Donald Trump is forced from the White House in the November election, he will not be the only loser. Though many governments are likely to celebrate the end of the most unconventional and at times chaotic US presidency of modern times, others will have reason to miss it.

Washington — The US justice department and 11 states filed an anti-trust lawsuit against Alphabet's Google on Tuesday for allegedly breaking the law in using its market power to fend off rivals.

Local update

The rand and the JSE recorded their third day of gains on Tuesday as optimism that the US will introduce more fiscal stimulus to mitigate the effects of Covid-19 lifted sentiment. At 5.33pm, the rand had firmed 0.28% to R16.4686/\$ and 0.10% to R21.3391/£, while it had weakened 0.23% to R19.4718/€. The euro had added 0.5% to \$1.182.

Brian Joffe's investment group Long4Life, which owns beauty chain Sorbet and Chill Beverages, said focus on its cash flow had helped to ensure a marginal half-year profit even as Covid-19 disrupted trading. The group reported profit of R7.56m in its six months to end-August, from profit of R131.3m previously, while revenue fell almost a quarter to R1.42bn. Long4Life holds a portfolio of assets in the leisure and lifestyle sectors and is currently structured into three operating divisions: sport and recreation; beverages; and personal care and wellness.

Woolworths, the upper-market food group, is committing R1bn over the next two to three years so it can bring down the prices of its premium products. The move puts Woolworths in direct competition with companies such as Shoprite and Pick n Pay for the wallets of lower-income earners.

Plans by the government to privatise parts of the embattled Passenger Rail Agency of SA (Prasa) have been roundly criticised by stakeholders, with analysts saying it will lead to a spike in train fares and more job losses. President Cyril Ramaphosa announced in parliament on Thursday, when he was tabling his economic recovery plan, that the government would promote "greater private sector participation in rail, including through granting third-party access to the core rail network and the revitalisation of branch lines".