

25 March 2021

	Close price at 3/24/21	Daily % change	Month to date	Year to date	Last year
FTSE/JSE indices					
All-Share Index	65,257.09	-0.1%	-1.3%	9.8%	58.6%
All-Share Index Total Return	10,283.12	0.0%	-0.4%	11.0%	63.5%
Resources Index	37,074.96	0.0%	-4.5%	12.0%	96.0%
Industrials Index	92,143.98	-0.7%	0.6%	11.5%	44.6%
Financials Index	30,366.93	-1.5%	-1.7%	0.2%	38.1%
Top 40 Index	59,768.81	0.0%	-1.6%	9.9%	59.2%
Shareholder Weighted Index	24,125.56	-0.2%	0.9%	10.8%	61.2%
Capped Shareholder Weighted Index	25,509.62	0.0%	1.3%	10.0%	63.8%
SA Listed Property Index	1,277.77	0.5%	-1.1%	3.9%	48.9%
SA Volatility Index	28.59	-2.7%	64.3%	55.0%	-37.8%
Interest-bearing indices					
FTSE/JSE All Bond Index	745.72	-0.4%	-2.5%	-1.7%	27.6%
StoFI Composite Index	468.45	0.0%	0.2%	0.8%	4.6%
FTSE/JSE Inflation-Linked Index	280.77	0.7%	0.7%	4.7%	29.5%
Interest rates					
Prime rate	7.00%			0.0%	-20.0%
Repo rate	3.50%			0.0%	-33.3%
Commodities (in US dollars)					
Gold price	1,726.88	-0.7%	-2.4%	-8.8%	9.9%
Platinum price	1,168.00	-1.6%	-4.2%	9.2%	76.1%
Oil price	64.41	6.0%	0.0%	24.3%	137.2%
Global indices (in base currency)					
Dow Jones (US)	32,420.06	0.0%	4.8%	5.9%	56.6%
S&P 500 (US)	3,889.14	-0.5%	2.0%	3.5%	58.9%
FTSE (UK)	3,826.52	0.2%	3.4%	4.2%	28.9%
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	27,918.14	-2.0%	-3.7%	2.5%	23.2%
Shanghai	3,367.06	-1.3%	-4.0%	-3.1%	23.7%
Nikkei (Japan)*	28,405.52	-2.0%	-1.9%	3.5%	57.0%
Cac 40 (France)	5,947.29	0.0%	4.3%	7.1%	40.2%
Dax (Germany)	1,374.99	-0.5%	4.6%	5.9%	52.4%
MSCI Emerging*	1,298.44	-1.9%	-3.0%	0.6%	62.0%
MSCI Developed*	2,767.26	-0.7%	1.5%	2.9%	58.8%
US Volatility Index	21.20	4.4%	-24.2%	-6.8%	-65.6%
Exchange rates					
Rand/US dollar	14.98	-0.6%	1.0%	-1.9%	16.9%
Rand/euro	17.69	-0.3%	3.2%	1.4%	6.8%
Rand/pound	20.50	-0.2%	2.8%	-2.0%	0.6%
Dollar/euro	1.18	0.3%	2.2%	3.4%	-8.7%
Inflation indicator					
CPI					2.9%
Group indicator					
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	17.18	-2.6%	2.9%	9.0%	10.8%

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

Global update

London — Capitalism and greed gave Britain its success in vaccinating its population, Prime Minister Boris Johnson told MPs in a closed meeting, a remark that could rile up Brussels at a time when Britain faces an EU threat to block vaccine imports.

Berlin — Chancellor Angela Merkel reversed a plan agreed on Tuesday for a stricter extended Easter holiday to try to break a third wave of the coronavirus pandemic, apologising to lockdown-weary Germans after the hastily conceived plan triggered a backlash.

Local update

The JSE tracked mostly weaker global markets as investors remain cautious amid fresh Covid-19 lockdown restrictions in Europe, while local focus turns to Thursday's Reserve Bank interest-rate decision. The JSE all share fell for a third day on Wednesday, reaching its lowest level since early February.

Remgro, the listed investment holding company chaired by Johann Rupert, says SA's second wave of Covid-19 hit harder than expected, with group profits more than halving amid pressure on investees FirstRand and Mediclinic. Remgro described Covid-19's effect on SA in the second half of 2020 as "devastating", with the second wave characterised by a new variant of the coronavirus with higher infection rates and greater severity of symptoms.

Lesotho's anticorruption police raided a Netcare-managed hospital in the mountain kingdom as tension rose after the government moved to terminate a multimillion-rand contract with the SA company. Netcare, which runs Lesotho biggest referral hospital under a private-public partnership model, has been at loggerheads with its client over the contract since sacking hundreds of workers who were on a wildcat strike for six weeks for higher pay.

Anglo American Platinum (Amplats) sees a small window of just a few years to take advantage of high platinum group metal (PGM) prices to advance its new projects and to prepare its mines for a downswing, says CEO Natascha Viljoen. The world's second-biggest source of mine-to-market PGMs is studying a big project at its opencast Mogalakwena mine — which analysts describe as the world's most profitable PGM mine — in Limpopo and it has a potential second project at its aged Mototolo mine to begin extracting PGMs in unexploited ground next door.