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	Close price at 3/25/21	Daily % change	Month to date	Year to date	Last year
FTSE/JSE indices					
All-Share Index	64,783.62	-0.7%	-2.0%	9.0%	49.7%
All-Share Index Total Return	10,208.51	-0.7%	-1.1%	10.2%	54.1%
Resources Index	37,021.93	-0.9%	-4.6%	11.8%	81.7%
Industrials Index	91,544.50	-0.7%	-0.1%	10.7%	39.1%
Financials Index	30,194.73	-0.6%	-2.3%	-0.4%	29.0%
Top 40 Index	59,278.89	-0.8%	-2.4%	9.0%	50.1%
Shareholder Weighted Index	24,020.97	-0.4%	0.5%	10.3%	51.9%
Capped Shareholder Weighted Index	25,416.37	-0.4%	1.0%	9.6%	54.3%
SA Listed Property Index	1,271.90	-0.5%	-1.6%	3.4%	32.8%
SA Volatility Index	24.17	-15.5%	38.9%	31.1%	-46.3%
Interest-bearing indices					
FTSE/JSE All Bond Index	742.03	-0.5%	-3.0%	-2.2%	21.4%
StEfi Composite Index	468.49	0.0%	0.2%	0.8%	4.6%
FTSE/JSE Inflation-Linked Index	281.77	0.4%	1.0%	5.1%	27.1%
Interest rates					
Prime rate	7.00%			0.0%	-20.0%
Repo rate	3.50%			0.0%	-33.3%
Commodities (in US dollars)					
Gold price	1,734.61	0.4%	-2.0%	-8.4%	8.5%
Platinum price	1,172.12	0.4%	-3.9%	9.6%	63.2%
Oil price	61.95	-3.8%	-3.8%	19.6%	126.2%
Global indices (in base currency)					
Dow Jones (US)	32,619.48	0.6%	5.5%	6.6%	53.9%
S&P 500 (US)	3,909.52	0.5%	2.6%	4.1%	57.9%
FTSE (UK)	3,804.75	-0.6%	2.8%	3.6%	22.6%
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	27,899.61	-0.1%	-3.7%	2.5%	18.6%
Shanghai	3,363.59	-0.1%	-4.1%	-3.2%	20.9%
Nikkei (Japan)*	28,729.88	1.1%	-0.8%	4.7%	47.0%
Cac 40 (France)	5,952.41	0.1%	4.4%	7.2%	34.3%
Dax (Germany)	1,372.62	-0.2%	4.4%	5.8%	49.2%
MSCI Emerging*	1,288.42	-0.8%	-3.8%	-0.2%	54.0%
MSCI Developed*	2,775.06	0.3%	1.8%	3.2%	55.4%
US Volatility Index	19.81	-6.6%	-29.1%	-12.9%	-69.0%
Exchange rates					
Rand/US dollar	15.02	-0.3%	0.7%	-2.2%	15.4%
Rand/euro	17.67	0.2%	3.3%	1.6%	6.8%
Rand/pound	20.62	-0.6%	2.2%	-2.6%	-0.1%
Dollar/euro	1.18	0.4%	2.6%	3.8%	-7.5%
Inflation indicator					
CPI					2.9%
Group indicator					
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	17.24	0.3%	3.2%	9.4%	5.8%

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

Global update

Sydney — Iron ore billionaire Andrew Forrest is taking on Tesla CEO Elon Musk in his quest to promote green hydrogen as a game changer in the clean-energy transition.

Hong Kong/Singapore — The blockage of the Suez Canal by a giant container vessel is likely to send ripples of disruption through the global energy supply chain. European and US refiners that rely on the vital waterway for cargoes of Middle Eastern oil may be forced to look for replacement supplies should the blockage persist, potentially boosting prices of alternative grades.

Local update

General retailers pulled the JSE lower on the possibility that interest rates could rise as soon as the second quarter. The Reserve Bank's monetary policy committee (MPC) kept the repo rate at 3.5% on Thursday, in a unanimous decision. The move was in line with a median forecast of 16 economists in a Bloomberg survey.

The SA Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union (Saccawu) is threatening to embark on industrial action at struggling retail giant Massmart over potential retrenchment that could result in more than 100 workers losing their jobs. Massmart, owned by the world's largest grocer, Walmart, is grappling with a R6bn sales hit from the global Covid-19 pandemic. It announced a turnaround plan in January 2020 as well as the potential closure of 34 DionWired and Masscash stores, in a bid to stay afloat and save much-needed jobs.

Wine industry body Vinpro, which is arguing that Western Cape provincial authorities should have the power to make alcohol legislation during the state of disaster, will have its day in the high court in Cape Town on April 28 and 29. The organisation has taken President Cyril Ramaphosa, minister of co-operative governance Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma and Western Cape premier Alan Winde to court, arguing that provincial authorities are best placed to decide on when and if alcohol restrictions are needed.

An SAA aircraft that flew from Johannesburg to Brussels in February came close to experiencing an extremely dangerous event on take-off, but that was averted by "appropriate corrective action" by the crew, the airline said in a statement on Wednesday. The SA Civil Aviation Authority (Saca) said on Monday that it is investigating "an alpha floor protection event" that occurred on the SAA Airbus A340-600 that flew to Brussels on February 24 to collect the country's second batch of Covid-19 vaccines.