

29 October 2020

	Close price at 10/28/2020	Daily % change	Month to date	Year to date	Last year
FTSE/JSE indices					
All-Share Index	52,308.14	-3.3%	-3.6%	-8.4%	-6.2%
All-Share Index Total Return	8,141.42	-3.3%	-3.6%	-6.0%	-3.5%
Resources Index	27,743.56	-4.5%	-9.2%	-2.0%	6.2%
Industrials Index	77,073.49	-2.0%	-0.2%	2.7%	4.2%
Financials Index	25,263.68	-4.3%	-0.8%	-35.8%	-37.6%
Top 40 Index	47,930.58	-3.3%	-4.2%	-5.7%	-3.2%
Shareholder Weighted Index	19,523.86	-3.2%	-1.5%	-8.0%	-5.6%
Capped Shareholder Weighted Index	20,321.48	-3.7%	-2.3%	-11.8%	-10.2%
SA Listed Property Index	947.72	-3.7%	-5.8%	-49.5%	-50.1%
SA Volatility Index	24.60	5.7%	-1.3%	55.6%	52.8%
Interest-bearing indices					
JSE Assa All Bond Index (Albi)	719.56	-0.3%	1.2%	3.0%	2.9%
Stefi Composite Index	461.55	0.0%	0.3%	4.7%	6.0%
JSE Assa SA Government ILB Index	257.12	0.0%	1.2%	-0.3%	-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	1,906.51	0.1%	1.0%	25.1%	26.6%
Platinum price	885.58	0.7%	1.8%	-8.8%	-3.8%
Oil price	39.12	-5.0%	-7.5%	-40.9%	-36.5%
Global indices (in base currency)					
Dow Jones (US)	26,519.95	-3.4%	-4.5%	-7.1%	-2.1%
S&P 500 (US)	3,271.03	-3.5%	-2.7%	1.2%	7.6%
FTSE (UK)	3,155.25	-3.5%	-3.9%	-24.8%	-21.8%
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	24,708.80	-0.3%	5.3%	-12.3%	-8.1%
Shanghai	3,269.24	0.5%	1.6%	7.2%	9.7%
Nikkei (Japan)*	23,418.51	-0.3%	1.0%	-1.0%	2.4%
Cac 40 (France)	4,571.12	-3.4%	-4.8%	-23.5%	-20.2%
Dax (Germany)	1,091.17	-3.9%	-9.3%	-11.9%	-9.3%
MSCI Emerging*	1,120.75	-1.2%	3.6%	0.5%	7.5%
MSCI Developed*	2,306.65	-3.1%	-2.6%	-2.2%	3.4%
US Volatility Index	40.28	20.8%	52.7%	192.3%	207.2%
Exchange rates					
Rand/US dollar	16.39	-1.2%	2.2%	-14.6%	-11.2%
Rand/euro	19.26	-0.8%	2.0%	-18.5%	-16.1%
Rand/pound	21.29	-0.7%	1.7%	-12.8%	-12.0%
Dollar/euro	1.17	0.4%	-0.2%	-4.5%	-5.5%
Inflation indicator					
CPI					3.0%
Group indicator					
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	13.70	-7.6%	-11.6%	-37.3%	-31.2%

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

Global update

Tel Aviv — Benjamin Netanyahu's reluctance to crack down on surging coronavirus numbers sent Israel's outbreak spinning out of control. Now he is doing a U-turn, clamping down hard as the prospect of early-2021 elections lurks.

Berlin/Paris — French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel ordered their countries back into lockdown on Wednesday, as a huge second wave of coronavirus infections threatened to overwhelm Europe before the winter.

Local update

The JSE fell the most since March 27, the first day of SA's hard lockdown, on Wednesday, falling for a third day as rising Covid-19 cases and tighter lockdowns in some countries sparked renewed fears about the global economic recovery.

MTN Ghana has reported that profits jumped more than 50% during its nine-months to end-September, as the Covid-19 pandemic boosted demand for digital services. The pandemic has led to shifts in consumer behaviour with the dependency on, and usage of, digital options increasing significantly, the group said. This put pressure on network infrastructure, however, with the business moving to roll out additional sites to improve coverage.

Standard Bank Group, the continent's largest bank by assets, said on Wednesday that it has undertaken a restructuring that has led to the creation of new divisions in a move designed to more adequately prepare it to pursue its strategy of becoming "future ready". In probably the biggest change, the group has reorganised itself by pulling elements from its two key consumer-facing divisions, personal and business banking, and corporate and investment banking, to create three new divisions.

The fourth industrial revolution (4IR) is here to stay as digital technology increasingly influences our daily lives. Prof Amanda Dempsey is senior director at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) School of Accounting, which has fully embraced this wave of development. The school is implementing pioneering digital teaching techniques to better prepare accounting graduates for a career in the 21st century. A full suite of academic programmes, from a diploma to a PhD, is now being offered at the school.

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