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30 April 2021	Close price at 4/29/21	Daily % change	Month to date	Year to date	Last year
FTSE/JSE indices					
All-Share Index	67,392.73	-0.5%	1.4%	13.4%	32.5%
All-Share Index Total Return	10,657.95	-0.5%	1.7%	15.0%	35.9%
Resources Index	39,695.58	-1.0%	3.6%	19.9%	52.6%
Industrials Index	92,110.46	-0.8%	-1.1%	11.4%	22.2%
Financials Index	32,033.07	1.6%	2.5%	5.7%	24.6%
Top 40 Index	61,508.38	-0.5%	1.0%	13.1%	31.3%
Shareholder Weighted Index	24,842.97	-0.5%	0.7%	14.1%	32.9%
Capped Shareholder Weighted Index	26,614.59	-0.4%	1.9%	14.8%	36.8%
SA Listed Property Index	1,469.02	-0.5%	12.3%	19.5%	43.2%
SA Volatility Index	22.24	3.1%	0.1%	20.6%	-26.9%
Interest-bearing indices					
FTSE/JSE All Bond Index	762.14	-0.3%	2.2%	0.4%	15.9%
SteFI Composite Index	470.14	0.0%	0.3%	1.2%	4.3%
FTSE/JSE Inflation-Linked Index	283.41	-0.1%	1.0%	5.7%	13.4%
Interest rates					
Prime rate	7.00%			0.0%	-9.7%
Repo rate	3.50%			0.0%	-17.6%
Commodities (in US dollars)					
Gold price	1,781.68	0.3%	5.7%	-5.9%	4.5%
Platinum price	1,222.26	-0.8%	5.6%	14.2%	57.4%
Oil price	68.56	1.9%	9.3%	32.4%	204.2%
Global indices (in base currency)					
Dow Jones (US)	34,060.36	0.7%	3.3%	11.3%	38.3%
S&P 500 (US)	4,211.47	0.7%	6.0%	12.1%	43.3%
FTSE (UK)	3,977.04	-0.1%	3.8%	8.3%	18.0%
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	29,303.26	0.8%	3.3%	7.6%	18.9%
Shanghai	3,474.90	0.5%	1.0%	0.1%	23.1%
Nikkei (Japan)*	29,053.97	0.0%	-0.4%	5.9%	47.0%
Cac 40 (France)	6,302.57	-0.1%	3.9%	13.5%	34.9%
Dax (Germany)	1,429.37	-0.9%	1.7%	10.1%	37.3%
MSCI Emerging*	1,364.54	0.0%	3.7%	5.7%	48.4%
MSCI Developed*	2,963.31	0.4%	5.4%	10.2%	43.1%
US Volatility Index	17.61	1.9%	-9.2%	-22.6%	-43.6%
Exchange rates					
Rand/US dollar	14.31	-0.5%	3.3%	2.7%	26.7%
Rand/euro	17.34	-0.5%	0.0%	3.5%	13.7%
Rand/pound	19.94	-0.5%	2.1%	0.7%	13.4%
Dollar/euro	1.21	0.0%	-3.2%	0.8%	-10.3%
Inflation indicator					
CPI					3.2%
Group indicator					
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	19.41	2.1%	11.5%	23.2%	11.4%

Local update

After being positive for most of the day, the JSE turned lower in late trade to break a three-day winning streak on Thursday, with miners faring worst, while banks and financials extended their run to four days. The JSE all share fell 0.51% to 67,392 points and the top 40 0.53%. Banks rose 2.39% and financials 1.57%. Precious metals lost 1.25%, resources 0.99% and industrials 0.79%.

A local aviation industry body, which represents all major carriers in SA and the region, including SAA and Mango, has called on the government to provide urgent financial relief to the sector as airlines battle to stay afloat due to muted demand for travel. "While cash would be nice, the fiscal crunch many of the region's economies face is not lost on us, but governments have other levers at their disposal to assist the sector, such as exemptions on levies and statutory charges, deferring taxes, reducing airlines' administrative burden, and streamlining bureaucracy," Chris Zweigenthal, CEO of the Airlines Association of Southern Africa, said on Thursday.

Brian Gilbertson, chair and co-founder of the Pallinghurst Group, has retired from the company he helped start in 2006 as a metals and natural resources investment firm, which has since expanded into the battery materials industry. Gilbertson founded Pallinghurst together with Arne H Frandsen and Andrew Willis, after a distinguished career in the mining industry that saw him lead an array of companies including BHP Billiton. Other mining companies in which he held senior positions include Gencor and Vedanta, founded by Indian billionaire Anil Agarwal.

Chemicals and energy group Sasol says it has seen a strong recovery in demand for liquid fuels and gas after the easing of Covid-19 restrictions in SA, mostly keeping its full-year guidance unchanged as it eyes an improved financial performance. The group said on Thursday demand for diesel in SA is at pre-Covid-19 levels, while petrol is between 90% and 95% of pre-pandemic levels, as economic activity picked up in the wake of easing lockdown restrictions.

Global update

Istanbul — The Turkish government's decision to ban alcohol sales during a 17-day Covid-19 lockdown that started on Thursday has angered some secular Turks who see it as President Tayyip Erdogan's latest imposition of a religious lifestyle on all of society.

Washington — US President Joe Biden took the riskiest step of his presidency with a call for higher taxes on the wealthy to fund a massive investment in the nation's social safety net, betting he could sell the American public on sweeping change following a pandemic that exacerbated economic and social divides.

^{*}Last available numbers used, as these numbers were not available