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	Close price at 4/15/21	Daily % change	Month to date	Year to date	Last year
FTSE/JSE indices					
All-Share Index	67,823.09	0.0%	2.0%	14.2%	40.4%
All-Share Index Total Return	10,721.23	0.0%	2.3%	15.7%	44.2%
Resources Index	39,545.57	-0.3%	3.2%	19.5%	65.8%
Industrials Index	94,547.22	-0.2%	1.5%	14.4%	30.6%
Financials Index	31,489.34	1.4%	0.8%	3.9%	25.0%
Top 40 Index	62,080.02	0.0%	2.0%	14.2%	40.4%
Shareholder Weighted Index	25,105.39	0.2%	1.8%	15.3%	41.0%
Capped Shareholder Weighted Index	26,642.34	0.3%	2.0%	14.9%	42.8%
SA Listed Property Index	1,368.09	0.4%	4.6%	11.3%	18.5%
SA Volatility Index	20.68	-0.7%	-6.9%	12.1%	-38.1%
Interest-bearing indices					
FTSE/JSE All Bond Index	771.43	0.6%	3.4%	1.6%	17.9%
SteFI Composite Index	469.48	0.0%	0.2%	1.1%	4.4%
FTSE/JSE Inflation-Linked Index	285.93	0.4%	1.9%	6.7%	10.9%
Interest rates					
Prime rate	7.00%			0.0%	-9.7%
Repo rate	3.50%			0.0%	-17.6%
Commodities (in US dollars)					
Gold price	1,736.13	-0.5%	3.0%	-8.3%	1.5%
Platinum price	1,173.93	1.2%	1.4%	9.7%	52.1%
Oil price	66.94	0.5%	6.7%	29.2%	141.7%
Global indices (in base currency)					
Dow Jones (US)	34,035.99	0.9%	3.2%	11.2%	44.8%
S&P 500 (US)	4,170.42	1.1%	5.0%	11.0%	49.8%
FTSE (UK)	3,988.72	0.6%	4.1%	8.6%	29.2%
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	28,793.14	-0.4%	1.5%	5.7%	19.2%
Shanghai	3,398.99	-0.5%	-1.2%	-2.1%	20.9%
Nikkei (Japan)*	29,642.69	0.1%	1.6%	8.0%	51.6%
Cac 40 (France)	6,234.14	0.4%	2.8%	12.3%	43.2%
Dax (Germany)	1,434.79	0.4%	2.1%	10.6%	49.0%
MSCI Emerging*	1,341.09	0.3%	1.9%	3.9%	51.0%
MSCI Developed*	2,941.75	1.0%	4.6%	9.4%	50.1%
US Volatility Index	16.57	-2.5%	-14.6%	-27.2%	-59.4%
Exchange rates					
Rand/US dollar	14.17	1.6%	4.3%	3.7%	31.9%
Rand/euro	16.95	1.7%	2.3%	5.9%	20.4%
Rand/pound	19.52	1.6%	4.3%	2.9%	20.0%
Dollar/euro	1.20	0.1%	-2.0%	2.1%	-8.8%
Inflation indicator					
CPI					2.9%
Group indicator					
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	18.81	0.3%	8.0%	19.4%	11.2%

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

Global update

New Delhi — Many Indian hospitals were struggling to find more beds and oxygen as Covid-19 infections surged to a new daily record on Thursday, with a second wave of infections centred on the wealthy western state of Maharashtra forcing new restrictions.

Many Africans who have received their first Covid-19 vaccine do not know when they will get a second shot because deliveries are delayed, the continent's top public health official said on Thursday.

Local update

Banks gained the most on the JSE on Thursday, with the local bourse closing at its highest level since March 12 as investors digested both upbeat and cautious comments by US Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell. Banks received a boost from the rand, which reached its best level to the dollar since January 2020. Absa led the gains, rising the most in just over two weeks, up 3.71% to R127.56. FirstRand added 2.33% to R52.30, Nedbank 2.18% to R147.25, Capitec 2% to R1,400 and Standard Bank 2.47% to R122.81.

Private hospital operator Mediclinic has cut back on its recovery expectations as SA and Europe face a threat of a third wave of Covid-19, though it is still confident it will see operating profit growth in its 2022 year. Mediclinic — which is listed on the London Stock Exchange and the JSE, and operates hospitals in Southern Africa, Switzerland and the Middle East — had previously expected to return to pre-pandemic trading levels in its 2022 financial year, though is a little more cautious.

A new study by global payments processor MasterCard shows signs of a growing e-commerce sector in SA, with rising online retail sales as a result of the pandemic and its subsequent lockdowns. Online retail, a part of the broader e-commerce trend, has been on the rise globally for the past decade. That said, in SA, where the retail culture has traditionally been characterised by high foot traffic at shopping centres and malls, as well as informal and township economies, online retail made up less than 2% of total retail sales before Covid-19 affected our way of life in 2020.

Bathroomware company Italtile, which owns CTM and U-Light, says it continues to benefit from increased pandemic-induced demand for home improvement, expecting a more than two-thirds rise in profit in its financial year should conditions persist. More time at home, less spending on travel and entertainment, as well as low interest rates have all been cited as factors behind strong sales growth for Italtile, which earned almost as much headline profit in its half-year to end-December than in the preceding full financial year.