

South Africa

Selected Corporate Releases

SANTAM LIMITED – Operational update

Santam has made adjustments to its reporting practices to align with evolving stakeholder needs. Instead of providing trading results for the four months to April and ten months to October, they will now cover the three months ending on March 31 and nine months ending on September 30, respectively. The adoption of the IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts standard from January 1, 2023, will result in restated comparatives for the 2022 financial period, although the impact on reported results is not considered significant. During the period, Santam faced challenging operating conditions influenced by factors such as electricity supply disruptions, which impacted economic growth, elevated inflation affecting personal disposable income, and higher interest rates. Additionally, the insurance market in South Africa remained highly competitive. Underwriting conditions were characterized by adverse claims experience, particularly from inclement weather conditions and ongoing power surge claims affecting property-related business. Despite these challenges, Santam's Client Solutions and Broker Solutions businesses achieved positive growth in gross written premiums, driven by both intermediated and direct channels. Actions taken to address high claims inflation and frequency are producing favorable outcomes during policy renewals, with the full impact expected to be realized by the latter part of 2023. The Santam Specialist Solutions business experienced strong growth in gross written premiums, primarily driven by liability, marine, aviation, and travel segments. However, MiWay faced subdued gross written premium growth due to market pressures and intense competition. Nevertheless, progress is being made with the implementation of strategic growth initiatives that are expected to accelerate growth in the future. Santam Re reported steady growth in gross written premiums, benefiting from an overall increase in reinsurance rates worldwide. However, the cancellation of loss-making business tempered this growth. Santam received approval from the Competition Tribunal to acquire the MTN device insurance book in South Africa, as part of its strategic alliance with MTN through aYo Holdings Limited. This transaction is expected to contribute to underwriting profit and align with Santam's capital requirements. In terms of capital cover, the Group's economic capital position remained within the target band of 145% to 165% following the final dividend payment in March 2023. Santam implemented a new operating model from January 2023 to ensure the optimal execution of its FutureFit strategy in the current and medium-term environment. This model emphasizes adapting to evolving client needs, behaviors, and technologies, leveraging data and a focused multi-channel approach, ecosystem adjacencies, and strategic partnerships. Santam continues to pursue its international strategy, leveraging its expertise in specialist and reinsurance businesses. The operating conditions are expected to remain challenging, exacerbated by increased loadshedding. However, the company's strong foundation, refreshed strategy, and new operating model will enable them to confront these challenges and deliver superior results.

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Market Summary

Selected Local Items

At the close of trading, the Johannesburg Stock Exchange experienced a decline, with both the Top-40 index, consisting of blue-chip stocks, and the All-Share index closing approximately 0.4% lower. This downward trend coincided with the release of Statistics South Africa's latest unemployment data for the January-March period, revealing a rise in unemployment to 32.9% compared to the previous quarter's 32.7%. Additionally, Eskom, the struggling state power utility, is currently implementing record-breaking rolling blackouts, resulting in businesses and households enduring up to 10 hours of power outages per day. These blackouts are significantly impacting the economy, with JP Morgan predicting a contraction of 0.2% in South African economic output this year as a direct consequence.

Local Indicators

Selected Items	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
All Share	77973.02	-0.37	-1.14	6.74
Top 40	72652.62	-0.36	-0.66	8.51
Financial 15	14884.78	-0.06	-6.75	-4.13
Industrial 25	108084.92	-0.09	2.00	19.68
Resource 10	68819.72	-1.12	-1.98	-2.80
Property (J253) - TR	1616.98	0.10	-5.07	-4.44
10-YEAR	10.74	0.19	8.16	5.60
ALBI	870.45	0.04	-1.56	0.82
StEfi	521.19	0.02	0.66	2.73

Sources : JSE, Moneyweb, CNBC, BBC, CNN

Local Corporate Releases

Company	Code	Release	Date
Afrimat	AFT	Final	18 May '23
Investec plc	INP	Final	18 May '23
Santova	SNV	Final	18 May '23
Globe Trade Centre S.A.	GTC	Quarterly	19 May '23
Dis-Chem Pharmacies	DCP	Final	19 May '23

52-Week Highs (or close to it)

Company	Code	Close	1d%	High	% from High
Massmart	MSM	91	0.34	92	-1.02
Reinet	RNI	41900	0.24	42454	-1.30
MediClinic Int'l	MEI	11850	1.44	12033	-1.52
Bytes Technology	BYI	10141	2.46	10380	-2.30
Distell	DGH	18050	0.00	18496	-2.41

52-Week Lows (or close to it)

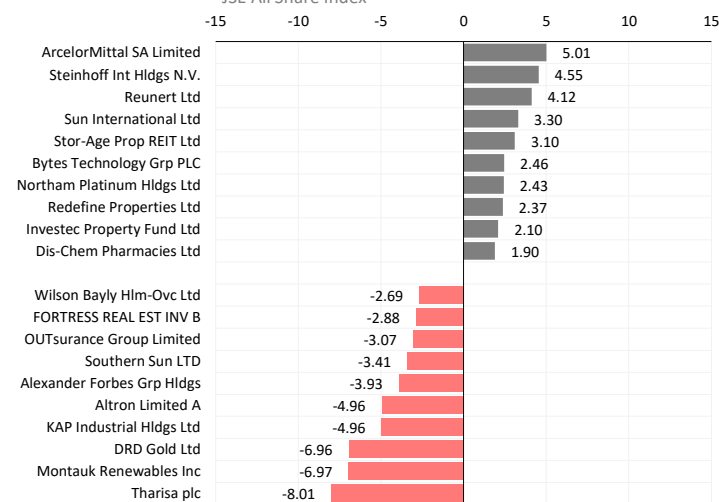
Company	Code	Close	1d%	Low	% from Low
Resilient	RES	4205	-0.14	4201	0.10
Kap	KAP	268	-4.96	267	0.37
JSE	JSE	9097	-1.10	9014	0.92
Exxaro	EXX	17192	-0.73	17023	0.99
Equites Property	EQU	1368	0.51	1349	1.41

Dividend Data

Company	Code	Expected Dividend
Master Drilling Group	MDI	47.5 ZARC
Sappi	SAPCB	25746 ZARC

Best & Worst One-Day Performances

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Global Overviews

Selected Company Headlines

Home Depot posts worst revenue miss in about 20 years

Home Depot reported its largest revenue miss in over 20 years and revised its forecast for the year, citing consumer delays in large projects and reduced purchases of high-ticket items like patio sets and grills. The home improvement retailer attributed the decline in fiscal first-quarter sales to cold weather and decreasing lumber prices. This quarter marked the first significant revenue miss since November 2002. Home Depot now expects a sales and comparable sales decline of 2% to 5% for the fiscal year, compared to its previous prediction of flat sales for the period. The operating margin rate is also anticipated to be lower, ranging from 14% to 14.3% for the year, including the impact of a \$1 billion investment in employee wages. In the fiscal first quarter, Home Depot's net income was \$3.87 billion, or \$3.82 per share, representing an 8.5% decrease from \$4.23 billion, or \$4.09 per share, in the previous year. Revenue declined by 4.2% to \$37.26 billion from \$38.91 billion. This marked the second consecutive quarter where Home Depot fell short of Wall Street's revenue expectations. Comparable sales for the first quarter dropped by 4.5%, with a 4.6% decrease in the United States. The decline in lumber prices accounted for over 2 percentage points of the decrease. While sales among do-it-yourself customers showed more favorable trends compared to home professionals, both groups experienced a year-over-year sales decline, as highlighted by CEO Ted Decker during an earnings call. Despite the challenges, Home Depot benefits from low housing supply and an aging housing stock in the US, factors that continue to drive demand for home improvement. Some categories, including building materials, hardware, plumbing, and millwork, saw year-over-year sales growth, indicating ongoing investments in homes. CEO Ted Decker expressed confidence in the medium to long-term prospects of the home improvement industry once the current period passes, emphasizing its strong fundamentals.

International Corporate Releases

Company	Area	Quarter End	Date
Cisco	US	Apr '23	17 May
Target	US	Apr '23	17 May
Walmart	US	Apr '23	18 May
Alibaba	US	Mar '23	18 May
Applied Materials	US	Apr '23	18 May

European Market Summary

Selected Items

European stock markets concluded the day with losses as traders responded to fresh data. Surprising UK jobless data, indicating a slight increase, helped alleviate concerns about inflation. Additionally, EU employment figures showed a quarterly rise of 0.6%. In individual stock news, Vodafone shares declined by 7% following its announcement of cutting a record 11,000 jobs. CEO Margherita Della Valle emphasized the need for change within the British telecommunications company. Shares of Swedish gaming firm Embracer experienced a significant drop of 17% after the company stated that its full-year profit would fall short of previous guidance. Embracer revised its adjusted operating profit forecast to 6.35 billion Swedish krona (\$625.5 million), down from the previously estimated range of 8-10 billion krona. The adjustment was attributed to partnership and licensing deals not materializing as anticipated.

Selected Items	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
CAC 40	7406.01	-0.16	-1.51	14.40
DAX 30	15897.93	-0.12	0.57	14.18
Eurostoxx 50	4315.51	-0.02	-1.71	13.76
FTSE	7751.08	-0.34	-1.53	4.02

US Market Summary

Selected Items

US stocks dipped Tuesday as investors digested a lacklustre forecast from Home Depot. Wall Street also turned its attention to a meeting between congressional leaders and President Joe Biden on the US debt ceiling. April retail sales came in weaker than expected, rising 0.4% last month. That was lower than the 0.8% increase anticipated by economists polled by Dow Jones. Dow member Home Depot pulled back by 2.15% after the retailer reported disappointing quarterly revenue and cut its full-year guidance, as consumers postponed large home improvement projects. Investors are anxiously awaiting progress on debt ceiling negotiations.

Selected Items	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
Dow Jones	33012.14	-1.01	-2.58	-0.41
Nasdaq	12343.05	-0.18	1.81	17.93
S&P 500	4109.90	-0.64	-0.67	7.04

Asian Market Summary

Selected Items

Asia-Pacific markets are exhibiting a mixed trading pattern as investors analyse economic data releases from Japan and Australia. The planned meeting of Quad leaders in Sydney next week has been cancelled, with US President Joe Biden shortening his Asia trip to return to the US for discussions on the debt ceiling. Australia was scheduled to host the Quad Leaders' Summit on May 24, which would have included the US, India, and Japan. In other news, Singapore's non-oil domestic exports in April surpassed expectations by growing 2.7% compared to the previous month. Economists surveyed by Reuters had anticipated a contraction of 3%. However, on a year-over-year basis, non-oil domestic exports declined by 9.8%, slightly more than the economists' projection of 9.4%.

Selected Items	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
Hang Seng	19978.25	0.04	-2.25	1.00
Nikkei 225	29842.99	0.73	4.74	14.37
Shanghai	3290.99	-0.60	-1.41	6.53

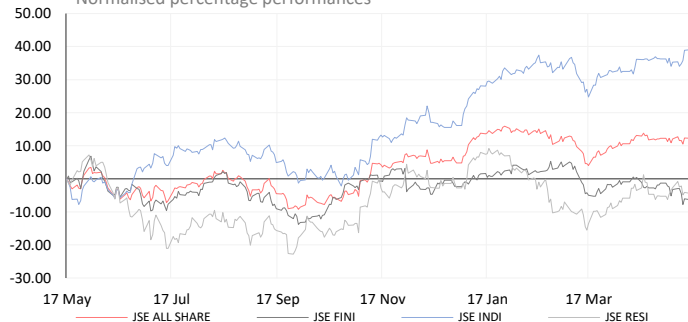
Economic Calendar

Time	Area	Today's Expected Releases / Events	Period	Expected	Previous
11:00	EUR	Final CPI y/y	Apr	7.0%	7.0%
13:00	RSA	Retail Sales MoM	Mar	0.5%	-0.1%
13:00	RSA	Retail Sales YoY	Mar	1.2%	0.5%
14:30	USD	Building Permits	Apr	1.44M	1.43M
14:30	USD	Housing Starts	Apr	1.40M	1.42M

Time	Area	Previous Session's Releases	Period	Expected	Actual
11:00	EUR	German ZEW Economic Sentiment	May	-5.4	-10.7
11:30	RSA	Unemployment Rate	Q1	32.5%	32.7%
11:30	RSA	Unemployed Persons	Q1	7.7M	7.9M
14:30	USD	Core Retail Sales m/m	Apr	0.5%	0.4%
14:30	USD	Retail Sales m/m	Apr	0.8%	0.4%

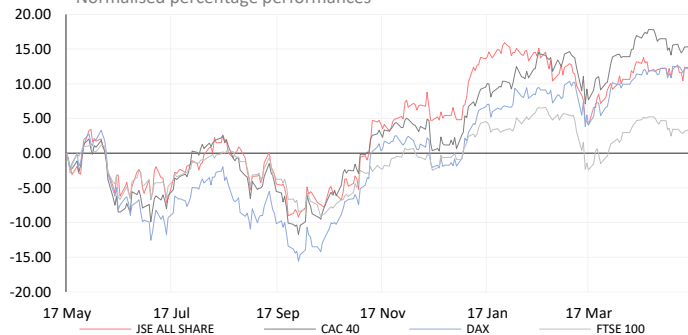
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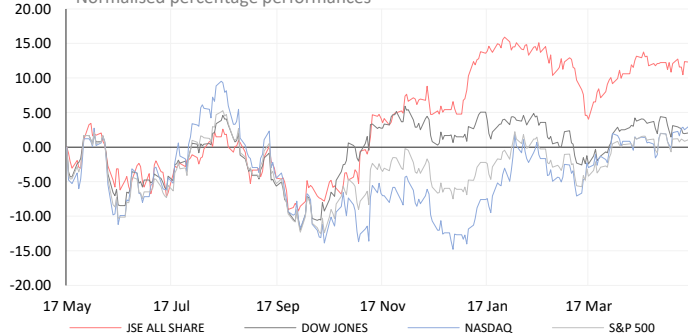
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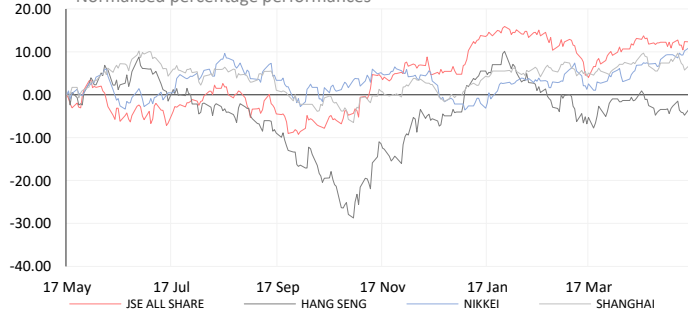
US INDICES V JSE ALL SHARE

Normalised percentage performances



ASIAN INDICES V JSE ALL SHARE

Normalised percentage performances



Bond Yields & Interest Rates

10-Year Bond Yields

Region	Yield	1d*	1m*	1y*
United States	3.52	-1	-8	53
United Kingdom	3.81	0	12	193
Germany	2.35	0	-12	131
Japan	0.36	-3	-12	12
South African 10Y	10.76	1	71	76

Interest Rates

Region	Date Changed	Current Rate	Previous Rate
United States	03 May '23	5.00%-5.25%	4.75%-5.00%
United Kingdom	11 May '23	4.50%	4.25%
European	04 May '23	3.75%	3.50%
SA Repo Rate	30 Mar '23	7.75%	7.25%
SA Prime Rate	30 Mar '23	11.25%	10.75%

Currency Market Summary

Selected Items

On Tuesday, the South African rand weakened following the release of first-quarter unemployment data, which provided insight into the state of the local economy after a turbulent week in the markets. By the end of the day, the rand was trading at around R19.10 against the dollar, reflecting a 0.37% depreciation. In contrast, the dollar strengthened on Wednesday due to increased safe-haven demand as the United States approached its borrowing limit. Furthermore, solid economic data led traders to scale back expectations of imminent interest rate cuts. President Joe Biden and top congressional Republican Kevin McCarthy moved closer to reaching a deal to avert a US debt default. However, the situation remains uncertain, and ironically, the risk of the US failing to meet its debt obligations has bolstered the value of the currency.

Selected Items	Last Traded	% Chg	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
USDZAR	19.10	0.01	19.10	0.37	4.38	12.18
GBPZAR	23.83	0.06	23.81	-0.10	5.95	15.62
EURZAR	20.75	0.14	20.72	0.12	4.10	13.68
AUDZAR	12.70	0.04	12.69	-0.45	4.58	9.41
EURUSD	1.09	-0.04	1.09	-0.11	-1.18	1.51

Commodity Market Summary

Selected Items

Gold prices stabilized below the \$2,000 threshold on Wednesday as investors expressed concern about the outcome of the US debt-limit negotiations. The stronger US dollar acted as a limiting factor, preventing prices from rising further. Meanwhile, oil prices showed minimal movement as traders maintained a cautious stance following an unexpected increase in US crude inventories. This development raised worries about demand in light of disappointing economic data from both the United States and China. According to market sources citing figures from the American Petroleum Institute, US crude stockpiles grew by approximately 3.6 million barrels in the week ending May 12. This contrasted with the expectations of a 900,000 barrel decrease predicted by seven analysts surveyed by Reuters.

Selected Items	Last Traded	% Chg	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
Brent Crude	74.88	0.33	74.63	-1.09	-13.71	-13.21
Gold	1989.81	0.05	1988.83	-1.36	-0.78	9.05
Palladium	1503.15	0.32	1498.41	-1.91	-0.33	-16.48
Platinum	1063.25	0.50	1058.00	-0.34	1.27	-1.40
Silver	23.71	-0.16	23.75	-1.43	-6.48	-0.91

Sasfin Funds (Two-Day Delay)

Local Funds

Fund Name	Close	1y%	3y%
Sasfin BCI Prudential A	205	5.96	8.85
Sasfin BCI Balanced A	140	6.35	9.1
Sasfin BCI Stable A	132	6.75	11.26
Sasfin BCI Equity A	400	14.34	10.42
Sasfin BCI Flexible Income A	100	5.59	8.46
Sasfin BCI Optimal Income A	106	6.08	5.47
Sasfin BCI High Yield A	102	8.42	8.97
Sasfin BCI Opportunity Equity A	113	---	---

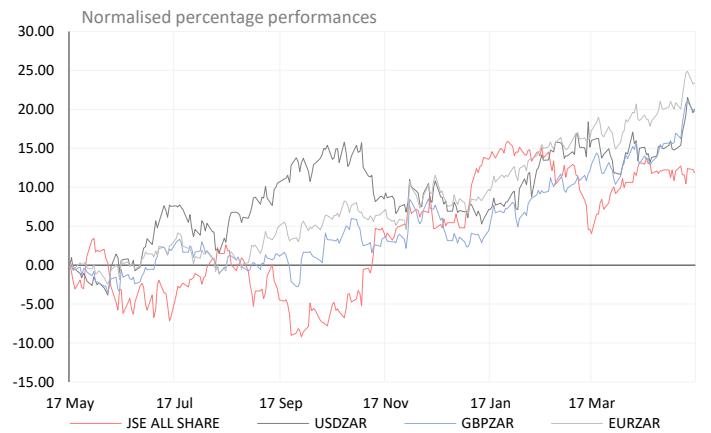
International Funds

Fund Name	Close	1y%	3y%
Sasfin BCI Global Equity FF C	174	28.65	9.66

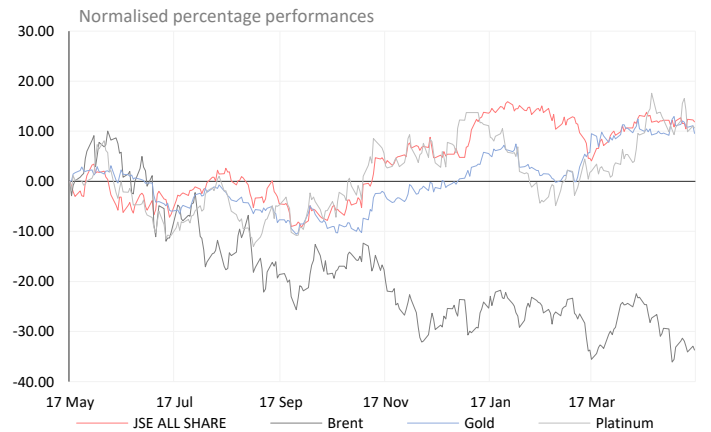
Performance Comparison 2022 v 2023



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South African Top 40 Companies

Company	Code	Close	1d%	1m% (Rolling)	6m% (Rolling)	ytd%	1y% (Rolling)	3y% (Rolling)	52w High	52w Low	P/E Ratio	Dividend Yield	Mcap (Billions)
Absa Group Limited	ABG	15873	-0.31	-14.91	-19.50	-18.14	-5.96	106.17	21100	15002	6.50	8.19	20304
Anglo American plc	AGL	55924	-1.25	-7.69	-14.96	-15.69	-16.39	72.56	77900	49368	6.86	6.17	75874
Anglo American Plat Ltd	AMS	113656	-0.70	13.22	-32.19	-20.23	-29.97	12.54	178433	92303	6.13	6.60	130788
Anglogold Ashanti Ltd	ANG	47755	-2.50	-2.92	56.67	45.05	69.12	-5.48	55688	21300	18.35	1.71	37299
Anheuser-Busch InBev SA NV	ANH	115250	-1.07	-1.83	21.20	12.57	26.90	56.75	123201	80461	19.66	1.32	102847
Aspen Pharmacare Hldgs Ltd	APN	17452	0.58	-6.17	12.64	28.01	11.57	28.53	18999	12889	12.98	1.87	14851
BHP Group Limited	BHG	55653	-1.15	-0.04	9.10	5.66	8.54	73.49	62230	40681	9.16	8.30	60590
BID Corporation Ltd	BID	40902	-0.08	1.20	41.07	24.00	23.37	88.89	42000	27500	22.21	2.05	36350
British American Tob plc	BTI	64695	0.19	0.92	-2.39	-4.03	-5.63	-5.46	74444	62223	9.70	7.06	65400
Bidvest Ltd	BVT	24238	0.00	-4.39	12.24	13.06	14.59	75.64	27230	19284	15.47	3.30	22558
Compagnie Fin Richemont	CFR	327761	-0.73	7.94	55.52	1368.79	89.90	234.25	347987	147340	505.08	1.23	26730
Clicks Group Ltd	CLS	25549	-0.30	-4.80	-13.86	-5.40	-13.15	15.09	31880	24461	24.61	2.49	26437
Capitec Bank Hldgs Ltd	CPI	147879	-0.18	-16.92	-26.43	-20.43	-30.90	82.40	227409	143511	17.56	2.84	181336
Discovery Ltd	DSY	13411	-0.14	-8.76	10.79	8.72	-3.88	52.80	15160	10073	17.96	0.00	13888
Exxaro Resources Ltd	EXX	17192	-0.73	-9.73	-22.19	-20.89	-17.35	65.77	23763	17023	2.86	15.87	21725
Firstrand Ltd	FSR	6121	-0.44	-5.22	-5.16	-1.46	-10.04	76.75	7295	5680	9.85	6.11	6549
Gold Fields Ltd	GFI	29999	-0.40	10.73	60.83	70.30	61.96	91.38	32652	12662	15.40	2.48	20362
Glencore plc	GLN	10245	-1.59	-7.99	-2.84	-10.16	8.25	220.46	12433	7920	4.65	7.89	11797
Growthpoint Prop Ltd	GRT	1192	-0.75	-7.88	-13.12	-18.02	-14.43	-2.30	1509	1151	4.95	11.01	1412
Impala Platinum Hlgs Ltd	IMP	17568	-0.85	4.77	-11.05	-17.58	-12.13	59.32	23889	14680	4.60	8.37	20478
Investec Ltd	INL	10389	0.60	5.19	11.42	-3.36	11.48	200.96	11828	6775	8.55	5.36	11065
Investec plc	INP	10570	0.77	5.69	10.45	-1.83	15.10	213.46	11907	6816	8.70	5.27	11200
MultiChoice Group Ltd	MCG	10717	1.59	-7.44	-8.00	-8.59	-18.19	26.08	15520	10400	-324.76	5.27	12002
Mondi plc	MNP	31083	0.76	6.47	-3.04	6.81	1.68	7.06	33969	26245	6.84	4.22	33001
Mr Price Group Ltd	MRP	13696	-1.58	-12.00	-25.62	-13.83	-34.20	14.94	21009	13104	10.30	6.11	16469
MTN Group Ltd	MTN	11494	-0.43	-12.00	-11.08	-9.71	-33.33	140.71	17400	10735	9.96	2.87	14380
Nedbank Group Ltd	NED	20959	0.35	-2.60	-3.03	-1.41	-1.48	148.54	24000	19440	7.26	7.87	22833
Northam Platinum Hldgs Ltd	NPH	16975	2.43	3.45	-8.31	-9.31	-5.96	93.12	21246	13149	5.21	0.00	17735
Naspers Ltd -N-	NPN	331082	1.25	2.83	26.84	17.22	110.50	-2.35	358266	145408	97.33	0.20	335481
NEPI Rockcastle N.V.	NRP	11019	-0.67	1.41	13.95	6.91	13.54	45.01	11925	7829	12.43	8.56	10728
Old Mutual Limited	OMU	1116	-0.09	-3.21	4.01	6.69	-10.07	-5.42	1295	921	6.20	6.81	1197
Prosus N.V.	PRX	140831	1.00	4.12	29.26	19.58	91.04	-18.51	148820	69584	126.02	0.17	138018
Remgro Ltd	REM	13637	0.15	-4.30	-1.88	2.51	-2.95	53.59	15118	12455	11.62	1.32	14175
Reinet Investments S.C.A	RNI	41900	0.24	11.58	44.57	27.99	29.47	46.00	42454	24645	5.87	1.14	33124
Standard Bank Group Ltd	SBK	15750	0.77	-8.53	-10.91	-6.13	-3.89	79.34	18852	14071	7.55	7.66	17546
Shoprite Holdings Ltd	SHP	20326	-0.23	-8.61	-17.71	-10.06	-9.40	101.33	25491	19342	18.32	3.03	24430
Sanlam Limited	SLM	5240	-0.68	-7.53	-2.37	7.55	-16.55	1.57	6846	4686	11.55	6.87	5661
Sasol Limited	SOL	22991	-1.92	-5.87	-23.25	-14.67	-42.13	197.04	43860	22136	3.63	9.44	31849
Sibanye Stillwater Ltd	SSW	3703	-0.64	-3.77	-17.44	-17.20	-22.40	3.58	5245	3542	5.68	7.02	4619
Vodacom Group Ltd	VOD	11122	-1.23	-11.27	-7.79	-9.36	-22.71	-13.64	14940	10902	11.73	6.92	12262
Woolworths Holdings Ltd	WHL	6116	-1.43	-7.22	-8.72	-7.93	7.43	114.00	8047	5060	11.65	5.03	7733

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