

South Africa

Corporate Releases

Sasol (SOL) slashes debt by R63.4bn, avoids dilutive rights issue

Petrochemical multinational Sasol on Monday confirmed that it will not to pursue a rights issue, as the group made headway in slashing its debt burden by just more than a third (or R63.4 billion) for its half-year to the end of December. Sasol published its latest results on the JSE, which showed that the group's total debt at the end of its interim period stood at R126.3 billion, compared to R189.7 billion as at June 30, 2020 (it full-year). This is a notable cut within just six months, which comes largely on the back of the 50% sale of its Lake Charles Chemicals (mega) Project (LCCP) in the US. The group said that it had "delivered a good set of results" for the six months ended December 31, 2020, with earnings increasing by more than 100% to R15.3 billion from R4.5 billion in the prior period. Sasol did not declare an interim dividend.

Move | -0.77% Open | 20500c Close | 20139c High | 21276c Low | 20060c

Liberty Two Degrees (L2D) sees annual profit slump by over 50%

Liberty Two Degrees, which owns malls in prime locations of Johannesburg and Cape Town, said on Monday its full year profit more than halved due to lower rental income and the temporary closure of shops and hotels due to Covid-19. In line with the government's guidance, malls partially closed in South Africa in late March last year, with only essential services outlets allowed to trade during the initial hard lockdown period that lasted until May. The closure of some shops also prompted landlords and tenants to negotiate lower rental fees. Liberty Two Degrees (L2D) has stakes in high street malls such as Sandton City Mall and Melrose Arch. It said its headline earnings per share, the main profit measure in South Africa, fell to 25.04 cents in the year ended December 31, 2020, from 57.76 a year earlier. Its portfolio of properties, jointly owned with a unit of financial services group Liberty Holdings, provided R336 million (\$22.78 million) of rental relief to its tenants for the year. L2D said its share of that was R112 million, adding that tenant arrears increased more than threefold last year to R96.4 million by December 31. As a result, net property income fell 45.6%, which was also hurt by lower parking revenue as less people went to malls. L2D approved a full year dividend of 32.33 cents per share, down 46%, after it said last year it would consider one.

Move | 0.82% Open | 480c Close | 489c High | 490c Low | 477c

Expected Corporate Release

Company	Code	Release
Bid Corp	BID	Interim
Rebosis	REB	AGM
Aveng	AEG	Interim
Redefine	RDF	AGM
Kumba Iron Ore	KIO	Final

52-Week Highs

Company	Close	1d%	52w High
Textainer Group Holdings	39122	1,9	39122
Northam Platinum	21970	1,8	21999
Transaction Capital	2650	9,4	2665
Cashbuild Ltd	33771	1,0	34000
Impala Platinum Hlds	24697	2,4	24890

52-Week Lows

Company	Close	1d%	52w Low
British American Tobacco PLC	53018	0,3	49111
Brait SE	258	-0,8	235
Mediclinic International plc	6040	0,1	5157
Adcock Ingram Holdings	4390	-0,4	3700
Santam	26320	0,6	22000

Dividend Data

Company	Code	Expected Dividend
Nu-World	NWL	195.4 ZARc
Italtile	ITE	32 ZARc
DRDGold	DRD	40 ZARc

JSE All Share index
2020 vs 2021



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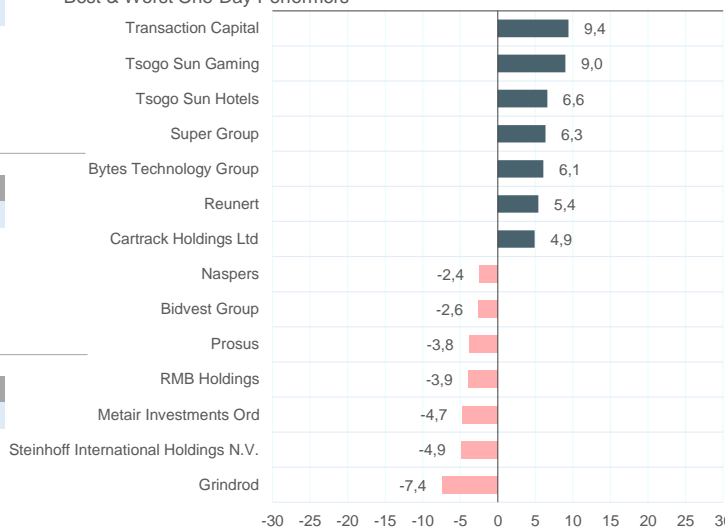
Local stocks were down slightly, with the Johannesburg Stock Exchange's Top-40 Index slipping 0.32% and the broader All-Share Index closing 0.15% down. Petrochemical firm Sasol's shares initially enjoyed a more than 4% rise after the company announced it had decided not to pursue a rights issue of up to \$2 billion, but they had lost all their gains by market close to stand down 0.77%. Anglo American Platinum climbed 1.52% after the miner posted a price-driven jump in annual profit and set its sights on a 20% increase in output, while peer AngloGold Ashanti's shares also rose 0.91% after the firm boosted its dividend after a leap.

Key Local Indicators

Indicator	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
All Share	67362,8	-0,2	5,3	13,4
Top 40	61903,6	-0,3	5,1	13,8
Financial 15	12384,4	0,1	6,0	2,7
Industrial 25	89000,9	-1,2	2,8	14,2
Resource 10	67541,7	0,8	7,7	17,3
Mid Cap	68629,3	0,5	4,4	6,8
Small Cap	50610,7	2,0	10,6	13,8
Banks	6939,7	-0,1	5,7	1,3
General Retailers	5289,1	1,4	10,4	13,7
Property (J253) - Total Return	1290,3	1,8	9,1	4,9

Sasfin Watchlist

Best & Worst One-Day Performers



Last date to trade 02 Mar

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Global

Corporate Releases

HSBC beats estimates with \$8.8 billion in pre-tax profit for 2020; resumes dividend payment

HSBC on Tuesday said its reported profit before tax for 2020 fell 34% from a year ago to \$8.8 billion, and declared an interim dividend of 15 cents per share. The bank's profit beat analyst expectations of \$8.3 billion for the whole of last year, according to estimates compiled by the London-headquartered bank. Ahead of the earnings release, HSBC shares in Hong Kong jumped 3% in early Tuesday trade. Like many of its peers globally, HSBC last year built up provisions for potential loan losses as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Beyond the financial results, investors had been anticipating the bank's comments on dividend payments and share buybacks. HSBC halted both those activities last year as British regulators urged lenders to conserve capital. The Bank of England in December said British banks can resume paying some dividends. And Barclays last week announced it would resume such pay-outs and embark on a 700 million pounds (\$985.4 million) share buyback.

International Corporate Releases

Company	Area	QTR End	Date
Home Depot	US	Jan '21	23 Feb
NVIDIA	US	Jan '21	24 Feb
Lowe's	US	Jan '21	24 Feb
Salesforce	US	Jan '21	25 Feb
Anheuser-Busch Inbev	US	Jan '21	25 Feb

European Market Commentary

European stocks closed lower on Monday amid cautious trade in global markets. The pan-European Stoxx 600 finished the session down by over 0.4%, with tech stocks shedding 1.9% to lead losses, while the travel and leisure sector bucked the downward trend to surge 4.3%. On the data front, Germany's Ifo Institute business climate index rose in February, with sentiment in Europe's largest economy improving by more than expected on both current conditions and expectations. Developments surrounding the pandemic and vaccine rollout remain in focus. The UK on Monday unveiled how it plans to lift lockdown measures gradually in the coming months, as its vaccination rollout maintains its good pace.

Indicator	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
CAC 40	5767,4	-0,1	3,7	3,9
DAX 30	13967,2	-0,3	0,8	1,8
Eurostoxx 50	3695,6	-0,3	2,6	4,0
FTSE	6612,2	-0,2	-1,2	2,3

US Market Commentary

Steep losses in technology shares dragged down the S&P 500 on Monday as a continuous rise in bond yields dented the appetite for growth stocks. Meanwhile, investors piled into economically sensitive names to bet on a comeback. Some equity investors grew concerned about rapidly rising Treasury yields in recent weeks as they could especially hurt high-growth companies reliant on easy borrowing while diminishing the relative appeal of stocks. These same tech stocks also thrived during the pandemic, so some investors may be taking profits and rotating into names that will do well in a recovery.

Indicator	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
Dow Jones	31521,7	0,1	1,7	3,0
Nasdaq	13533,0	-2,5	-0,1	5,0
S&P 500	3876,5	-0,8	0,9	3,2

Asian Market Headlines

Shares in Asia were mixed in early trade today, as investors monitored technology stocks regionally after their counterparts declined overnight on Wall Street. On the earnings front, HSBC is set to report its full-year results today. Reuters reported Monday, citing a source familiar with the matter, that HSBC is set to withdraw from U.S. retail banking. Ahead of that earnings release, shares of HSBC in Hong Kong were up more than 2%.

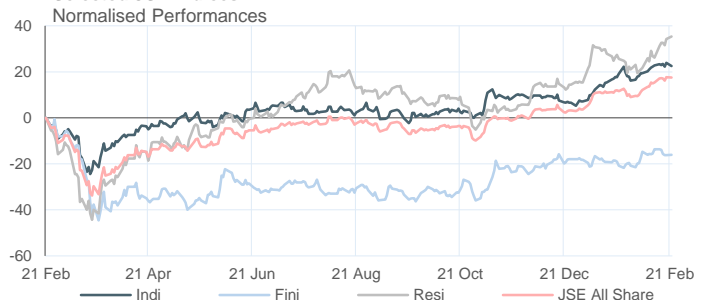
Indicator	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
Hang Seng	30319,8	-1,1	3,0	11,3
Nikkei 225	30156,0	0,5	5,3	9,9
Shanghai	3642,4	-1,5	1,0	4,9

Expected Corporate Calendar

Time	Area	Today's Event / Release	Period	Exp.	Prev.
11:30	RSA	Unemployment Rate	Q4	30.8%	---
11:30	RSA	Unemployed Persons	Q4	6.5M	---
12:00	EUR	Final CPI y/y	Jan	0.9%	0.9%
12:00	EUR	Final Core CPI y/y	Jan	1.4%	1.4%
17:00	USD	Fed Chair Powell Testifies	---	---	---

Time	Area	Previous Session's Releases	Period	Exp.	Actual
11:00	EUR	German ifo Business Climate	Feb	90.5	92.4
17:00	USD	CB Leading Index m/m	Jan	---	0.3%
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Selected JSE Indices



European Indices vs JSE All Share



US Indices vs JSE All Share



Asia Indices vs JSE All Share



Bond Yields & Interest Rates

10-Year Bond Yields		*Basis Point Change		
Region	Yield	*1d	*1m	*1y
United States	1,37	---	28,0	-11,0
United Kingdom	0,67	---	37,0	10,0
Germany	-0,34	---	17,0	9,0
Japan	0,11	---	8,0	18,0
South African 10-Year	9,00	-7,0	16,0	11,0

Interest Rates			
Region	Current Rate	Previous Rate	Changed
United States	0,00%-0,25%	1,00%-1,25%	15 Mar
United Kingdom	0,10%	0,25%	19 Mar
European	0,00%	0,05%	10 Mar
SA Repo Rate	3,50%	3,75%	23 Jul
SA Prime Rate	7,00%	7,25%	23 Jul

10-Year Bond Yield vs Basket of Items
Normalised Performances



Currencies & Commodities

Currency Market Commentary

The rand weakened on Monday with demand for risk assets dampened by rising yields in the United States and some investor caution ahead of the South African government budget this week. At The close, the rand was eventually 0.2% firmer at R14.68 per dollar. The local currency was trading around R14.62.

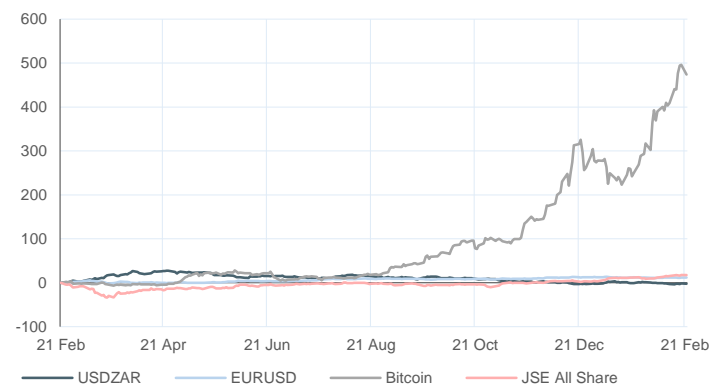
Indicator	This AM	% Chg	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
USDZAR	14,62	-0,4	14,68	-0,2	-1,6	-0,1
GBPZAR	20,59	-0,2	20,64	0,3	-0,4	2,8
EURUSD	1,22	0,1	1,22	0,3	-0,1	-0,5
USDJPY	105,03	0,0	105,08	-0,3	1,2	1,7
Bitcoin	50162,0	-9,1	55196,9	-0,6	64,3	89,5

Commodity Market Commentary

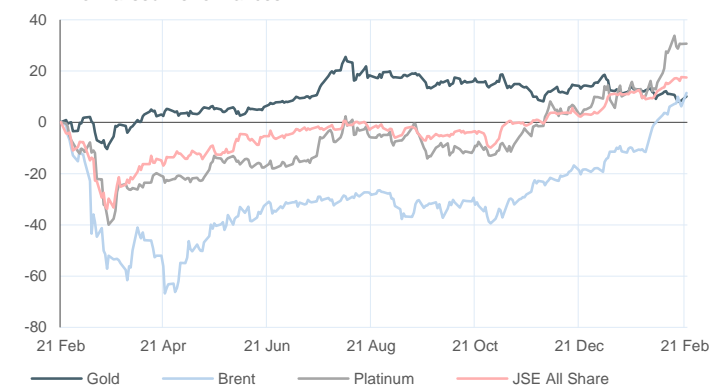
Gold climbed a one-week peak this morning, bolstered by a weaker dollar and a retreat in US Treasury yields, while concerns of rising inflation further boosted bullion's appeal as a hedge against inflation. Oil prices rose again this morning after a jump in the previous session, holding near a more than 13-month high as US output was slow to return after a deep freeze in Texas shut in crude production last week. Shale oil producers in the southern United States could take at least two weeks to restart the more than 2 million barrels per day (bpd) of crude output that shut down because of cold weather, as frozen pipes and power supply interruptions slow their recovery, sources said.

Indicator	This AM	% Chg	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
Brent Crude (\$)	66,4	0,9	65,8	5,0	25,9	27,2
Gold (\$)	1811,8	0,1	1809,6	1,5	-2,5	-4,7
Palladium	2407,1	0,1	2405,1	0,9	1,7	-2,0
Platinum (\$)	1275,8	0,0	1275,3	0,0	15,4	19,0
Silver	28,1	-0,2	28,1	3,1	10,4	6,6

Selected Currency Pairs vs JSE All Share
Normalised Performances



Selected Commodities vs JSE All Share
Normalised Performances



Sasfin Funds (2-Day Delay)

Local Funds			
Fund Name	Close	ytd%	3y%
Sasfin BCI Prudential A1	2,0	3,2	7,4
Sasfin BCI Balanced A	1,3	3,4	8,5
Sasfin BCI Stable A	1,2	4,8	6,9
Sasfin BCI Equity A	4,0	10,6	8,0
Sasfin BCI Flexible Income A	1,0	1,3	9,4
Sasfin BCI Optimal Income A	1,1	0,5	5,3
Sasfin BCI High Yield Fund A	1,0	1,5	---
Sasfin BCI Opportunity Equity Fund A	1,4	4,1	15,4

Global Funds			
Fund Name	Close	ytd%	3y%
Sasfin BCI Global Equity Feeder Fund A	1,0	9,4	2,6

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South African Top 40 Companies

Companies Sorted Alphabetically

Cents per share

Indicator	Code	Close	1d%	1m% (Rolling)	6m% (Rolling)	ytd%	1y% (Rolling)	3y% (Rolling)	52w High	52w Low	P/E Ratio	Dividend Yield	Mcaps (Billion)
Absa Group Ltd	ABG	12337	-0,6	7,4	53,3	2,9	-11,9	-37,5	14504	6330	10,9	7,1	74,1
Anglo American PLC	AGL	58234	-0,8	8,0	38,9	20,1	40,2	101,5	60553	20413	11,3	2,9	569,1
Anglo American Platinum Ltd	AMS	177905	1,5	9,5	40,8	23,3	28,4	395,6	181443	1900	12,2	2,0	363,3
AngloGold Ashanti Ltd	ANG	30920	0,9	-9,3	-36,3	-9,7	-8,5	169,8	63735	20979	10,8	0,4	185,5
Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Ltd	APN	14309	-2,1	-1,4	9,1	14,1	33,1	-47,2	16514	8000	8,1	0,0	50,4
BHP Group PLC	BHP	47288	1,0	9,4	21,6	21,5	45,9	94,4	48678	19505	9,8	5,6	741,3
Bid Corporation Ltd	BID	28794	-0,3	6,1	6,7	9,5	-9,0	3,9	31400	17103	17,8	2,9	77,3
British American Tobacco PLC	BTI	53018	0,3	-6,0	-6,3	-2,8	-19,1	-23,7	73124	49111	7,9	8,0	1379,4
Bidvest Group Ltd	BVT	17020	-2,6	8,6	17,5	8,4	-9,5	-25,8	19665	12639	11,6	2,1	44,9
Compagnie Financiere Richemont S	CFR	14526	0,2	-0,3	31,5	10,8	31,4	39,0	14800	7919	57,6	1,6	593,8
Clicks Group Ltd	CLS	24521	-1,8	-7,2	0,2	-3,0	-0,4	42,4	28113	20133	30,6	2,0	55,7
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	CPI	135141	-0,3	0,3	53,6	-5,7	-2,8	57,6	152500	53986	33,2	1,7	125,0
Discovery Ltd	DSY	14591	2,3	12,7	18,9	-5,0	39,9	-16,5	15880	5450	17,3	0,8	80,4
Exxaro Resources Ltd	EXX	17790	-0,3	7,6	25,7	28,1	43,5	24,4	18289	7507	4,8	9,4	46,2
FirstRand Ltd	FSR	5067	-0,5	5,2	29,9	-0,7	-14,9	-31,8	6005	3113	11,9	3,9	210,4
Gold Fields Ltd	GFI	12930	3,0	-9,5	-39,4	-6,0	13,8	179,8	25569	6397	20,7	1,3	181,5
Growthpoint Properties Ltd	GRT	1384	1,0	15,1	4,6	10,1	-28,8	-53,1	1943	950	6,4	13,0	33,9
Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd	IMP	24697	2,4	13,9	53,9	22,3	50,8	695,4	24890	4476	4,2	3,1	135,2
Investec Ltd	INL	4028	1,4	5,4	24,4	9,9	-9,0	-20,7	6133	2575	0,0	6,4	10,5
Investec PLC	INP	4160	0,8	6,7	28,1	10,5	-4,8	-18,1	4990	2518	7,7	7,2	22,8
MultiChoice Group Ltd	MCG	12953	-0,3	-0,8	24,7	-3,3	29,8	---	14559	7228	14,2	4,6	54,0
Mondi PLC	MNP	37223	0,1	-1,1	12,9	8,5	12,4	22,1	39698	23015	14,7	2,8	167,1
Mr Price Group Ltd	MRP	17800	-0,1	5,2	41,8	4,3	6,6	-36,6	19345	9820	20,0	2,4	33,7
MTN Group Ltd	MTN	7267	0,0	13,0	10,6	20,7	-16,8	-42,3	8666	2625	7,1	6,4	104,5
Nedbank Group Ltd	NED	13407	1,3	9,4	29,4	3,5	-30,3	-53,8	19445	6730	10,0	7,2	48,3
Northam Platinum Ltd	NHM	21970	1,8	5,7	44,7	4,9	49,0	399,3	21999	4988	8,7	0,0	94,4
Naspers Ltd	NPN	374150	-2,4	5,0	23,4	23,9	40,4	76,2	388800	184380	24,7	0,2	1365,7
NEPI Rockcastle PLC	NRP	9064	2,4	0,1	11,9	-3,1	-24,8	-16,9	11965	4990	8,5	8,0	41,1
Old Mutual Ltd	OMU	1376	-0,7	7,0	8,9	15,7	-18,9	---	1705	924	8,7	7,6	46,4
Prosus NV	PRX	186400	-3,8	3,0	14,4	16,1	60,2	---	196982	86782	36,0	0,0	2630,0
Remgro Ltd	REM	10560	0,0	5,3	13,9	9,8	-15,7	-35,0	12506	7102	14,6	3,0	47,3
Rmb Holdings Ltd	RMH	147	-3,9	3,5	12,2	5,0	-29,1	-37,0	253	98	0,0	172,2	1,6
Reinet Investments SCA	RNI	29987	0,7	4,7	-2,2	8,8	-12,1	29,4	33900	22503	6,7	1,4	53,4
Standard Bank Group Ltd	SBK	13524	0,3	8,4	18,7	6,4	-15,2	-37,7	16280	8341	10,6	9,5	169,7
Shoprite Holdings Ltd	SHP	14131	0,0	3,4	20,2	0,9	27,7	-43,2	15173	9501	16,8	2,8	81,7
Sanlam Ltd	SLM	6222	-0,4	7,1	7,9	5,9	-13,6	-32,9	7210	3850	13,5	3,3	112,2
Sasol Ltd	SOL	20139	-0,8	24,7	39,9	50,4	-5,9	-48,2	21288	2077	12,0	0,0	66,1
SPAR Group Ltd	SPP	19800	1,0	2,2	16,1	4,5	14,8	-6,1	21347	14225	16,7	3,9	35,1
Sibanye Stillwater Ltd	SSW	7026	2,7	12,3	40,7	17,1	48,7	521,8	7175	1537	5,8	0,0	150,8
Vodacom Group Ltd	VOD	12607	0,0	1,7	-5,9	1,4	4,9	-21,6	13935	9070	12,1	6,4	226,9
Woolworths Holdings Ltd	WHL	4649	3,2	15,3	40,3	17,6	15,7	-28,9	4832	2401	16,9	2,5	36,9

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