

South Africa

Corporate Releases

Pepkor (PPH) – Update– Pepkor Q1 sales rise as cash-strapped shoppers seek value

South African retailer Pepkor Holdings said on Tuesday that sales in its first quarter rose by 7.7% as it continued to acquire market share as cash-strapped shoppers battling job losses turned to its budget outlets. Group revenue at the clothing and homeware retailer grew to R20.3 billion (\$1.33 billion) in the three-month period ended December 31 from R18.9 billion a year earlier. South African clothing retailers have been hit as a second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic and job losses constrain discretionary spending. However, Pepkor, majority-owned by Steinhoff, is faring better than others with its focus on budget-conscious consumers, including more than 17 million South Africans on welfare and special Covid-19 grants. The retailer, which vies with TFG's Jet clothing chain, said revenues at its clothing and general merchandise division rose by 8%, with the Pep and Ackermans clothing brands reporting sales growth of 8.9%, or 6.3% on a like-for-like basis.

Move | -3.6% Open | 1525c Close | 1471c High | 1562c Low | 1433c

African Bank – Results – African Bank reports loss a day after CEO's surprise resignation

African Bank reported a full-year loss a day after announcing the unexpected resignation of Basani Maluleke, the only Black woman to lead one of South Africa's top banks. The unsecured lender swung to a R560 million (\$37 million) loss in the 12 months through September, compared with a year-earlier profit of R267 million, Johannesburg-based African Bank said in a statement Tuesday. The coronavirus pandemic and the nation's moribund economy caused credit impairments to soar 58%, resulting in a credit-loss ratio of 11.7% from 7.5% previously, it said. "Unfortunately, our financial numbers have not withstood the worsened economic climate and the overlay of the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic," Maluleke said in the statement. The second half of the year saw "signs of reduced risk and improved earnings."

Expected Corporate Release

Company	Code	Release	Date
Clicks	CLS	AGM	27 Jan
Life Healthcare	LHC	AGM	27 Jan
Sygnia	SYG	AGM	28 Jan
MiX Telematics	MIX	Quarterly	28 Jan
Trustco	TTO	Interim	01 Feb

52-Week Highs

Company	Close	1d%	52w High	% from H
Coronation Fund Man.	4794	2,0	4809	-0,3
Cashbuild	27007	3,0	27234	-0,8
Blue Label Telecoms	470	1,1	475	-1,1
Italtile	1534	3,0	1558	-1,5
Woolworths	4580	2,4	4660	-1,7

52-Week Lows

Company	Close	1d%	52w Low	% from L
Trencor	399	0,3	380	5,0
British American Tob.	56528	-0,2	49111	15,1
Astral Foods	12895	-0,4	11079	16,4
Netcare	1320	0,5	1130	16,8
Mediclinic International	6080	1,1	5157	17,9

Dividend Data

Company	Code	Expected Dividend
Nampak	NPP1	6.5 ZARc

JSE All Share index 2020 vs 2021



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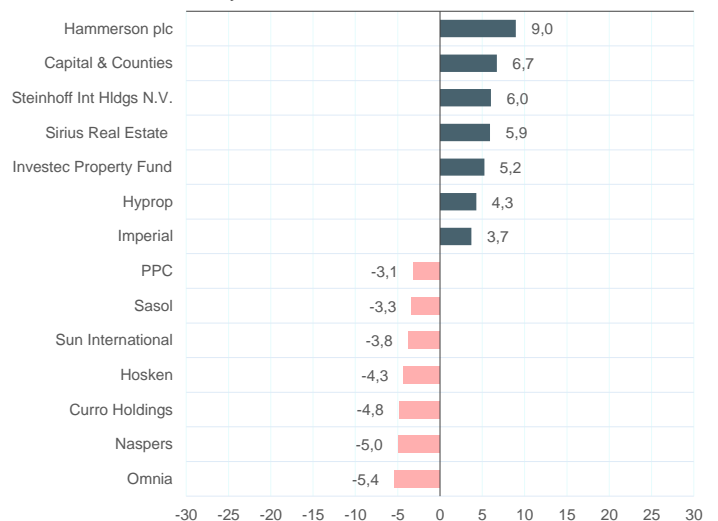
The local equities market retreated from record highs as investors focused more on potential obstacles to US President Joe Biden's planned \$1.9 trillion stimulus weighed on sentiment. The Johannesburg All-Share index fell 0.99% after hitting an all-time high in the previous session, while the Top-40 index declined 1.16%. Among the decliners, market heavyweight media and internet company Naspers declined 4.96% while its international arm Prosus retreated from a record high, falling 5.21%.

Key Local Indicators

Indicator	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
All Share	63923,6	-1,0	8,0	7,6
Top 40	58720,5	-1,2	8,5	8,0
Financial 15	11739,2	1,6	-3,0	-2,7
Industrial 25	86905,7	-2,2	12,1	11,6
Resource 10	61913,6	-0,6	8,4	7,5
Mid Cap	66690,9	1,0	4,2	3,8
Small Cap	46601,9	-1,0	4,4	4,8
Banks	6578,4	1,9	-4,9	-3,9
General Retailers	5022,6	1,3	8,5	8,0
Property (J253) - Total Return	1202,3	1,7	-3,0	-2,2

Sasfin Watchlist

Best & Worst One-Day Performers



Global

Corporate Releases

Microsoft posts record revenue as pandemic continues to fuel sales

Microsoft exceeded Wall Street analysts' expectations for quarterly revenue by nearly \$3 billion and hit a three-month sales record, it reported Tuesday. The results signal that the pandemic is continuing to buoy the tech giant's business — from computers and gaming systems to the cloud computing systems helping companies navigate continued remote working. Microsoft (MSFT) posted \$43.1 billion in revenue for its fiscal second quarter — a 17% increase from the same period in the prior year and well above the \$40.2 billion analysts had predicted. Income hit \$15.5 billion, or \$2.03 per share, compared with the \$1.64 earnings per share Wall Street predicted.

Starbucks tops earnings estimates even as US recovery hurt by Covid resurgence

Starbucks on Tuesday reported that its US same-store sales fell 5% during its fiscal first quarter after a surge of new Covid-19 cases led to harsher dining restrictions. The company reported fiscal first-quarter net income of \$622.2 million, or 53 cents per share, down from \$885.7 million, or 74 cents per share, a year earlier. Excluding items, the coffee giant earned 61 cents per share, topping the 55 cents per share expected by analysts surveyed by Refinitiv. Net sales dropped 5% to \$6.75 billion, falling short of expectations of \$6.93 billion. Worldwide, same-store sales fell 5%. The company saw 19% fewer transactions during the quarter, but the average ticket jumped 17%.

International Corporate Releases

Company	Area	QTR End	Date
Apple	US	Dec '20	27 Jan
Tesla	US	Dec '20	27 Jan
Facebook	US	Dec '20	27 Jan
Boeing	US	Dec '20	27 Jan
Visa	US	Dec '20	28 Jan

European Market Commentary

European stocks closed higher on Tuesday, ending two consecutive sessions of declines. The pan-European Stoxx 600 climbed 0.7%, with chemicals and financial services stocks adding 2% and 1.8% respectively to lead gains, as most sectors and major bourses finished in positive territory. In Italy, Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte resigned on Tuesday and will seek to lead a new mandate, plunging the country into more political turmoil amid concurrent health and economic crises. British-Swedish drug maker AstraZeneca has been accused by the EU of not doing enough to resolve a dispute over how many doses it will be able to supply to the bloc.

Indicator	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
CAC 40	5523,5	0,9	0,0	-0,5
DAX 30	13891,4	1,8	2,2	1,3
Eurostoxx 50	3599,9	1,3	---	1,3
FTSE	6654,0	0,2	2,3	3,0

US Market Commentary

The S&P 500 slipped slightly from a record high on Tuesday as Wall Street geared up for the heart of corporate earnings season including reports from a slew of blue-chip companies and major tech players. General Electric shares jumped 2.7% on its better-than-expected industrial free cash flow for the fourth quarter and a rosy outlook for the year. Johnson & Johnson popped more than 2% after the drug maker's earnings topped expectations. The Biden administration signalled Tuesday that it could be open to tweaking eligibility for future stimulus checks. President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion proposal calls for \$1,400 direct deposits, but the plan has drawn critiques from a bipartisan group of lawmakers because of its lofty price tag.

Indicator	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
Dow Jones	30937,0	-0,1	2,4	1,1
Nasdaq	13626,1	-0,1	6,4	5,7
S&P 500	3849,6	-0,1	4,0	2,5

Asian Market Headlines

Stocks in Asia were mixed this morning as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised its growth forecast for the global economy this year. The IMF now expects the global economy to grow 5.5% this year. That's a 0.3 percentage point increase from October's forecasts. China's industrial profits rose 4.1% year-on-year in 2020, the country's National Bureau of Statistics announced today. For December, industrial profits in China soared 20.1% year-on-year.

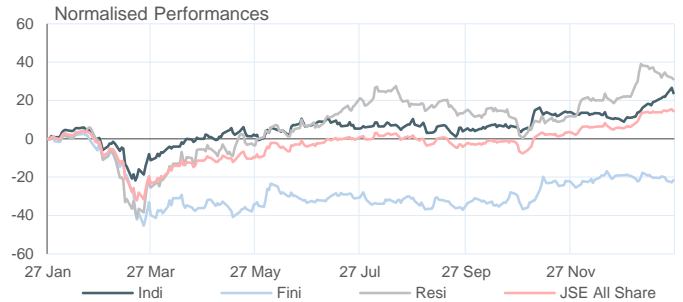
Indicator	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
Hang Seng	29391,3	-2,5	11,4	7,9
Nikkei 225	28546,2	-1,0	7,1	4,0
Shanghai	3569,4	-1,5	5,1	2,8

Expected Corporate Calendar

Time	Area	Today's Event / Release	Period	Exp.	Prev.
15:30	USD	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m	Dec	0.4%	0.5%
15:30	USD	Durable Goods Orders m/m	Dec	1.0%	1.0%
17:30	USD	Crude Oil Inventories	---	4.4M	1.6M
21:00	USD	FOMC Statement	---	---	---
21:00	USD	Federal Funds Rate	---	<0.25%	<0.25%

Time	Area	Previous Session's Releases	Period	Exp.	Actual
9:00	GBP	Unemployment Rate	Nov	5.1%	5.0%
16:00	USD	HPI m/m	Nov	0.9%	1.0%
16:00	USD	S&P/CS Composite-20 HPI y/y	Nov	8.8%	9.1%
17:00	USD	CB Consumer Confidence	Jan	88.9	89.3
17:00	USD	Richmond Manufacturing Index	Jan	18	14

Selected JSE Indices



European Indices vs JSE All Share



US Indices vs JSE All Share



Asia Indices vs JSE All Share

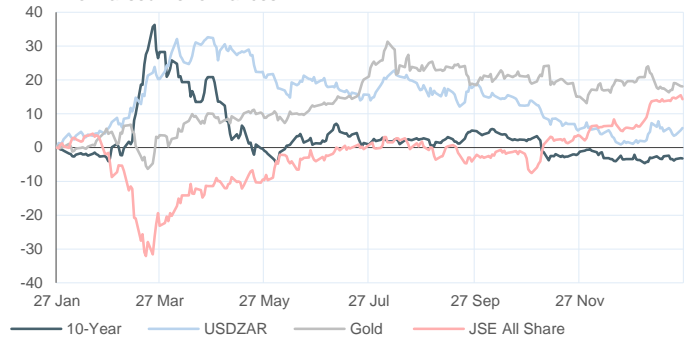


Bond Yields & Interest Rates

10-Year Bond Yields		*Basis Point Change		
Region	Yield	*1d	*1m	*1y
United States	1,04	0,0	11,0	-57,0
United Kingdom	0,26	---	1,0	-24,0
Germany	-0,54	---	1,0	-15,0
Japan	0,03	1,0	2,0	8,0
South African 10-Year	8,78	-1,0	2,0	-31,0

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 firmed by more than 1% on Tuesday in a return of risk appetite globally as investors continued to weigh the benefits of fiscal stimulus and coronavirus vaccine rollouts over concerns about second and third wave infections. Eventually, the rand lost ground against the dollar as it closed at R15.24 or 0.65% weaker. The South African currency, along with fellow emerging market currencies, were boosted by a weaker dollar, which was down 0.2% in the session.

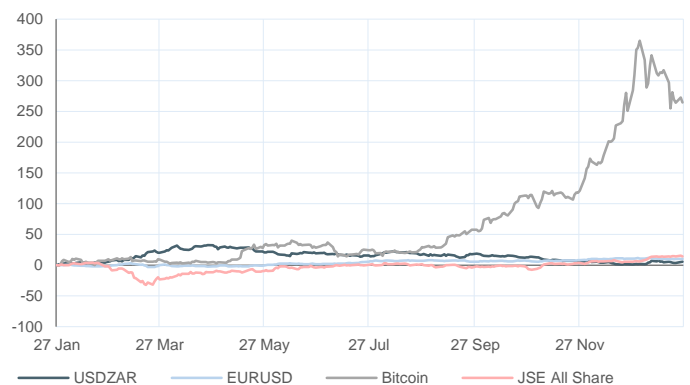
Indicator	This AM	% Chg	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
USDZAR	15,09	-0,4	15,14	---	4,0	3,1
GBPZAR	20,72	-0,1	20,74	---	5,1	3,2
EURUSD	1,22	-0,1	1,22	---	-0,1	-0,4
USDJPY	103,72	0,0	103,76	---	0,1	0,5
Bitcoin	31734,6	-1,2	32133,8	-2,1	30,8	10,3

Commodity Market Commentary

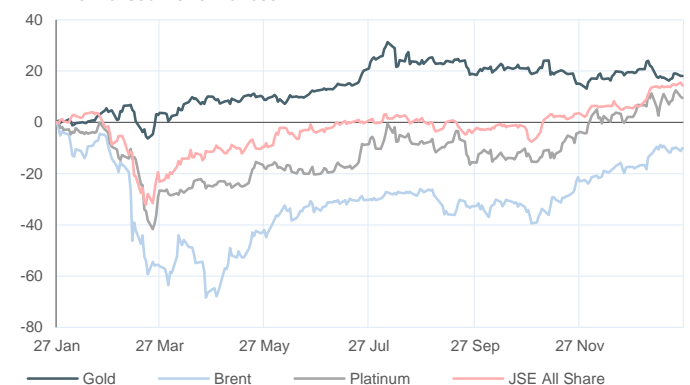
Gold prices held steady this morning ahead of the US Federal Reserve's monetary policy decision due later in the day and as investors awaited a stimulus package in the world's largest economy. Democrats in the US Senate will move forward on US President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief plan without Republican support if necessary, Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said on Tuesday. Oil prices climbed this morning after industry data showed US crude stockpiles fell unexpectedly last week and China, the world's second-biggest oil user, reported its lowest daily rise in COVID-19 cases, bolstering hopes of a pick-up in demand.

Indicator	This AM	% Chg	Close	1d%	1m%	ytd%
Brent Crude (\$)	56,1	1,7	55,2	---	7,6	6,7
Gold (\$)	1847,7	-0,5	1856,1	---	-1,2	-2,2
Palladium	2323,0	-1,8	2364,5	---	0,8	-3,6
Platinum (\$)	1093,4	-1,0	1104,8	---	7,7	3,1
Silver	25,4	-0,4	25,5	---	-1,2	-3,5

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	1,9	2,3	6,2	
Sasfin BCI Balanced A	1,3	2,8	7,6	
Sasfin BCI Stable A	1,2	2,4	6,0	
Sasfin BCI Equity A	3,8	7,0	5,2	
Sasfin BCI Flexible Income A	1,0	0,1	9,9	
Sasfin BCI Optimal Income A	1,1	0,1	5,4	
Sasfin BCI High Yield Fund A	1,0	0,2	---	
Sasfin BCI Opportunity Equity Fund A	1,4	4,3	12,0	

Global Funds				
Fund Name	Close	ytd%	3y%	
Sasfin BCI Global Equity Feeder Fund A	1,0	3,7	0,1	

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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	11547	1,2	-5,4	36,0	-3,7	-17,6	-37,1	14950	6330	10,9	7,1	74,1
Anglo American PLC	AGL	52145	-0,6	7,9	25,9	7,5	29,0	77,4	59794	20413	11,3	2,9	569,1
Anglo American Platinum Ltd	AMS	157300	0,7	14,8	9,8	9,0	31,9	329,8	164425	1900	12,2	2,0	363,3
AngloGold Ashanti Ltd	ANG	35700	0,2	5,3	-38,2	4,2	21,7	157,6	63735	20979	10,8	0,4	185,5
Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Ltd	APN	13987	-1,1	11,9	1,3	11,6	19,5	-45,1	16514	8000	8,1	0,0	50,4
BHP Group PLC	BHP	43480	0,1	11,2	18,7	11,8	29,3	63,5	46692	19505	9,8	5,6	741,3
Bid Corporation Ltd	BID	26495	-0,4	2,3	-4,9	0,7	-23,9	-4,1	34785	17103	17,8	2,9	77,3
British American Tobacco PLC	BTI	56528	-0,2	4,4	-1,8	3,6	-12,0	-31,1	73124	49111	7,9	8,0	1379,4
Bidvest Group Ltd	BVT	16000	3,2	1,4	16,2	1,9	-27,7	-35,0	22000	12639	11,6	2,1	44,9
Compagnie Financiere Richemont S	CFR	14246	-0,4	7,8	33,4	8,7	26,5	26,7	14800	7919	57,6	1,6	593,8
Clicks Group Ltd	CLS	26745	0,3	6,2	23,3	5,8	3,6	46,3	28113	20133	30,6	2,0	55,7
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	CPI	137622	2,6	-2,7	58,3	-3,9	-1,1	34,2	152500	53986	33,2	1,7	125,0
Discovery Ltd	DSY	13030	1,4	-14,8	19,6	-15,1	4,0	-29,8	15880	5450	17,3	0,8	80,4
Exxaro Resources Ltd	EXX	15826	-1,2	14,1	15,6	13,9	22,6	10,7	16817	7507	4,8	9,4	46,2
FirstRand Ltd	FSR	4767	1,7	-8,0	22,2	-6,6	-21,1	-32,1	6291	3113	11,9	3,9	210,4
Gold Fields Ltd	GFI	14624	-2,5	5,2	-30,4	6,3	60,0	172,3	25569	6397	20,7	1,3	181,5
Growthpoint Properties Ltd	GRT	1205	0,9	-6,6	-11,0	-4,1	-43,1	-58,0	2149	950	6,4	13,0	33,9
Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd	IMP	21200	0,9	7,9	36,8	5,0	56,5	505,2	22792	4476	4,2	3,1	135,2
Investec Ltd	INL	3838	2,2	3,1	10,0	4,7	-11,2	-19,1	6133	2575	0,0	6,4	10,5
Investec PLC	INP	3947	2,1	2,5	12,6	4,8	-7,1	-16,5	4990	2518	7,7	7,2	22,8
MultiChoice Group Ltd	MCG	13324	-0,6	0,3	24,5	-0,6	17,8	---	14559	7228	14,2	4,6	54,0
Mondi PLC	MNP	37494	1,1	9,4	21,3	9,3	22,0	16,6	39698	23015	14,7	2,8	167,1
Mr Price Group Ltd	MRP	17427	2,5	2,2	38,0	2,1	-4,6	-38,8	17999	9820	20,0	2,4	33,7
MTN Group Ltd	MTN	6428	-1,0	6,7	-3,2	6,8	-22,1	-52,3	8978	2625	7,1	6,4	104,5
Nedbank Group Ltd	NED	12387	1,7	-6,7	9,6	-4,3	-39,1	-55,7	20989	6730	10,0	7,2	48,3
Northam Platinum Ltd	NHM	19931	-1,3	-1,8	43,4	-4,9	62,8	304,4	21996	4988	8,7	0,0	94,4
Naspers Ltd	NPN	360000	-5,0	20,3	16,9	19,2	45,9	54,4	388800	184380	24,7	0,2	1365,7
NEPI Rockcastle PLC	NRP	9300	3,1	1,3	6,0	-0,5	-22,6	-43,4	12120	4990	8,5	8,0	41,1
Old Mutual Ltd	OMU	1312	1,6	10,9	7,0	10,3	-27,1	---	1803	924	8,7	7,6	46,4
Prosus NV	PRX	182094	-5,2	14,3	15,0	13,4	67,0	---	196982	86782	36,0	0,0	2630,0
Remgro Ltd	REM	10087	1,6	7,0	9,8	4,9	-23,9	-40,9	13374	7102	14,6	3,0	47,3
Rmb Holdings Ltd	RMH	142	0,0	2,9	8,4	1,4	-32,2	-37,0	253	98	0,0	172,2	1,6
Reinet Investments SCA	RNI	27766	-2,4	3,1	-13,2	0,7	-8,9	3,6	34800	22503	6,7	1,4	53,4
Standard Bank Group Ltd	SBK	12474	2,0	-2,7	14,4	-1,8	-23,7	-40,2	17068	8341	10,6	9,5	169,7
Shoprite Holdings Ltd	SHP	14193	2,1	5,8	41,3	1,4	15,9	-42,4	15173	9501	16,8	2,8	81,7
Sanlam Ltd	SLM	5839	1,2	0,7	-4,7	-0,6	-24,0	-35,5	7656	3850	13,5	3,3	112,2
Sasol Ltd	SOL	15194	-3,3	17,6	10,3	13,4	-42,6	-66,4	26087	2077	12,0	0,0	66,1
SPAR Group Ltd	SPP	20067	1,0	7,4	21,3	5,9	-1,6	-4,1	21196	14225	16,7	3,9	35,1
Sibanye Stillwater Ltd	SSW	5886	-3,5	0,9	25,5	-1,9	53,7	296,9	6579	1537	5,8	0,0	150,8
Vodacom Group Ltd	VOD	12750	1,8	3,9	-0,6	2,5	5,5	-21,8	13935	9070	12,1	6,4	226,9
Woolworths Holdings Ltd	WHL	4580	2,4	19,4	49,3	15,8	-3,9	-31,7	4660	2401	16,9	2,5	36,9

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