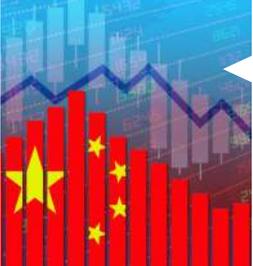
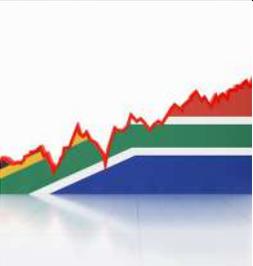
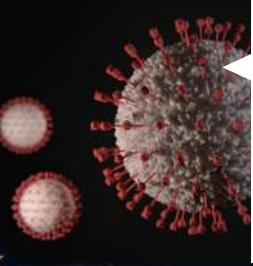


Events that moved the market

	<p>14 Jan 2021 Biden proposes \$1.9trn stimulus</p> <p>Newly elected US President Biden introduces details of his stimulus programmes. The first programme entails additional expenditures of US\$1.9 trillion that would be entirely debt-financed.</p> <p>Source: Wall Street Journal</p>		<p>18 Jan 2021 China grows 2.3% in 2020</p> <p>China's full-year growth comes in at 2.3% year-on-year in real terms excluding price fluctuations. It is the lowest in the 44 years since the Cultural Revolution and lower than the 6% achieved in 2019.</p> <p>Source: Nikkei Asia</p>		<p>22 Jan 2021 Japan deflation at 1%</p> <p>Japanese core prices are down 1.0% versus a year earlier, the worst performance since 2009, despite the hugely aggressive monetary policy of the Bank of Japan.</p> <p>Source: Trading Economics</p>		<p>15 Feb 2021 Asian stocks hit new record</p> <p>South Korean and Japanese shares lead Asia higher, with the Nikkei 225 hitting 30,000 for the first time since 1990.</p> <p>Source: Bloomberg</p>
	<p>15 Feb 2021 Copper and platinum at highs</p> <p>Platinum rises to its highest level in more than six years and copper to its highest since 2012.</p> <p>Source: Bloomberg</p>		<p>9 Mar 2021 SA GDP shrinks 7%</p> <p>Data shows that SA GDP shrank 7% in 2020, compared with a 0.2% expansion in 2019. This is the biggest decline since 1920.</p> <p>Source: Statistics SA</p>		<p>29 Mar 2021 Ever Given free again</p> <p>After nearly a week of blocking the Suez Canal, which normally carries about 12% of global trade and one million barrels of oil a day, the giant container ship Ever Given is finally freed.</p> <p>Source: BBC</p>		<p>31 Mar 2021 SA trade surplus grows</p> <p>South Africa's trade surplus widened to R28.96 billion (\$1.96 billion) in February from a revised surplus of R12.42 billion in January. Exports increased by 16.5% on a month-on-month basis.</p> <p>Source: Reuters</p>
	<p>13 Apr 2021 Capitec clients hit by Covid</p> <p>Capitec reports net credit impairments that rose 75% to R7.36 billion for the year to end February. It also saw a 25% falloff in total loans advanced and disbursements. Net income has dropped 9%.</p> <p>Source: Moneyweb</p>		<p>13 Apr 2021 Bitcoin hits all-time high</p> <p>Bitcoin jumps to an all-time high as the mood in cryptocurrencies turn bullish before Coinbase Global goes public.</p> <p>Source: Bloomberg</p>		<p>21 Apr 2021 Palladium at new peak</p> <p>The price of palladium, used to curb emissions, surpasses the previous record set in February 2020. Prices have climbed more than 17% this year, building on five straight annual gains.</p> <p>Source: Bloomberg</p>		<p>14 May 2021 TFG flags 85% profit drop</p> <p>Hurt by Covid-19-led lockdowns across its markets, TFG flags an up to 85% decline in full-year profit.</p> <p>Source: Reuters</p>



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17 May 2021

SA launches phase 2 vaccinations

South Africa launches phase two of its vaccine rollout with the aim of inoculating five million citizens aged over 60 by the end of June.

Source: Reuters



18 May 2021

Heineken eyes Distell

After years of speculation of a possible deal between the world's second largest beer group Heineken and South Africa's Distell, the two groups announce they've entered into discussions.

Source: Moneyweb

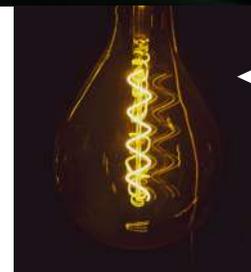


25 May 2021

Eskom sheds debt

Minister Gorhan announces that Eskom has reduced its debt by almost a fifth after repaying matured loans and benefiting from a strong exchange rate.

Source: Bloomberg



10 Jun 2021

SA allows 100MW of own power

In a surprise move, President Ramaphosa announces that the government will increase the generation threshold for companies to produce their own electricity without a licence to 100MW.

Source: Moneyweb



22 Jun 2021

Naspers trading profit up 45%

Naspers' annual results show that company revenue grew by 32% to \$29.6 billion. Trading profit increased 45% to \$5.6 billion.

Source: Naspers/Moneyweb

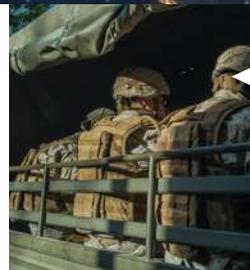


28 Jun 2021

SA re-enters lockdown level 4

SA re-enters lockdown level 4 with amended restrictions, effectively closing down alcohol-related industries, hospitality and tourism.

Source: eNCA



12 Jul 2021

SADF deployed among looting

The South African National Defence Force commences with 'pre-deployment processes' to send forces into violence-stricken KwaZulu-Natal.

Source: Moneyweb



28 Jul 2021

Record slide for China shares

Investors shun Chinese-listed companies amid a crackdown by regulators in Beijing. In three trading days, the Nasdaq Golden Dragon China Index plunged more than 19%, its biggest drop on record.

Source: Bloomberg



12 Aug 2021

SA gets new finance minister

President Ramaphosa appoints Enoch Godongwana, chairman of the Development Bank of Southern Africa, after Tito Mboweni resigned.

Source: The Africa Report



25 Aug 2021

SA GDP bigger than thought

Statistics SA reports that the SA economy is 11% bigger than previously thought. Re-basing the South African GDP is a regular exercise that should be done every five years.

Source: Statistics SA



7 Sept 2021

Shoprite pays record dividend

Shoprite, South Africa's biggest employer, achieves record sales of R168 billion in the financial year to end June. It declares a record dividend of 544% per share.

Source: Business Day & Moneyweb



9 Sept 2021

SA current account hits record

The balance on the current account, the broadest measure of trade in goods and services, widened to an annualised surplus of 5.6% of GDP, the largest quarterly current account surplus on record.

Source: Bloomberg



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20 Sept 2021

Evergrande at precipice

Emerging markets sink with a 3.3% dive in Hong Kong leading declines as real estate giant China Evergrande hits 11-year lows, starting down a fast approaching debt repayment deadline.

Source: Reuters



20 Sept 2021

Retailer confidence at 7-year high

Improved sales volumes seen by food and beverages and hardware retailers in Q3 2021 lead the increase in retailer confidence to a seven-year-high of 56. The long-term average is 39 points.

Source: BER Survey



27 Sept 2021

Oil at 3-year high

Brent crude oil nears a 3-year high close to the \$80/barrel level as supply struggles to keep up with the rising demand for oil.

Source: Bloomberg



28 Sept 2021

SA fiscus out of red

South Africa records its first quarterly primary budget surplus since 2018 - for Q2 2021. The government's primary balance swings to a surplus of R9.8 billion, or 0.6% of GDP.

Source: Bloomberg



4 Oct 2021

Facebook takes a hit

A Facebook outage leads to the share price plummeting 4.9%, adding to a drop of about 15% since mid-September when WSJ revealed that Facebook knew about the harmful effects of its products.

Source: Bloomberg



10 Nov 2021

US inflation at 6.2%

The US consumer price index soars 6.2% from a year ago - the biggest 12-month jump since 1990.

Source: AP News



15 Nov 2021

Heineken to buy Distell

Heineken NV offers to buy South African wine and spirits maker Distell Group Holdings NV for 2.2 billion euros.

Source: Bloomberg



15 Nov 2021

JSE tops 70 000

The JSE closes at a new record high of 70 091 points. Retail giant Shoprite Group ends the day as the top performing stock, after surging almost 7% to a 52-week high.

Source: Moneyweb



18 Nov 2021

SA repo rate 3.75%

The South African Reserve Bank announces that the repo rate will increase by 25 basis points to 3.75%, on the back of rising inflation. This means that the prime lending rate increases to 7.25%.

Source: SA Reserve Bank

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21 Nov 2021

UK inflation at 10-yr high

British inflation surges to a 10-year high as household energy bills soar. Consumer prices rose by 4.2% in annual terms in October, leaping from a 3.1% increase in September.

Source: Reuters



25 Nov 2021

Omicron variant shuts out SA

South African scientists identify a new Covid-19 variant – later named 'omicron'. The UK bans all flights from South Africa, followed shortly after by US bans.

Source: BBC

Source: BBC



30 Nov 2021

SA unemployment at 35%

Unemployment in South Africa continues to accelerate, reaching 34.9%, up from 34.4% in the previous quarter.

Source: Statistics SA



10 Dec 2021

US inflation at 6.8%

The US consumer price index rises 6.8% on a year-over-year basis and the fastest since June 1982.

Source: CNBC



15 Dec 2021

SA inflation at 5.5%

South Africa's inflation rate jumps to the highest level in almost five years, reaching 5.5%.

Source: Statistics SA

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