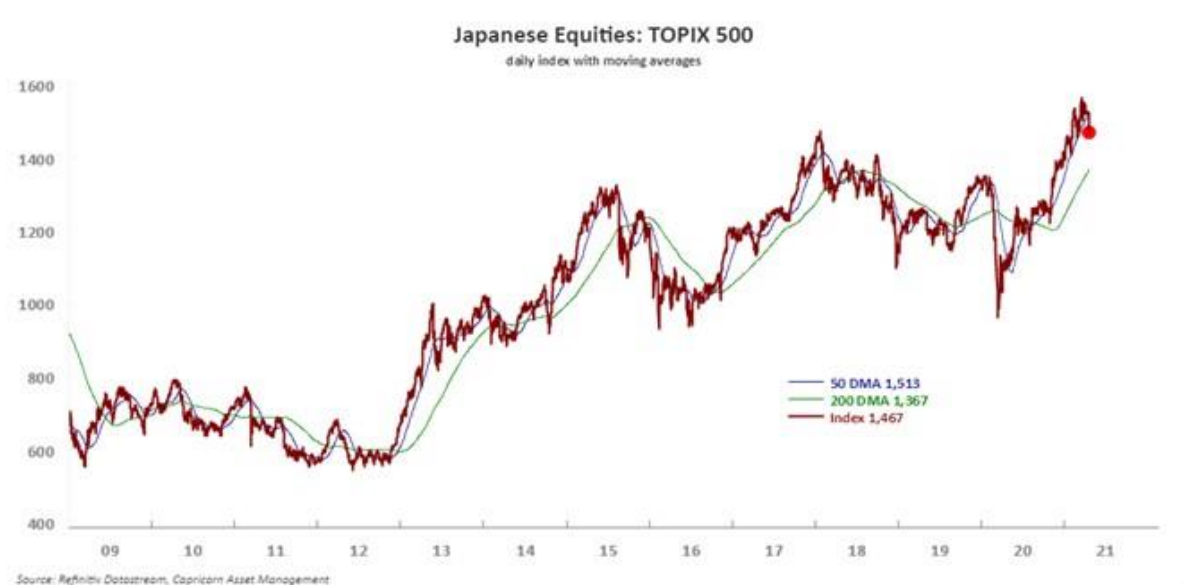




Market Update

Thursday, 22 April 2021



Global Markets

Shares rose on Thursday, extending a rebound in global markets following a sharp selloff earlier this week, while oil prices eased again on worries about rising COVID-19 cases in some parts of the world.

Japan led gains, with the Nikkei 225 rallying 1.7%, after sliding 2% in each of the last two sessions. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan rose 0.4%, following a 0.9% decline the previous day. Chinese blue chips rose 0.3%.

"Overall I think markets are still skewed to taking on risk, and I don't think we've seen the final record high by any means in the U.S. stock market or in global equities," said Kyle Rodda, a market analyst at IG in Melbourne. "At the end of the day, (the selloff earlier this week) was just markets whipping around as the froth has blown off risk assets."

MSCI's gauge of stocks across the globe added 0.2% on Thursday, following a 0.4% gain overnight. On Tuesday, the index had slumped 0.8%, the most in four weeks, as market sentiment soured amid concerns that record coronavirus infections in India, likely restrictions in Japan and rising cases in Latin America will hamper the global economic recovery. On Wall Street, the S&P 500 rose 0.9%, reversing two days of declines, to finish Wednesday's session just 12 points below its

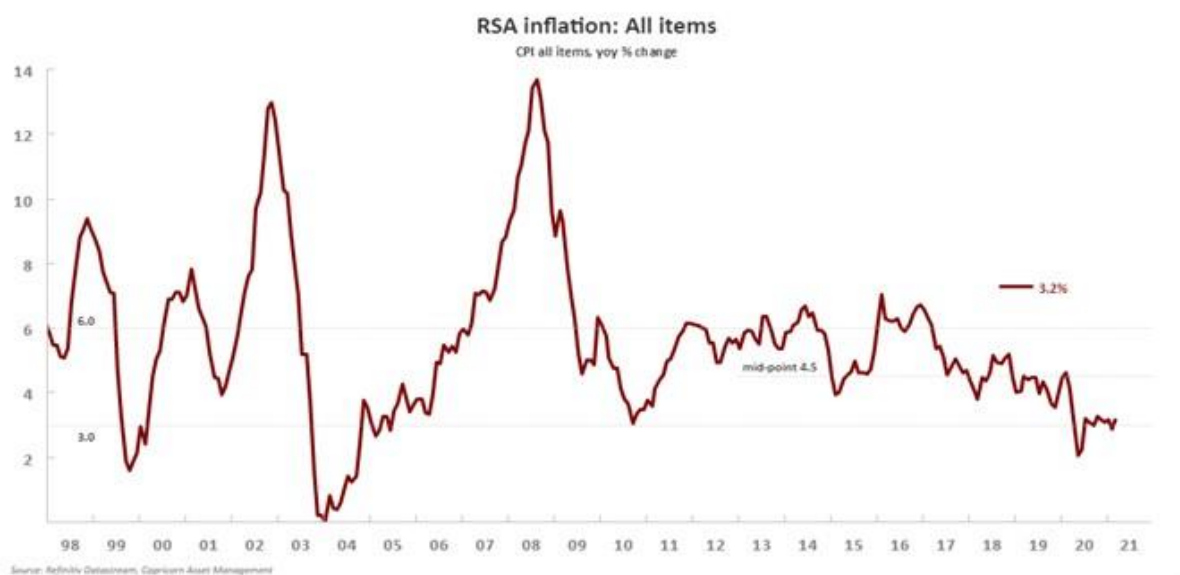
record close. "Buy the dip' mentality appears to be back in equities," Tapas Strickland, an analyst at National Australia Bank, wrote in a client note.

Oil prices slipped for a third day on concerns that surging COVID-19 cases in India will drive down fuel demand in the world's third-biggest oil importer, while a surprise build in U.S. stockpiles added to the negative tone. U.S. crude fell 10 cents on Thursday to \$61.25 per barrel and Brent was down 10 cents to \$65.22.

Spot gold edged higher to \$1,794.32 an ounce.

U.S. Treasury yields stayed depressed, with the yield on benchmark 10-year notes down 2 basis points at 1.5414% on Thursday, languishing near the lowest since March 12. In currency markets, the dollar remained pinned near multi-week lows against major peers as U.S. yields stayed subdued. The dollar stood at 108.04 yen, close to a seven-week low, while the euro was quoted at \$1.2037, not far from its strongest since March 3.

The European Central Bank decides policy later on Thursday, with no change expected.



Domestic Markets

South Africa's rand firmed on Wednesday, erasing losses from the previous session as investors continued to see value in the high-yielding, high-risk currency despite an uptick in local inflation. At 1530 GMT the rand was 0.45% firmer at 14.2400 per dollar, having tripped to a two-day low of 14.3300 on Tuesday.

"It feels like the local currency is searching for a fresh directional catalyst before making its next move. Even the latest inflation figures published earlier today failed to move it," said Lukman Otunga, analyst at FXTM. Headline consumer price inflation rose to 3.2% year-on-year in March from 2.9% in February, data from Statistics South Africa showed, mainly due to sharp increases in energy and fuel prices.

Price-growth remains well within the lower end of the central bank's 3% to 6% target, meaning a hike in lending rates similar to those in other emerging markets remains unlikely with the local regulator emphasising inflation was contained.

"While SA could be poised for less currency depreciation in the medium-term from what it typically faces as a consequence of the past decade weakening in fundamentals, in the shorter-term it is vulnerable to correction," said Investec's Annabel Bishop.

Shares on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) pared losses in the final trading hour on Wednesday, closely following the turn in the U.S. market at 1400 GMT. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, after opening lower 1330 GMT, slowly gained momentum and turned positive as a slew of positive results started flowing, especially led by health insurers.

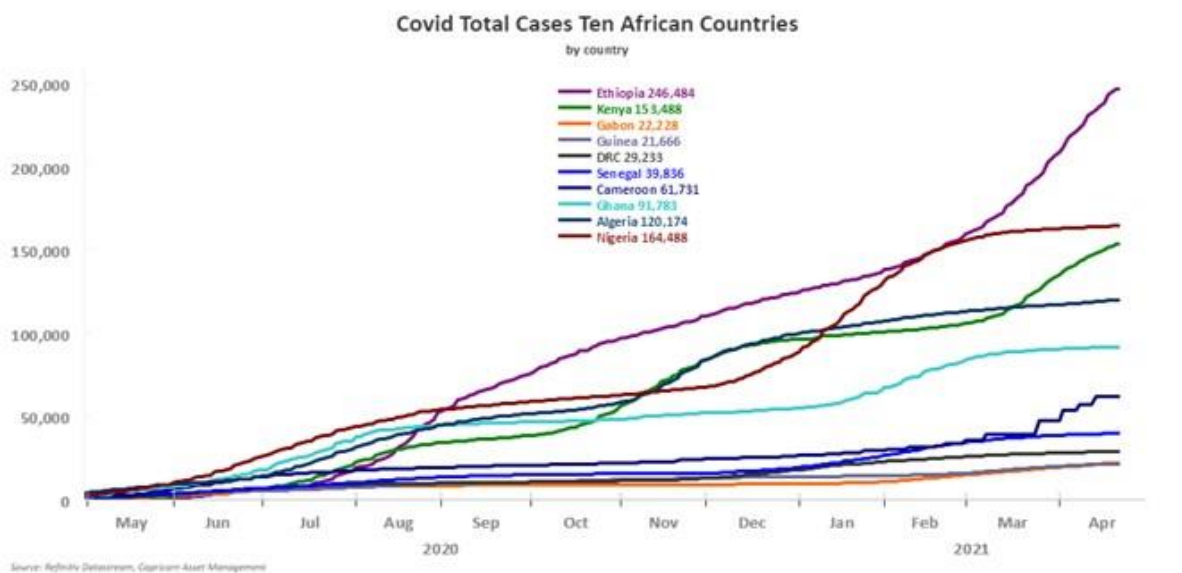
On the local market, the benchmark all-share index ended 0.46% up to 67,146 points. The blue-chip index of top 40 companies closed up 0.46% to 61,399 points. "There isn't really any discernible theme playing out in the local market... Very strong earnings that we've seen coming from the U.S. is what's driving JSE," said Sithembile Bopela, Investment Analyst at FNB. The local banks, however, posted losses as concerns around the slow vaccination drive and a resultant slower economic recovery lingered, she added. The bank index was down 0.6%.

Corona Tracker

| GLOBAL CASES | | 22-Apr-2021 | | 5:33 |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| SOURCE - REUTERS | | Confirmed Cases | New Cases | Total Deaths |
| | | Total Recovered | | |
| GLOBAL | 143,328,403 | 621,235 | 3,189,762 | 94,806,333 |

The number of new cases is distorted by cut-off times.

Source: Thomson Reuters



"I've always believed that our liberation, my liberation, is tied up with yours. To make a country that works for me, there's gotta be a country that works for you."

Pramila Jayapal

Market Overview

| MARKET INDICATORS (Thomson Reuters) | | | | 22 April 2021 | |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Money Market TB Rates % | | Last close | Difference | Prev close | Current Spot |
| 3 months | ⇒ | 4.20 | 0.000 | 4.20 | 4.20 |
| 6 months | ⇒ | 4.41 | 0.000 | 4.41 | 4.41 |
| 9 months | ⇒ | 4.72 | 0.000 | 4.72 | 4.72 |
| 12 months | ⇓ | 4.75 | -0.010 | 4.76 | 4.75 |
| Nominal Bond Yields % | | Last close | Difference | Prev close | Current Spot |
| GC21 (Coupon 7.75%, BMK R208) | ⇓ | 4.15 | -0.095 | 4.24 | 4.15 |
| GC22 (Coupon 8.75%, BMK R2023) | ⇓ | 5.48 | -0.095 | 5.57 | 5.48 |
| GC23 (Coupon 8.85%, BMK R2023) | ⇓ | 5.38 | -0.095 | 5.47 | 5.38 |
| GC24 (Coupon 10.50%, BMK R186) | ⇑ | 7.52 | 0.010 | 7.51 | 7.52 |
| GC25 (Coupon 8.50%, BMK R186) | ⇑ | 7.53 | 0.010 | 7.52 | 7.53 |
| GC26 (Coupon 8.50%, BMK R186) | ⇑ | 7.53 | 0.010 | 7.52 | 7.53 |
| GC27 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK R186) | ⇑ | 7.82 | 0.010 | 7.81 | 7.82 |
| GC30 (Coupon 8.00%, BMK R2030) | ⇑ | 9.40 | 0.015 | 9.38 | 9.40 |
| GC32 (Coupon 9.00%, BMK R213) | ⇑ | 10.46 | 0.005 | 10.45 | 10.46 |
| GC35 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK R209) | ⇑ | 11.44 | 0.005 | 11.44 | 11.44 |
| GC37 (Coupon 9.50%, BMK R2037) | ⇒ | 11.92 | 0.000 | 11.92 | 11.92 |
| GC40 (Coupon 9.80%, BMK R214) | ⇓ | 12.66 | -0.015 | 12.68 | 12.66 |
| GC43 (Coupon 10.00%, BMK R2044) | ⇒ | 13.00 | 0.000 | 13.00 | 13.00 |
| GC45 (Coupon 9.85%, BMK R2044) | ⇒ | 13.28 | 0.000 | 13.28 | 13.28 |
| GC50 (Coupon 10.25%, BMK: R2048) | ⇓ | 13.29 | -0.005 | 13.29 | 13.29 |
| Inflation-Linked Bond Yields % | | Last close | Difference | Prev close | Current Spot |
| GI22 (Coupon 3.55%, BMK NCPI) | ⇒ | 3.89 | 0.000 | 3.89 | 3.89 |
| GI25 (Coupon 3.80%, BMK NCPI) | ⇒ | 4.00 | 0.000 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| GI29 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK NCPI) | ⇒ | 5.73 | 0.000 | 5.73 | 5.73 |
| GI33 (Coupon 4.50%, BMK NCPI) | ⇒ | 6.85 | 0.000 | 6.85 | 6.85 |
| GI36 (Coupon 4.80%, BMK NCPI) | ⇒ | 7.35 | 0.000 | 7.35 | 7.35 |
| Commodities | | Last close | Change | Prev close | Current Spot |
| Gold | ⇑ | 1,793 | 0.91% | 1,777 | 1,791 |
| Platinum | ⇑ | 1,214 | 2.24% | 1,187 | 1,210 |
| Brent Crude | ⇓ | 65.3 | -1.88% | 66.6 | 65.1 |
| Main Indices | | Last close | Change | Prev close | Current Spot |
| NSX Overall Index | ⇓ | 1,359 | -0.51% | 1,365 | 1,359 |
| JSE All Share | ⇑ | 67,146 | 0.46% | 66,836 | 67,146 |
| SP500 | ⇑ | 4,173 | 0.93% | 4,135 | 4,173 |
| FTSE 100 | ⇑ | 6,895 | 0.52% | 6,860 | 6,895 |
| Hangseng | ⇓ | 28,622 | -1.76% | 29,136 | 28,755 |
| DAX | ⇑ | 15,196 | 0.44% | 15,130 | 15,196 |
| JSE Sectors | | Last close | Change | Prev close | Current Spot |
| Financials | ⇓ | 12,126 | -0.30% | 12,162 | 12,126 |
| Resources | ⇑ | 69,254 | 0.97% | 68,586 | 69,254 |
| Industrials | ⇑ | 86,735 | 0.33% | 86,452 | 86,735 |
| Forex | | Last close | Change | Prev close | Current Spot |
| N\$/US dollar | ⇓ | 14.24 | -0.41% | 14.30 | 14.23 |
| N\$/Pound | ⇓ | 19.83 | -0.48% | 19.93 | 19.82 |
| N\$/Euro | ⇓ | 17.14 | -0.40% | 17.21 | 17.13 |
| US dollar/ Euro | ⇒ | 1.203 | 0.00% | 1.203 | 1.203 |
| | | Namibia | | RSA | |
| Interest Rates & Inflation | | Apr 21 | Mar 21 | Apr 21 | Mar 21 |
| Central Bank Rate | ⇒ | 3.75 | 3.75 | 3.50 | 3.50 |
| Prime Rate | ⇒ | 7.50 | 7.50 | 7.00 | 7.00 |
| | | Mar 21 | Feb 21 | Mar 21 | Feb 21 |
| Inflation | ⇑ | 3.1 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 2.9 |

Notes to the table:

- The money market rates are TB rates
- “BMK” = Benchmark
- “NCPI” = Namibian inflation rate
- “Difference” = change in basis points
- Current spot = value at the time of writing
- NSX is a Bloomberg calculated Index

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