

Events that moved the market

Q3 2020

Profit losses and dividend cuts



1 Jul 2020

Airbus and Boeing cut staff

Following a 40% decrease in its jet production, Airbus is cutting 15 000 jobs across Europe. Boeing is cutting over 12 000 US jobs.

Source: Reuters



3 Jul 2020

Construction at record low

The Afrimat Construction Index plunges below 100 for the first time since the index started – to 97 in the first quarter of 2020. This does not yet include the impact of the lockdown.

Source: Moneyweb



7 Jul 2020

Consumer confidence at 35-year low

SA's consumer confidence index drops from -9 in the first quarter to -33 during the second quarter of 2020.

Source: FNB and Bureau of Economic Research



7 Jul 2020

Amazon tops \$3000 a share

Amazon.com shares reach \$3 000 for the first time after an extended rally.

Source: Bloomberg News



9 Jul 2020

Manufacturing halves

South Africa's manufacturing output falls 49.4% year-on-year in April during lockdown.

Source: Reuters



15 Jul 2020

CPI drops to 2.1%

Growth in SA CPI prices falls to 2.1% year-on-year, its lowest level in more than 15 years as the cost of fuel declines and spending slows in lockdown.

Source: Statistics SA



21 Jul 2020

Several companies cut dividends

Nearly a quarter of all companies in the MSCI Asia Pacific index have scrapped or cut dividends in 2020. About half of the Stoxx Europe 600 Index's members did the same.

Source: Bloomberg



21 Jul 2020

EU agrees on more stimulus

EU leaders agree on a stimulus package worth 750 billion euros to pull their economies out of the 2020 recession.

Source: Bloomberg News



22 Jul 2020

SA retail sales plummet

South Africa's retail sales plunge by a record 50.4% in April and 12% in May.

Source: Reuters



23 Jul 2020

SARB cuts by 25bps

The South African Reserve Bank announces another 25-basis points cut in the repo rate. This brings the prime commercial lending rate to 7%.

Source: fin24



27 Jul 2020

Gold hits new record

A weaker dollar pushes the gold price past the previous high set in 2011.

Source: Bloomberg



27 Jul 2020

IMF loan to SA

The IMF approves South Africa's rapid financing instrument (RFI) of \$4.3bn (about R70bn), to meet financing needs arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Source: Moneyweb

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US economy worst since 1940s

US gross domestic product shrinks by 32.9% annualised in the second quarter from the first, the most in quarterly records dating back to 1947.

Source: Bloomberg News

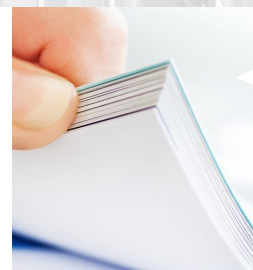


30 Jul 2020

Shell loses \$18bn

Royal Dutch Shell posts a net loss of \$18.1 billion for the second quarter, due to massive asset write-downs, and warns that job cuts are on the way.

Source: AFP



30 Jul 2020

Sappi reports \$73m loss

Shares in paper manufacturer Sappi plunge almost 13% after reporting a quarterly loss on the back of the Covid-19 pandemic and falling demand for paper.

Source: fin24



31 Jul 2020

Apple announces stock split

Apple announces a 4-for-1 stock split after its shares surged more than 80% in the past year. Its previous split was in 2014.

Source: Bloomberg



31 Jul 2020

Alphabet's revenue down

Ad sales, which make up the bulk of sales at the Google parent, are down 8.1% from the same period last year. This is the first-ever decline.

Source: Bloomberg



31 Jul 2020

Euro area enters recession

The euro area contracts by 12.1%. Spain took the biggest hit, shrinking 18.5% in the second quarter, while French and Italian output dropped by double digits.

Source: Bloomberg



31 Jul 2020

SA tax loss at R47 billion

The lockdown leads to an under-recovery of R82 billion for the fiscal year to 15 July.

Source: Bloomberg



3 Aug 2020

Microsoft in talks with TikTok

Microsoft adds 5% to its share price in one day after confirming that it's continuing talks to buy popular social media platform TikTok in the US.

Source: Business Insider US



3 Aug 2020

SAB cancels R5 billion investment

South African Breweries cancels R5 billion of planned investments over revenue losses suffered during the ban on alcohol sales.

Source: Reuters



5 Aug 2020

Liberty reports R2.2 billion loss

Liberty reports an interim headline loss of R2.2 billion as it prepares for more Covid-19 death claims. Death and disability payments increased by 5.1%.

Source: fin24



6 Aug 2020

Glencore cancels dividends

Glencore scraps its dividend to lower debt as the Covid-19 pandemic forced it to book a \$3.2 billion impairment charge.

Source: Reuters



6 Aug 2020

The lira hits record low

Turkey's lira tumbles to its lowest level against the dollar on concerns about the level of Turkey's reserves and its aggressive interest rate cuts.

Source: Bloomberg

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Toyota profit annihilated

Toyota Motor Corp posts a 98% plunge in its first-quarter operating profit as the pandemic has halved its global sales.

Source: Reuters

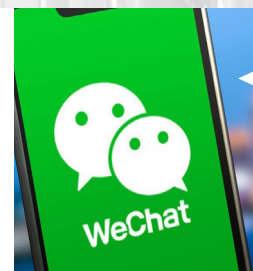


6 Aug 2020

Sanral to deploy R30 billion

South African National Roads Agency (Sanral) announces that it is ready to implement R30 billion worth of construction projects.

Source: Moneyweb



7 Aug 2020

US bans WeChat

The move to ban US residents from doing business with Tencent's WeChat app erases \$46 billion from Tencent's market value.

Source: Bloomberg

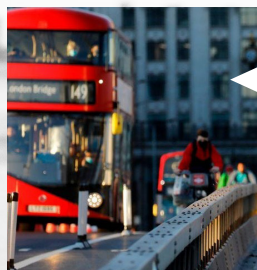


11 Aug 2020

Sasol writes down R112 billion

Petrochemicals group Sasol announces about R112 billion in impairment charges – more than its market capitalisation of R 94.9 billion.

Source: fin24



11 Aug 2020

UK job losses at 10-year high

The number of people in work in Britain falls by 220 000 in the three months to June, the most since 2009.

Source: Reuters



12 Aug 2020

UK economy shrinks by 20.4%

The UK economy posts a 20.4% contraction in the second quarter, a record slump, pushing Britain into its first recession since 2009.

Source: fin24



13 Aug 2020

Tencent posts good results

Tencent reports a profit that beats the highest analyst estimate. Sales rose 29% and net income increased to 331 billion yuan in the three months to June.

Source: Bloomberg



17 Aug 2020

Japan GDP growth worst in 40 years

The world's third-largest economy shrinks by an annualised 27.8% in April-June, the biggest decline since comparable data became available in 1980.

Source: Reuters



19 Aug 2020

Apple surpasses \$2 trillion

Apple's market value pushes past \$2 trillion, the first time a US company has surpassed this level.

Source: Bloomberg



20 Aug 2020

Implats expects 300% earnings rise

Impala Platinum flags a more than 300% surge in annual earnings, boosted by an increase in metals prices and a weaker rand.

Source: Reuters



20 Aug 2020

Standard Bank profit drops 43%

Standard Bank announces that its half-year profits dropped by 43%.

Source: Reuters



20 Aug 2020

Game reports R1 billion earnings drop

Massmart reports a more than R1 billion earnings drop after it lost approximately R2.3 billion in liquor sales in March and April.

Source: fin24

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Nedbank profit to fall by two-thirds

Nedbank says it expects its headline earnings per share for the half-year to end June to fall between 67% and 72% from the same period last year.

Source: Reuters



24 Aug 2020

Absa cancels dividend

Absa's headline earnings declines 93% for the first half of 2020 and the group announces that it will not be paying an interim dividend due to higher credit impairments.

Source: fin24



31 Aug 2020

RCL Foods' profits drop by 65%

RCL Foods reports an annual loss reflecting the impact of Covid-19 and a R1.5 billion impairment on its assets.

Source: Reuters



31 Aug 2020

Sun International cuts 3 300 jobs

Sun International plans to cut 3 300 jobs in SA and Chile as part of a restructuring plan to survive the pandemic, which took the firm into a half-year headline loss of R885 million.

Source: Reuters



1 Sept 2020

Euro inflation turns negative

Consumer prices in the euro area fall for the first time in four years, with the inflation rate coming in at -0.2%.

Source: Bloomberg



3 Sept 2020

Implats earnings up 400%

Impala Platinum's annual earnings jump by nearly 400% after higher metal prices and a weaker rand offset the impact of the pandemic.

Source: Reuters



8 Sept 2020

SA GDP down 16%

South Africa's GDP for the second quarter of 2020 shrinks by 16.4% non-annualised, the steepest decline since at least 1990.

Source: EWN



9 Sept 2020

Shoprite Checkers profits up

Despite its liquor and furniture outlets being closed during the lockdown, Shoprite Checkers' operating profit increases by 8.7% for the year to June.

Source: Moneyweb



10 Sept 2020

Momentum posts substantial loss

Momentum posts a headline loss of R251 million in the second half of its financial year, largely because of additional provisions of nearly R1 billion for pandemic-related claims.

Source: Moneyweb

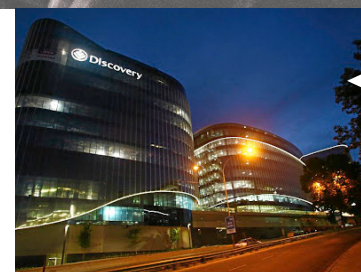


15 Sept 2020

Harmony Gold posts full-year loss

Harmony Gold posts an annual loss of R828 million after derivative losses caused by a weaker exchange rate, despite soaring gold prices.

Source: Moneyweb



16 Sept 2020

Discovery profit down 94%

Discovery's shares fall 3% on the day after the insurer reports spending of R2.2 billion on new initiatives despite a 94% full-year profit fall.

Source: Reuters

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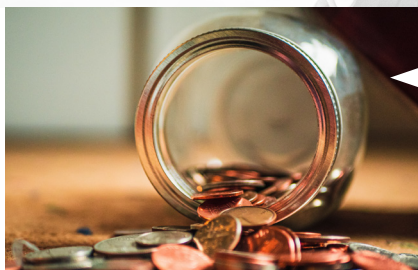


17 Sept 2020

Woolworths profit down 65%

South African retailer Woolworths reports a 65.1% drop in earnings for the year to June.

Source: Reuters



30 Sept 2020

Inflation at 3.1%

South Africa's headline consumer price inflation stands at 3.1% year-on-year in August.

Source: Statistics SA

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