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COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Appointment of Board Chairperson

- Sefalana announced the appointment of Mrs Jennifer Marinelli as Chairperson with effect from 1 Dec 20.
- Mrs Marinelli is a former Partner at Deloitte & Touche and a qualified Chartered Accountant.
- P9.34 (YTD: +4.12%) PE: 11.8 PB: 1.3 D/Y: 4.01% Mkt Cap: P2,341.8mn



Delay in Publication of 2019 Financial Results and Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- BBS announced that audited financial results for the 31 Dec 19 yearend will be published on 9 Dec 20 as opposed to the previously stated 30 Nov 20. The publication delays were attributed to outstanding but manageable work.
- 31 Dec 19 financial results along with notice of the 2019 AGM (which will be held on 30 Dec 20), will be published on 9 Dec 20.
- P1.10 (YTD: 0.00%) PE: N/A PB: 0.9 D/Y: 0.00% Mkt Cap: P536.2mn



3.75% Bank Rate Maintained by Bank of Botswana (BoB)

- The Monetary Policy Committee decided to maintain the Bank Rate at 3.75% at its 3 Dec 20 meeting.
- After inflation rose from 1.8% to 2.2% between Sep20 and Oct20, the BoB expects that inflation will revert to within its 3%-6% target range by 2Q21.
- The BoB stated that the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development projects a revised 8.9% contraction of the economy for 2020 and a 7.7% rebound for 2021, while the IMF projects a 9.6% contraction in 2020 and an 8.6% rebound for 2021.
- BoB attributes the growth and contraction projection discrepancies to Covid-19 duration uncertainty.



Botswana Rooftop Solar Program

- The Ministry of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security, through the Department of Energy (DoE) has announced that customers of BPC can partake in a roof top solar program.
- According to the DoE local consumers with personal rooftop or ground solar systems of up to 35 kW and Industrial and Commercial clients with capacity of 1MW can generate electricity for their own use and sell excess generation to the BPC grid.
- The excess electricity sold to BPC can also count as a credit against the consumer's next monthly bill.
- The program is capped at 10 MW for the first 12 months and re-evaluated annually.

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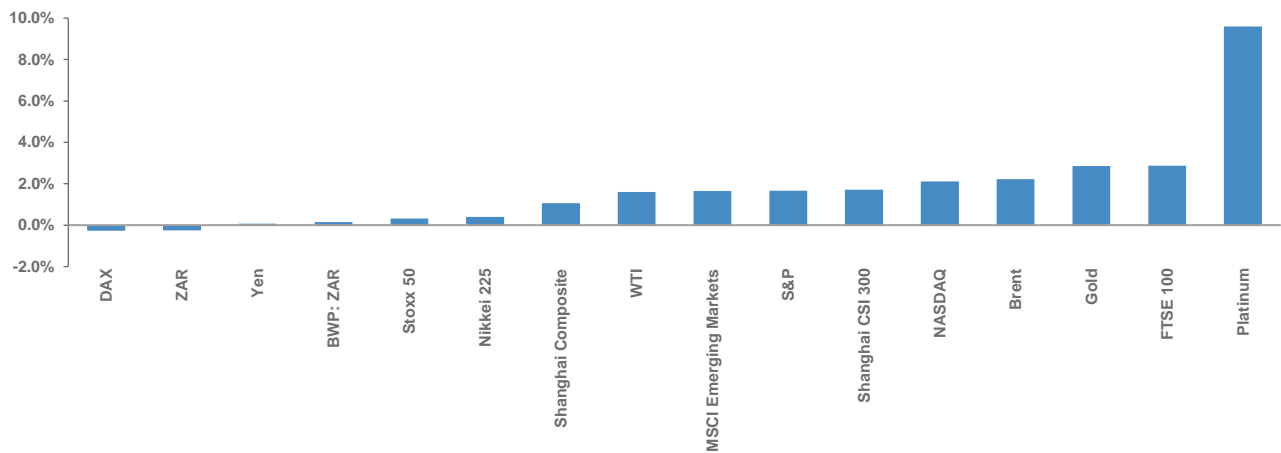
SOUTH AFRICA

- Oct20 Trade Balance R36.1bn v R33.4bn (e) v R26.3bn (Sep20)
- Nov20 Manufacturing PMI 52.6 v 60.0 (e) v 60.9 (Oct20)

ZAR PERFORMANCE

- The ZAR was buoyed by President Ramaphosa avoiding a nation-wide lockdown on Thursday and rather instituting localised lockdowns.
- ZAR 15.20 (WTD: -0.25%) v 15.24 (27 Nov 20)

INTERNATIONAL SNAPSHOT – 4 DEC 20 WEEKLY PERFORMANCE



- Oct20 Preliminary Industrial Production YoY -3.2% v -4.6% (e) v -9.0% (Sep20)
- Oct20 Retail Sales YoY 6.4% v 6.2% (e) v 6.2% (Sep20)
- Japanese equities closed in the green driven by stronger Chinese factory data and Covid-19 vaccine optimism.
- Nikkei 225: 26,751 (WTD: +0.40%), Yen: 104.17 (WTD: +0.08%)



- Eurozone Nov20 Final Manufacturing PMI 53.8 v 53.6 (e) v 54.8 (Oct20)
- France Nov20 Final Manufacturing PMI 49.6 v 49.1 (e) v 51.3 (Oct20)
- Germany Nov20 Final Manufacturing PMI 57.8 v 57.9 (e) v 58.2 (Oct20)
- Spain Nov20 Preliminary CPI YoY -0.8% v -0.9% (e) v -0.9% (Oct20)
- European equities closed mixed with the continued Brexit stalemate weighing on markets whilst rising oil prices provided support to equities. The UK FTSE 100 jumped after the announcement of UK's emergency approval of Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine.
- DAX: 13,299 (WTD: -0.28%), Stoxx50: 3,539 (WTD: +0.33%), FTSE100: 6,550 (WTD: +2.87%)



- Nov20 Caixin Manufacturing PMI 54.9 v 53.5 (e) v 53.6 (Oct20)
- Nov20 Official Manufacturing PMI 52.1 v 51.5 (e) v 51.4 (Oct20)
- Chinese equities rallied on account of continued investor risk-on sentiment following the emergency approval of Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine by the UK.
- SHSZ300: 5,066 (WTD: +1.71%), SHCOMP: 3,445 (WTD: +1.06%)



- 28 Nov 20 Initial Jobless claims 712k v 775k (e) v 787k (21 Nov 20)
- Nov20 ΔNon-Farm Payrolls 245k v 460k (e) v 610k (Oct20)
 - Unemployment Rate 6.7% v 6.7% (e) v 6.9% (Oct20)
 - Labour Force Participation Rate 61.5% v 61.7% (e) v 61.7% (Oct20)
- Nov20 Services PMI 58.4 v 57.5 (e) v 57.7 (Oct20)
- Nov20 Manufacturing PMI 56.7 v 56.7 (e) v 56.7 (Oct20)
- US equities brushed off poor jobs data and rallied to records as the \$908bn stimulus deal from Congress seemed imminent.
- NASDAQ: 12,464 (WTD: +2.12%), S&P: 3,699 (WTD: +1.67%)

COMMODITIES



- Δ US Crude Inventories -679k bbl. (27 Nov 20) v -1,900k bbl. (e) v -754k bbl. (20 Nov 20)
- Δ US Oil Rigs +3; 323 (4 Dec 20) v 320 (27 Nov 20)
- Δ North American Oil Rigs +3; 425 (4 Dec 20) v 422 (27 Nov 20)
- Global oil prices rallied on Friday as OPEC+ came to a compromise agreement. Production quotas will increase by an additional 500k barrels a day in Jan21.
 - WTI: \$46.26 (WTD: +1.60%)
 - Brent Crude: \$49.25 (WTD: +2.22%)



- Precious metals rose due to lingering anxiety over increasing lockdowns.
 - Gold: \$1,839 (WTD: 2.86%)
 - Platinum: \$1,061 (WTD: +9.59%)



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