

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Access Bank Set to Acquire Major Stake in BancABC Botswana



- Atlas Mara, ABC Holdings and Access Bank announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement regarding a proposed acquisition of 78.15% of BancABC Botswana equity by Access Bank.
- The transaction is expected to conclude in the first half of 2021, pending regulatory approvals by Bank of Botswana and all other relevant approvals.
- P1.98 (YTD: 0.00%) PE: 15.4 PB: 1.2 D/Y: 0.00% Mkt Cap: P1,435.5mn

Absa Group Limited (AGL) Chief Executive Steps Down, Interim Group Chief Executive Appointed and Notice of Dividends



- Absa Group announced that Mr Daniel Mminele will be stepping down as a director and Group Chief Executive of AGL and Absa Bank, effective 30 Apr 21, following non-alignment on matters of strategy and culture transformation between Mr Mminele and the Board.
- The Group's Financial Director, Jason Quinn will take over from Mminele as interim CEO, subject to regulatory approval. Mr Quinn has been the Group Financial Director since August 2016.
- Shareholders of Absa Botswana are given notice of the P176mn final dividend declared for the period ended 31 Dec 20. The dividend will be payable on 20 May 21 to those shareholders registered at the close of business on 10 May 21, with an ex-dividend date of 6 May 21.
- Minority shareholders of Absa Botswana will receive a final dividend of 26.499 thebe per share and AGL will receive a final dividend of 17.799 thebe per share.
- P4.40 (YTD: -18.22%) PE: 12.6 PB: 1.6 D/Y: 6.02% Mkt Cap: P3,749.5mn

1Q21 Results Release



- Lucara gave notice that it will release its 1Q21 results on 6 May 21, after the market close in North America.
- Lucara will host a conference call and webcast to discuss the results on 7 May 21 at 6am Pacific Time.
- P7.00 (YTD: +36.99%) PE: N/A PB: 1.2 D/Y: 0.00% Mkt Cap: P2,779.2mn

Cautionary Announcement



- RDC advised unitholders to exercise caution as it is still in acquisition negotiations that will continue RDC's strategy of portfolio and geographic diversification.
- P 2.13 (YTD: -0.93%) PE: 33.9 PB: 0.5 D/Y: 6.98% Mkt Cap: P752.8mn

Suspension of Managing Director and Company Secretary and Litigation Brought Against BBS By Managing Director and Company Secretary



- BBS announced the suspension of Managing Director Mr Pius Molefe and Head of Marketing, Communication and Company Secretary Mr Sipho Showa pending the finalization of litigation brought against BBS by the suspended employees, or the completion of investigations into possible professional misconduct by Messrs. Molefe and Showa.
- This follows the High Court's ruling to overturn their recent dismissal from BBS reason being that Molefe, in his capacity as a director, was not given proper notice of the Board meeting where these resolutions were passed.
- BBS has appointed Mr James Kamyuka as acting Managing Director until a further appointment is made.
- P1.00 (YTD: -8.26%) PE: N/A PB: 0.9 D/Y: 0.00% Mkt Cap: P487.5mn



Dealing in Shares by Directors

- Choppies announced that that the Directors, Mr Farouk Ismail and Mr Ramachandran Ottapathu, bought 1,855,369 shares each at 60 thebe per share.
- P0.60 (YTD: 0.00%) PE: N/A PB: N/A D/Y: 0.00% Mkt Cap: P782.2mn



Notice to Shareholders

- G4S announced that the acquisition of G4S PLC by Allied Universal was completed on 6 Apr 21.
- G4S advises shareholders that there are no expectations for structural and operational changes in the company's subsidiary companies including G4S Botswana.
- P3.00 (YTD: -11.76%) PE: 23.0 PB: 2.1 D/Y: 0.00% Mkt Cap: P240.0mn



Cautionary Update

- NAP announced that it expects its Profit Before Tax (PBT) for the interim period ended 31 Jan 21 to be P80mn-P85mn (21%-26%) lower than the P108mn PBT generated for the interim period ended 31 Jan 20
- The decline in PBT is due to the change in valuation adjustments.
- NAP further stated that its interim distribution per linked unit is expected to be 10% -12% above the interim distribution paid last year, while distribution income is expected to be in line with the 2020 interim results.
- The increase in the distribution per linked unit is a consequence of NAP's decision to revert to 100% distributions, thus including the amount retained at half year in the year end distribution.
- P3.25 (YTD: +1.25%) PE: 13.2 PB: 1.4 D/Y: 7.78% Mkt Cap: 1,964.3mn



Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) revises water tariffs

- WUC announced that it shall revise water tariffs, effective 1 Jun 21.
- Domestic, raw water, untreated borehole water, bulk treated water, treated effluent and wastewater charged to a central connection will be increased by 13.3%
- Business, Industrial and Government tariff categories will be increased by 23.3%
- Water utilities further stated that the tariff block of 0-5kl is not subject to any VAT adjustment.



Moody's downgrades Botswana's ratings to A3

- Bank of Botswana announced that Moody's downgraded the Government of Botswana's long-term local and foreign currency issuer ratings to A3 from A2 on account of the risks created by Covid-19 pandemic which eroded Botswana's fiscal buffers. This reduced the government's fiscal space to absorb future shocks, to which the country is more exposed than most of its A-rated peers.
- However, Moody's changed the outlook to stable from negative as it expects Botswana's financial strength to remain in line with A3 sovereign credit rating.
- Moody's indicated that the economic outlook could be revised upwards if there is improved resilience to shocks, reduced vulnerability of the budget structure and evidence of notable progress on economic diversification and measures adopted to improve business environment, materially reducing economic and fiscal reliance on the minerals sector.
- Ratings could be lowered if there is a deterioration in the fiscal metrics beyond the current projections due to fiscal consolidation challenges and a significant increase in financial support to state owned enterprises.



Botswana Receives Covid-19 Vaccine from China

- Botswana received a donation of 200,000 doses of Sinovac vaccines from China on 25 Apr 21.
- This donation precedes an additional 200,000 purchased doses of Sinovac vaccines expected to arrive in the country soon.



Revision of the Ban of Poultry Imports from South Africa Amid Flu Outbreak

- The Ministry of Agriculture Development and Food Security revised its ban on poultry imports from South Africa following an outbreak of highly pathogenic Avian Influenza (Bird flu) in the Gauteng Province.
- The ban remains in force; however, the following will be allowed in the country with a permit:
 - Imports from registered and approved avian influenza free compartments from South Africa
 - Imports of fresh poultry products from other countries, that transit through South Africa in sealed containers will be allowed with a permit.
- Cooked poultry meat is allowed without a permit

Regional

SOUTH AFRICA

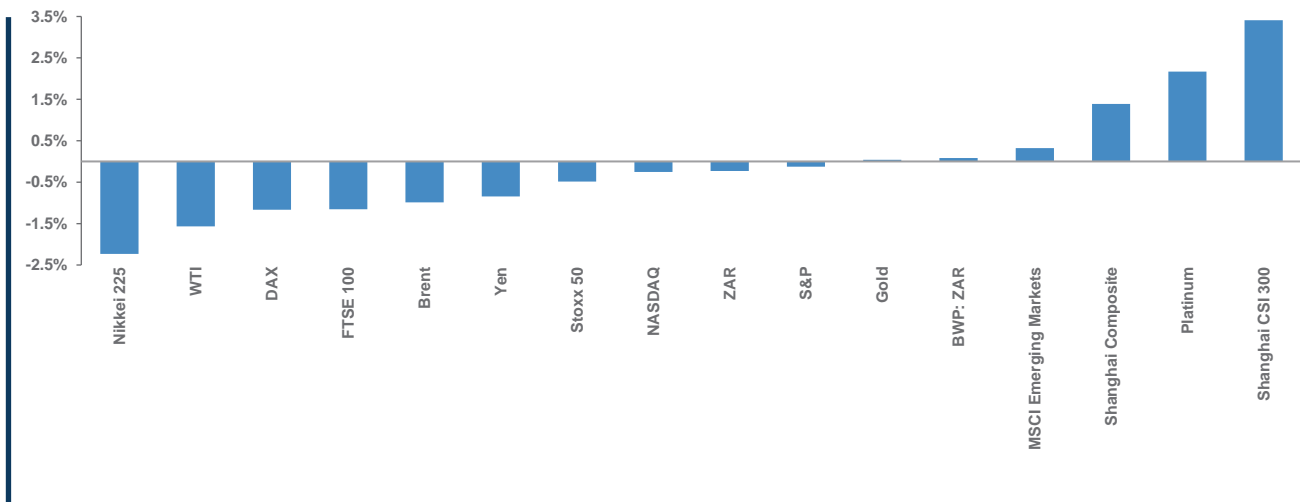
- Mar21 CPI y/y 3.2% v 3.3% (e) v 2.9% (Feb21)

ZAR PERFORMANCE

- The ZAR strengthened against the USD for the week due to an increase in risk appetite driven by the decline in US treasury yields which drove investors into riskier assets.
- ZAR 14.28 (WTD: -0.23%) v 14.31 (16 Apr 21)

International

INTERNATIONAL SNAPSHOT – 23 APR 21 WEEKLY PERFORMANCE



- Mar21 National CPI y/y -0.2% v -0.2% (e) v -0.4% (Feb21)
- Feb21 Final Industrial Production m/m -1.3% v -2.1% (Jan21)
- Apr21 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 53.3 v 52.7 (Mar21)
- Japanese equities closed lower for the week due to bearish investor sentiments over the recovery of the economy following a surge in Covid-19 cases.
- Nikkei 225: 29,021 (WTD: -2.23%), Yen: 107.88 (WTD: -0.85%)



- Eurozone Apr21 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 63.3 v 62.0 (e) v 62.5 (Mar21)
- Germany Apr21 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 66.4 v 65.8 (e) v 66.6 (Mar21)
- France Apr21 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 59.2 v 59.0 (e) v 59.3 (Mar21)
- The European Central Bank Governing Council (GC) met during the week and decided the following:
 - Maintained the envelope of its pandemic emergency purchase program at €1.85tn until at least Mar22.
 - Maintained monthly purchases under its asset purchase program at €20bn.
 - Maintained the interest rates on main refinancing operations, the marginal lending facility, and the deposit facility at 0.00%, 0.25% and -0.50% respectively.
- European equities closed the week in the red as investors made cautious moves amid concerns about a surge in coronavirus cases within the region, coupled with slow vaccination rollouts.
- DAX: 15,280 (WTD: -1.17%), Stoxx50: 4,013 (WTD: -0.49%), FTSE100: 6,939 (WTD: -1.15%)



- Chinese equities rose for the week aided by President Xi Jinping's recent pledge to cut coal use from 2026 as well as the rise of Covid-19 cases in some Asian countries, which drove up green and healthcare stocks, respectively.
- SHSZ300: 5,135 (WTD: +3.41%), SHCOMP: 3,474 (WTD: +1.39%)



- 17 Apr 21 Initial Jobless Claims 547k v 610k (e) v 586k (10 Apr 21)
- Apr21 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 60.6 v 61.0 (e) v 59.1 (Mar21)
- US equities closed lower for the week due to bearish investor sentiments driven by reports that President Biden is considering nearly doubling capital-gains taxes on the wealthy.
- NASDAQ: 14,017 (WTD: -0.25%), S&P 4,180 (WTD: -0.13%)

COMMODITIES



- ΔUS Crude Inventories -594k bbl. (16 Apr 21) v -3,265.5k bbl. (e) v -5,890k bbl. (9 Apr 21)
- ΔUS Oil Rigs -1; 438 (23 Apr 21) v 439 (16 Apr 21)
- ΔNorth American Oil Rigs -2; 493 (23 Apr 21) v 495 (16 Apr 21)
- Oil prices closed in the red on account of a surge in global Covid-19 cases as well as a rise in U.S. crude supplies.
 - WTI: \$62.14 (WTD: -1.57%)
 - Brent Crude: \$66.11 (WTD: -0.99%)



- Precious metals closed in the green for the week driven by falling US Treasury yields and a weaker USD.
 - Gold: \$1,777 (WTD: +0.04%)
 - Platinum: \$1,232 (WTD: +2.17%)



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