

## Local

### COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### Appointment of Acting Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

- Minergy announced that it has appointed Mr Julius Ayo as acting CFO for a period of six-months.
- Mr. Ayo has been employed as Minergy's Financial Manager since Mar19.
- P0.80 (YTD: 0.00%) PE: N/A PB: N/A D/Y: 0.00% Mkt Cap: P376.0mn



#### Director's Associate Dealings in Shares

- During the week, an associate of Turnstar Group Managing Director, Gulaam Abdoola, bought 5,000 Turnstar shares at P2.10/share.
- P2.10 (YTD: -16.00%) PE: 14.8 PB: 0.7 D/Y: 9.05% Mkt Cap: P1,201.5mn



#### Notice of Resignation of Letshego Micro Financial Services (Namibia) As Obligor

- Letshego announced the resignation of Letshego Micro Financial Services (Namibia) from its duties as an obligor under the security sharing agreement entered into under the Medium Term Note Program listed on the JSE and any other finance document to which it is a party, following its consideration of raising debt on a standalone basis.
- P0.80 (YTD: +11.11%) PE: 2.7 PB: 0.4 D/Y: 15.25% Mkt Cap: P1,715.2mn

#### Mr. Bernard Mzizi Appointed BBS Board Chairman, Reinstatement of Messrs. Molefe and Showa, and Results of The Resolutions Considered at The Annual General Meeting (AGM)



- BBS announced the appointment of Mr Bernard Mzizi to the position of Board Chairman. Mr Mzizi, who is currently in private business, was Country Head of Corporate Banking at BancABC from 2011-2018.
- BBS announced the lifting of the suspensions of the Managing Director Mr Pius Molefe and the Company Secretary & Head of Marketing and Communications Mr Siphon Showa with immediate effect.
- BBS further announced the results of their 2020 AGM held 30 Apr 21, all resolutions were passed by 98% or more in favour, except:
  - Ordinary Resolution 4: To elect/re-elect the following to the Board of Directors:
    - Election of New nominees Duraiswamy Kalyanaraman, Mokoto Lebole, Bernard Mzizi, Colm Patterson and Victor Ramalepa. 67% or more voted in favour and 21% or less voted against
    - Re-election of James Kamyuka, Richard Molosiwa, Kgalalelo Monthe, Pelani Siwawa-Ndai and Michael Tlhagwane. 32% or less voted in favour and 38% or more against.
- P1.00 (YTD: -8.26%) PE: N/A PB: 0.9 D/Y: 0.00% Mkt Cap: P487.5mn

#### Apr21 Monetary Policy Report



- The Bank of Botswana (BoB) released its Apr21 Monetary Policy Report.
- BoB expects higher 1Q21 economic growth in comparison to 4Q20, due to the gradual easing of Covid-19 movement restrictions and vaccine rollouts.
- BoB revised its inflation upwards, with the possibility of breaching the upper bound of its medium-term objective range of 3%-6% in 2Q21. However it noted that its inflation projections are higher than its Dec20 estimates due to:
  - The rise in subscription fees by Multichoice Botswana.
  - The announced increase in water tariffs.
  - A higher rate of depreciation of the Pula against the South African Rand.
  - The upward revision in forecasts for trading partner countries inflation and international commodity prices than previously projected.
- The BoB expects the ZAR to depreciate marginally over the next three quarters due to a looming threat of increased Covid-19 infections and possible tighter lockdown restrictions

## 1Q21 Botswana Expectations Survey (BES)



- The Bank of Botswana (BoB) released the results of its 1Q21 BES. Firms were pessimistic about economic activity in 1Q21 compared to 4Q20 as COVID-19 containment efforts negatively affected business operations in 1Q21.
- Firms expect:
  - Access to credit to remain tight across all markets.
  - Cost pressures to rise in 2Q21, reflecting the anticipated increase in some input costs, following the 2% upward adjustment of Value Added Tax (VAT) in Apr21
  - Inflation to be stable and remain within the BoB's medium term objective range of 3%-6% in 2020 and 2021
  - Their businesses to recover from the impact of Covid-19, a year after Mar21.

## Regional

### SOUTH AFRICA

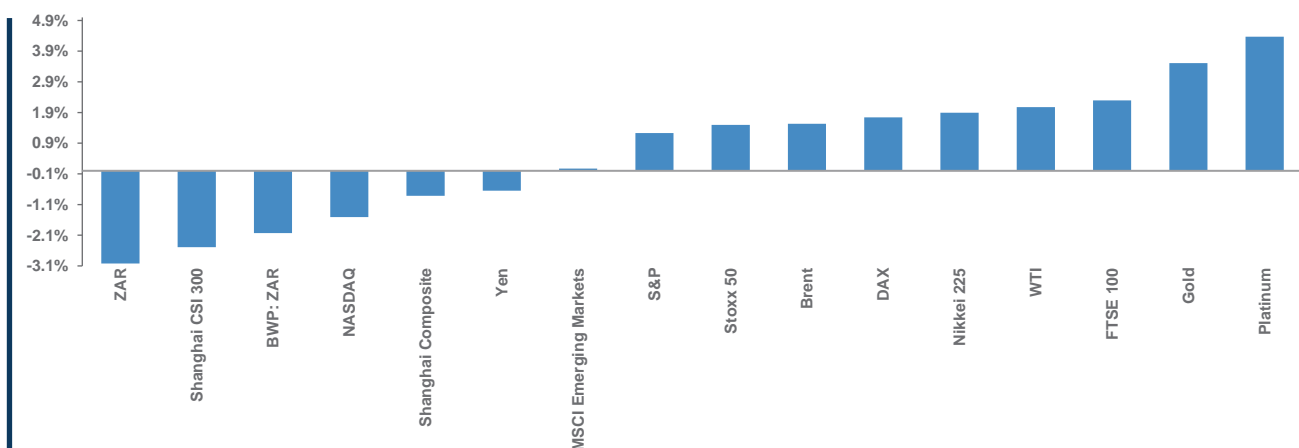
- Apr21 Manufacturing PMI 56.2 v 57.4 (Mar21)

#### ZAR PERFORMANCE

- The ZAR strengthened for the week due to an increase in risk appetite driven by the decline in US treasury yields, boosting appetite for riskier assets.
- ZAR 14.057 (WTD: -3.02%) v 14.495 (30 Apr 21)

## International

### INTERNATIONAL SNAPSHOT – 7 MAY 21 WEEKLY PERFORMANCE



- Apr21 Final Composite PMI 51.0 v 50.2 (Mar21)
- Mar21 Labour Cash Earnings y/y 0.2% v -0.2% (e) v -0.4% (Feb21)
- Japanese equities closed higher for the week, following the surge in cyclical stocks after the announcement of the extension of the state of emergency in Tokyo and three other areas until the end of May to stem a surge in coronavirus cases.
- Nikkei 225: 29,358 (WTD: +1.89%), Yen: 108.6 (WTD: -0.65%)



- Eurozone Apr21 Final Manufacturing PMI 62.9 v 63.3 (e) v 62.9 (Mar21)
- France Apr21 Final Manufacturing PMI 58.9 v 59.2 (e) v 59.2 (Mar21)
- Germany Apr21 Final Manufacturing PMI 66.2 v 66.4 (e) v 66.4 (Mar21)
- European equities closed the week higher on account of investor optimism following the release of strong PMI data
- DAX: 15,400 (WTD: +1.74%), Stoxx50 4,034 (WTD: +1.50%), FTSE100: 7,130 (WTD: +2.29%)



- Apr21 Caixin Composite PMI 54.7 v 53.1 (Mar21)
- Apr21 Trade Balance \$42.85bn v \$27.70bn (e) v \$13.80bn (Mar21)
- Chinese equities closed lower for the week following the slump in pharmaceutical stocks after the US supported a proposal to waive intellectual-property protections for Covid-19 vaccines.
- SHSZ300: 4,996 (WTD: -2.49%), SHCOMP: 3,419 (WTD: -0.81%)



- 1 May 21 Initial Jobless Claims 498k v 538k (e) v 590k (24 Apr 21)
- Apr21 Final Manufacturing PMI 60.5 v 60.7 (e) v 60.6 (Mar21)
- Apr21  $\Delta$ Non-farm Payrolls 266k v 1,000k (e) v 770k (Mar21)
  - Unemployment Rate 6.1% v 5.8% (e) v 6.0% (Mar21)
  - Labour Force Participation Rate 61.7% v 61.6% (e) v 61.5% (Mar21)
- US equities closed mixed for the week, with investors selling off tech stocks after Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen suggested that interest rates might need to rise in an overheating economy, whilst S&P closed higher due to the decline in US treasury yields.
- NASDAQ: 13,752 (WTD: -1.51%), S&P 4,223 (WTD: +1.23%)

## COMMODITIES



- $\Delta$ US Crude Inventories -7,990k bbl. (30 Apr 21) v -2,644k bbl. (e) v 90k bbl. (23 Apr 21)
- $\Delta$ US Oil Rigs +8; 448 (7 May 21) v 440 (30 Apr 21)
- $\Delta$ North American Oil Rigs +12; 503 (7 May 21) v 491 (30 Apr 21)
- Oil prices rose for the week on account of a steep drop in US stockpiles, reinforcing bullish views on fuel demand.
  - WTI: \$64.90 (WTD: +2.08%)
  - Brent Crude: \$68.28 (WTD: +1.53%)



- Precious metals closed in higher for the week following the decline in US Treasury yields and a weaker USD.
  - Gold: \$1,831 (WTD: +3.51%)
  - Platinum: \$1,256 (WTD: +4.37%)



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