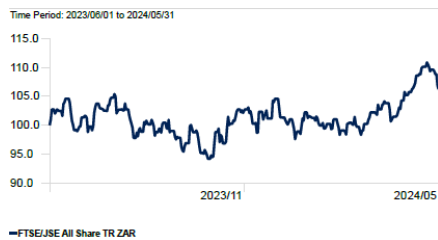
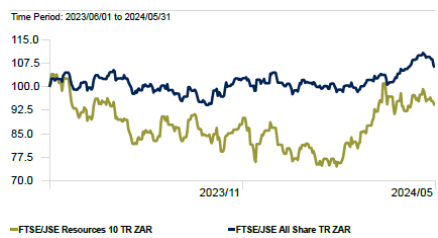
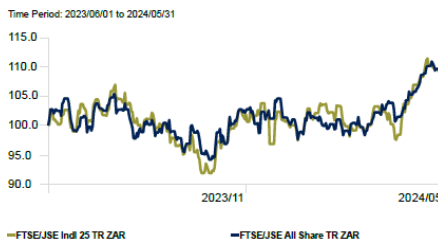
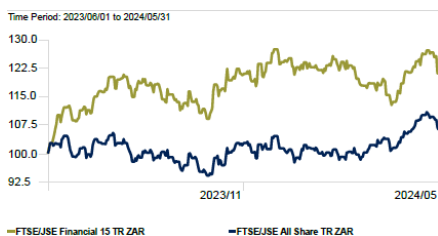



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All Share

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Index	Value	May (%)	YTD (%)
All Share	76,704	▲ 1.0%	▲ 1.6%
S&P 500	5,278	▲ 5.0%	▲ 11.3%
FTSE 100	8,275	▲ 2.1%	▲ 9.0%
Rand/USD	18.83	▼ 0.0%	▲ 3.0%
Rand/GBP	23.97	▲ 1.6%	▲ 2.8%
Gold (\$)	2,323	▲ 1.4%	▲ 12.6%
Plat (\$)	1,038	▲ 10.3%	▲ 4.3%
Brent (\$)	81.62	▼ 7.1%	▲ 5.9%

Local markets progress steadily ahead of National Election outcome

The local bourse exhibited resilience amidst uncertainty surrounding the outcome of the National and Provincial Elections held in May. Despite a late stumble post-elections, both the All Share (+1%) and Capped SWIX (+0.9%) indices managed to finish the month in positive territory, marking the third consecutive month of gains. However, the final days saw both indices forfeit as much as 2.38% and 2.44% respectively. The elections sparked conversations about the loss of the ANC's majority for the first time since the advent of democracy in South Africa, leading to speculation about possible coalition formations. Ultimately, the ANC secured 40.18% of votes, followed by the DA with 21.81%, and MK with 14.58% in their electoral debut. In the aftermath, the local currency struggled, depreciating by 2.96% against the greenback, despite broad-based Dollar weakness.

Across sectors, the JSE witnessed widespread gains, with notable performances from Industrial Metals and Mining (+10%), Technology (+4%), Consumer Discretionary (+2.9%), Health Care (+2.7%), and Industrials (+2.1%). Precious metal and diversified miners (+0.7%) benefited from a recent uptick in commodity prices, particularly Platinum (+10.3%) and Gold (+1.4%). African Rainbow Minerals (+15.1%) and Impala Platinum (+13.5%) lead the pack amongst the miners while local technology giants, Naspers (+3.4%) and Prosus (+5.8%), maintained their recent impressive momentum, buoyed by the strong performance of their largest investment, Tencent (+3.6%). Luxury goods retailer, Richemont (+12.7%), emerged as the third-best performer on the JSE, propelled by their positive fiscal year earnings release. Richemont reported robust sales totalling €20.68 billion, with significant contributions from Jewellery Maisons and Retail, which accounted for 69% of Group sales. Although operating profit experienced a 5% year-on-year decline, it saw a notable 13% increase when adjusting for constant exchange rates. Market participants responded positively to the earnings release, especially considering the challenges faced by the luxury sector throughout the past year.

The banking sector (-0.7%), which had a remarkable month in April, took a step back in May. Among its constituents, Absa (+2.6%) and Standard Bank (+1.2%) stood out as the only ones to end the month on a positive note. Nedbank and FirstRand saw slight declines of 10 and 20 basis points respectively, while Capitec (-7.2%) faced a significant drop in its share price, relinquishing most of the gains it had made in April.

South Africa's year-on-year headline inflation eased slightly from 5.3% in March to 5.2% in April. Meanwhile, year-on-year local core inflation, which excludes volatile fuel and food prices, decreased to 4.6% from 4.9%. Housing & utilities, food & non-alcoholic beverages, and transport primarily drove inflation in April. Annual inflation for food and non-alcoholic beverages also cooled, dropping from 5.1% in March to 4.7% in April, marking the fifth consecutive monthly decline. In other notable price changes for April, the annual rate for restaurants and hotels rose from 5.7% in March to 7.5% in April. Additionally, fuel prices experienced a monthly gain of 1.9%, pushing the annual rate to 9%. The SARB opted to hold rates steady, with the prime lending and repo rates remaining unchanged at 11.75% and 8.25% respectively. This decision marks a year since the last rate adjustment by the SARB, with the previous rate increase occurring in May 2023.

Global markets rediscover rhythm to rally impressively

Global equity markets recovered marvellously to overshadow the hiccup they experienced in April. The MSCI ACWI and MSCI World roared back to erase the losses they suffered in April, with both indices impressively rising 4.1% and 4.5% respectively. Global markets remained defiantly buoyant despite the prospect of a June Fed rate cut all but fading. Many market participants anticipate the earliest possible rate cut may come in September, and that the market may only be pricing in at most 2 rate cuts this year, a stark contrast to the 6 that many market participants had hoped for at the beginning of the year.

The market's enthusiasm has largely been thwarted by the stubbornness of inflation and the challenge faced by the Fed in guiding it back down to its 2% target. Despite the labour market cooling steadily over the last quarter, inflation is still proving to be quite sticky, and this paired with the Fed's willingness to exercise ample patience, has left markets on a knife's edge.

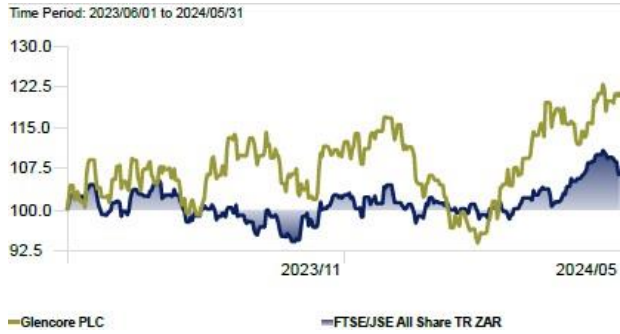
Some comments from FOMC board members suggest that the Fed is potentially willing to wait until the end of the year to reduce rates, with some board members even propositioning the prospect that it may not be necessary to reduce rates at all this year. FOMC member and President of the Minneapolis Fed, Neel Kashkari, echoed the sentiment that the Fed is inclined to maintain rates at their current levels for the foreseeable future. Kashkari remarked, "If we continue to see inflation move sideways, then that would raise questions about the necessity of implementing rate cuts." He further implied that if the current restrictive monetary policy fails to consistently meet the Fed's objectives, the possibility of further rate hikes is 'not off the table.' Additionally, FOMC board member, Raphael Bostic, expressed similar apprehensions, indicating that the US has not surpassed the 'worry point' when it comes to inflation.

Despite the Fed's cautious stance on the timing of rate cuts and current inflation dynamics, equity markets in the US remained optimistically robust. The S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average indices saw impressive gains of 5% and 2.6% respectively, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite (+7%) experienced a notable upswing, propelled by significant share price appreciation from US mega-cap tech stocks. NVIDIA (+26.9%) resumed its incredible rally, having more than doubled in price since the turn of the year, meanwhile, Apple (+12.9%) and Microsoft (+6.6%) contributed positively to the rally seen by US tech companies.

European equity markets bounced back from their setback last month, with the DAX (+3.2%), Euro Stoxx 50 (+2.4%), and CAC 40 (+1.6%) all showing strong rebounds, while the FTSE100 (+2.1%) steadily built on its newfound momentum. This resurgence was fuelled by optimism among investors, who are eyeing the possibility of the ECB implementing its first rate cut in over 5 years. Market participants are eagerly anticipating the ECB's upcoming decision, with widespread expectations that the central bank will slash rates by 25 basis points to 3.75%. Asian equity markets continued their recent buoyancy, as the MSCI Asia Pacific and MSCI Asia Pacific ex-Japan rose 1.1%, while markets in China continued their resurgence with the Hang Seng climbing 1.8%. Meanwhile, the Nikkei shrugged off the previous month's slump, edging up by 20 basis points, securing its position as the top-performing Asian equity index year-to-date.

Glencore Plc. – Annual financial results for the year ended 31 December 2023

Earnings per share	R6.16
Historical PE	18.14
EPS growth	-70.80%
Turnover growth	-3.52%
ROE	9.51%
Debt/Equity	73.98%
NAV per share	R65.47
Dividend yield	2.11%
Share price	R111.65



Nature of business

Glencore Plc engages in the production and marketing of metal, mineral, and energy and agricultural commodities. The firm serves the automotive, steel, power generation, battery manufacturing, and oil sectors. It operates through the following segments: Marketing, Industrial, and Corporate and Other. The Marketing segment includes the net sale and purchase of physical commodities, and provision of marketing and related value-add services. The Industrial segment deals with the sale of physical commodities over the cost of production and/or cost of sales. The Corporate and Other segment represents group related income and expenses. The company was founded in 1974 and is headquartered in Baar, Switzerland.

Latest results

Glencore's 2023 financial results reflect mixed performance amid shifting market dynamics. Despite a 15% decrease in revenue, the company demonstrated resilience, reporting Adjusted EBITDA of \$17.1 billion, down 50% from the previous year, primarily influenced by fluctuations in international energy trade flows and declining energy prices. Net income for equity holders saw a significant drop of 75%, amounting to \$4.3 billion, attributed to impairments and macro assumption revisions affecting certain assets. Industrial assets posted Adjusted EBITDA of \$13.2 billion, down 52%, with coal earnings notably impacted by lower energy prices. Marketing results were also affected, with Adjusted EBIT at \$3.5 billion, down 46% year-on-year. However, amidst these challenges, Glencore maintains a robust balance sheet, with a net debt to Adjusted EBITDA ratio of 0.29x and available committed liquidity of \$12.9 billion. The company remains committed to its climate ambition, engaging with shareholders to align its strategies with evolving energy transition goals, with plans to achieve net-zero industrial emissions by 2050. This commitment is evidenced by ongoing efforts to reduce its total industrial emissions footprint and the forthcoming publication of an updated Climate Action Transition Plan in March 2024, demonstrating Glencore's dedication to long-term sustainability amidst market fluctuations.

Dividend

On 21 February 2024, the board of directors declared an interim dividend of 248.71 cents per share to ordinary shareholders, which was paid on 5 June 2024.

Tencent Ltd. – Financial results for the first quarter ended 31 March 2024

Earnings per share	HKD 14.88
Historical PE	20.42
EPS growth	-44.17%
Turnover growth	3.77%
ROE	15.85%
Debt/Equity	44.07%
NAV per share	HKD 97.85
Dividend yield	1.12%
Share price	HKD 303.80



Nature of business

Tencent Holdings Ltd. provides value-added services, online advertising services, and fintech and business services. It operates through the following segments: Value-Added Services, FinTech and Business Services, Online Advertising, and Others. The Value-Added Services segment is involved in online and mobile games, community value-added services, and applications across various Internet and mobile platforms. The FinTech and Business Services segment offers fintech and cloud services, which include commissions from payment, wealth management and other services. The Online Advertising segment refers to the display-based and performance-based advertisements. The Other segment is composed of trademark licensing, software development services, software sales, and other services. The company was founded by Yi Dan Chen, Hua Teng Ma, Chen Ye Xu, Li Qing Zeng, and Zhi Dong Zhang on November 11, 1998, and is headquartered in Shenzhen, China.

Latest results

Tencent's first quarter of 2024 saw strong financial performance, with revenues up 6% to RMB159.5 billion and gross profit increasing by 23% to RMB83.9 billion. Non-IFRS operating profit and profit attributable to equity holders surged by 30% and 54% respectively. Notably, operating margin rose to 37%, reflecting robust operational efficiency. User engagement in key segments like Video Accounts and Mini Programs drove revenue growth. Tencent's gaming division experienced success with flagship titles, while international expansion efforts paid off, notably with Supercell's games. Advertising revenue rose by 26%, driven by increased engagement. Tencent's strategic focus and strong financial position, position it well for continued growth and innovation in the digital landscape.

Dividend

On 20 March 2024, the board of directors declared an annual dividend of HKD3.40 per share to ordinary shareholders, which was paid on 31 May 2024.

Snippets

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Each year at PCH, we embrace a theme to encourage increased internal proficiency and growth - always focus on nurturing wealth for our clients. In 2023, we elected to focus on better understanding our client experience (PCH CX) and journey across all our services pillars. We mapped each interaction path with our clients across all services. We then took these client journey maps a step further and highlighted pain points for each of them and challenged our teams to resolve these pain points. We repeated the same process across all client journeys and all our service pillars.

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Corporate Cash Manager Rates

FUND	BALANCE	RATE
CALL ACCOUNT	0.00 – 9 999.99	7.90
	10 000 – 24 999.99	7.90
	25 000 – 49 999.99	7.90
	50 000 – 99 999.99	7.90
	100 000 – 249 999.99	7.90
CALL MONEY FUND: <i>Individuals</i>	250 000 – 999 999.99	8.13
	1 000 000 – 9 999 999.99	8.13
	10 000 000 upwards	8.13
CALL MONEY FUND: <i>Non-Individuals</i>	250 000 – 999 999.99	7.83
	1 000 000 – 9 999 999.99	7.83
	10 000 000 upwards	7.83

Dividends Payable

Dividends in LDT order					
Company	Decl	LDT	Pay	Amt	Curr
Afrimat Ltd. (AFRIMAT)	15-May	04-Jun	10-Jun	154	ZARc
Altron Ltd. (ALTRON)	20-May	04-Jun	10-Jun	33	ZARc
Equites Property Fund Ltd. (EQUITES)	13-May	04-Jun	10-Jun	65.75	ZARc
Gemfields Group Ltd. (GEMFIELDS)	25-Mar	04-Jun	24-Jun	0.86	USDc
KAL Group Ltd. (KAL GROUP)	09-May	04-Jun	10-Jun	54	ZARc
Newpark REIT Ltd. (NEWPARK)	17-May	04-Jun	10-Jun	35.37	ZARc
Oasis Crescent Property Fund (OASIS)	26-Apr	04-Jun	10-Jun	57.43	ZARc
Octodec Investments Ltd. (OCTODEC)	14-May	04-Jun	10-Jun	60	ZARc
Burstone Group Ltd. (BURSTONE)	22-May	11-Jun	18-Jun	40.95	ZARc
Combined Motor Holdings Ltd. (CMH)	07-May	11-Jun	18-Jun	220	ZARc
Coronation Fund Managers Ltd. (CORONAT)	21-May	11-Jun	18-Jun	185	ZARc
Deneb Investments Ltd. (DENEb)	22-May	11-Jun	18-Jun	10	ZARc
eMedia Holdings Ltd. (E MEDIA)	23-May	11-Jun	18-Jun	16	ZARc
Exemplar REITail Ltd. (EXEMPLAR)	27-May	11-Jun	18-Jun	57.03	ZARc
Frontier Transport Holdings Ltd. (FRONTIERT)	23-May	11-Jun	18-Jun	24.2	ZARc
Life Healthcare Group Holdings Ltd. (LIFEHC)	22-May	11-Jun	18-Jun	19	ZARc
Southern Sun Ltd. (SSU)	22-May	11-Jun	18-Jun	12.5	ZARc
Spear REIT Ltd. (SPEARREIT)	22-May	11-Jun	18-Jun	40.53	ZARc
4Sight Holdings Ltd. (4SIGHT)	24-May	18-Jun	24-Jun	2.5	ZARc
Afine Investments Ltd. (AFINE)	30-May	18-Jun	24-Jun	20.5	ZARc
Barloworld Ltd. (BARWORLD)	24-May	18-Jun	24-Jun	210	ZARc
Dis-Chem Pharmacies Ltd. (DIS-CHEM)	31-May	18-Jun	24-Jun	22.49	ZARc
Fairvest Ltd. (FTAPROPA)	03-Jun	18-Jun	24-Jun	67.83	ZARc
Reunert Ltd. (REUNERT)	22-May	18-Jun	24-Jun	90	ZARc
Vodacom Group Ltd. (VODACOM)	13-May	18-Jun	24-Jun	285	ZARc
British American Tobacco plc (BATS)	08-Feb	25-Jun	02-Aug	58.88	GBPp
Capital Appreciation Ltd. (CAPPREC)	05-Jun	25-Jun	01-Jul	5.75	ZARc
Clicks Group Ltd. (CLICKS)	25-Apr	25-Jun	01-Jul	210	ZARc
Emira Property Fund Ltd. (EMIRA)	30-May	25-Jun	01-Jul	55.28	ZARc
Sirius Real Estate Ltd. (SIRIUS)	03-Jun	25-Jun	25-Jul	3.05	EURc
Sygnia Ltd. (SYGNIA)	05-Jun	25-Jun	01-Jul	90	ZARc
Vukile Property Fund Ltd. (VUKILE)	05-Jun	25-Jun	01-Jul	72.18	ZARc

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