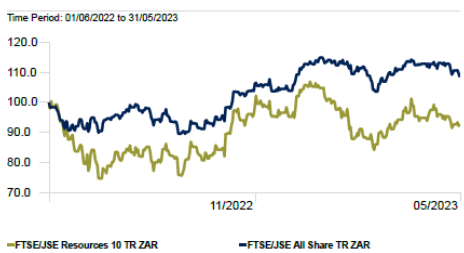


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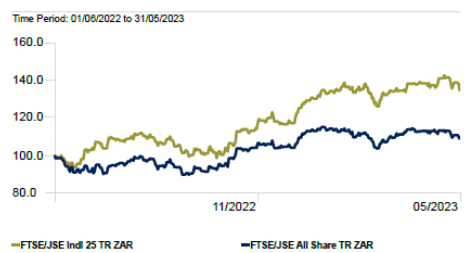
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Index	Value	May (%)	YTD (%)
All Share	75,067	▼ 3.9%	▲ 4.5%
S&P 500	4,180	▲ 0.4%	▲ 9.6%
FTSE 100	7,446	▼ 4.9%	▲ 1.8%
Rand/USD	19.82	▲ 8.4%	▲ 16.5%
Rand/GBP	24.56	▲ 6.9%	▲ 20.0%
Gold (\$)	1,964	▼ 1.3%	▲ 7.9%
Plat (\$)	1,007	▼ 7.5%	▼ 6.2%
Brent (\$)	72.66	▼ 8.6%	▼ 15.4%

Market Report

Russian Smoking Gun Plunges Local Markets into the Red

The local bourse took a tumble in May (FTSE/JSE All Share Index -3.4%) following the spectre of allegations that South Africa had supplied the Russian Naval ship, the Lady R, with arms in Simons Town. Political official's inability to convincingly distance South Africa from the allegations, put further pressure on the Rand, with the local currency experiencing severe losses against major currencies (-8.4% & -6.9% against the Greenback and Sterling respectively). Broad based Rand weakness along with dampened global investor sentiment and risk appetite weighed heavily on major sectors across the JSE. Local retail (-11.9%) suffered substantially, with discretionary and general retailers experiencing double digit share price declines during the month.

Local retailers Spar (-24.7%), Tiger Brands (-24.1%) and Pick n Pay (-23.9%) endured an arduous month as a whole. Pick n Pay struggled to maintain profit margins in the face of unprecedented levels of loadshedding, having spent R522 million on diesel to run generators, whilst Spar estimates it incurred R700 million in additional diesel costs. Spar had its loadshedding woes compounded by the failed implementation of its new SAP system, with the failed initiative costing the group R786 million.

Gold shares offered some shine (+3% Month on Month) to an otherwise downbeat JSE, with returns supported by a weaker rand which more than offset a lower US Dollar gold price (-1.4% for May). Harmony Gold (+9.4%) and Gold Fields (+6.1%) continued to be the star performers on the JSE, putting on a best-in-class display for the month. Experts cite the safe haven status paired with robust worldwide central bank demand for gold as a positive driving factor for the precious metal. Gold Field's recent appointment of executive VP Benford Mokoatle did plenty to bolster investor confidence in the gold miner. Mokoatle played a pivotal role in the turnaround of its deep south mine, having led the necessary technical and operational changes necessary to unlock the mine's potential.

The remainder of the sectors in the JSE continued to flirt with near double-digit negative territory, with Consumer Staples (-9.1%), Healthcare (-6.7%), Financials (-7.1%), and Banks (-8.6%) all feeling the squeeze of a hawkish, inflationary and consumer deflated macro environment. Aspen (-6.2%) tapered off this last month, despite its impressive year-to-date performance (+25.8%) and the Rand hedge nature of the stock. China's underwhelming re-opening stands to serve as a headwind for Aspen's upward momentum, as the world's second biggest economy makes up a third of the group's revenue exposure.

The South African Reserve Bank largely surprised the market, raising interest rates by 50 basis points vs the widely expected 25. The increase represented its 10th consecutive hike and took the repo rate to 8.25% whilst the prime lending rate is now at 11.75%. The aim of the increase was to dampen local inflation (6.8% year-on-year) and to strengthen the local currency. However, the move did little to sway the market as local currency depreciated further in reaction to the announcement. Heavy foreign outflows meant local bonds produced their worst return in 22 years, as yields shifted higher across the curve leading to lower prices (SA 10Y Bond Yields at 11.89%, up 103 basis points in May). Local property was also caught in the noose that gripped local markets, slipping 5.3% in May.

AI Driven Tech Boom Overshadows Debt Ceiling Jitters

Global Markets were made to sweat for majority of the month, with the prospect of a US Government default on the horizon, as the loathsome "x-date" drew closer with each passing day. Debt Ceiling talks progressed positively towards the end of the month with the bill eventually passing through the house of representatives, easing investor's concerns and lifting the S&P 500 (+0.4%) and the NASDAQ Composite Index (+5.9%). Much of the defiant bullish pushback came from US mega cap tech shares, as they defied poor investor sentiment (NYSE FANG Index +17% in May), with Amazon (+14%), Netflix (+20%), Meta (+10%), Tesla (+24%) and Alphabet (+14%) all posting strong double-digit gains for May. Nvidia was the posterchild of the tech boom, soaring (+36%) off the back of management guiding second-quarter earnings of \$11 Billion (50% ahead of analyst expectations). Nvidia owns circa 95% of the graphics

processing unit market and looks set to cash in on the Artificial Intelligence boom as its market cap recently surpassed the \$1 trillion mark. The euphoric AI wave also served as a boon for Adobe (+10.7%), following its positive earnings release, along with exciting announcements related to AI developments in Adobe's product offering. Adobe's second quarter revenue grew 13% (year-on-year) to \$4.82 billion, exceeding the top end guidance of \$4.78 billion. Adobe also announced the exciting launch of its new generative AI tools, "Sensei GenAI" and "Firefly".

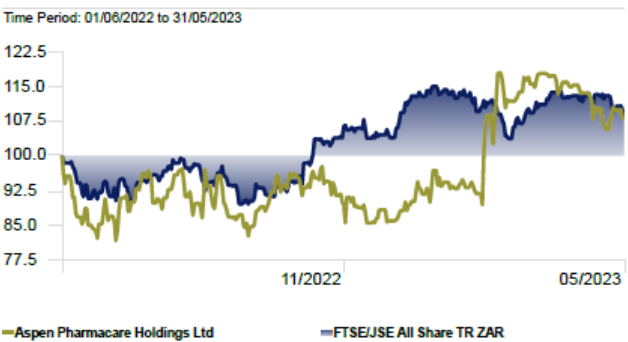
Many market participants anticipated that the Fed may take a brief pause in June, before further tightening monetary policy, as Fed Chairman Jerome Powell hinted that the Fed could afford to be guided by data. The Fed is aiming to evaluate the impact of the rate hiking cycle so far, following its 25 basis-point increase this last month. Much of the economic data, suggests that the impact of the Fed's rate hiking cycle is taking shape, with annual inflation falling below forecasts, (4.9% year-on-year from 5% the month prior), whilst retail sales (0.40% vs 0.80%) and Services PMI (53.6 vs 53.7) also fell below forecasts. Initial Jobless claims also fell below forecasts (229K vs 250K), whilst non-farm payrolls increased (253K vs 180K) relative to forecasts, suggesting that the labour market remains tight, and that the Fed may still further assess whether it will resume its rate hiking cycle. US 10Y and 2Y Bond Yields crept up 19 and 33 basis points respectively.

British (FTSE 100 -4.9%) and European (EURO STOXX 50 -1.9%) equity markets endured a difficult month to say the least, as the Eurozone and UK grappled with stubborn annual inflation (7% year-on-year for the Eurozone and 8.7% year-on-year for the UK.). The European Governing Council swiftly reacted by raising interest rates by 25 basis points (currently at 3.75%). ECB President Christine Lagarde and Vice President Luis de Guindos highlighted that further monetary policy tightening is needed and is bound to slow down lending activity and create tighter credit conditions in the region. Bank of England governor Andrew Bailey largely sang to the same hymn sheet, citing annual inflation was still far too high, having raised interest rates by 25 basis points to 4.50%. Bailey cited rising food and energy prices, fuelled by supply shocks have hampered efforts to dampen inflation.

Asian markets primarily disappointed, with China's re-opening largely underwhelming investors. The Chinese Manufacturing PMI fell to 49.5 v 50.3 forecasted. The Hang Seng fell 8.3% in May, whilst Japanese remained resilient and bucked the Asian trend soaring higher in May (+7%). Broader emerging markets largely dragged during the month with the MSCI Emerging Markets index down -1.7%. In the face of slowing Chinese growth and a lack of stimulus, commodities suffered heavily (Gold -1.3%, Brent Crude -8.6%, Iron Ore -9.5% and Platinum -7.5%).

Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Ltd – Financial results for the reporting period ended 31st December 2022

Earnings per share	R12.96
Historical PE	10.52
EPS growth	-19.7%
Turnover growth	-1.19%
ROE	7.88%
Debt/Equity	35.63%
NAV per share	R169.03
Dividend yield	2.34%
Share price	R136.33



Nature of Business

Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Ltd. manufactures and supplies branded and generic pharmaceutical products. It operates through the Commercial Pharmaceuticals and Manufacturing segments. The Commercial Pharmaceuticals segment consists of the following business sub segments. Sterile Focused Brands, which includes the Anaesthetics and Thrombosis portfolios; and Regional Brands, which are products that are managed on a regional basis. The Manufacturing segment relates to the manufacture and sale of active pharmaceutical ingredient and finished dose form products to third-party customers. The company was founded by Michael Guy Attridge and Stephen Bradley Saad in 1850 and is headquartered in Durban, South Africa.

Latest Results

With a rally of over 30% year to date to mid-April 23', Aspen is back to being one of the top performers in our market, however we still see significant upside from current levels. Aspen offers ZAR hedge exposure at an attractive valuation (with upside risk to both earnings & rating – Aspen trades on ~ 10x PE versus global peers trading on around 20x), has a de-gearing element to the investment case, and has less M&A risk than historically (given the company's lower rating). We like exposure to the pharma thematic especially in recessionary macro-economic conditions (Aspen being Africa's major pharma play with strong connections to global multi-national corporations).

Dividend

The dividend paid to shareholders of 326 cents per share (2021: 262 cents per share) relates to the dividend declared on 23 September 2022 and paid on 26 September 2022 (2021: declared on 23 September 2021 and paid on 27 September 2021).

Adobe Inc. – Financial results for the Second Quarter end 31st May 2023

Earnings per share	\$11.28
Historical PE	41.65
EPS growth	13.28%
Turnover growth	10.64%
ROE	33.68%
Debt/Equity	32.97%
NAV per share	\$30.95
Dividend yield	0%
Share price	\$417.79



Nature of Business

Adobe, Inc. engages in the provision of digital marketing and media solutions. It operates through the following segments: Digital Media, Digital Experience, and Publishing and Advertising. The Digital Media segment offers creative cloud services, which allow members to download and install the latest versions of products, such as Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Photoshop Lightroom and Adobe InDesign, as well as utilize other tools, such as Adobe Acrobat. The Digital Experience segment provides solutions, including analytics, social marketing, targeting, media optimization, digital experience management, and cross-channel campaign management, as well as premium video delivery and monetization. The Publishing and Advertising segment includes legacy products and services for eLearning solutions, technical document publishing, web application development, and high-end printing. The company was founded by Charles M. Geschke and John E. Warnock in December 1982 and is headquartered in San Jose, CA.

Latest Results

Adobe has come to dominate in content creation software with its iconic Photoshop and Illustrator solutions, both part of the broader Creative Cloud, which is now offered via a subscription model. The company has added new products and features to the suite through organic development and bolt-on acquisitions to drive the most comprehensive portfolio of tools used in print, digital, and video content creation. The benefits from Software-as-a-Service is that it offers significantly improved recurring revenue visibility, the elimination of piracy for the company, and a much lower cost hurdle to overcome (\$1,000 or more up-front, versus plans as low as \$10 per month) and a solution that is regularly updated with new features for users. Adobe's strong competitive moat across different customer segments coupled with robust recurring revenue and an elite margin structure run by a seasoned management team provides an attractive financial profile.

Dividend

Adobe does not pay a dividend. Instead, earnings are retained and reinvested to ensure continued earnings growth. This is similar to other big tech companies.

Snippets

New PCAM Brochure Launched

We are excited to reveal a new brochure for Private Client Asset Management (PCAM) previously referred to as Private Client Portfolio Management. Grant Alexander and Allan Bothma lead this talented team whose collective skills are harnessed to build portfolios that will preserve your capital and grow your wealth over the long term. This philosophy flows through everything that is done at PCAM and is the foundation from which the team builds their investment principles and processes.

"Our investment philosophy is mindful of the people we serve and is grounded in independent rational thinking, diversification and long-term value creation." This philosophy guides their investment decision-making and results in more consistent outcomes for our clients over time.

The PCAM team is committed to its core principles of putting clients first, independent rational thinking, diversification and creating value over the long term.

We decided to change the name to Private Client Asset Management as this more aptly encompasses the comprehensive portfolio management offering, which includes our segregated portfolios and multi-manager and CIS (Unit Trust) solutions.

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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	8.30
	1 000 000 – 9 999 999.99	8.30
	10 000 000 upwards	8.30
CALL MONEY FUND: <i>Non-Individuals</i>	250 000 – 999 999.99	8.10
	1 000 000 – 9 999 999.99	8.10
	10 000 000 upwards	8.10

Dividends Payable

Dividends in LDT order					
Company	Decl	LDT	Pay	Amt	Curr
Afrimat Ltd. (AFRIMAT)	18-May	06-Jun	12-Jun	110	ZARc
aReit Prop Ltd. (AREIT)	30-Mar	06-Jun	12-Jun	9,6	ZARc
Exchange Traded Funds (DCCUSD)	19-May	06-Jun	12-Jun	1941	ZARc
Dipali Income Fund Ltd. (DIPULA B)	17-May	06-Jun	12-Jun	25,85	ZARc
Grindrod Shipping Holdings Ltd. (GRINSHIP)	18-May	06-Jun	19-Jun	3	USDc
Investec plc (INVPREF)	18-May	06-Jun	23-Jun	21,59	GBPp
Investec plc (INVPREFR)	18-May	06-Jun	23-Jun	490,94	ZARc
Investec Ltd. (INVLTDLPREF)	18-May	06-Jun	23-Jun	401,9	ZARc
KAL Group Ltd. (KAL GROUP)	04-May	06-Jun	12-Jun	50	ZARc
Newpark REIT Ltd. (NEWPARK)	18-May	06-Jun	12-Jun	42,2	ZARc
Oasis Crescent Property Fund (OASIS)	25-Apr	06-Jun	12-Jun	51,01	ZARc
Spear REIT Ltd. (SPEARREIT)	22-May	06-Jun	12-Jun	38,84	ZARc
Combined Motor Holdings Ltd. (CMH)	03-May	12-Jun	19-Jun	240	ZARc
Deneb Investments Ltd. (DENEb)	25-May	12-Jun	19-Jun	10	ZARc
eMedia Holdings Ltd. (E MEDIA)	25-May	12-Jun	19-Jun	20	ZARc
eMedia Holdings Ltd. (E MEDIA-N)	25-May	12-Jun	19-Jun	20	ZARc
Exemplar REITail Ltd. (EXEMPLAR)	29-May	12-Jun	19-Jun	72,41	ZARc
Frontier Transport Holdings Ltd. (FRONTIERT)	25-May	12-Jun	19-Jun	35	ZARc
Investec Property Fund Ltd. (INVPROP)	18-May	12-Jun	19-Jun	48,32	ZARc
Life Healthcare Group Holdings Ltd. (LIFEHC)	25-May	12-Jun	19-Jun	17	ZARc
MiX Telematics Ltd. (MIXTEL)	25-May	12-Jun	19-Jun	4,5	ZARc
Tradehold Ltd. (TRADEH)	26-May	12-Jun	19-Jun	30	ZARc
Transcend Residential Property Fund Ltd. (TRANSCEND)	29-May	12-Jun	19-Jun	14,53	ZARc
Stimulus Investments Ltd. (STIMULUS)	31-May	15-Jun	07-Jul	76	NADc
Afine Investments Ltd. (AFINE)	31-May	20-Jun	26-May	20,6	ZARc
Barloworld Ltd. (BARWORLD)	22-May	20-Jun	26-Jun	200	ZARc
Balwin Properties Ltd. (BALWIN)	22-May	20-Jun	26-Jun	14,1	ZARc
Fairvest Ltd. (FTAPROPA)	31-May	20-Jun	26-Jun	64,6	ZARc
Fairvest Ltd. (FTBPROPB)	31-May	20-Jun	26-Jun	20,97	ZARc
Karoo Ltd. (KAROO)	09-May	20-Jun	03-Jul	85	USDc
Reunert Ltd. (REUNERT)	24-May	20-Jun	26-Jun	83	ZARc
Vodacom Group Ltd. (VODACOM)	15-May	20-Jun	26-Jun	330	ZARc
Vunani Ltd. (VUNANI)	24-May	20-Jun	26-Jun	11	ZARc

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