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Global equities continued their rally as earnings season produced better than expected results and hopes for a covid-19 vaccine grew on promising early trial results. Emerging markets outperformed on dollar weakness and increased global risk appetite while US and European bourses also advanced despite rising second wave pandemic infection rates clouding the economic outlook. Taken from Foord report 11th August 2020. Meanwhile, stocks in the Tech. Industry have soared outperforming many major Blue Chip stocks.

The winners are the offshore stocks which you will see in your portfolio. While money in the bank is declining with the drop-in interest rates. We cannot expect too much fire works for the rest of this year, as Government increases taxpayer's debt burden with all the borrowing. We still have room to move, but it remains how committed Government is to fast track service delivery and to speed up prosecutions on corruption.

A recent statement by the President and the Minister of finance, state that they are disgusted at the South African citizens who steal from their own people who are already suffering the tragedy of COVID – as reported in the Daily Maverick 2nd August. There was also a case of a Durban University official who fraudulently claimed R850,593 for a nonexistent husband from a Life Company. The latter came from Moonstone Monitor 6th August; article written for Brokers.

That said, what lovely rains we are having here in the Western Cape. This bodes well for food production in South Africa, so farmers must be happy. Level 2 lockdown should now produce fruit to the economy.

Regrettably, our industry will be the last to let free from the lockdown and we wish to apologise for not being available personally.

Kind Regards

The Team

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