THE BUSINESS UPDATE

Old Mutual Plc - Proposed split

The UK wealth business, Quilter, plans to list on the London Stock Exchange on June 25, while Old Mutual Ltd will have its primary listing on the JSE on June 26. Shareholders of Old Mutual plc will receive shares in both Quilter and Old Mutual Ltd before the termination of Old Mutual Plc on June 29. The proposed plan to unlock the value is to receive 3 Old Mutual Ltd shares and 1 Quilter share for every Old Mutual Plc share held. Shareholders in Old Mutual Ltd are expected to receive about 3 Nedbank shares for every 100 Old Mutual Ltd shares. The Old Mutual Plc share price was trading up 6.2% for the week on Tuesday 24th.



Old Mutual announced a 22% jump in pre-tax profits in 2017, saying it "improved the performance of the underlying businesses and set them up for continued future growth". In a results announcement, Old Mutual said its pre-tax adjusted operating profit grew to £2.0bn for the year ended December 2017, up from £1.7bn in 2016.

Investec Money Manager Upbeat on Growth in South Africa

South Africa's economy is under new management, and Investec's Chris Freund is a part of equity investors who are expecting growth to be above expectations.

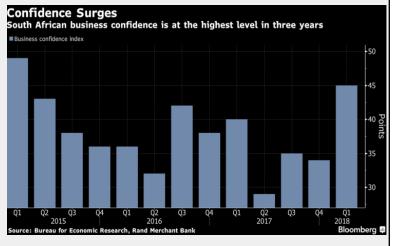
There is spurring optimism from stock traders who have already noted changes in Africa's most industrialised market, since the change in office in February, when President Cyril Ramaphosa took over. The new leader has set a goal of attracting \$ 100 billion in investments, overhauled his cabinet and installed new boards at troubled state-owned companies. "People are going to be surprised how South African growth rates are revised upwards," said Freund. "We are bulls on South Africa's economy".

Freund is not alone. Morgan Stanley upgraded South African equities to overweight on Wednesday and said its forecasts for economic growth are above consensus for this year and next.

Business confidence is recovering and political risk has fallen since Rhamaphosa replaced Zuma as president, with private investment and household consumption heading higher.

Additionally, valuations are attractive, stocks on the JSE are at their cheapest since February 2010 on a price to earnings basis, Morgan Stanley said. The improving confidence and economic outlook are conditions Freund and other fund managers are looking to make the most of.

Freund said, "We think that equity markets around the world are mildly expensive, but the more important thing is that the growth cycle is still with us."



THIS AND THAT

Brand Atlas 2017 – Alcoholic drinks

Men - 40% beer

38% whisky

Women - 34% Red wine

27% Cider

According to the survey 32% of men and 37% of women don't drink alcohol.

- New World Wealth reports that 28% of SA Dollar millionaires studied Law, 21% Finance and Economics, 12% Accounting and 6% Computer science. There are 43 600 Dollar Millionaires in South Africa.
- Spotify shares climbed on the New York Stock Exchange when listed early April.
- Walmart close to \$12bn-plus deal for Naspers linked Flipkart.
- Christo Wiese, former Chairperson of Steinhoff, is selling 2 of his private jets – Dassault Falcon 900c and Boeing Business Jet.

- Porsche have seen a monthly increase of 61% in Sales in March (141 new Porsches sold) and they see sales jumping in July, when the latest Cayenne is released.
- Eskom the World Bank Study in 2016 found that Eskom pays its workers double the norm in 35 other countries and is potentially overstaffed by 66%. They had 47600 Staff members in March of 2017.
- Beijing Automotive Industry Corporation (BAIC) is working around the clock to meet its June 2018 deadline in constructing its R11bn building at Coega.
- The Davis Tax Committee is still looking at 'Wealth Tax' but needs to do more work. The Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report (2016) says that 1% of the SA population owns 40% of the wealth of the country or 10% owns 70% of the net financial assets of the country.
- Anglo American boosts China presence with new Shanghai office.

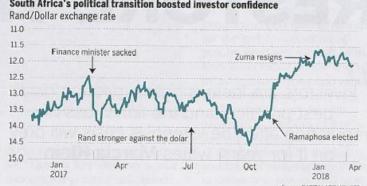
10 COMMON INVESTMENT MISTAKES THAT CAN RUIN YOUR RETIREMENT

- 1. Saving too little
- 2. Paying high fees
- 3. The wrong asset mix
- 4. Investing in an underperforming fund
- 5. Emotional switching
- 6. Inadequate diversification
- 7. Saving outside a retirement fund
- 8. Starting to save too late
- 9. Cashing in savings on changing jobs
- 10. Underestimating how much money is required.

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