

## Locally

**USD42.5 million:** The Zambian government has missed a USD42.5 million coupon payment that was scheduled for 14 October 2020 on its USD1 billion bonds due in 2024. The 30-day grace period for non-payment ends 13 November 2020.

**2050:** South Africa aims to be carbon neutral “within the buildings and energy sector” by 2050. The Johannesburg City Council approved a draft policy for the development of energy-efficient buildings powered by cleaner sources of electricity, including renewables.

**90.7%:** The data collected by BrandEye from over two million social media posts about South African banks between September 2019 to August 2020 shows that 90.7% of customer complaints on social media included issues that touched on fair or unfair treatment of customers or Treating Customers Fairly “TCF” compliance themes.

**ZAR2.3 billion:** Life Healthcare’s revenue for its Southern Africa operations plunged by ZAR2.3 billion for the financial year ended 30 September 2020. The decrease is largely due to the COVID-19 global pandemic as many people postponed or cancelled their medical visits.

## In the global space

**USD98 billion:** Facedrive is predicted to be worth an estimated USD98 billion by 2027. Facedrive is a unique people and planet-first ridesharing platform committed to equitable and green transportation solutions for drivers and riders.

**1.28%:** On 9 November 2020 the future contracts for December 2020 on the Nasdaq appreciated by 1.28%. U.S president-elect Joe Biden’s victory is believed to have been already priced in by the markets before 9 November 2020.

**4300:** Chief strategist of Goldman Sachs projects that the S&P 500 will rise by 16% to 4300 in 2021. A key driver of the projection is the projected sharp profit improvements due to the COVID-19 vaccine.

**277%:** In less than 7 months, Elon Musk’s wealth has grown by a staggering 277% from USD24.6 billion (18 March 2020) to USD92.8 billion (13 October 2020).

## In the world of Cyber

**USD150 billion:** The valuation of Ant Group could decrease by USD150 billion due to proposed regulations requiring Ant Group to hold more capital.

**USD3 billion:** China Construction Bank (CCB), the second largest bank in the world in terms of total assets, has tapped Hong Kong-based digital asset exchange Fusang for the issuance of USD3 billion-worth of debt securities over a blockchain.

## In the world of COVID-19

**15 million:** Pfizer's chief executive has said that they could have enough doses of the COVID-19 vaccine for 15 to 20 million people to get initial shots and a booster three weeks later by the end of the year.

**45%:** A recent study released by YouGov and Cambridge University revealed that 45% of South Africans believe it's true or probably true that COVID-19 fatalities have been "deliberately and greatly exaggerated".



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