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### FACTS AND QUOTES

## HOPE STILL WORKS!

If we lose hope, what do we hang onto given that our instinct is to survive. Only survive?!

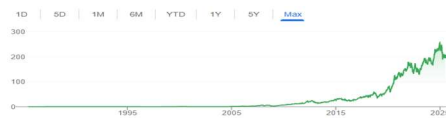
Somehow, amidst the gross mismanagement and ineptitude of our government, South Africans still find a way to progress. Not all of us, but definitely most. Our sporting teams and individuals stand up, sometimes against all odds, and prosper.

We have so much to be proud of even whilst our living standards and society's moral standards decay.

Hope is a powerful force and successes such as those on the sporting field fuel the fire.

But hope is not an investment strategy! Although, in the short-term, it can only be that. It is very seldom that one makes a fortune 'overnight'.

Apple/s share price history corroborates this:

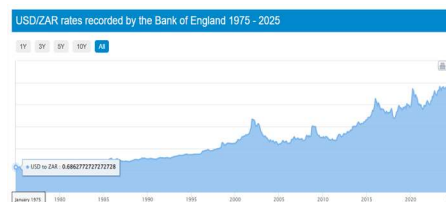


As does Amazon's:

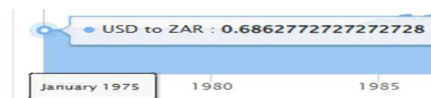


## RAND PERSPECTIVE

The US Dollar v the Rand since 1975:



In 1975 the rand was stronger than the US Dollar:



And has depreciated by 6.6% per annum since then.

"If two wrongs don't make a right, try three." - Laurence J Peter.

"It has been said that civilization is twenty-four hours and two meals away from barbarism." - Neil Gaiman.

"A physicist is just an atom's way of looking at itself." - Niels Bohr.

"In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act." - George Orwell.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill.

"No one has ever become poor by giving." - Anne Frank.

"I never feel more alone than when I'm trying to put sunscreen on my back." - Jimmy Kimmel.

"I never forget a face, but in your case, I'll be glad to make an exception." - Groucho Marx.

"Believe then, if you please, that I can do strange things." - William Shakespeare.

"If you surrender to the wind, you can ride it." - Toni Morrison.

### BRAINTEASERS

What can you put in a bucket to make it weigh less?

What single digit appears most often between and including the numbers 1 and 1000?

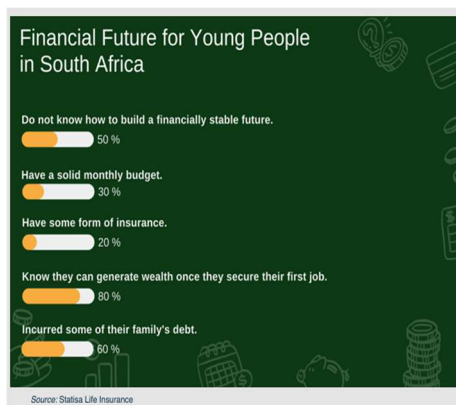
### DID YOU KNOW?

Football teams wearing red kits play better.

Giraffes hum to communicate with each other.

If the Earth doubled in size, trees would immediately fall over.

### YOUNG AND RESTLESS



The above represents numbers from research done by the Financial Services Conduct Authority.

Young people feel anxious about their financial future but want to use technology to help them secure it. The long game is no longer that long....in their minds! Or so it seems.

Instant gratification does exist. They see their peers posting content and seemingly making fortunes overnight. Technology has enabled this. But like anything in life, very few really make it, or manage to keep it. Not without hard work and guidance.

Unfortunately, the one major challenge is trust. Obtaining professional advice foremost is best done in person/face-to-face. This helps build trust!

But nowadays everything is done via online meetings and/or WhatsApp. Well, that is the preferred method.

Clearly this is a conundrum! Especially for the youth.

### WORDCRAFT

The fear of long words is called **Hippopotomonstrosesquippedal iophobia**.

The 36-letter word was first used by the Roman poet Horace in the first century BCE to criticise those writers with an unreasonable penchant for long words.

It was American poet Aimee Nezheukumatathil, possibly afraid of their own surname, who coined the term how we know it in 2000.

And what about these words:

**Brouhaha** – A noisy and overexcited reaction.

**Gubbins** – Miscellaneous items, a gadget.

### HAY IN A NEEDLESTACK

The laws of the land used to be designed to protect the occupiers of the land....well mostly.



Today one wonders whether any laws protect the man in the street more than enrich the lawmakers. 'They' used to steal less than 'they' gave back.

There are very few countries in the world with leaders that attempt to grow their nations wealth and provide a thriving environment in which to live.

### LAST LAUGH

If you spell the words "absolutely nothing" backwards, you get "Gnihton yletulosba" which, ironically means absolutely nothing.

**Her:** "I'm exhausted, I was up until 4 AM with the baby"

**Him:** "It's probably not good to keep the baby up that late"



Why was the math book upset?

It had a lot of problems.