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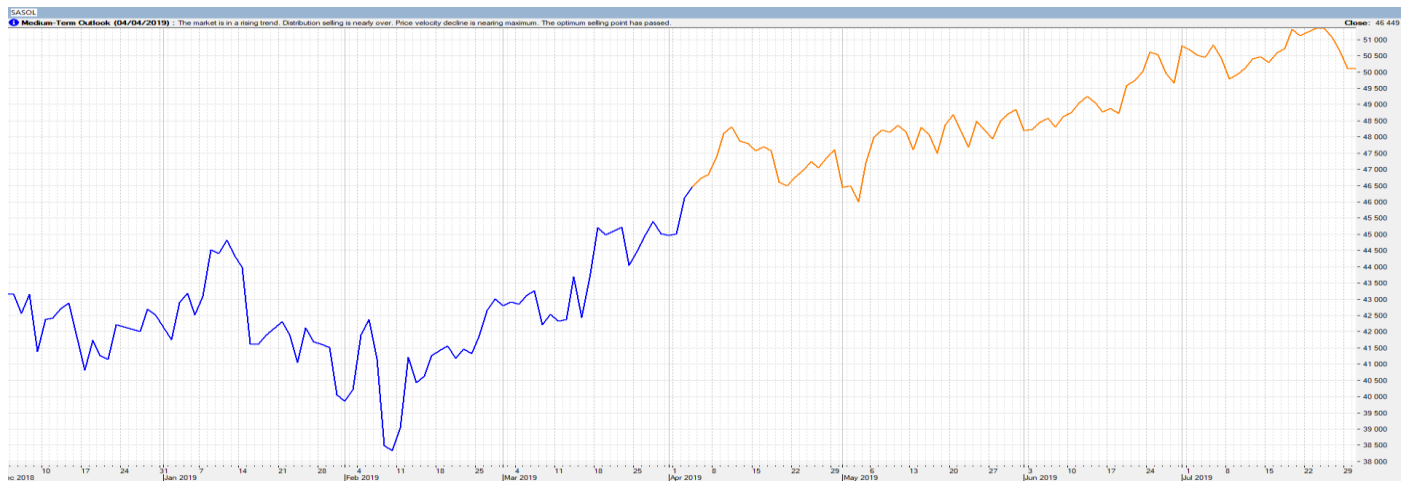
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With Saudi Arabia deliberately cutting back on its shipments of crude, oil benchmark prices have been rising all over the world and piling pressure on hard-hit South Africans who this week faced a double whammy of increased base prices and raised fuel taxes.

Brent oil prices rose on Thursday, topping \$70 per barrel for the first time in nearly five months, as expectations of tight global supply outweighed pressure from rising U.S. production and less robust global demand indicators. Furthermore, Brent futures touched \$70.03, its highest level since Nov. 12, when it last traded above \$70. The international benchmark for oil prices settled 9 cents higher at \$69.40 a barrel.

Of course there is always a silver lining to be found somewhere and for investors it has come in the shape of Sasol share prices that have risen steadily since the beginning of May with ShareFinder projecting further gains until late July at least as depicted in my graph below:



With, furthermore, the Rand weakening steadily relative to the US Dollar, the effect upon imported crude oil is inevitable to worsen the situation. ShareFinder predicts that the Rand will continue weakening quite sharply until the beginning of May as depicted in my next graph. The green trend line indicates that in the long-term (5 years) the Rand is losing value at compound 3.7 percent annually.

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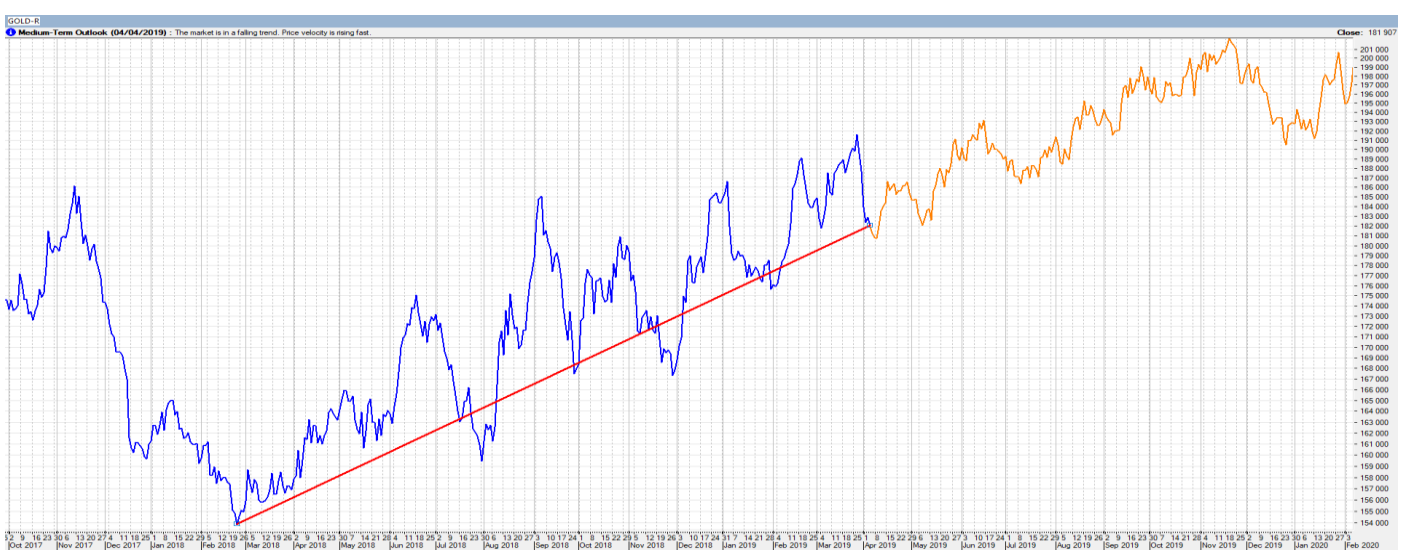
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Commodity prices, moreover, tend to march in tandem and so it is also useful to note that when measured in Rands, the gold price has been rising steadily for the past 33 years at compound 10.7 percent as my next graph illustrates:



When I zoom in to the latest Rand position, it is furthermore evident that the upward surge of the gold price has accelerated to a current average rate of 16.4 percent compound as depicted in my next graph:



Moreover, ShareFinder projects that the gold price will continue rising at this rate until the end of the year as depicted to the orange projection on the right hand side of the graph.

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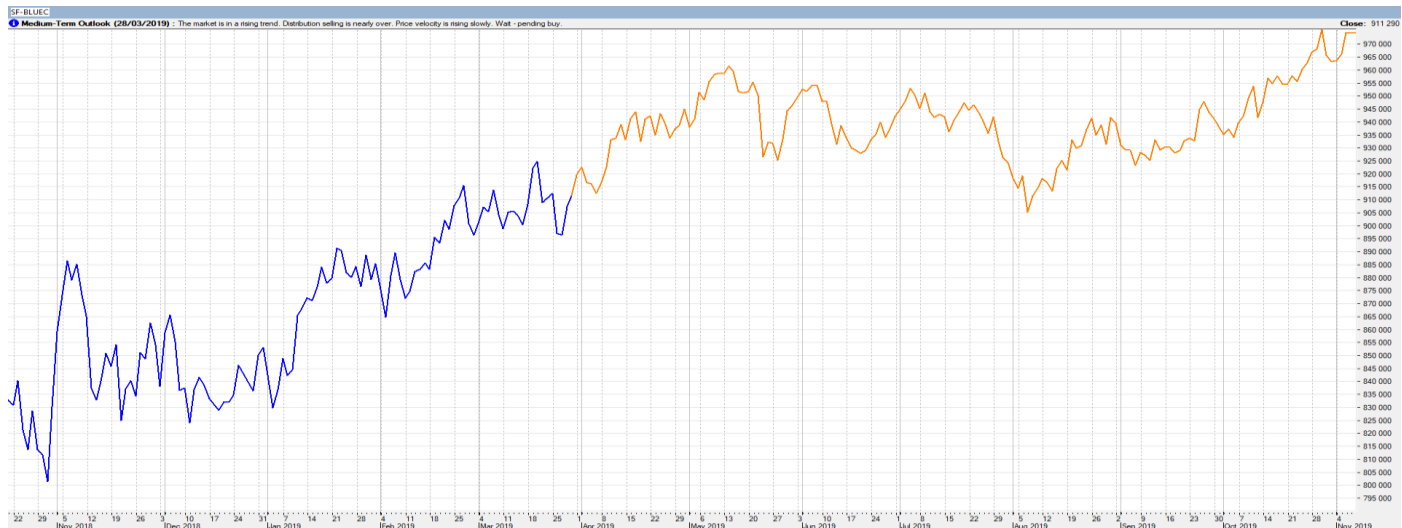
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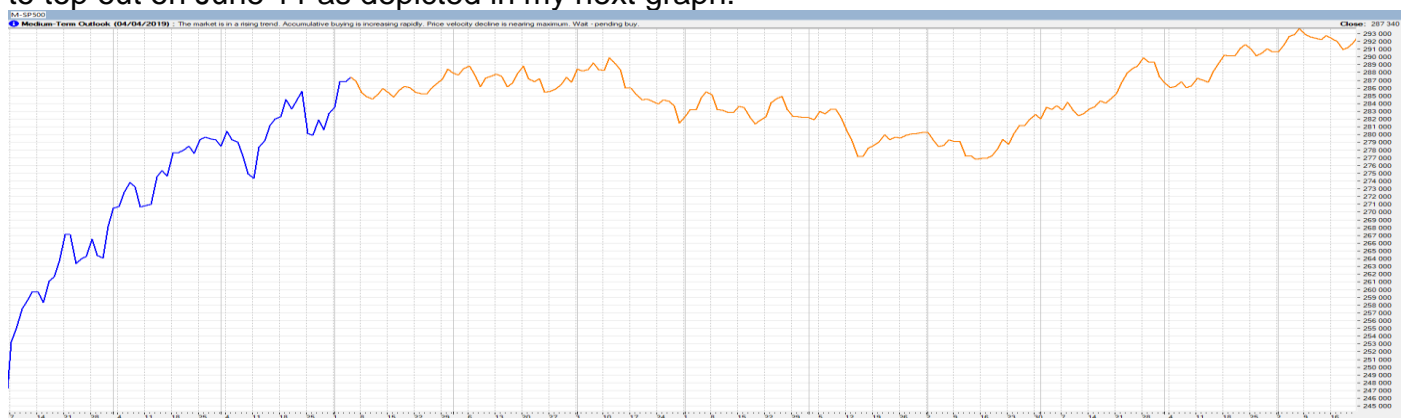
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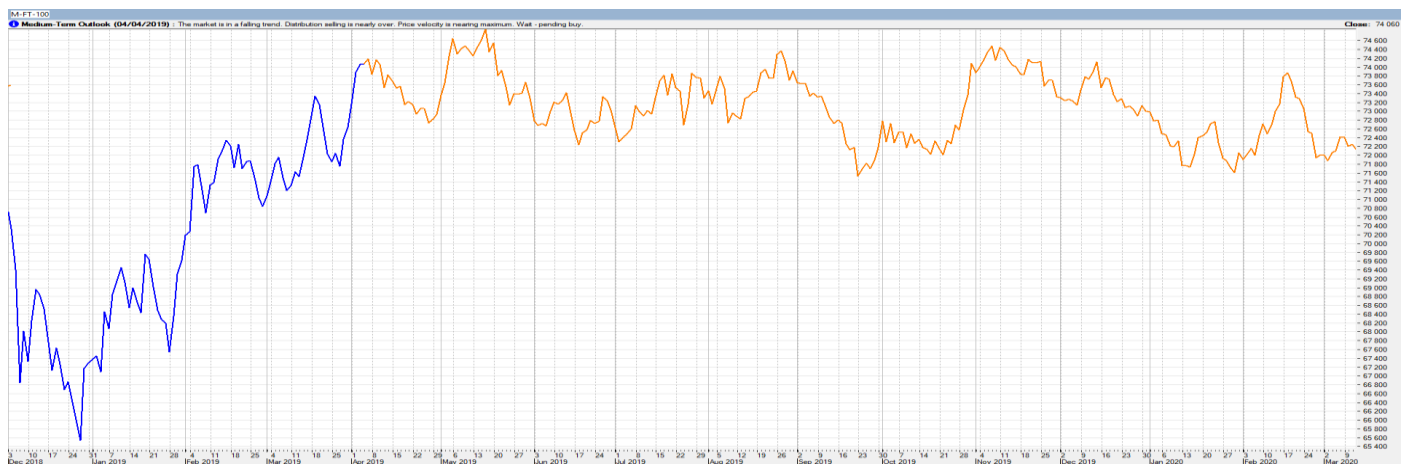
Turning to the ShareFinder Blue Chip Index, the good news is that prices have continue rising and ShareFinder continues to project that the Blue Chips will top out right after the election, falling from May 13 to August 6 before beginning to recover once more:



ShareFinder also continues to project weakness on Wall Street with the S&P500 Index projected to top out on June 11 as depicted in my next graph:



And finally, as the Brexit chaos continues deepening in Britain, the Footsie 100 Index is projected to top out on May 16:



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The next month:

New York's SP500: I correctly predicted a weakening trend likely to last until September 13.

London's Footsie: I continue to predict a continued decline but did not anticipate this week's gains.

JSE Industrial Index: I correctly predicted the start of a major decline which could last until August 6. but I failed to anticipate this past week's gains.

Top 40 Index: I correctly predicted a recovery that I saw lasting at least until April 4 and possibly on until May 8 followed by a decline until August 13.

ShareFinder Blue Chip Index: I correctly predicted a recovery which could last until May 13.

Gold shares: I correctly predicted a decline which I still see lasting until late May.

Gold Bullion: I correctly predicted declines that are likely to last until late November. In the short-term a brief recovery could last from April 18th.

The Rand: I correctly predicted a short-term recovery but now I see weakness until the beginning of May...

The Predicts accuracy rate on a running average basis over the past 702 weeks has been 85%. For the past 12 months it has been 92.81%.

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