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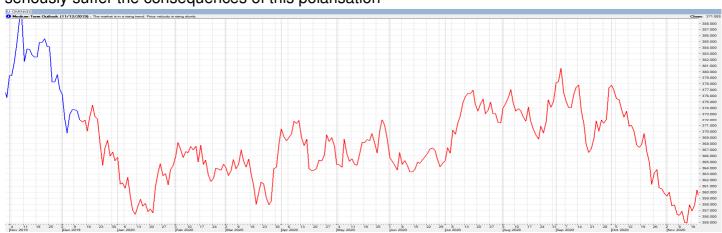
## **13 December 2019**

I am sure you are as angry as I am that Eskom has the temerity to seek compensation from me because it cannot run its operation profitably...to the tune of anything up to 17 percent more...on top of an above-inflation tariff increase granted them earlier this year.

I am angrier still that the Minister of Mines, Gwede Mantashe is reportedly sitting on proposals from three JSE listed companies which have surplus energy to sell to the grid which it is claimed could end load-shedding. For how long must South Africans continue to put up with the ANC, its endemic corruption and its gross inability to manage anything efficiently? It has plunged us into the greatest economic crisis since the Rubicon speech more than 30 years ago and yet our president thought it was OK to head for Egypt on a soiree in the midst of it all.

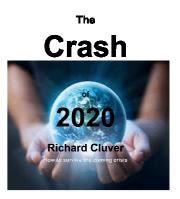
Because of ANC blundering we have one of the world's highest unemployment rates with the obvious consequence of a soaring crime rate that is threatening the safety of every South African. Notwithstanding this, our President reaffirmed this week that the ANC is determined to hang onto our state-owned enterprises in the face of global experience that governments everywhere have failed to run such operations as efficiently as private enterprise can do. That is why privatisation has become the way to go practically everywhere. And to think that many of my friends voted ANC recently because they believed that Ramaphosa would be able to change things!

The catastrophic consequence of all of this is plain to see: Load shedding and the imminent final junking of South Africa as an investment destination means that we are all poorer today...significantly poorer. My graph immediately below tracks the recent performance of the Old Mutual Investors Fund: one of the largest and oldest unit trusts which for half a century has carried the fortunes and life savings of thousands of ordinary South Africans. It tracks in vivid detail how this fund is being decimated by recent events, falling like a stone since November 8 and projected to continue doing so until at least January 10. Furthermore, like most other projections ShareFinder is currently producing, you can see that after a long and slow recovery from early January until the beginning of October, the fund is projected to again go into free fall along with major stock exchanges all over the world. Given the social dynamics of this country, South Africa is likely to seriously suffer the consequences of this polarisation



The background to the events which I foresee engulfing the world's monetary system are spelled out in my latest book 'The Crash of 2020' which you can order on line at a cost of \$10 as an e-book by clicking on the following link: <a href="http://www.rcis.co.za/the-crash-of-2020-order-form/">http://www.rcis.co.za/the-crash-of-2020-order-form/</a>

It will not make the lightest of holiday period reading but it is my best effort to explain to you why world debt has soared to the highest level in history and why governments everywhere seem powerless to make the necessary changes. However, a crisis is surely coming and ShareFinder is projecting that the first major tremor is likely to occur next October. You need to be prepared if you want to keep your life savings!



In the graph below I have employed ShareFinder's artificial intelligence system to project the likely future to the Old Mutual Investors Fund through to the end of 2022. Noting that within families of unit trusts you are able to switch from a pure equity fund to a money market fund and back again without incurring the penalty of capital gains taxation, the graph makes clear that you could employ a trading strategy over the next two years to massively increase your wealth if you are able to time you're buying and selling with the accuracy that ShareFinder has long demonstrated in its future forecasts. It is, I believe, a compelling argument for why every investor should own their own copy of the new ShareFinder 6 which you can sign up for by going to our website: www.sharefinderpro.com



Turning to our Prospects portfolio which we launched in January 2011, the good news is that it has largely escaped the decline that is troubling the Old Mutual fund. However, a modest decline is forecast from December 17 to January 17 followed by a long up-trend which the green trend line suggests will grow readers' fortunes comfortably at compound 14.8 percent in the coming year until we reach the October peak, on October 26 by the current projection.



In New York, the outlook suggested by the Standard and Poors 500 Index is that there will be similar weakness until January 9 followed by steady gains until October 28:



## The month ahead:

**New York's SP500:** I correctly predicted one more brief up-surge followed by a quite sharp decline until approximately January 9 before a long up-trend sets in.

**London's Footsie:** I correctly predicted a temporary up-tick. Now I see declines until the end of January followed by a very erratic recovery trend.

**Hong Kong's Hangsen**: I correctly predicted gains amid extreme volatility which should continue until the market peaks on January 3 followed by declines until the first week of April.

**JSE Industrial Index:** I correctly anticipated a very short recovery which I now see lasting until December 20 followed by declines until early June.

**Top 40 Index:** I correctly predicted a short recovery until early December following which I see declines from December 20 until mid-January. From then until the second week of February I see further gains and then a decline until mid-March.

**ShareFinder Blue Chip Index:** I correctly predicted gains would become volatile although the overall upward trend would continue. Now I foresee a brief decline from December 20 until early March when a very volatile sideways to modestly recovering trend is expected.

**Gold shares**: I correctly predicted an upward surge which I now see lasting until December 20 followed by a weaker trend for most of the New Year.

**Gold Bullion:** I correctly predicted brief gains until early December followed by weakness which I still see lasting until early March when a brief recovery will precede a decline from mid-April to mid-June followed by a long recovery thereafter.

**The Rand/US Dollar:** I correctly predicted a brief gain which I now see lasting into the second week of January before a protracted weakening begins.

**The Rand/Euro:** Last Friday the projections were in opposition leaving uncertainty until the end of December. Now, however, I see strengthening until Christmas followed by a long phase of weakness.

Predicts accuracy rate on a running average basis over the past 722 weeks has been 85.38%. For the past 12 months it has been 93.15%.

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