
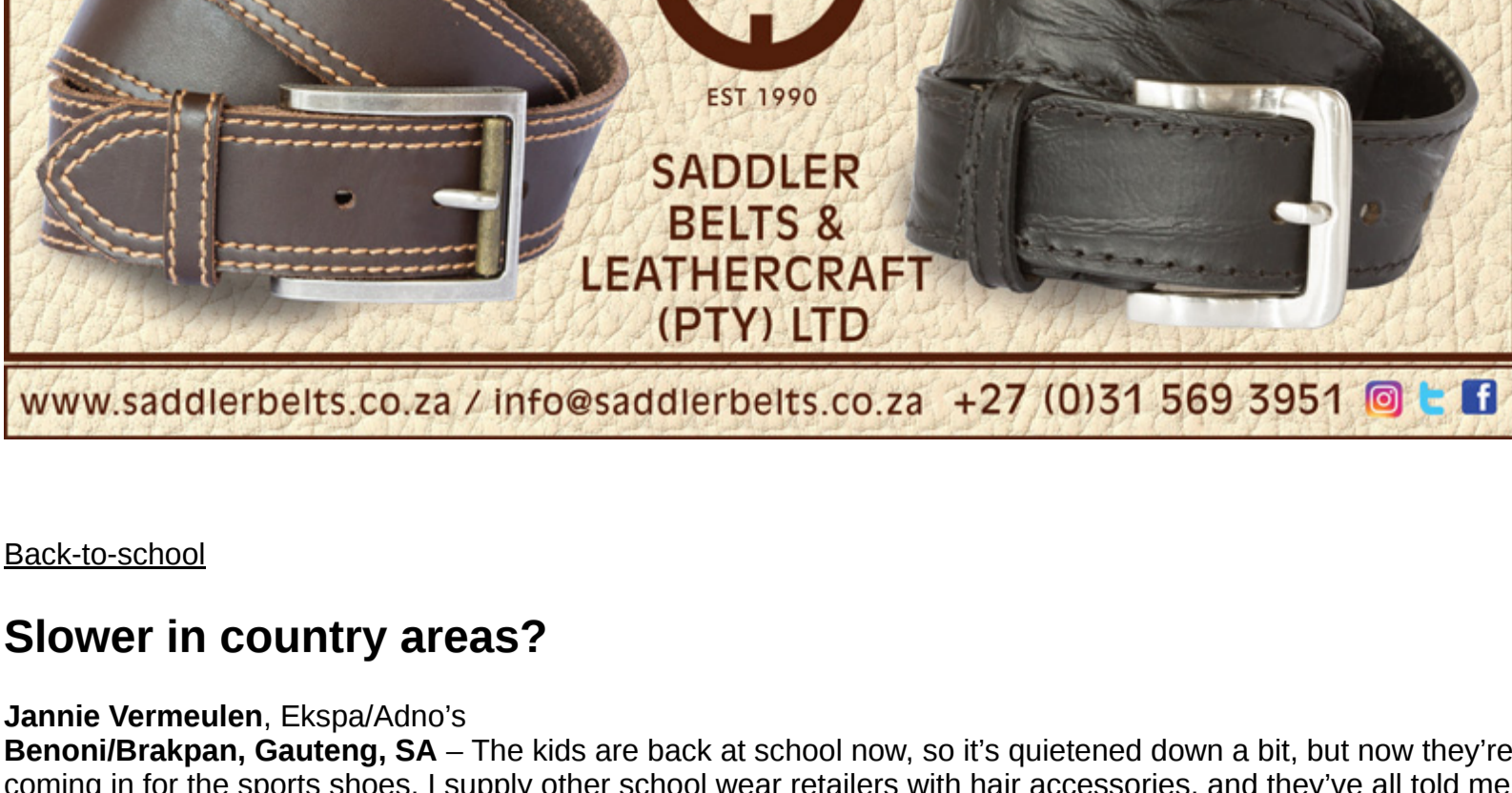


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[Back-to-school](#)

Slower in country areas?

Jannie Vermeulen, Ekspa/Adno's Benoni/Brakpan, Gauteng, SA – The kids are back at school now, so it's quietened down a bit, but now they're coming in for the sports shoes. I supply other school wear retailers with hair accessories, and they've all told me they've been very busy. Overall, it's been a very good back-to-school period.

Dada Segwe, Bontsho Bosweu Shop Vryburg, N.W. Province, SA – Back-to-school is normally a big part of the business, but like everything else, it's been slow this year. Driving around town, it looks like other retailers are also quiet.

Khalid Anwar, Anwary's Butha-Buthe, Lesotho – After the 16th it dropped by 40%. Let's see what happens next week.

Ismail Kaje, Favourite Sports Newcastle, KZN, SA – It's been steady – not up on last year, but reasonable. We ordered in advance, and most of the stock was here in time.



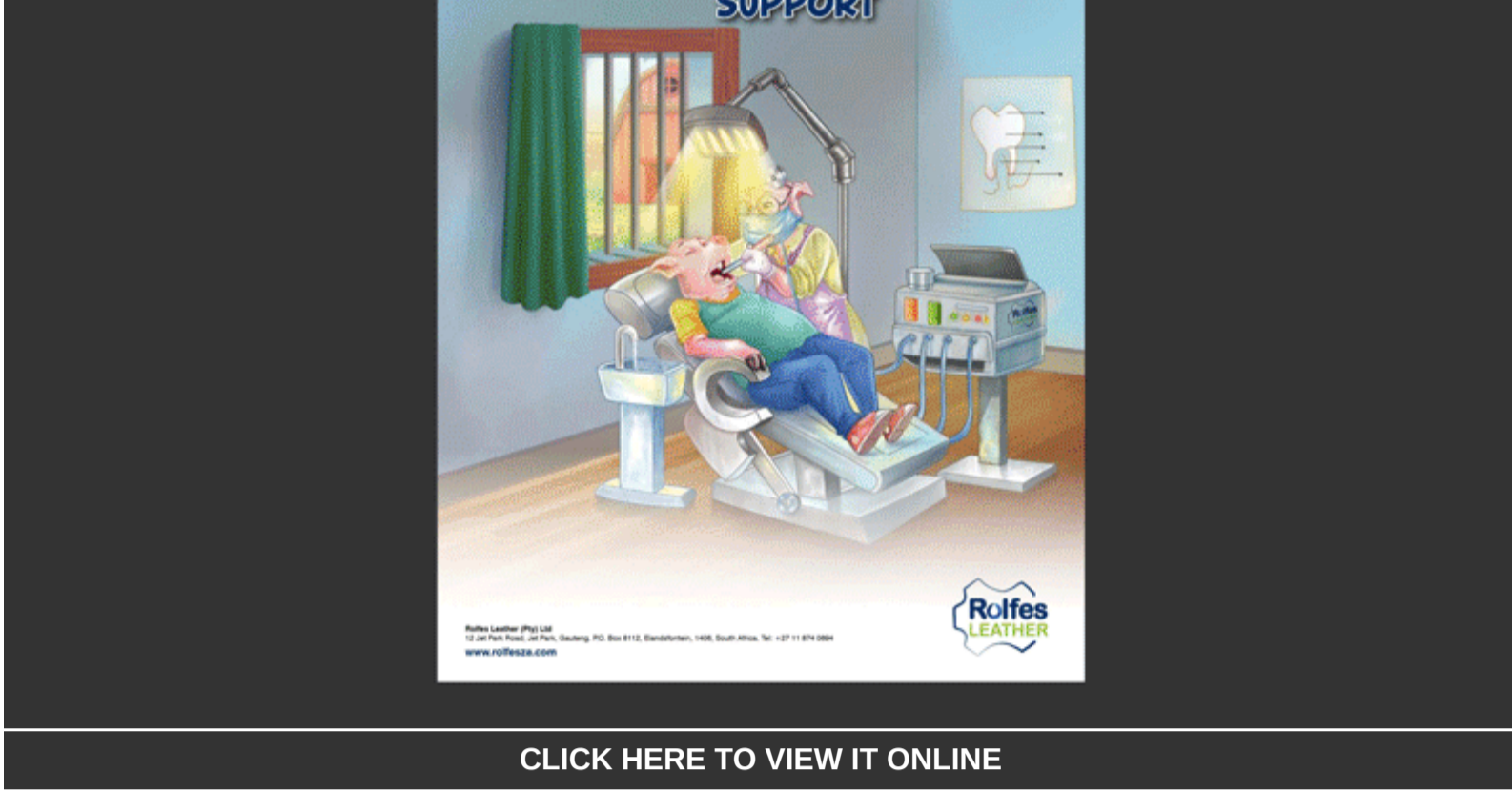
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Richemont 3rd quarter: Luxury market growth, despite global unrest

Geneva, Switzerland (08.13, Thursday 18 January 2024) – Highlights for the quarter ended 31 December 2023.
 *Sales up by 8% at constant exchange rates and by 4% at actual exchange rates to EUR 5.6 billion, notwithstanding a continued uncertain macro-economic and geopolitical environment.
 *Growth across almost all regions, primarily driven by Japan, Asia Pacific and the Americas.
 *Channel performance led by retail, up 11% and 6% at constant and actual exchange rates, respectively, with increases across all business areas.
 *Growth across most business areas with Jewellery Maisons continuing to generate the strongest performance (+12% and +6% at constant and actual exchange rates, respectively).
 *The Group's net cash position further improved to EUR 6.8 billion, reflecting solid trading performance and proceeds from exercise of warrants under the 2020 shareholder loyalty programme.

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They Said It

"After 43 years as an agent in the Western Cape I have decided it's time to go surfing in the week when the grommets are at school." - Commission agent **Trevor Espsey**.

New subscribers last week

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Do you have any suggestions, comments or experiences about the industry that you'd like to share with the industry? - tony@svmag.co.za

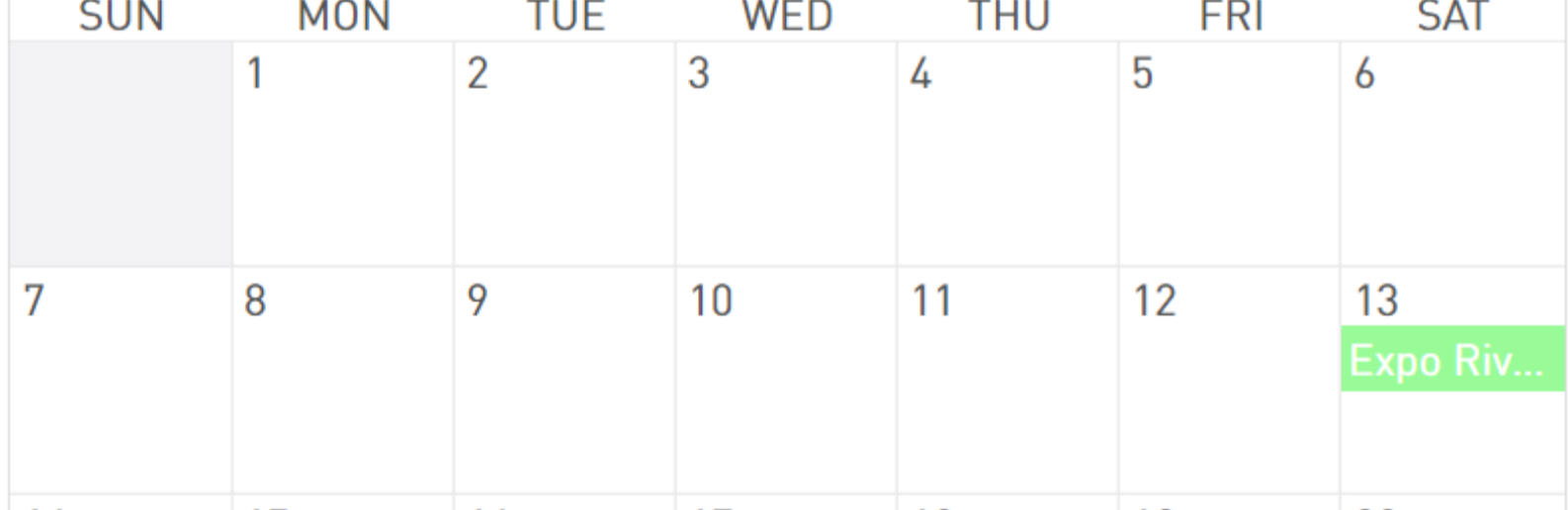
Birthdays this week

23/01/1943: **Pat Ward**, left industry, ex-RPM Shoes [closed], Durban, KZN, SA.
 23/01/1944: **Lesley Williams**, Steps Shoes @ Barclay, Pretoria, Gauteng, SA.
 23/01/1964: **Cerrie Botha**, Lesley Williams Agencies, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.
 24/01/1969: **Yolander Lotter**, Comfy Feet Shoes, Jeffrey's Bay, E. Cape, SA.
 25/01/1951: **André Pelsler**, retired, formerly Mossop-Western Leathers, Wellington, W. Cape, SA.
 25/01/1973: **Reggi Xaba**, Zetu Shoes, Durban, KZN, SA.
 25/01/1979: **Gareth Mouton**, African Leather & Skins, Paarl, W. Cape, SA.
 26/01/1968: **André Compion**, P&M, Pinetown, KZN, SA.
 26/01/1952: **PT Harrower**, C&B Harrower Agencies, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.
 26/01/1973: **Lou Harvey**, Lou Harvey (Company), Durban, KZN, SA.
 26/01/1982: **Adeeb Moosa**, Deebo Sales, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
 27/01/1977: **Jeetesh Ambaram**, JFK Trading, Durban, KZN, SA.
 27/01/1969: **Ashraf Saley**, Nizam's Enterprises, Azaadville, Gauteng, SA.
 27/01/1985: **Mpumi Mazibuko**, Leather Zulu, Randburg, Gauteng, SA.
 28/01/1944: **Martina van Jaarsveld**, Martina Shoe Boutique, Brandhof, Free State, SA.

In memoriam this week

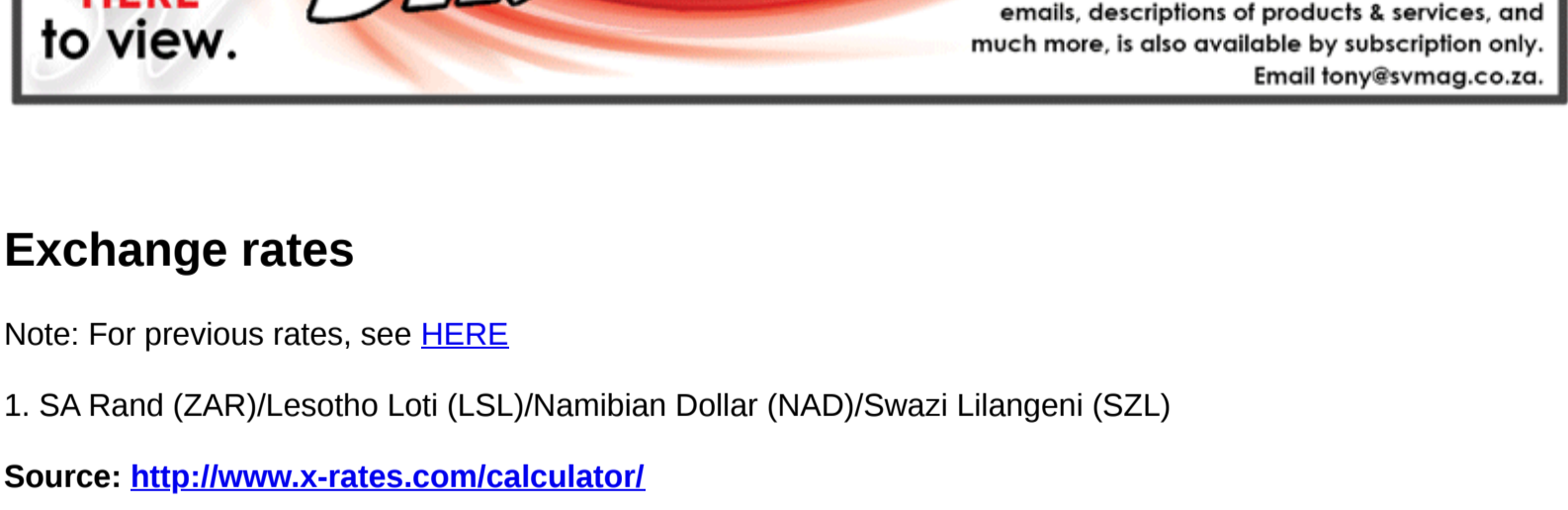
22/01/1997: **Charles Lintner**, Bata SA, Pinetown, KZN, SA.
 25/01/2014: **Barry Kruger** (b. 20/06/1944), Richeigh Shoes [closed] and Corrida Shoes, Pietermaritzburg, KZN, SA.
 26/01/2006: **Victor Ronald (Vic) Van Der Weele** (b. 21/10/1916), SA Mercantile [closed], Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
 27/01/2008: **Jacob Anagnostakis** (b. 03/04/1929), Watson Shoes, Great Brak River, W. Cape, SA.
 28/01/2004: **David Aanon** (b. 12/03/1939), Natal Shoe Components/Natalie Footwear [closed], Durban, KZN, SA.
 28/01/1997: **Peter O'Brien**, Buckman Laboratories, Hammarsdale, KZN, SA.

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1. SA Rand (ZAR)/Lesotho Loti (LSL)/Namibian Dollar (NAD)/Swazi Lilangeni (SZL)

Source: <http://www.x-rates.com/calculator/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
02/01/2024	R20.30	R23.42	R18.54	R2.60
06/01/2024	R20.45	R23.77	R18.68	R2.61
13/01/2024	R20.44	R23.79	R18.65	R2.62
20/01/2024	R20.71	R24.14	R19.01	R2.67

2. Botswana Pula (BWP)

Source: <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
02/01/2024	14.66	16.91	13.39	1.88
06/01/2024	14.78	17.19	13.51	1.89
13/01/2024	18.81	17.24	13.52	1.89
20/01/2024	14.86	17.33	13.64	1.91

3. Malawian Kwacha (MWK)

Source: <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
02/01/2024	1842.68	2127.05	1684.47	236.23
06/01/2024	1842.27	2141.49	1683.45	235.88
13/01/2024	1840.91	2143.31	1681.02	236.07
20/01/2024	1834.35	2138.20	1683.30	236.54

4. Zambian Kwacha (ZMW)

Source: <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
02/01/2024	28.15	32.51	25.75	3.61
06/01/2024	28.29	32.88	25.85	3.62
13/01/2024	28.58	33.27	26.10	3.66
20/01/2024	28.75	33.51	26.38	3.70

5. Zimbabwean Dollar (ZWL\$)

Source: <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥	Official US\$
02/01/2024	6539.87	7538.38	5967.98	837.37	6281.79
06/01/2024	7031.64	8173.71	6425.45	900.25	6443.13
13/01/2024	9096.15	10590.35	8306.13	1166.46	8331.62
20/01/2024	9984.55	11638.43	9162.38	1287.55	8999.92

Note: For previous rates, see [HERE](#)

ABSA Agri Trends: Hides & skins prices

Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA (19 January 2024) - The average hide price decreased by 0.52% to R3.27/kg from R3.29/kg in the previous week. The current price is 0.49% higher than the average price a month ago and 21.2% lower than the average price a year ago. The range of prices reported was as follows: Minimum price: R3.14 Maximum price: R3.50. Please note: Our methodology weighs the prices we collect according to the number of hides they sell in a month. This is done to make it more representative of the prevailing market price. NB* Hide prices are determined by the average of the RMAA (Red Meat Abattoir Association) and independent companies. - **Marlene Louw**, senior agricultural economist, and **Nkhensani Mashimbyi**, agricultural economist, and **Zama Sangweni**, agricultural economist, Absa group.

Note: For previous prices, see [HERE](#)

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