# **Building Plans September 2023**

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## **Overview**

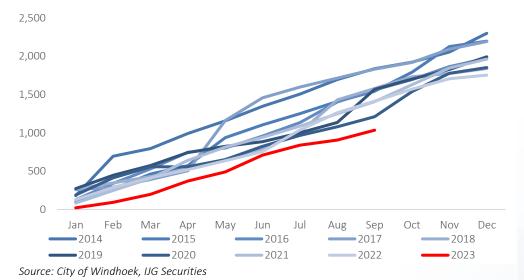
	30-Septen	nber-23	N\$ Valu	e YTD	N\$ Change	% Change
Plans Approved	Number	Value (N\$ m)	2022	2023	YTD	YTD
Additions	118	57.6	700.2	427.3	(272.9)	-39.0%
Commercial & Industrial	7	10.5	144.2	229.2	85.1	59.0%
Flats & Houses	35	61.4	568.7	378.4	(190.3)	-33.5%
Total	160	129.6	1,413.1	1,035.0	(378.1)	-26.8%

Plans Completed						
Additions	16	9.1	111.8	71.0	(40.7)	-36.5%
Commercial & Industrial	2	28.5	98.6	123.1	24.4	24.8%
Flats & Houses	31	38.1	285.2	340.8	55.7	19.5%
Total	49	75.7	495.6	534.9	39.3	7.9%

Source: City of Windhoek, IJG Securities

A total of **160** building plans were approved by the City of Windhoek in September, 11 fewer than the 181 approved in August. In financial terms, **the approvals were valued at N\$129.6** million, marking a 94.9% m/m increase from August's low base of N\$66.5 million. Year-to-date, approvals have been granted for 1,450 building plans with a total value of N\$1.04 billion. This represents a 23.8% reduction in the number of approvals compared to the same period in the previous year and a 26.8% decrease in terms of their overall value. On a cumulative twelve-month perspective, there has been a 20.6% decline in the number of approvals and a 30.1% decrease in value compared to the equivalent twelve-month period from a year ago. 49 Building plans, worth N\$75.7 million, were completed during the month.

Year-to Date Value of Building Plans Approved (N\$ millions)

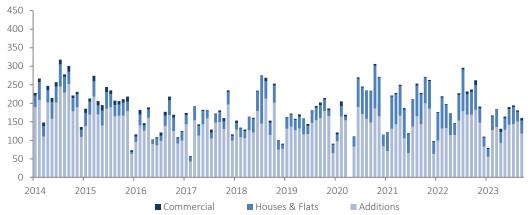


## Additions to Properties

118 Additions to properties were approved, valued at N\$57.6 million. While this represents the third-lowest number of approvals for the year, it is the fourth highest in value terms. Year-to-date, there have been approvals for 1,095 property additions, amounting to N\$427.3 million. This is 13.2% lower than the number of approvals recorded over the same horizon last year and 39.0% lower in value terms. The month saw 16 property additions completed, worth N\$9.1 million, around half the value of completions compared to the previous month.



### Monthly Number of Plans Approved



Source: City of Windhoek, IJG Securities

#### **Residential Units**

35 Residential building plans were granted approval in September worth a total N\$61.4 million. This is in line with the monthly average number of residential approvals we have seen so far this year but exceeds the N\$42.1 million monthly average value of approvals. The 12-month cumulative number and value of residential approvals have been declining consistently since August 2021, and at the end of September, stood at 441 units valued at N\$513.8 million. This is 43.6% lower in number terms than those approved over the corresponding 12-month period a year ago, and 37.7% lower in value terms. 31 Residential units, valued at N\$38.1 million, were completed during the month.

12-Month Cumulative Number of Plans Approved



Source: City of Windhoek, IJG Securities

#### Commercial & Industrial

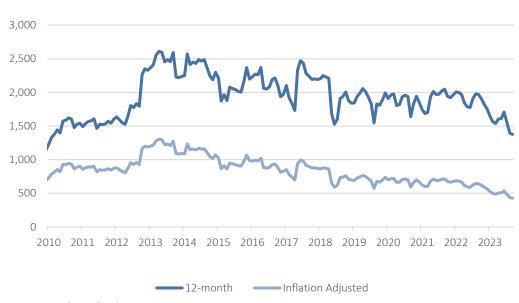
7 commercial and industrial building plans were approved during the month, worth N\$10.5 million. This brings the year-to-date approvals of the sector to 43 plans, valued at N\$229.2 million. This represents a 19.4% increase in number terms compared to the same point in 2022 and a 59.0% y/y increase in monetary value. 2 Commercial and industrial building plans, valued at N\$28.5 million, were completed during September.



## **The Bottom Line**

The building plan approval data for September was broadly in line with the monthly figures that we have been seeing so far this year. However, longer-term trends still indicate subdued planned construction activity in the capital city. The number and value of building plan approvals recorded during the first three quarters this year are around 25% lower than those approved during the corresponding period a year ago. The graph below shows the extent to which the cumulative 12-month value of approvals have fallen in both nominal- and inflation-adjusted terms.

12-Month Cumulative Value of Plans Approved (N\$ millions)



Source: City of Windhoek, IJG Securities







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