

International News

US Construction Spending fell 0.9% in March, as per the US Census Bureau.

US ISM Manufacturing Index fell from 55.3 to 52.8 in April, as per the Institute for Supply Management.

US MBA Mortgage Applications fell 4.3% w/w in the week of 26 April, as per the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Eurozone Unemployment Rate fell from 7.8% to 7.7% in March, as per Eurostat.

Eurozone GDP rose 0.4% q/q and 1.2% y/y in Q1, as per Eurostat.

Germany CPI rose 1.0% m/m and 2.0% y/y in April, as per the German Federal Statistical Office.

Local News

Private sector to shun PSEMAS. Private healthcare providers will soon start rejecting patients on the government's Public Service Employee Medical Aid Scheme (PSEMAS). This is according to the Namibian Private Practitioners' Forum (NPPF) - an organisation formed by private healthcare providers in the country. The organisation, established in 2011, claims to bridge the gap between healthcare providers, medical aid funds and their administrators and governing bodies, the Competition Commission of Namibia, as well as government ministries and institutions. In a press release last week, the NPPF's risk adviser, Eben de Klerk said about a third of private healthcare providers intend to stop treating PSEMAS members, and some who are contracted with the medical aid scheme will drastically reduce members of the government medical aid scheme under their care. -The Namibian

Government sets aside N\$81m for energy supply. The government has budgeted about N\$81 million to improve energy supply in Namibia during the 2019/20 financial year. Mines and energy deputy minister Kornelia Shilunga said this during the motivation of her ministry's budget in parliament this week. The deputy minister, who tabled a N\$286.17 million budget vote, said the country wants to address energy supply, access to modern services and conservation. "On renewable energy supply, the ministry will continue to monitor the implementation of the renewable energy feed-in tariff (Refit) interim programme, and other solar PV plants and wind projects," she said. - The Namibian

House building cost up 3.4%. March 2019 prices show that constructing a standard three-bedroom house will cost an average N\$525,946 in Windhoek, while in Keetmanshoop it will cost N\$334,235 due to varying land and building materials prices, First Capital says in their latest report on building cost. Taking into consideration all costs involved in the house construction value chain, land accounts for 5% of total cost in Keetmanshoop while in Windhoek it accounts for 40%, the analyst [said]. "Building materials remain the most significant cost component in the house construction value chain, on average accounting for 64% of total cost in Keetmanshoop, Rundu, Katima Mulilo and Ondangwa," First Capital says. - Market Watch

Schlettwein slams doors on SOE bailouts. Finance minister Calle Schlettwein has slammed the doors on public enterprises that seek government bailouts to subsidise the exorbitant salaries of top executives, *Confidante* has learnt. Salaries of high-flying executives, some of which earn over N\$2 million per annum, have been a problem at many public enterprises, some of which are perennial loss-making entities that are always begging government for financial bailouts. It has been reported, for example, that the CEO of the Electricity Control Board earns N\$2.6 million, while the managing director of NamPower gets N\$2.3 million a year. Schlettwein's decision is widely seen as part of Treasury's efforts at fiscal consolidation to rein in profligate spending patterns in government. - *Confidante*

SA Economic News

A strong win for South African President Cyril Ramaphosa's African National Congress in next week's election would trigger a rally in asset prices, according to Colin Coleman, head of sub-Saharan Africa at Goldman Sachs Group Inc. "We need to get out of this election a strong mandate for structural reforms," Coleman said in an interview on Bloomberg Television on Wednesday. Support of 60% would give Ramaphosa the "political space to implement his modernisation agenda, including trying to effectively get the state-owned enterprises and a raft of economic reforms firmly in place."

Company News

Anglo American's biggest shareholder, Volcan Investments, which is owned by Indian billionaire Anil Agarwal, voted against the appointment of a Brazilian independent director to the resources company's board, reflecting a deepening of tensions between the two sides. The Agarwal's family trust Volcan put in place a structure of exchangeable bonds over the past two years in exchange for 19.34% of Anglo shares from other investors. In 2020, Volcan has to either pay for the shares, allowing it to keep them or sell the stock for a profit, or extend the timeline on the bonds. After an attack on Anglo at the official opening of the Gamsberg Mountain zinc mine in February in front of South African president Cyril Ramaphosa and mineral resources minister Gwede Mantashe, the relationship between Agarwal and Anglo seems to have cooled from the warmth the Indian tycoon had exuded over the past two years as he built up the stake in the resource company. - Business Day

Bushveld Minerals, a leading source of South African vanadium, is buying the Vanchem business and Ivanti Resources for \$68m, cementing its position as a large source of vanadium and setting itself up for further growth. Bushveld, which is traded on London's Alternative Investment Market (AIM), operates the Vametco vanadium mine and processing plant near Brits and is moving into the development of the ingredients to make large batteries as well as the supply of those batteries to utilities like Eskom. Bushveld said on Wednesday it had agreed to the \$68m purchase of Vanchem, which was recently brought back into production, and Ivanti to consolidate its position in the supply of a range of vanadium products, including ferro vanadium used in steel making. - Business Day

Commodities giant **Glencore** lowered its full-year production target for copper on Tuesday as it reported a 7% drop in first-quarter output for the metal, hurt in part by severe flooding in Australia. The mining and trading company said quarterly copper production slipped to 320,700 tons, while cobalt output jumped 56% in the same period. Glencore, which is being investigated by the US department of justice over its operations in Congo, said it now expects copper production for the year to be 1,460 kilo ton, plus or minus 30 kilo tons. It had earlier forecast 1,540 kilo tons plus or minus 45 kilo tons. - Business Day

Is chemical manufacturing firm **Omnia Holdings'** debt spiralling out of control? When the company released its results for the six months to end-September in November 2018, the increase in net interest bearing debt to R4.6bn from R2.5bn at the end of March 2018 was hard to ignore, especially as its market capitalisation is only R4bn. With the soaring debt came higher interest. In the six months, Omnia's net finance expenses jumped 142% to R218m, compared with the six months ended September 2017. The company, which will release full-year results in June, attributed the increase in finance expenses to, among others, higher working capital after the acquisition of oil products and lubricants supplier Umongo Petroleum and Oro Agri, the manufacturer of agricultural adjuvants, pesticides and foliar nutrients for agricultural, greenhouse, nursery and turf applications.

SADC

Angola's government approved a revised budget for 2019 based on an oil price of US\$55 per barrel compared to US\$68 a barrel in the initial budget, the state-owned Jornal de Angola reported, citing comments by Finance Minister Archer Mangureira. The revised budget forecasts 10.4 trillion kwanzas (US\$32.6 billion) in revenue, Angop reported.

Overall Index

Ticker	Shares Traded	Current Price (c)	Net Change	d/d %	mtd %	ytd %	52Wk High	52Wk Low
ANM		36753	-475.00	-1.28	0.00	14.04	40800	27297
AOX		2200	-1.00	-0.05	0.00	-20.00	3180	2070
B2G		3828	-72.00	-1.85	0.00	-8.20	4625	3057
BVN		999	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.92	999	689
CGP		1601	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.29	1748	1540
BWL		12725	-49.00	-0.38	0.00	10.52	17000	10985
CLN		2290	-5.00	-0.22	0.00	26.24	2375	1370
FNB		4000	0.00	0.00	0.00	-7.92	4614	4000
FST		6791	23.00	0.34	0.00	4.04	7123	5688
IVD		9135	-50.00	-0.54	0.00	15.63	10531	7690
KFS		1060	10.00	0.95	0.00	-0.93	1100	915
LHN	239	382	1.00	0.26	0.00	11.05	401	344
MEP		6348	-102.00	-1.58	0.00	5.57	12000	5394
MIM		1785	21.00	1.19	0.00	4.20	2239	1537
NAM		64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	67	64
NBK		26606	84.00	0.32	0.00	-3.15	30750	22561
NBS		4800	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.23	4900	2288
NHL		160	0.00	0.00	0.00	-11.11	180	160
NUSP		1098	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.18	1125	1050
OCS		7000	-250.00	-3.45	0.00	-5.25	8963	6700
OMM		2299	2.00	0.09	0.00	2.63	2387	1896
ORY	250	2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.41	2026	2005
SILP		12129	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12129	12129
SLA		7650	-16.00	-0.21	0.00	-4.14	8469	6717
SNB		19900	-40.00	-0.20	0.00	11.65	21874	15568
SNM		33568	550.00	1.67	0.00	11.53	33568	28542
SRH		17234	-531.00	-2.99	0.00	-9.37	25054	15100
TRW		7559	128.00	1.72	0.00	-14.20	10300	6620
TTO		835	-2.00	-0.24	0.00	-47.02	1600	600
VKN		2055	7.00	0.34	0.00	5.12	2238	1896

¹Prices quoted in Australian cents. ² Prices quotes in Canadian Dollars. Source: Bloomberg, NSX, IIG

ETF's

Ticker	Volume Traded	Current Price (c)	Net Change	d/d %	mtd %	ytd %	52Wk High	52Wk Low
ENXPLD		19475	43	0.22	0.00	8.40	22623	6668
NGNGLD		17321	58	0.34	0.00	-0.69	18053	15156
NGNPLD		19432	18	0.09	0.00	9.10	22541	11591
NGNPLT		12429	6	0.05	0.00	11.35	12623	10571

Namibian Bonds

Government Bonds	YTM	Benchmark	Benchmark YTM	Premium Last Trade	All-In-Price	Clean Price	Modified Duration
GC20	8.025	R207	6.275	175	100.536	100.197	0.903
GC21	7.700	R208	6.78	92	100.422	100.104	2.195
GC22	8.265	R2023	7.705	56	103.673	101.156	2.319
GC23	8.625	R2023	7.705	92	101.175	100.811	3.615
GC24	9.206	R186	8.540	67	105.876	105.444	4.119
GC25	9.157	R186	8.54	62	97.375	97.025	4.551
GC27	9.302	R186	8.540	76	95.246	92.945	5.431
GC30	10.123	R2030	9.12	100	88.609	86.307	6.591
GC32	10.079	R213	9.240	84	92.647	92.277	7.288
GC35	10.527	R209	9.545	98	94.816	92.083	7.630
GC37	10.643	R2037	9.680	96	93.608	90.875	7.906
GC40	11.096	R214	9.75	135	89.860	89.458	8.246
GC45	11.597	R2044	9.790	181	88.542	85.708	8.063
GI22	4.544				118.463	118.285	3.205
GI25	5.113				115.028	113.693	5.361
GI29	5.728				99.757	98.357	7.545
GI33	6.394				86.473	86.273	9.774
Eurobond	4.481	10YUSBond	2.5108	197	105.121	102.386	2.264
Eurobond 2	5.748	10YUSBond	2.511	324	97.377	97.333	5.416
NAM01	8.855	R2023	7.705	115	102.054	98.252	2.889
NAM02	7.820	R208	6.780	104	105.269	101.904	1.002
NAM03	9.305	R2023	7.705	160	105.180	102.589	3.325
NAM04	10.340	R186	8.540	180	103.548	100.841	4.868
Corporate Bonds - Fixed							
BWFh19	7.525	R207	6.275	125	102.032	100.406	0.303
FNBX19	8.295	GC20	8.025	27	100.834	100.862	0.460
SBKN24	7.180	R207	6.275	91	101.003	100.831	0.464
NMP19N	6.310	R207	6.275	4	106.605	101.921	0.489
NWC20	8.330	R208	6.780	155	100.812	100.663	0.924
BW25	8.780	R208	6.780	200	103.083	101.160	1.181
NMP20	7.175	R207	6.275	90	104.986	102.527	1.129
IFC21	7.872	R208	6.780	109	106.966	103.408	1.730
FNBX21	8.815	GC22	8.265	55	103.683	103.712	2.070
BWRj21	8.605	GC21	7.700	91	98.452	98.134	2.183
FBNX27	8.965	GC22	8.265	70	104.393	103.484	2.464
NWC22	9.555	R2023	7.705	185	100.192	100.034	2.540
BWFH22	9.765	GC22	8.265	150	101.103	99.255	2.727
BWFK22	9.245	R2023	7.705	154	101.622	102.196	2.830
DBN23	8.355	R2023	7.705	65	87.892	82.994	3.602
NEDNAM01	10.126	GC24	9.206	92	105.371	102.762	3.866
NEDX2030	9.272	GC25	9.157	12	105.811	104.105	4.298
Corporate Bonds - Floating							
BWJj19	8.908	3 month JIBAR	7.158	175	100.120	99.997	0.227
BWJj20	8.958	3 month JIBAR	7.158	180	101.032	99.982	0.129
BWJd21	9.008	3 month JIBAR	7.158	185	100.242	99.995	0.214
BWJL21G	8.658	3 month JIBAR	7.158	150	101.291	99.988	0.097
BWJh22	8.978	3 month JIBAR	7.158	182	99.559	100.008	0.048
BWJK22	9.028	3 month JIBAR	7.158	187	99.483	100.002	0.056
BWJ1e27	9.308	3 month JIBAR	7.158	215	99.518	100.002	0.050
BWJ2e27	7.158	3 month JIBAR	7.158	0	99.629	100.001	0.051
DBN20	9.058	3 month JIBAR	7.158	190	101.500	99.988	0.081
FNBJ19	8.958	3 month JIBAR	7.158	180	99.975	100.000	0.003
FNBJ21	9.158	3 month JIBAR	7.158	200	99.975	100.000	0.003
FNBJ27	9.658	3 month JIBAR	7.158	250	100.832	99.985	0.157
ORY19	8.858	3 month JIBAR	7.158	170	101.665	99.991	0.053
SBNA21	8.758	3 month JIBAR	7.158	160	100.401	99.993	0.196
SBKN20	8.908	3 month JIBAR	7.158	175	100.120	99.997	0.227
SBNA22	9.208	3 month JIBAR	7.158	205	101.628	99.990	0.063
SBNA23	9.008	3 month JIBAR	7.158	185	101.593	99.990	0.063
NEDNAM02	9.908	3 month JIBAR	7.158	275	99.973	100.000	0.003
NEDJ2028	9.908	3 month JIBAR	7.158	275	101.641	99.987	0.074



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