

International News

US PPI rose 0.2% m/m and 3.3% y/y, below market, as per the Bureau of Labour Statistics.

Local News

EU-Namibia partnership to mobilise N\$400bn for green hydrogen. The European Union (EU) and Namibia have unveiled a partnership with the potential to mobilise N\$400bn in private investments for Namibia's green hydrogen (GH2) sector, a move that could more than double the country's GDP. EU Ambassador Ana Beatriz Martins announced that a pipeline of seven to nine projects, primarily spearheaded by European companies, is currently underway, with some expected to reach final investment decisions by late 2025. "If we look at Namibia's green hydrogen strategy, our partnership has the potential to mobilise N\$400bn in European private investments, more than doubling the country's GDP and enabling Namibia's aspirations for a green industrialisation," said Martins. She emphasised that the EU's collaboration with Namibia highlights the transformative potential of the green hydrogen strategy and reflects a paradigm shift in the EU's development policy. – The Brief

Namibia eyes grey list exit with first FATF report submission. Namibia has advanced its efforts to combat money laundering, terrorism financing, and proliferation by presenting its first compulsory report to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Joint Group for Africa. The report, delivered during the FATF Joint Group meeting held in Windhoek from January 6 to 11, 2025, represents a critical milestone in the country's commitment to aligning with international financial compliance standards. Bryan Eiseb, Director of the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC), underscored the importance of this step, emphasizing Namibia's proactive engagement with assessors to address any concerns. "Namibia presented its first compulsory report at the meeting and engaged with the assessors of the Joint Group to clarify any issues related to the report. Following this engagement, the Joint Group will evaluate Namibia's overall progress in addressing the strategic deficiencies outlined in our Action Plan," Eiseb said. The Joint Group's assessment will be submitted to the FATF for consideration and adoption in February 2025. – The Brief

EU grants N\$42m to boost Namibian civil society in green energy and extractive sectors. The European Union (EU) has awarded a N\$42m grant to support three initiatives aimed at strengthening Namibian civil society organizations (CSOs) to contribute to policy development in green energy and extractive industries. EU Ambassador Ana Beatriz Martins announced the funding, which falls under a bilateral program with Namibia designed to enhance civil society's engagement in national development. "These projects aim to equip CSOs to contribute meaningfully to policy debates on the development of Namibia's fast-growing green energy and extractive industries while ensuring their economic, environmental, and social sustainability," Martins said. The National Planning Commission (NPC) Executive Director, Micheal Humavindu, highlighted the government's commitment to finalising a National CSO Policy. This policy aims to enable, capacitate, and incentivize more CSOs to participate in competitive calls for proposals by development partners. – The Brief

Trophy hunting generates N\$400 million annually. Namibia generates about N\$400m each year through trophy hunting, with many hunters coming from Texas in the United States (US). According to the Namibia Tourism Board's spokesperson, Flora Quest, the costs depend on factors such as demand for game species and international market trends. Quest says trophy hunting alone accounts for about 14% of the country's tourism sector, translating to approximately 2.3% of Namibia's gross domestic product. "In terms of annual revenue, trophy hunting generates substantial income for Namibia, with the sector contributing approximately N\$200m to N\$400m annually". – The Namibian

SA Economic News

South Africa shuts trade route with Botswana after record rains. South Africa suspended operations at a key border crossing with Botswana after heavy rains caused flooding. Water levels reached a point where it "significantly compromises the safe and efficient functioning," of the crossing that traverses the Limpopo River, South Africa's Border Management Authority said in a statement Tuesday. The route is a key crossing used by copper mines in Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo to access South Africa's Durban port.

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters, The Namibian, Namibian Sun, Republikein, New Era, The Brief, Business Day, Moneyweb, News24, Mining Weekly

Company News

Ninety One stays put as BlackRock ditches climate alliance group. SA's largest asset manager Ninety One is sticking with the Net Zero Asset Managers (NZAM) initiative a global climate alliance meant to support the goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 despite a recent major defection by the world's largest money manager, BlackRock. The US asset management behemoth BlackRock this week ditched the initiative, casting doubt on its future. – Business Day

Reinet sells R28bn stake in British American Tobacco. Reinet Investments SCA agreed to sell its 2% stake in British American Tobacco Plc for £1.22bn (US\$1.49bn), exiting its long-running position in the company. BAT shares slumped as much as 2.9% on Tuesday for its sharpest intraday drop since October. Reinet said its offering of about 43.3 million shares in the London-listed group via JPMorgan priced at £28.20 per share, marking a 3.9% discount to the prior closing level. – Moneyweb

Vodacom and France's Orange set up joint venture for rural connectivity in the DRC. Vodacom and French telecom group Orange have signed a deal to create a joint venture to build and operate cell phone towers in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), underscoring the move towards greater shared infrastructure investment in the sector. Across the world, and perhaps more starkly in Africa, rural areas have tended to have low network coverage levels as telecom operators have avoided investing there because of the expense. Providers would rather invest in towns and cities with big populations who are major consumers of communications services. – Business Day

SADC News

Angola December national consumer prices rise 27.5% y/y. Luanda CPI rise 32.2% y/y versus +34.5% in November.

Corporate Bonds

Fixed Coupon Bonds	YTM	Benchmark	Benchmark YTM	Spread (bps)	All-In-Price	Coupon Rate	Next Coupon
NEDX2030	8.365	GC25	7.960	41	104.031	10.21	28-Feb-25
BWFL26	8.485	R186	8.385	10	101.514	8.8	04-Jun-25
Floating Coupon Bonds	YTM	Benchmark	Benchmark YTM	Spread (bps)	All-In-Price	Coupon Rate	Next Coupon
BWJ1e27	9.858	3 month JIBAR	7.708	215	101.544	10.04	19-Feb-25
BWJ2e27	7.708	3 month JIBAR	7.708	0	101.220	7.89	19-Feb-25
DBN29	10.108	3 month JIBAR	7.708	240	101.251	10.19	28-Feb-25
NEDJ2028	10.458	3 month JIBAR	7.708	275	101.350	10.54	28-Feb-25
ORYJ25	10.208	3 month JIBAR	7.708	250	101.635	10.43	18-Feb-25
BWJL25	8.608	3 month JIBAR	7.708	90	101.087	8.95	02-Mar-25
SBNA26	9.078	3 month JIBAR	7.708	137	101.252	9.16	25-Feb-25
SBKN26	9.148	3 month JIBAR	7.708	144	100.031	9.17	13-Apr-25
SBNG25	9.098	3 month JIBAR	7.708	139	100.230	9.14	05-Apr-25
SBNG27	9.398	3 month JIBAR	7.708	169	100.237	9.44	05-Apr-25
SBKN27	8.858	3 month JIBAR	7.708	115	100.931	8.94	07-Mar-25
BWJf26S	9.208	3 month JIBAR	7.708	150	101.093	9.29	02-Mar-25
LHNS01	10.658	3 month JIBAR	7.708	295	101.733	10.88	17-Feb-25
LHN02	10.508	3 month JIBAR	7.708	280	100.469	10.58	29-Mar-25
PNJ25	10.408	3 month JIBAR	7.708	270	100.833	10.49	16-Mar-25
PNJ26	10.958	3 month JIBAR	7.708	325	100.814	11.03	18-Mar-25
PNJ27	10.958	3 month JIBAR	7.708	325	100.875	11.04	16-Mar-25
PNJ29	10.408	3 month JIBAR	7.708	270	100.774	10.48	18-Mar-25
FNB25S	9.158	3 month JIBAR	7.708	145	100.561	9.23	23-Mar-25
FNB27S	9.438	3 month JIBAR	7.708	173	100.577	9.51	23-Mar-25
FNB34	9.658	3 month JIBAR	7.708	195	101.118	9.74	03-Mar-25
GDW26	9.908	3 month JIBAR	7.708	220	101.146	9.99	03-Mar-25
GDW28	10.208	3 month JIBAR	7.708	250	101.180	10.29	03-Mar-25

