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Economic Highlights

	Level	m/m %	y/y %	52Wk High	52Wk Low
NSX Overall	877.20	3.13	-25.25	1,214.49	766.67
NSX Local	505.44	1.93	24.06	505.44	407.42
International Markets					
JSE ALSI	49,415.31	0.56	-7.37	55,355.12	45,975.78
JSE Top40	43,802.56	-0.60	-7.12	49,228.75	41,037.50
JSE INDI	68,003.49	-2.63	2.49	74,089.84	59,306.06
JSE FINI	14,287.26	-2.87	-15.52	17,991.28	13,235.88
JSE RESI	27,448.66	13.19	-39.98	46,576.16	21,997.38
JSE GOLD	2,081.97	45.97	50.69	2,143.46	740.81
JSE BANKS	6,029.49	-1.96	-22.21	8,574.71	5,057.18
International Markets					
Dow Jones	16,516.50	0.30	-8.91	18,351.36	15,370.33
S&P 500	1,932.23	-0.41	-8.19	2,134.72	1,810.10
NASDAQ	4,557.95	-1.21	-8.17	5,231.94	4,209.76
US Bond	2.62	-4.67	0.98	3.12	2.54
FTSE 100	6,097.09	0.22	-12.23	7,122.74	5,499.51
DAX	9,495.40	-3.09	-16.72	12,390.75	8,699.29
Hang Seng	19,111.93	-2.90	-23.01	28,588.52	18,278.80
Nikkei	16,026.76	-8.51	-14.74	20,952.71	14,865.77
Currencies					
N\$/US\$	15.87	-0.12	36.14	17.92	11.67
N\$/£	22.09	-2.41	22.74	26.02	17.45
N\$/€	17.26	0.22	32.17	19.59	12.67
N\$/AU\$	11.34	0.73	24.44	12.43	8.93
N\$/CAD\$	11.72	3.19	25.68	12.62	9.39
€/US\$	1.09	0.39	-2.88	1.17	1.05
US\$/¥	112.69	-6.98	-5.80	125.86	110.99
Commodities					
Brent Crude - US\$/barrel	36.57	-0.68	-47.93	72.54	28.58
Gold - US/Troy oz.	1,238.74	10.78	2.10	1,263.47	1,046.43
Platinum - US/Troy oz.	934.15	7.25	-21.45	1,199.55	810.80
Copper - US/lb.	213.25	2.94	-20.75	293.50	194.40
Silver - US/Troy oz.	14.91	4.56	-10.18	17.78	13.65
Uranium - US/lb.	32.00	-7.91	-17.42	39.38	32.00
Namibia Fixed Interest					
IJG ALBI	140.05	0.02	1.32	141.83	133.23
IJG Money Market Index	156.84	0.54	6.61	156.84	147.11
Namibia rates					
Bank	6.75	25bp	50bp	6.75	6.25
Prime	10.50	25bp	50bp	10.50	10.00
South Africa rates					
Bank	6.75	0bp	100bp	6.75	5.75
Prime	10.25	0bp	100bp	10.25	9.25

Source: IJG, NSX



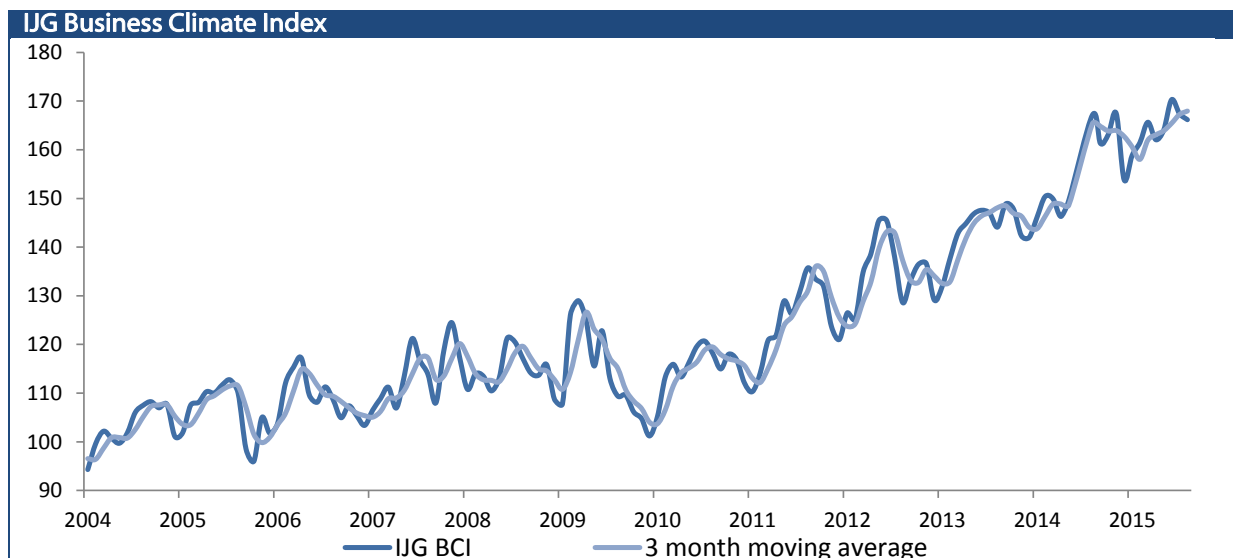
IJG/IPPR Business Climate Index

The IJG Business Climate Index fell a further 1.2 points in December following the 2.9 point fall in November, taking it to a level of 166.2 points. The decline was largely driven by a large decrease in the building plans sub-index, which fell due to no recorded building plans being completed in December.

December was a rocky month for the region as the finance minister debacle in South Africa (which saw three finance ministers in office in the space of less than a week) and the collapse of already waning confidence in the country drove a major retreat in the rand vis-à-vis major currencies, as well as a notable blow-out in fixed income yields and a weakening of equity markets. The rand depreciation particularly has a negative bearing on Namibia, as the country remains a net importer of goods meaning that rand weakness generally drives deterioration in the country's terms of trade.

	Dec-15	Nov-15	Dec-14
Business Climate Index	166.2	167.4	169.6
3-month moving average	168.0	167.2	167.8
Investment Index	271.7	280.4	264.0
Consumption Index	121.0	117.5	130.4
Export Index	148.6	144.4	139.7

Source: IJG, IPPR



Public Debt Securities

Effective yields (EY) for treasury bills (TB's) increased during January, with the 91-day TB yield unchanged at 8.133%, the 182-day TB yield increasing to 8.677%, the 273-day TB yield increasing to 9.019%, and the 365-day TB yield increasing to 9.031%. A total of N\$12.51bn or 44.66% of the Government's domestic maturity profile is in TB's as at 29 February 2016, with 7.23% in 91-day TB's, 19.02% in 182-day TB's, 30.55% in 273-day TB's and 43.20% in 364-day TB's.

The IJG All Bond Index (including Corporate Bonds) rose 0.02% m/m in February after gaining 2.68% m/m in January. Namibian bond premiums relative to SA yields in February generally strengthened with the GC17 premium unchanged at 64bp; the GC18 premium unchanged at 85bp; the GC20 premium strengthening by 4bp to 103bp; the GC21 unchanged at 110bp; the GC22 premium strengthening by 2bp to 102bp; the GC24 premium weakening by 1bp to 108bp; the GC25 strengthening by 1bp to 120bp; the GC27 premium weakening by 3bp to 125bp; the GC30 premium weakening by 3bp to 116bp; the GC32 premium unchanged at 142bp; the GC35 unchanged at 116bp; the GC37 weakening by 2bp to 136bp; the GC40 premium strengthening by 2bp to 129bp; and the GC45 weakening by 1bp to 133bp.



Private Sector Credit Extension

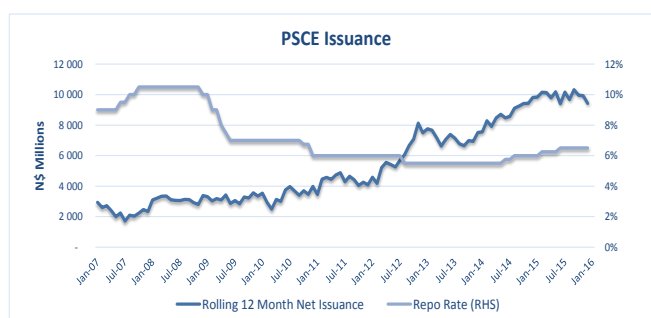
Total credit extended to the private sector increased by N\$593 million, or 0.8%, in December 2015, taking total credit outstanding to N\$78.8 billion. On an annual basis PSCE growth slowed slightly from 14.5% in November to 13.6% in December. A total of N\$9.4 billion worth of credit has been approved over the last 12 months. Of the N\$9.4 billion worth of credit issued during 2015, approximately N\$5.0 billion was taken up by businesses, while N\$4.3 billion was taken up by individuals.

PSCE – December 2015

Corporate versus individual growth (y/y)

	N\$ m	Change in N\$ m		% Change	
	Dec-15	One month	One year	Dec-15 m/m	Dec-15 y/y
Corporate	32 583.9	(27.4)	5 033.2	-0.08%	18.27%
Individuals	45 810.4	614.0	4 302.5	1.36%	10.37%
Mortgage Loans	40 484.1	356.0	5 260.4	0.89%	14.93%
Other Loans & Advances	8 396.8	127.5	1 318.2	1.54%	18.62%
Overdraft	10 062.3	(56.2)	742.8	-0.56%	7.97%
Instalment Credit	12 029.6	148.2	1 394.4	1.25%	13.11%
Total PSCE	78 826.2	592.9	9 429.4	0.76%	13.59%

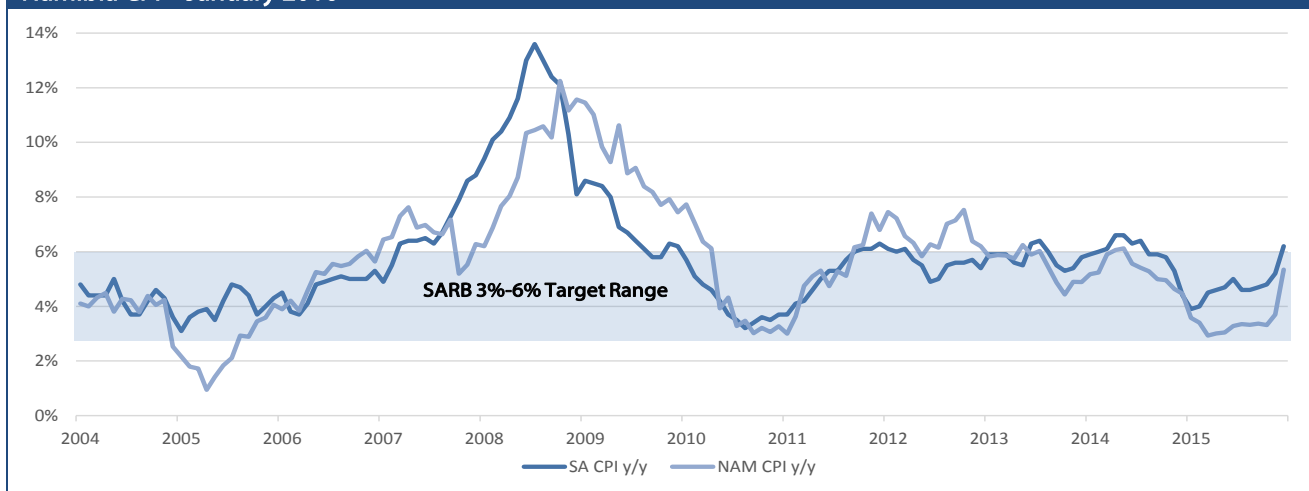
Source: BoN, IJG



Namibia CPI

The Namibian annual inflation rate increased to 5.3% in January, up 1.6 percentage points from 3.7% in December. On a month on month basis, prices spiked 2.4%, the largest monthly increase recorded in our history dating back to 2002. On a year on year basis, five of the twelve basket categories grew at a slower rate in January than in December while the seven remaining categories accelerated, pushing up overall inflation. Transport prices increased for the first time in twelve months as the effects of the drop in the price of oil over the past year, and the knock on effects thereof on the rest of the basket, started to wear out. However, the biggest contributor to inflation on a monthly and on an annual basis were price increases of rental payments for dwellings by both owners and lessees in the housing utilities category.

Namibia CPI – January 2016



Source: NSA, StatsSA, IJG

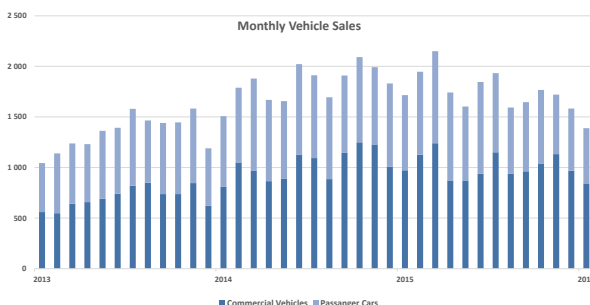


New Vehicle Sales

A total of 1,389 new vehicles were sold during January, a drop of 13.5% from the December sales of 1,583 and down 19.1% over January 2015, driven by a slowdown in both passenger and commercial vehicle sales. Rolling 12 month sales continued to contract after turning negative in December for the first time in 69 months, with the year on year 12 month percentage change -5.6% for January.

January New Vehicle Sales

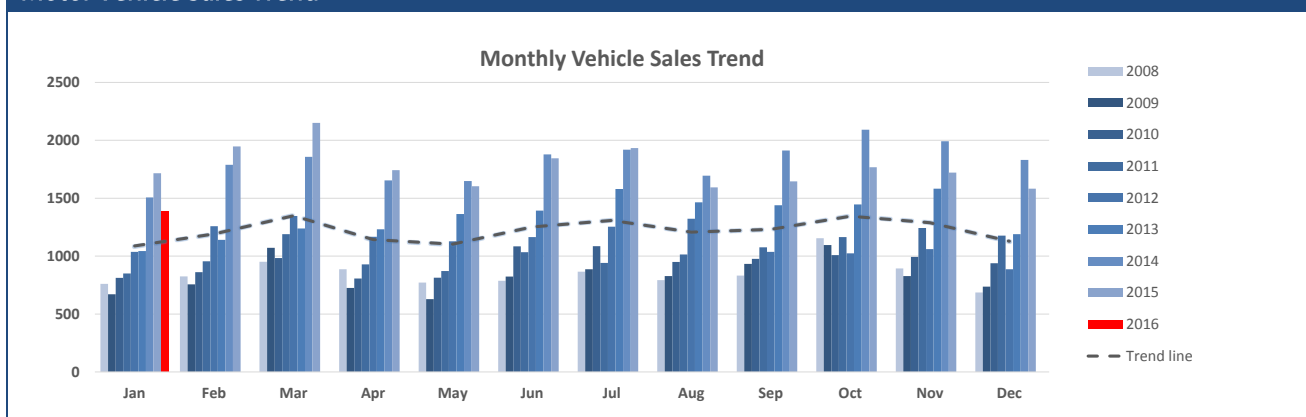
Vehicle sales	Units	2016 YTD	Dec 15 y/y %	Jan 16 y/y %	Sentiment*
Passenger	546	546	-25.4	-26.5	✗
Light Commercial	799	799	-5.3	-9.8	✗
Medium Commercial	20	20	-34.2	-23.1	✓
Heavy Commercial	24	24	46.9	-60.7	✗
Total	1 389	1 389	-13.5	-19.1	✗



Source: Naamsa, IJG

*Sentiment describes the y/y movement

Motor Vehicle Sales Trend



Source: Naamsa, IJG

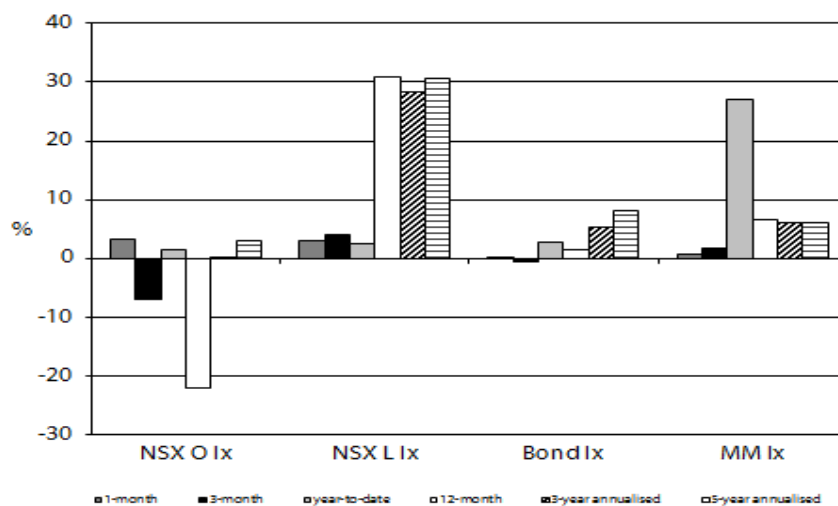


Namibian Asset Performance

The NSX Overall Index closed at 877.20 points in February up from 850.58 points in January gaining 3.14% on a total return basis in February compared to a 1.66% m/m decrease in January. The NSX Local Index increased 2.92% m/m compared to a 0.41% m/m decrease in January. Over the last 12 months the NSX Overall Index returned -22.06% against +30.94% for the Local Index. The best performing share on the Overall Index in February was Anglo American at +66.2%, while Paladin Energy was the worst performer at -26.5%.

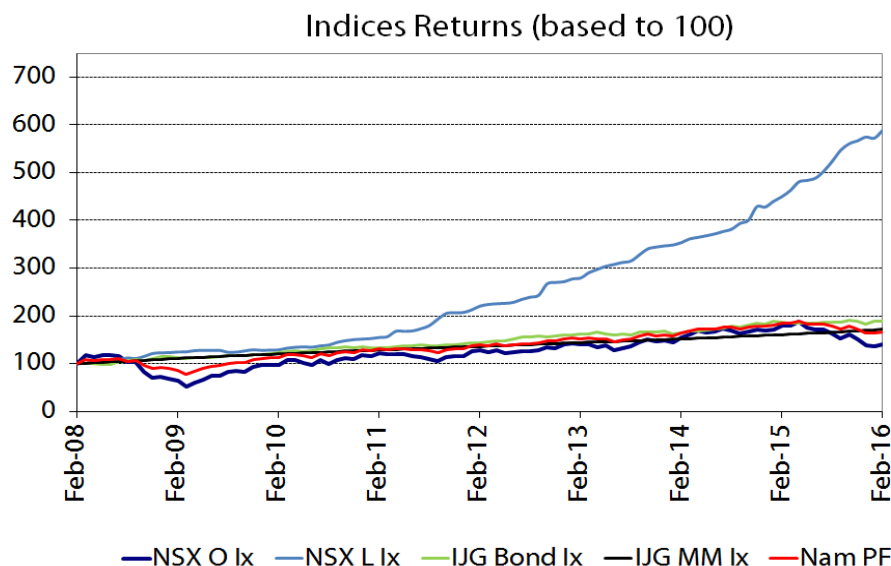
The IJG All Bond Index (including Corporate Bonds) rose 0.02% m/m in February after gaining 2.68% m/m in January. The IJG Money Market Index (including NCD's) increased by 0.54% m/m in February after rising 0.57% m/m in January.

Performance by Asset Class



Source: IJG

Indices Returns (based to 100)



Source: IJG



Namibian Returns by Asset Class [N\$, %] - February 2016

	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	year-to-date	3 years*	5 years*
NSX Overall Index	3.14	-7.08	-14.23	-22.06	1.42	0.12	2.99
NSX Local Index	2.92	3.93	12.35	30.94	2.50	28.25	30.65
IJG ALBI	0.02	-0.55	0.84	1.32	2.70	5.37	7.99
IJG GOVI	0.01	-0.56	0.79	1.18	2.72	5.45	7.94
IJG OTHI	0.08	-0.41	1.28	2.69	2.47	5.12	8.34
IJG Money Market Index	0.54	1.69	3.34	6.61	1.12	5.98	5.92

* annualised

Source: IJG

Namibian Returns by Asset Class [US\$, %] - February 2016

	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	year-to-date	3 years*	5 years*
US\$ Strength/(Weakness)	0.13	-8.95	-16.32	-26.54	-1.95	-17.17	-15.18
NSX Overall Index	3.27	-15.39	-28.23	-42.74	-0.56	-17.07	-12.64
NSX Local Index	3.06	-5.37	-5.99	-3.81	0.50	6.23	10.82
IJG ALBI	0.14	-9.45	-15.62	-25.56	0.69	-12.72	-8.40
IJG GOVI	0.14	-9.46	-15.66	-25.67	0.72	-12.65	-8.44
IJG OTHI	0.20	-9.32	-15.25	-24.56	0.47	-12.92	-8.11
IJG Money Market Index	0.67	-7.41	-13.53	-21.68	-48.45	-12.21	-10.15

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Source: IJG



Equities

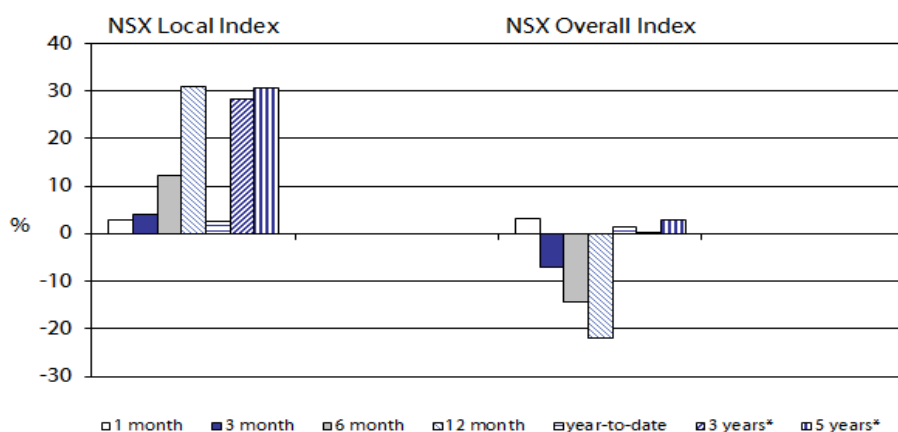
Please note that we have changed the calculation methodology for returns for the NSX Overall and the NSX Local Indices effective 1 February 2010. The new methodology calculates the returns based on the FTSE/JSE total return indices.

Index Total Returns [N\$, %] - February 2016

	Code	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	ytd	3 years*	5 years*
NSX Local Index	N099	2.92	3.93	12.35	30.94	2.50	28.25	30.65
NSX Overall Index	N098	3.14	-7.08	-14.23	-22.06	1.42	0.12	2.99

Source: IJG, JSE

Index Total Returns [N\$] – February 2016



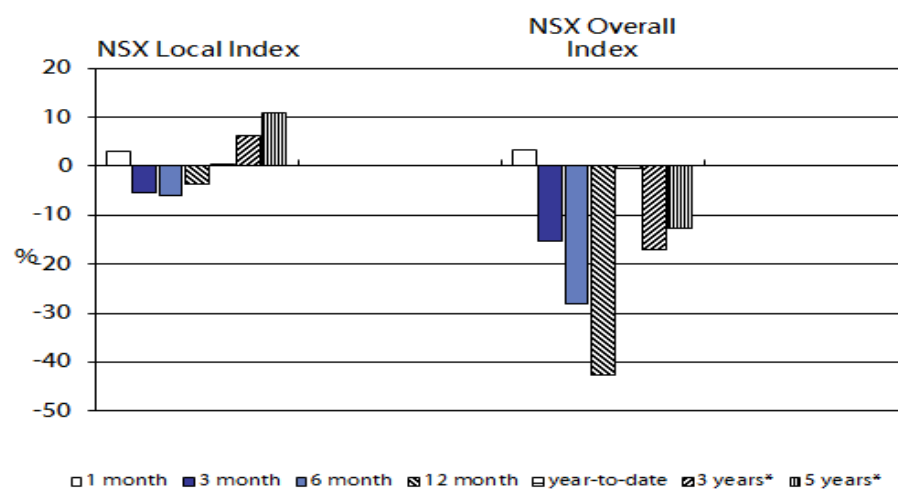
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Index Total Returns [US\$, %] - February 2016

	Code	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	ytd	3 years*	5 years*
US\$ / N\$ Strength (Weakness)		0.13	-8.95	-16.32	-26.54	-1.95	-17.17	-15.18
NSX Local Index	N099	3.06	-5.37	-5.99	-3.81	0.50	6.23	10.82
NSX Overall Index	N098	3.27	-15.39	-28.23	-42.74	-0.56	-17.07	-12.64

Source: IJG, JSE

Index Total Returns [US\$] – February 2016



*annualised
Source: IJG



Individual Equity Total Returns [N\$, %] February 2016

	Month end price (c)	NSX FF Market Cap Weight	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	year-to-date
FINANCIALS			-2.24	-11.77	-13.29	-15.48	-3.86
<i>banks</i>			-1.39	-9.72	-18.92	-19.05	0.89
BWH	1 699	0.18%	3.88	6.40	9.00	23.49	0.49
FST	4 433	13.24%	-0.38	-4.31	-14.26	-13.43	5.67
FNB*	4 500	0.28%	3.76	4.56	14.35	72.61	4.07
NBK	18 215	3.46%	-2.43	-12.62	-21.06	-25.81	-2.65
SNB	10 919	13.07%	-2.33	-14.97	-24.18	-25.54	-3.08
<i>insurance</i>			11.82	-4.96	-4.93	-12.79	5.64
SNM	19 905	0.66%	11.82	-4.96	-4.93	-12.79	5.64
<i>life assurance</i>			-3.79	-13.66	-8.48	-13.47	-8.68
MMI	2 335	2.35%	3.67	0.21	-14.58	-24.59	7.23
OLM	3 725	17.37%	-2.85	-16.28	-4.47	-4.79	-9.58
SLA	5 350	9.26%	-7.45	-12.26	-14.44	-26.94	-11.03
<i>investment companies</i>			0.00	1.39	6.29	26.70	0.00
NAM*	73	0.01%	0.00	1.39	6.29	26.70	0.00
<i>real estate</i>			2.61	-11.11	-9.26	-11.87	-5.18
ORY*	2 090	0.10%	1.38	4.44	9.08	21.80	2.77
VKN	1 577	0.92%	2.75	-12.83	-11.29	-15.60	-6.06
<i>specialist finance</i>			-0.14	-14.42	-4.02	2.01	-6.34
IVD	10 303	2.55%	0.57	-14.30	-2.83	2.63	-5.61
KFS	688	0.23%	-5.76	-12.80	-17.20	0.00	-11.57
TUC	330	0.10%	-5.60	-21.15	-4.71	-9.47	-13.18
HEALTH CARE			53.19	60.71	73.14	0.00	55.00
<i>health care providers</i>			53.19	60.71	73.14	0.00	55.00
MDC	18 445	8.90%	53.19	60.71	73.14	0.00	55.00
RESOURCES			60.33	19.78	-22.20	-46.17	48.72
<i>mining</i>			61.16	19.91	-22.90	-47.00	49.05
ANM	10 396	13.54%	66.22	20.98	-26.55	-50.03	52.90
PDN	300	0.36%	-26.47	-7.12	56.25	-14.53	-10.18
FSY	113	0.01%	21.51	-27.10	-27.56	-23.65	-25.17
DYL	10	0.01%	0.00	0.00	0.00	-28.57	-9.09
BMN	37	0.01%	15.63	-15.91	-2.63	-35.09	-11.90
MEY	4	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
B2G	1 718	0.65%	6.77	13.32	5.21	-8.86	5.08
EOG	261	0.01%	50.00	57.23	136.62	214.46	37.37
<i>chemicals</i>			0.10	9.39	26.63	13.41	23.32
AOX	1 600	0.22%	0.10	9.39	26.63	13.41	23.32
INDUSTRIAL			-1.24	2.96	-3.86	-4.75	3.35
GENERAL INDUSTRIALS							
<i>diversified industrials</i>			-8.96	1.69	-23.16	-25.40	4.23
BWL	6 411	1.39%	-8.96	-15.19	-23.16	-25.40	4.23
<i>Support Services</i>			0.26	0.04	0.55	-3.22	0.13
BVN*	1 050	0.05%	0.54	1.24	2.88	-16.79	0.98
CLN	1 630	0.22%	10.15	-12.71	0.00	0.00	-4.12
NON-CYCLICAL CONSUMER GOODS							
<i>beverages</i>			0.54	2.32	12.29	16.56	1.54
NBS*	2 269	0.23%	0.54	2.32	12.29	16.56	1.54
<i>food producers & processors</i>			3.11	2.68	21.00	8.19	-1.12
OCG	11 500	0.38%	3.11	2.68	21.00	8.19	-1.12
CYCLICAL SERVICES							
<i>general retailers</i>			-12.16	-8.23	-0.19	0.71	-5.19
NHL*	240	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/a	-8.33
TRW	8 580	3.60%	-12.17	-8.24	-0.19	0.71	-5.19
NON-CYCLICAL SERVICES							
<i>food & drug retailers</i>			5.98	9.37	-3.85	-4.87	8.15
SRH	15 424	6.62%	5.98	9.37	-3.85	-4.87	8.15

Source: IJG, NSX, JSE, Bloomberg

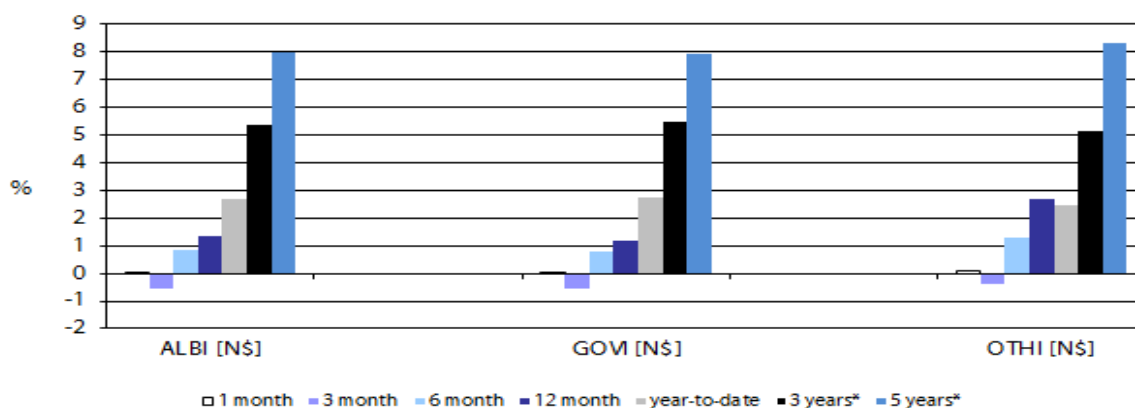
Bonds

Bond Performance Index Total Returns (%) - as at February 2016

	1 month	3 month	6 month	y/y	ytd	3 years*	5 years*
ALBI [N\$]	0.02	-0.55	0.84	1.32	2.70	5.37	7.99
GOVI [N\$]	0.01	-0.56	0.79	1.18	2.72	5.45	7.94
OTHI [N\$]	0.08	-0.41	1.28	2.69	2.47	5.12	8.34

* annualised
Source: IJG

Bond Performance, Index Total Return (%) - as at February 2016



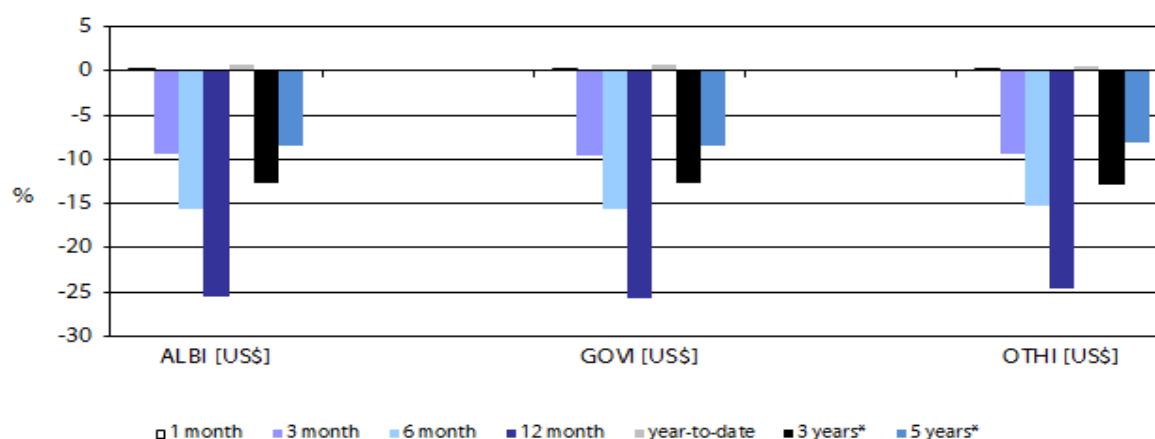
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Bond Performance, Index Total Returns (US\$ - terms), (%) - as at February 2016

	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	year-to-date	3 years*	5 years*
ALBI [US\$]	0.14	-9.45	-15.62	-25.56	0.69	-12.72	-8.40
GOVI [US\$]	0.14	-9.46	-15.66	-25.67	0.72	-12.65	-8.44
OTHI [US\$]	0.20	-9.32	-15.25	-24.56	0.47	-12.92	-8.11
N\$/US\$	0.13	-8.95	-16.32	-26.54	-1.95	-17.17	-15.18

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Source: IJG

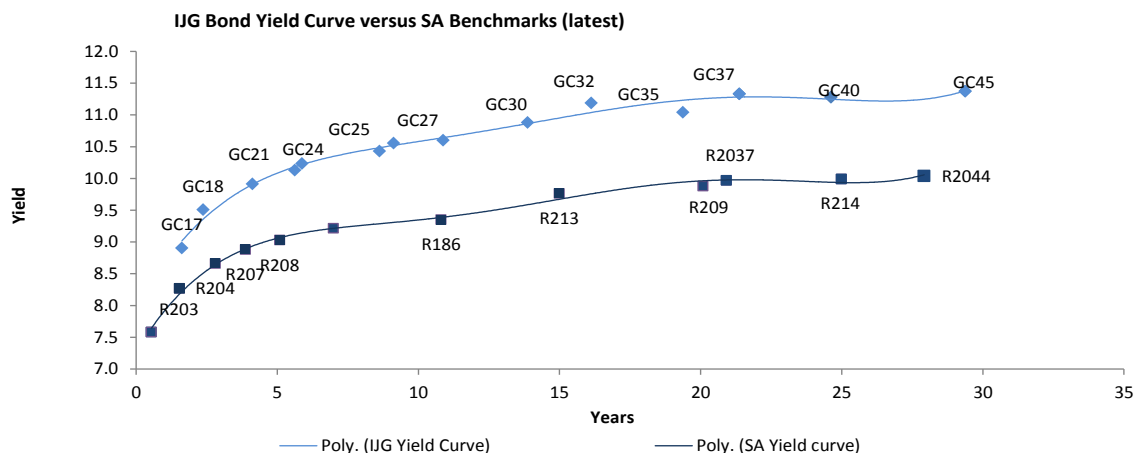
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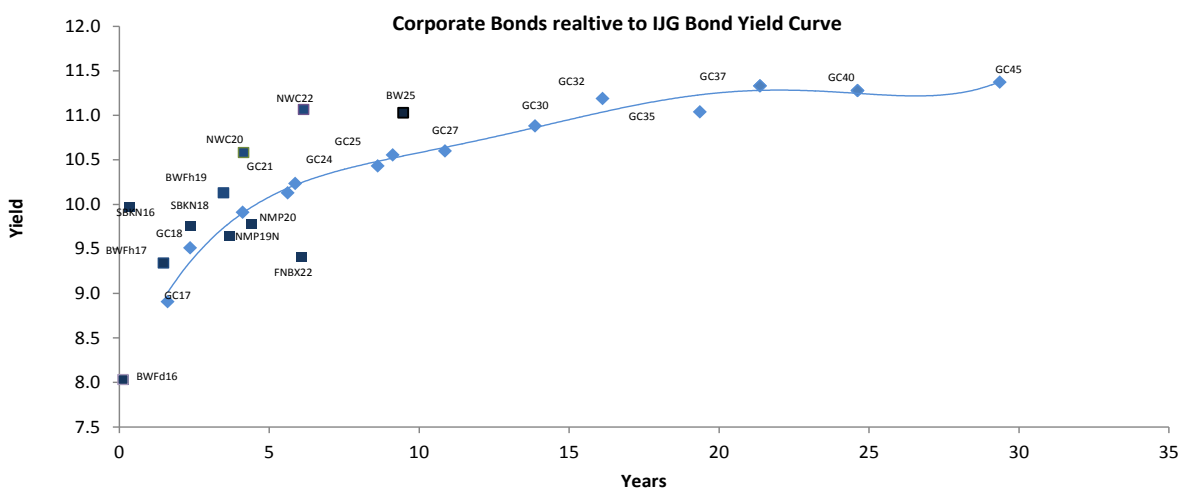
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Source: IJG



Namibian vs. South African Yield Curve



IJG Bond Yield Curve



Source: IJG

Bond Maturity Profile

	Benchmark	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Modified Duration
GC17	R203	15/10/2017	8.00%	1.45
GC18	R204	15/07/2018	9.50%	2.06
GC20	R207	15/04/2020	8.25%	3.29
GC21	R208	15/10/2021	7.75%	4.25
GC22	R2023	15/01/2022	8.75%	4.39
GC24	R186	15/10/2024	10.50%	5.38
GC25	R186	15/04/2025	8.50%	5.81
GC27	R186	15/01/2027	8.00%	6.66
GC30	R213	15/01/2030	8.00%	7.44
GC32	R213	15/04/2032	9.00%	7.40
GC35	R213	15/07/2035	9.50%	8.01
GC37	R2037	15/07/2037	9.50%	8.08
GC40	R214	15/10/2040	9.80%	8.07
GC45	R2044	15/07/2045	9.85%	8.42

Source: IJG, BoN



IJG Namibia ALBI - as at February 2016					
	this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
ALBI	140.05	140.02	140.82	138.88	138.22
GOVI	140.10	140.08	140.89	139.00	138.46
OTHI	140.32	140.21	140.89	138.55	136.64
Modified Duration IJG ALBI	3.18	3.26	3.41	3.56	3.95
Modified Duration IJG GOVI	3.22	3.31	3.45	3.60	4.00
Modified Duration IJG OTHI	2.77	2.85	2.96	3.15	3.53
weight GOVI [%]	90.71	90.70	90.59	90.70	89.65
weight OTHI [%]	9.29	9.30	9.41	9.30	10.35

Source: IJG

IJG Namibia ALBI -Rate Duration (years) as at February 2016					
	this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
GC17	GC17	GC17	GC17	GC17	GC17
1.45	1.53	1.69	1.86	2.27	
GC18	GC18	GC18	GC18	GC18	GC18
2.06	2.14	2.21	2.45	2.84	
GC21	GC21	GC21	GC21	GC21	GC21
4.25	4.33	4.53	4.61	4.96	
GC24	GC24	GC24	GC24	GC24	GC24
5.38	5.48	5.70	5.69	6.04	
FNBX22	FNBX22	FNBX22	FNBX22	FNBX22	FNBX22
0.97	1.05	1.22	1.40	1.81	
BWFh17	BWFh17	BWFh17	BWFh17	BWFh17	RFA16
1.36	1.38	1.55	1.79	2.21	
NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N
2.95	3.03	3.21	3.30	3.66	
NMP20	NMP20	NMP20	NMP20	NMP20	NMP20
3.50	3.58	3.60	3.85	4.20	

Source: IJG



IJG Namibia ALBI -Weights [%] as at February 2016					
this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago	
GC17 19.85	GC17 19.83	GC17 19.33	GC17 19.53	GC17 20.30	
GC18 31.64	GC18 31.60	GC18 32.39	GC18 31.47	GC18 30.19	
GC21 11.53	GC21 11.55	GC21 11.49	GC21 11.80	GC21 9.38	
GC24 27.69	GC24 27.72	GC24 27.38	GC24 27.90	GC24 29.78	
FNBX22 1.04	FNBX22 1.04	FNBX22 1.01	FNBX22 1.02	FNBX22 1.12	
BWFh17 1.31	BWFh17 1.31	BWFh17 1.33	BWFh17 1.29	BWFh17 1.41	
NMP19N 2.39	NMP19N 2.39	NMP19N 2.35	NMP19N 2.40	NMP19N 2.69	
NMP20 4.56	NMP20 4.56	NMP20 4.72	NMP20 4.59	NMP20 5.14	

Source: IJG

IJG Namibia OTHI -Weights [%] as at February 2016				
this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
FNBX22 11.21	FNBX22 11.17	FNBX22 10.72	FNBX22 10.98	FNBX22 10.80
BWFh17 14.09	BWFh17 14.06	BWFh17 14.09	BWFh17 13.83	BWFh17 13.58
NMP19N 25.68	NMP19N 25.70	NMP19N 25.02	NMP19N 25.80	NMP19N 25.99
NMP20 49.02	NMP20 49.07	NMP20 50.17	NMP20 49.39	NMP20 49.63

Source: IJG



IJG Namibia GOVI -Weights [%] as at February 2016					
this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago	
GC17	GC17	GC17	GC17	GC17	
21.88	21.86	21.34	21.53	22.65	
GC18	GC18	GC18	GC18	GC18	
34.88	34.84	35.76	34.70	33.68	
GC21	GC21	GC21	GC21	GC21	
12.71	12.73	12.68	13.00	10.46	
GC24	GC24	GC24	GC24	GC24	
30.53	30.57	30.22	30.76	33.21	

Source: IJG

IJG Namibia ALBI -Yields [%] as at February 2016					
this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago	
GC17	GC17	GC17	GC17	GC17	
8.95	8.65	8.00	7.90	7.27	
GC18	GC18	GC18	GC18	GC18	
9.55	9.31	8.60	8.45	7.55	
GC21	GC21	GC21	GC21	GC21	
10.17	9.97	9.24	8.81	7.86	
GC24	GC24	GC24	GC24	GC24	
10.48	10.27	9.71	9.51	8.40	
FNBX22	FNBX22	FNBX22	FNBX22	FNBX22	
9.45	9.15	8.50	8.40	7.77	
BWFh17	BWFh17	BWFh17	BWFh17	BWFh17	
9.39	9.08	8.44	8.33	7.71	
NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	
9.68	9.44	8.73	8.58	7.68	
NMP20	NMP20	NMP20	NMP20	NMP20	
9.82	9.60	8.89	8.75	7.94	

Source: IJG

IJG Namibia ALBI - Premiums [bp] as at February 2016					
this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago	
GC17	GC17	GC17	GC17	GC17	
64	64	64	64	63	
GC18	GC18	GC18	GC18	GC18	
85	85	85	85	68	
GC21	GC21	GC21	GC21	GC21	
110	110	110	83	69	
GC24	GC24	GC24	GC24	GC24	
108	107	112	116	77	
FNBX22	FNBX22	FNBX22	FNBX22	FNBX22	
50	50	50	50	50	
BWFh17	BWFh17	BWFh17	BWFh17	BWFh17	
107	107	107	107	107	
NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	
13	13	13	13	13	
NMP20	NMP20	NMP20	NMP20	NMP20	
90	90	90	90	90	

Source: IJG



Money Market (Including NCD's)

Effective April 2010 we have changed the methodology to calculate Money Market returns to include NCDs. For more information please refer to BBN IJG Money Market Index – **Extending Local Performance Measures**.

IJG Money Market Index [average returns] - as at February 2016					
	this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
Money Market Index	156.84	155.99	154.24	151.77	147.11
Call Index	144.82	144.24	143.02	141.31	137.97
3-month NCD Index	153.11	152.32	150.70	148.46	144.08
6-month NCD Index	156.97	156.11	154.34	151.82	146.93
12-month NCD Index	160.36	159.44	157.54	154.85	149.81
NCD Index <i>including call</i>	156.57	155.72	153.95	151.47	146.81
3-month TB Index	156.53	155.65	153.87	151.48	146.94
6-month TB Index	158.86	157.95	156.10	153.54	148.58
12-month TB Index	159.95	159.08	157.27	154.71	149.81
TB Index <i>including call</i>	157.08	156.24	154.52	152.10	147.45

Source: IJG

IJG Money Market Index [single returns] - as at February 2016					
	this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
Money Market Index	155.91	154.96	153.04	150.52	145.74
Call Index	144.82	144.24	143.02	141.31	137.97
3-month NCD Index	152.38	151.56	149.89	147.62	143.25
6-month NCD Index	155.96	155.04	153.17	150.64	145.71
12-month NCD Index	159.41	158.38	156.29	153.49	148.21
NCD Index <i>including call</i>	155.87	154.92	153.01	150.45	145.65
3-month TB Index	155.91	154.97	153.12	150.66	146.10
6-month TB Index	157.84	156.85	154.85	152.20	147.23
12-month TB Index	158.10	157.06	154.98	152.38	147.39
TB Index <i>including call</i>	157.08	156.24	154.52	152.10	147.45

Source: IJG



IJG Money Market Index Performance [average returns, %] - as at February 2016							
	this month	3 months	6 months	y/y	ytd	3* years	5* years
Money Market Index	0.54	1.69	3.34	6.61	1.12	5.98	5.92
Call Index	0.40	1.26	2.48	4.96	0.83	4.76	4.78
3-month NCD Index	0.52	1.60	3.13	6.26	1.07	2.35	4.12
6-month NCD Index	0.55	1.70	3.39	6.83	1.13	2.70	4.23
12-month NCD Index	0.58	1.79	3.56	7.04	1.18	2.83	4.44
NCD Index including call	0.55	1.70	3.37	6.65	1.13	2.25	3.97
3-month TB Index	0.57	1.73	3.33	6.53	1.16	6.02	5.88
6-month TB Index	0.57	1.77	3.47	6.92	1.18	6.28	6.10
12-month TB Index	0.55	1.71	3.39	6.77	1.13	6.07	6.04
TB Index including call	0.54	1.66	3.28	6.53	1.10	5.94	5.86

Source: IJG

IJG Money Market Index Performance [single returns, %] - as at February 2016							
	1 month	3 months	6 months	y/y	ytd	3* years	5* years
Money Market Index	0.61	1.87	3.58	6.98	1.25	6.24	6.02
Call Index	0.40	1.26	2.48	4.96	0.83	4.76	4.78
3-month NCD Index	0.54	1.66	3.22	6.37	1.10	2.38	3.89
6-month NCD Index	0.59	1.82	3.53	7.03	1.22	2.59	4.18
12-month NCD Index	0.65	2.00	3.86	7.56	1.34	2.74	4.42
NCD Index including call	0.61	1.87	3.60	7.02	1.26	2.58	4.18
3-month TB Index	0.60	1.82	3.49	6.72	1.22	6.12	5.93
6-month TB Index	0.63	1.94	3.71	7.21	1.29	6.48	6.20
12-month TB Index	0.66	2.01	3.75	7.26	1.34	6.43	6.15
TB Index including call	0.54	1.66	3.28	6.53	1.10	5.94	5.86

Source: IJG



IJG Money Market Index Weights (%) - as at February 2016					
	this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
Call Index	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
3-month NCD Index	1.87	1.87	4.08	11.75	5.06
6-month NCD Index	4.31	4.31	4.96	7.48	5.51
12-month NCD Index	47.61	47.61	47.45	40.98	46.25
3-month TB Index	2.85	2.85	3.01	2.33	3.10
6-month TB Index	9.39	9.39	8.49	7.19	8.46
12-month TB Index	18.97	18.97	17.00	15.27	16.61

Source: IJG

Average Days to Maturity - as at February 2016					
	this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
Call Index	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
3-month NCD Index	0.86	0.86	1.88	5.41	2.33
6-month NCD Index	3.92	3.92	4.51	6.80	5.02
12-month NCD Index	86.25	86.25	85.97	74.25	83.80
3-month TB Index	1.31	1.31	1.39	1.07	1.43
6-month TB Index	8.54	8.54	7.73	6.54	7.70
12-month TB Index	34.37	34.37	30.79	27.66	30.09
Composite Index	135.41	135.41	130.47	130.47	125.88

Source: IJG



Money Market (Excluding NCD's)

IJG Money Market Index [average returns] - February 2016					
	this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
Money Market Index	365.28	363.17	359.14	353.42	342.63
Call Index	306.96	305.75	303.35	299.78	292.78
3-month TB Index	356.17	354.02	349.95	344.42	334.14
6-month TB Index	370.06	367.79	363.48	357.44	345.99
12-month TB Index	388.52	386.21	381.76	375.43	363.58

* annualised

Source: IJG

IJG Money Market Index Performance [average returns, %] - February 2016							
	1 month	3 months	6 months	y/y	ytd	3 years *	5 year *
Money Market Index	0.58	1.71	3.35	6.61	1.15	5.99	5.89
Call Index	0.39	1.19	2.39	4.84	0.79	4.70	4.73
3-month TB Index	0.61	1.78	3.41	6.59	1.20	6.05	5.89
6-month TB Index	0.62	1.81	3.53	6.96	1.22	6.32	6.11
12-month TB Index	0.60	1.77	3.49	6.86	1.19	6.14	6.05

* annualised

Source: IJG

IJG Money Market Index Weights [%] - February 2016					
	this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
Call Index	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
3-month TB Index	8.11	8.11	7.92	9.18	7.81
6-month TB Index	24.68	24.68	25.76	25.10	26.40
12-month TB Index	52.21	52.21	51.32	50.72	50.79

* annualised

Source: IJG



IJG Money Market Index [single-month returns] - February 2016

	this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
Money Market Index	360.72	358.35	353.98	347.98	337.16
Call Index	306.96	305.75	303.35	299.78	292.78
3-month TB Index	354.91	352.68	348.53	342.85	332.54
6-month TB Index	366.67	364.19	359.60	353.35	341.92
12-month TB Index	381.02	378.30	373.36	366.61	354.70

* annualised

Source: IJG

IJG Money Market Index Performance [single-month returns, %] - February 2016

	1 month	3 months	6 months	y/y	ytd	3 years *	5 years *
Money Market Index	0.66	1.90	3.66	6.99	1.29	6.24	5.99
Call Index	0.39	1.19	2.39	4.84	0.79	4.70	4.73
3-month TB Index	0.63	1.83	3.52	6.73	1.24	6.11	5.93
6-month TB Index	0.68	1.96	3.77	7.24	1.32	6.50	6.20
12-month TB Index	0.72	2.05	3.93	7.42	1.39	6.52	6.19

* annualised

Source: IJG

Exchange Traded Funds (ETF's)

Ticker	Current Price (c)	mtd %	ytd %	52Wk High	52Wk Low
ENXPLD	7,722	-2.05	-8.93	9,985	6,920
NGNGLD	18,722	10.12	18.12	18,830	9,015
NGNPLD	7,718	-2.06	-8.77	9,879	6,900
NGNPLT	14,526	6.18	8.17	14,979	11,700

Source: IJG



Namibian News

General News

Politicians say some performance agreements submitted to the Office of the Prime Minister by ministers are vague and a proof that some incumbents are undereducated to meet the set goals. The performance agreements, which were initiated by President Hage Geingob in a bid to achieve transparency and inclusivity, were made public last week and summaries of these agreements were published in The Namibian last week. The Institute for Public Policy and Research's director Graham Hopwood described some of the performance agreements as mere job descriptions rather than set targets.

Most Swapo councilors in the City of Windhoek voted for the increase of water tariffs on Thursday, while opposition councilors tried to have the decision delayed pending consultations. The proposed water tariff increases were discussed during the council meeting held at the Khomas Regional offices after the management committee's recommendations. This means that Windhoek residents will start paying the new rates as early as the 15th of this month. The municipality indicated that NamWater had raised their tariffs after they declared theirs for 2015/2016. According to council documents, the City of Windhoek has been charging N\$13.86/m³ for residential properties since July last year when NamWater increased its charges to N\$15.45/m³. The new tariffs will, therefore result in a N\$1.59/m³ or 11.47% increase.

The government will investigate the possibility of reducing the retirement age within the civil service from 55 to 50 years to contain the wage bill but a labour expert has said this might backfire. Currently, there are more than 100 000 civil servants who are costing the government over N\$23 billion in salaries per year. This is a third of the N\$67 billion national budget. This has been going up since 2009 when the civil service wage bill was about N\$7.8 billion in 2009 before it jumped to N\$21 billion in 2014. In a statement released on Friday, the Office of the Prime Minister made this suggestion as one of 10 others including reducing hiring private consultants and temporary workers. According to the statement, the government will offer attractive retirement benefits for those who take early retirement packages. The permanent secretary in the Prime Minister's office, Nangula Mbako, could not say how many people are being targeted and how much the government would save. – The Namibian

Social Security Commission board chairperson Johannes !Gawaxab has dismantled the entire tender committee of the parastatal, amid allegations of possible conflict of interest in a N\$46 million tender because of the involvement of one of the companies that has strong business links with his daughter. The Namibian reported on Friday that China State Construction Engineering Corporation lost out on the N\$46 million tender to construct SSC offices at Otjiwarongo. !Gawaxab told the SSC management to restart the N\$46 million tender process because he has no confidence in the integrity of the bidding process but question marks were raised regarding his motives. It turned out that the Chinese company that lost the SSC tender is a regular business partner of !Gawaxab's daughter and they have bid for state contracts worth a combined N\$700 million since 2014. –The Namibian

The Construction Industries Federation of Namibia (CIF) recently conducted a survey among its members in respect of the 2015 New Equitable Economic Empowerment Framework (NEEEF) policy, as well as the NEEEF Bill, which is currently under review. Within a week, 115 enterprises had responded to the survey. Respondents inter alia raised concern about the definition of "previously disadvantaged"; requested more clarity about which businesses would be affected; and questioned if indeed NEEEF in its current format could achieve its purpose and objective. Respondents were adamant that wealthy Namibians, irrespective of race, should not become beneficiaries of any prospective additional empowerment efforts due to the proposed NEEEF policy or NEEEF Bill. –The Namibian

Every Namibian deserves equal access to good roads, electricity, water, education, health and telecommunications. President Hage Geingob said this on Friday while officially inaugurating the main road (MR 129) between Omafo in the Ohangwena region and Outapi in the Omusati region. The road was upgraded to bitumen standard at a cost of N\$576 million. The official opening took place in the Anamulenge constituency of Omusati region. –The Namibian

Economy

Namibia, as a member of the African High Level Committee on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, is set to pursue this new agenda's objectives. Director General of the National Planning Commission Tom Alweendo, who serves as the Sherpa (representative) of the Namibian President on the High Level Committee of the African Union on the Post 2015 Development Agenda, played a pivotal role in the formulation and adoption of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). –The Namibian

House prices in Namibia increased by a whopping 87.5% in the period 2010 to 2015, while volume growth only increased by 30.5%. Interestingly the age of house buyers decreased, with 40% of buyers below 40 years of age. Disposable income for the same period increased by 8%. –The New Era

Consumers should ready themselves for a possible interest rate hike on 17 February according to local analysts. Analysts are expecting a hike of between 25 and 50 basis points after the South African Reserve Bank hiked interest rates by 50 basis points in January. Currently the prime lending rate in Namibia is identical to that of South Africa and the repo rate is 25 basis points lower. –The Republikein

The IJG Business Climate Index fell a further 1.2 points in December following the 2.9 point fall in November, taking it to a level of 166.2 points. The decline was largely driven by a large decrease in the building plans sub-index, which fell due to no recorded building plans being completed in December. December was a rocky month for the region as the finance minister debacle in South Africa (which saw three finance ministers in office in the space of less than a week) and the collapse of already waning confidence in the country drove a major retreat in the rand vis-à-vis major currencies, as well as a notable blow-out in fixed income yields and a weakening of equity markets. The rand depreciation particularly has a negative bearing on Namibia, as the country remains a net importer of goods meaning that rand weakness generally drives deterioration in the country's terms of trade.

Namibia is among the few African countries with money account penetration greater than 10%, a study done by rating agency Moody's Investors Service said. Namibia's penetration is 48% while that of South Africa is 58%. In terms of the percentage of use of mobile accounts by those over 15 years, Namibia ranked 10%, Kenya just below 58% and Uganda 38%. Namibia has a penetration of 60% in terms of adults with access to financial services. Moody's noted that the rapid expansion of mobile banking technology has driven an increase in access to formal financial services. According to the World Bank, about 34% of adults in Africa now have a bank account with a formal financial institution, up from 24% in 2011. Among countries around the world where the share of adults with a mobile money account is greater than 10% of the total, all are in Sub-Saharan Africa. – The Namibian



The Namibian annual inflation rate increased to 5.3% in January, up 1.6 percentage points from 3.7% in December. On a month on month basis, prices spiked 2.4%, the largest monthly increase recorded in our history dating back to 2002. On a year on year basis, five of the twelve basket categories grew at a slower rate in January than in December while the seven remaining categories accelerated, pushing up overall inflation. Transport prices increased for the first time in twelve months as the effects of the drop in the price of oil over the past year, and the knock on effects thereof on the rest of the basket, started to wear out. However, the biggest contributor to inflation on a monthly and on an annual basis were price increases of rental payments for dwellings by both owners and lessees in the housing utilities category.

Financial

Total gross premiums recorded for the long-term insurance industry for the third quarter of 2015 stood at N\$ 2,1 billion, an increase of 31,2% from N\$1,6 billion in the previous quarter. The figures were announced this week by the Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority (Namfisa) in a quarterly statistical bulletin. –The Namibian

With the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) launching the 'Beef Carcass' contract on Thursday last week, Namibian meat producers have been provided an opportunity of trading beef on Africa's biggest stock exchange. Raphael Karuahi, manager of commodity derivatives at the JSE said in an interview that the contract allows mostly abattoirs, who produce beef carcasses, wholesalers and restaurants to lock in favourable prices thereby minimising exposure to fluctuating market prices. –The Namibian

Borrowing money from financial institutions will become more expensive after the Bank of Namibia increased its key lending rate by 25 basis points to 6.75%. Bank Windhoek immediately announced that it would increase its prime lending rate by 0.25% from 10.25% to 10.50%. Bank Windhoek's mortgage lending rate will increase from 11.25% to 11.50% with affect from 22 February. NedBank, FNB Namibia and Standard Bank, the other big commercial banks, are expected to follow suit. – The Namibian

Commercial banks have started hiking interest rates after the Bank of Namibia this week increased its key lending rate by 25 basis points to 6.75%. This means the cost of borrowing money from commercial banks has increased depending on the loan amount. Standard Bank said it has increased its lending rate by 0.25% in both its prime lending and home loan base rates. The new prime lending rate will increase from 10.25% to 10.50%, the bank said. – The Namibian

Following queries from potential borrowers, Development Bank of Namibia (DBN) communication manager Jerome Mutumba has said borrowing from the bank is subject to a business' annual turnover of N\$10 million or more, and is not limited to loan amounts of above N\$10 million. The turnover threshold is based on the national policy on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises' definition of SME enterprises. He went on to say that start-ups that could confidently project a turnover of N\$10 million or more can also obtain loans from the bank that are below N\$10 million. Asked about the minimum requirement for financing, he stated that the bank has a minimum borrowing threshold of more than N\$150 000. In the bank's experience, he said, there was very little requirement for lower amounts, as these could be financed from turnover or acquired with own sources of capital. – The Namibian

Property and Construction

Executives at the National Housing Enterprise (NHE) — which is expected to incur a N\$53 million loss this year — want to fall under the Ministry of Finance, instead of the urban and rural development ministry. This proposal is included in a confidential report presented by acting chief executive Elton !Gaoseb to the NHE board in December last year. –The Namibian

The construction of the Neckartal Dam in the //Karas region is 44% complete, the minister of agriculture, water and forestry John Mutorwa said on Tuesday. The dam is being built some 40 kilometres north-west of Keetmanshoop in the Fish River in the Snyfontein area of the Berseba village. Mutorwa was speaking at the ninth water and sanitation sector joint annual review meeting. –The Namibian

Chinese company Anhui Foreign Economic Construction Cooperation (AFECC) has filed an urgent court application seeking a review of government's decision to cancel the tender for the expansion of the Hosea Kutako International Airport. It also wants the High Court to interdict government from re-advertising the tender. The Chinese company had initially been awarded the multi-billion dollar tender, which was later cancelled by government in December last year. –The Observer

Power-Oyeno Construction, the company that was awarded an N\$800 million tender to construct 2,034 mass houses at Swakopmund in 2014 announced yesterday that it has a new contract with a new employer. The company also announced that the new contract comes with new terms and conditions. Power Oyeno's Paulo Shipoke and the company's chief operating officer Andre September met subcontractors at Swakopmund yesterday to inform them of the new plans. The difference now is that the new agreement is looking at the completion of existing, but incomplete units (of which there are 883 at different stages), instead of the initial delivery of 2,034 houses. –The Namibian

The government has given the National Housing Enterprise the mandate to finance and sell houses constructed under the troubled first phase of the mass housing project. That decision came five months after Cabinet revoked the company's mandate to implement the mass housing project. Even though the decision to give NHE the role of financier and seller might be perceived as good news, senior officials at the parastatal are worried that the new terms might make the houses more expensive than the N\$500 per month estimation. Documents seen by The Namibian show that Cabinet decided on 14 December 2015 to give NHE a role in the mass housing programme. The Cabinet committee on overall policy and priorities made the decision to give back part of the mandate to NHE. That committee directed "NHE to serve as an agent of the government in the financing and selling of the houses". – The Namibian

A total of 116 building plans valued at N\$128.7 million were approved by the City of Windhoek in January 2016. It looks like a good start for 2016 as 43 more plans were approved in January compared to a seasonally slower December, however it is significantly less than the 220 average number of building plans approved in January over the last 10 years. The 12 month cumulative number of plans approved continued to lose momentum during January, falling to 2,398 compared to 2,467 in December, with the year-on-year growth rate contracting by 14.4%, posting negative growth for the 21st consecutive month.

Water and Energy

President Hage Geingob has been dragged into a legal battle for his and the Cabinet's role in the NamPower 250MW tender where politically connected firm Xaris Energy was granted preferred bidder status. Geingob is listed as the first respondent in the case filed in the High Court on Wednesday, while the Cabinet, mines minister Obeth Kandjoze, NamPower and Xaris Energy are listed as second, third, fourth and fifth respondents respectively. Arandis Power, the company awarded 'Reserve Bidder' status in the tender, instituted the lawsuit. –The Namibian



A report commissioned by the government warned the state that the Xaris short-term power supply project is not in the country's best interests. The report concluded in April last year was compiled by New Energy Consulting and Thunder Energy Solutions who were tasked by the mines ministry and the Electricity Control Board. The findings of the report poked holes in the Xaris project and even questioned the manner in which NamPower came to the conclusion that Xaris was the preferred bidder. The damning report even questioned Xaris' technical and financial bid and how the bid failed to comply with tender requirements compared to that of its rivals Arandis Power.

Windhoek and other towns in the central part of the country may only have water for the next six months, while dry-land crop farmers are once again faced with crop failures. Residents of the capital may find taps have run dry by as soon as August this year unless rain is received in the catchment areas of the dams supplying the region with water. Should rainfall not be sufficient Windhoek may experience water rationing which, according to Willem Venter the head of planning and resource management at NamWater, poses its own technical challenges. –The Republikein

If residents in the central areas could reduce their water consumption by 20%, there could be enough sufficient water to last until April next year. With a 25% water saving, the water supply can last to June next year, but if the situation continues as is, where no water is being saved, the central region could run dry by October. These scenarios were sketched by NamWater's manager of hydrology, Andre Mostert, last week when the water utility invited members of the press to visit two of three dams supply the central area, including Karibib, Windhoek, Gobabis and customers along the pipeline route. – New Era

Xaris Energy is asking the High Court to dismiss Arandis Power's case, saying the applicant has no case and that it took too long to lodge the legal challenge. The chairperson of Xaris Energy, Boni Paulino, made the claim in his answering affidavit to Arandis' suit which lists President Hage Geingob, Cabinet, mines minister Obeth Kandjoze, NamPower and Xaris Energy as respondents. Arandis Power is asking the High Court to set aside NamPower's decision to make Xaris Energy the preferred bidders in the 250MW power generation tender. It is also asking the court to make them the preferred bidders, questioning the integrity of the process that led to the decision which made Xaris the preferred bidder. Arandis Power claims they met all the requirements for the tender, while Xaris was supposed to be disqualified from the process due to non-compliance. – The Namibian

Judge Shafimana Ueitele withdrew himself from the Xaris court case regarding the tender for the development of a 250MW power plant. The applicant, Arandis Power Pty (Ltd), requested that the Judge set down as he has previously represented Mines and Energy Minister Obeth Kandjoze. In the court application against NamPower, the president, the cabinet, Kandjoze, Xaris Energy (Pty) Ltd and Sinohydro Corporation Limited, Arandis Power requested that the tender that was awarded to Xaris be put aside and revised. –The Republikein

Resources

There is further renewed hope for the mining settlement of Rosh Pinah following the revelation that the Rosh Pinah Zinc Corporation in the south of the country has proven capacity to increase the lifespan of the mine by 12 years at an annual production of 700.000 tonnes. The information is contained in a recent report submitted by the company to the ministry of mines and energy as part of the licences renewal process. Rosh Pinah is a subsidiary of Glencore Plc. –The Namibian

A cabinet committee set up to investigate the impact of phosphate mining and whether to allow or ban the activity in Namibia's sea will make a decision next week. National Planning Commission minister Tom Alweendo confirmed yesterday that the Cabinet Committee on Trade and Economic Development, which he chairs, will meet on Monday to decide whether phosphate mining will be allowed in the country. Namibia banned phosphate mining in 2013, pending an environmental study. The ban expired in March last year. The Cabinet committee was then tasked to investigate whether marine phosphate mining will be harmful to Namibia's marine life or if it can co-exist with fishing. The Namibian fishing sector is a N\$5 billion-a-year industry and is vehemently against the proposed marine phosphate mining.

The wage dispute between the Mineworkers Union of Namibia and Rosh Pinah Zinc Mine continues after conciliation talks ended in a deadlock. MUN regional organiser Elvis Bekele confirmed that no agreement had been reached during the conciliation talks held last week to end the wage dispute. "We will go back to the workers for them to give us (union) a mandate through the ballot box whether to embark on an industrial action or not," said Bekele. Bekele said the workers demanded a 12.5% salary increase but the company only offered a 5% increment. –The Namibian

Production at Paladin Energy's Langer Heinrich Mine increased by 16% for the three months ended 31 December, according to the company's latest financial report. The mine near Swakopmund produced 1.25 million pounds of uranium oxide. The cost of production decreased by 9% from US\$27.82 per pound in September 2015 quarter. The cost of production further went down in January this year to US\$24.36 per pound. The average realized uranium sales price for the quarter was US\$37.90 per pound compared to an average weekly spot price for the previous quarter of US\$36.03 per pound. – The Namibian

A technical committee is expected to submit its recommendation to Cabinet on whether or not to extend or lift the moratorium on phosphate mining in Namibia, as investors express their unhappiness with the lack of Government response since 2014. The Cabinet Sub-Committee on Trade and Economic Development, chaired by Economic Planning Minister Tom Alweendo, is said to have deliberated on the phosphate issue on Monday. The sub-committee is now expected to submit its recommendation to Cabinet, possibly at its meeting next week. –The Observer

Canadian based Kombat Copper has signed an agreement with newly established mining firm EBM Mining Namibia for the refurbishment of its local infrastructure and mining of near surface mineralization at Kombat Mine for a minimum period of three years. Initial production at the mine is expected before the end of the year. Kombat Copper majority owns the copper mine through an investment vehicle, Manila Investments (Pty) Ltd, a joint venture between the Canadian company, Epangelo and Havana Investments. –The Observer

Agriculture

Namibia needs to import about 120,000 tonnes of maize to fill the gap in the market due to poor rainfall. Namibia's 2015 maize crop was 44% lower compared to 2014's (above average) output, according to figures released by the Integrated Regional Information Networks on Thursday. It noted that about half of all dry land commercial farmers experienced total crop losses as a result of the drought and high temperatures. –The New Era

Namib Mills prices will go up again less than a month after another increase on maize meal, wheat flour, mahangu meal, sugar and rice products. The new prices will come into effect on 23 February 2016, the company said in a statement on Monday. They will, however, announce the new prices next week on Tuesday. The company increased prices on all its product categories on 25 January. The price of maize meal products increased by 10%, wheat flour by 6%, mahangu meal by 20% and sugar products by 15%. Rice products also increased by 15% to 23% in two categories. –The Namibian



The Safex-price for white maize has risen by 115% since January 2015, which may lead to the price of maize products rising by a large amount. A shortage of wheat, mahangu, and pasta products will put further pressure on the consumer. Namib Mills' maize products will become 16% more expensive from the 29th of February. Wheat, mahangu, and pasta products will experience price increases of 8%, 9%, and 11% respectively. –The Republikein

After announcing an increase in its products' prices two times in a one month, Namib Mills has explained the new price increases that are effective this month as well as the main drivers behind the price increases. This comes barely within a period of one month after the company increased prices on their maize meal, wheat flour, mahangu meal, sugar and rice products effective from 25 January. Announcing the new price increases, which are effective from 29 February, Namib Mills' chief executive officer Ian Collard said that during the time of the first price increase calculation, the exchange rate was N\$14,50 to the US dollar and maize on the South African grain trading agency, Safex traded at N\$3,45. – The Namibia

The grape sector has become a very lucrative industry with large volumes of grapes harvested for export to European markets, raking in millions of dollars at the great expense of workers who earn peanuts. Since 1988 the industry has grown from strength to strength and the exported volume from last season's harvest is expected to reach 6 million cartons of grapes, worth about N\$540 million. However the living conditions of the workers who are mostly unskilled are deplorable. –The New Era

Conditions of the 2016 cereal crop in Namibia to be harvested from May this year, are generally unfavourable, a United Nations agency warned on Monday. A recent report from the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) raised the concern that the unfavourable conditions in Namibia reflect insufficient rains during the 2015/2016 crop season (November 2015/June 2016) that have compounded the impact of the dry conditions of the previous season. "However, more detailed estimates regarding the sown area are expected to be available in April following the government's second crop assessment. Overall, current conditions point to a second consecutive below-average cereal harvest this year," it warned.

Fishing

Horse mackerel industry welcomes N\$140 million investment. The Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Mr Bernhard Esau, welcomed the investment made by Mediva Fisheries. The investment took the form of a horse mackerel factory ship with the ability to freeze 110 tons of fish per day and store 24,000 tons of frozen product per year. –The Republikein

Fisheries minister Bernhard Esau said they are still consulting stakeholders in regard to the development of a new policy on quota allocation. Esau was speaking at the annual staff meeting held in Windhoek yesterday. "This matter is still under consultation at an official level. As soon as the officials are through with consultations - in fact tomorrow - I will be briefed the whole morning on this matter and you will be informed accordingly. "We are only one month into the season. We have given a provisional quota to keep going. But I have been informed that because of the strike, the catching process is going slow. We will inform you on what the actual process might be in allocating quotas, because all must know why that person got the quota or whether they have empowered anyone," he said. –The Namibian

Trade and Tourism

China and Namibia have agreed to sign more agreements to strengthen their bilateral relationship. This was said by Chinese foreign affairs minister Wang Yi on Friday when he addressed the media after paying a courtesy call on President Hage Geingob at State House. Wang, who also said he came to congratulate the President, could however not say how many agreements would be signed and what their monetary value would be. He had also visited African countries such as Malawi, Mauritius and Mozambique before coming to Namibia. Speaking through an interpreter, Wang said snapshots of Namibia's ministers visiting China show that the two countries enjoy a traditional and deep friendship which should be carried forward. He praised Geingob for refuting claims made against China by using facts thus showing a sense of justice and true friendship towards China. Wang said it is good that people realise that since Africa has won its independence, African countries have the right to choose with whom they will have their cooperation agreements. – The Namibia

Namibia is to address the World Trade Organisation in a bid to save the livestock industry. Namibia is to send a high powered delegation from all sectors of the livestock and meat industry to Geneva to present its case before the Sanitary and Phyto Sanitary (SPS) Committee of the World Trade Organisation from March 16 to 17, in a bid to oppose soon-to-be-announced livestock import restrictions by South Africa. –The New Era

Namibia spent N\$52.9 billion on imports from neighbouring South Africa last year, up from N\$49.2 billion in 2014, data from the South African Revenue Services (SARS) shows. The 7.4% increase was spurred by machinery imports, with an estimated N\$9 billion worth being brought into Namibia – a 7.9% increase from the 2014 figure of N\$8.4 billion. Other big cost items imported into the country from South Africa last year include vehicles, aircraft and vessels at a cost of N\$9 billion – a 1.51% from 2014. –The Observer

The Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia and Ministry of Finance through its Directorate of Customs and Excise signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Monday to ensure that all telecommunications equipment imported into the country meets specified standards. During the signing ceremony in Windhoek, Cran's chief executive officer Festus Mbandeka said the agreement means any telecommunications equipment that does not meet the set standards will not be allowed into the country. – The Namibian

As the Walvis Bay Corridor Group continues to connect southern Africa to the rest of the world, part of its strategic initiative for the current five-year plan has been to facilitate the growth of abnormal and project cargo through Walvis Bay. Walvis Bay is connected with good shipping services providing an option for shippers from Europe and north America to supply bulk, containerised and breakbulk shipments such as abnormal loads to neighbouring countries in the shortest possible time. Last year, vehicles continued to dominate Namibian imports with more than N\$2.7 billion spent on these in the first quarter of the year. Second on the list was the importation of boilers, machinery and other equipment, no doubt represented by the large number of abnormal loads Namibian roads have seen of late, to the value of N\$2.4 billion. – The Namibian

Local Companies

MTC Namibia plans to spend N\$1 billion on the expansion of its 3G and 4G network but the mobile phone company said the plan hangs in the balance due to lack of spectrum (frequency). But spokesman Tim Ekandjo said yesterday the implementation of the project is now at risk because the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (Cran) has not allocated MTC the additional spectrum (frequency) required to implement the project. –The Namibian

The defunct drum factory at Arandis, Yellow Drum Manufacturing, is being revived by a group of local investors under a new name, it was confirmed yesterday. The factory closed three years ago, citing lack of support from local companies, mainly the uranium mines at the coast. Yesterday Solomon Nemaire, the managing director of Profile Investment Holdings, the company that bought the assets of Yellow Drum, said the company would target the same market Yellow Drum was targeting. "There is space on the market for our products," said Nemaire. Profile is owned by Tulongeni Strategic Investments. – The Namibian



NSX Round – Up

Company	Code	Mkt Cap (N\$m)	Share price (c)	P/E (A)	P/E (F)	HEPS (A)	HEPS (F)	Rec
Bank Windhoek Holdings	BWH	8,585	1,699	11.3	9.5	150.0	178.0	BUY
FNB Namibia	FNB	12,042	4,500	11.9	10.2	377.6	442.0	BUY
Namibia Asset Management	NAM	146	73	9.7	8.2	7.5	8.9	BUY
Oryx	ORY	1,627	2,090	13.1	12.7	160.0	165.0	HOLD
Namibia Breweries	NBS	4,686	2,269	12.1	11.5	187.0	197.0	HOLD
Bidvest Namibia	BVN	2,226	1,050	10.2	10.1	103.2	103.6	SELL
Paladin Energy ₃	PDN	4,233	300					
B2Gold ₂	B2G	6,610	1718					
Eco (Atlantic) Oil & Gas ₂	EOG	201	261					
Deep Yellow ₃	DYL	170	10					
Bannerman Resources ₃	BMN	102	37					
Forsys Metal Corporation ₂	FSY	109	113					

¹Dual-listed on JSE²Dual-listed on the TSX³Dual-listed on the ASX

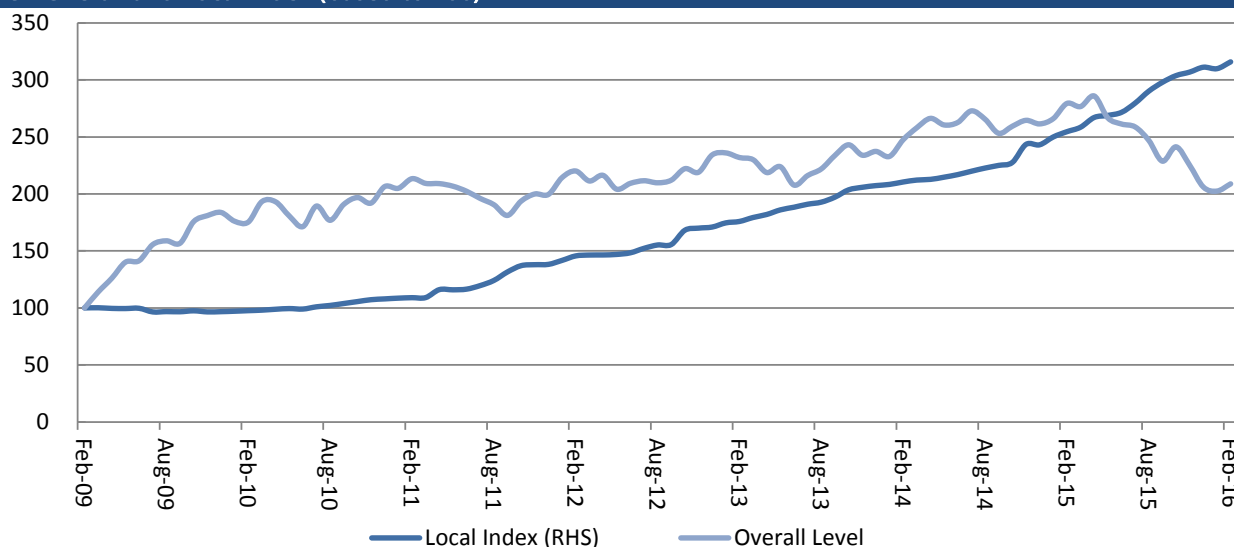
Deep Yellow, Bannerman Resources, Eco (Atlantic) Oil & Gas and Forsys Metals have their primary listing on the Australian (ASX) or Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) and listed on the Development Board of the NSX (DevX).

Unless otherwise stated, the price information provided is the latest trading price on the NSX, or on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange (JSE), ASX and the TSX if the share is dual listed. Companies are grouped according to the sector in which the company is listed on the NSX: financial, fishing, industrial, mining, and retail.

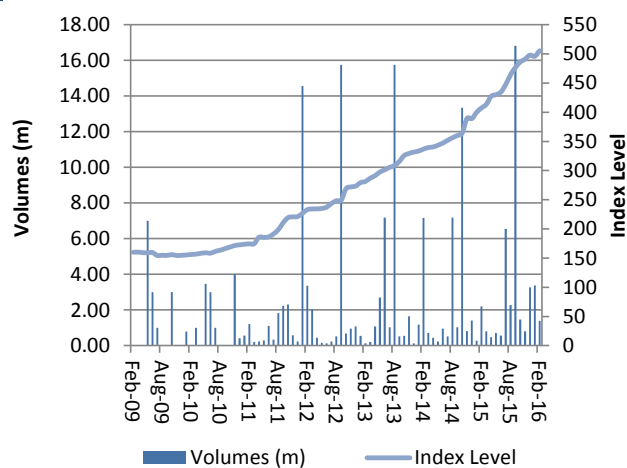


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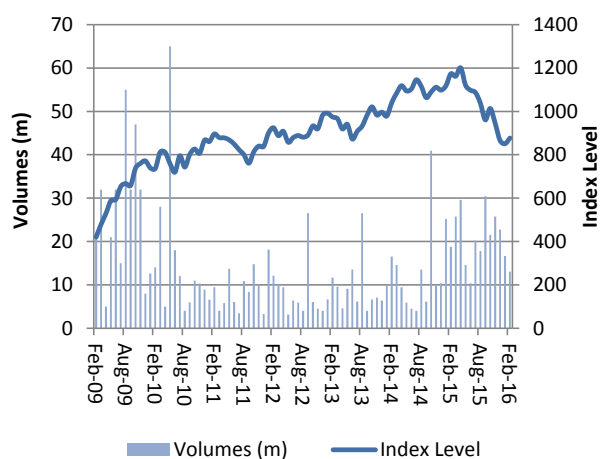
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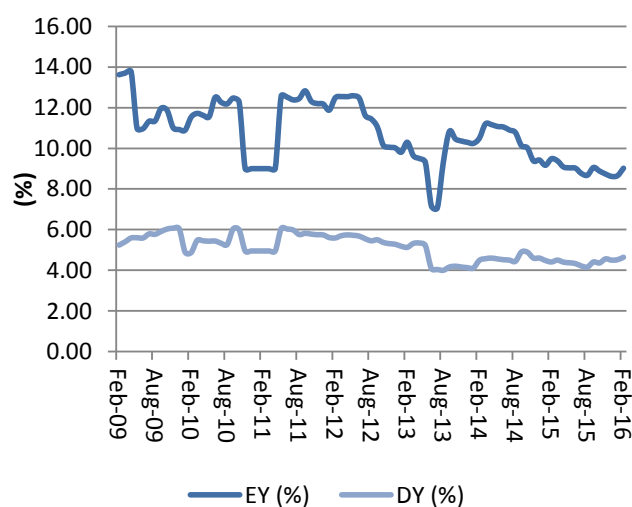
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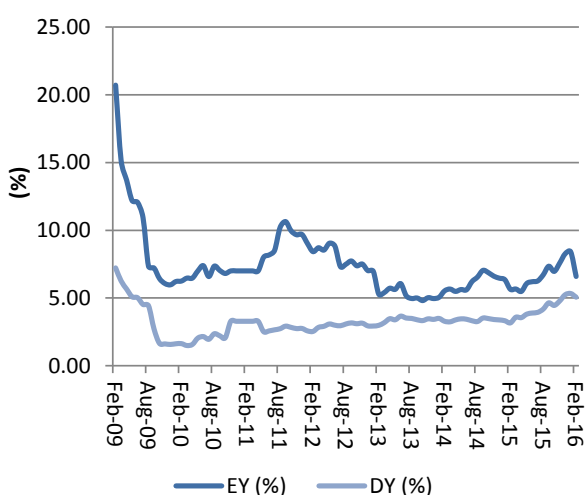
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EY and DY for Local Index



EY and DY for Overall Index



Source: Bloomberg, IJG, JSE



NSX Overall Index

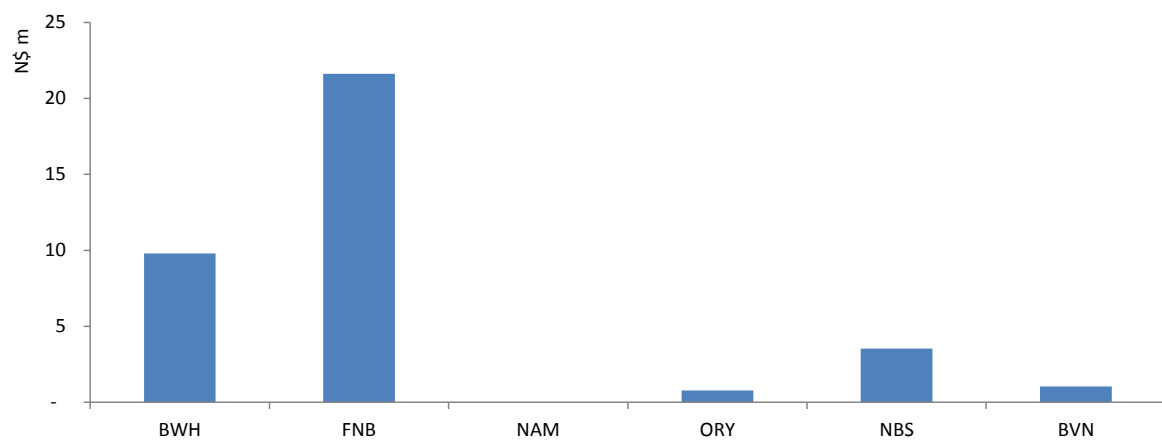
29-Feb-2016 NSX Overall Index N098							
CODE	Share Price (c)	Shares in Issue	Market Cap N\$	Weight %	free-float %	ff MCap N\$	ff weight %
FINANCIALS		21,153,225,942	955,968,701,286	67.33%	68.0%	649,930,821,567	65.41%
banks		8,495,025,389	536,049,100,072	37.75%	57.2%	306,707,264,312	30.87%
BWH	16.99	505,280,000	8,584,707,200	0.60%	22%	1,891,210,996	0.19%
FST	44.33	5,609,488,001	248,668,603,084	17.51%	54%	134,281,045,666	13.51%
FNB	45.00	267,593,250	12,041,696,250	0.85%	24%	2,890,007,100	0.29%
SNB	109.19	1,618,252,182	176,696,955,753	12.44%	75%	132,522,716,814	13.34%
NBK	182.15	494,411,956	90,057,137,785	6.34%	39%	35,122,283,736	3.53%
general insurance		115,131,417	22,916,908,554	1.61%	29.0%	6,645,903,481	0.67%
SNM	199.05	115,131,417	22,916,908,554	1.61%	29%	6,645,903,481	0.67%
life assurance		8,667,987,575	336,223,794,565	23.68%	87.4%	294,003,157,722	29.59%
MIM	23.35	1,572,943,126	36,728,221,992	2.59%	65%	23,873,344,295	2.40%
OLM	37.25	4,928,572,643	183,589,330,952	12.93%	96%	176,245,757,714	17.74%
SLA	53.50	2,166,471,806	115,906,241,621	8.16%	81%	93,884,055,713	9.45%
investment companies		1,654,487,635	12,071,320,693	0.85%	40.1%	4,840,204,519	0.49%
NAM	0.73	200,000,000	146,000,000	0.01%	52%	75,920,000	0.01%
SILP	121.29	3,750,000	454,837,500	0.03%	100%	454,837,500	0.05%
ARO	15.94	126,809,944	2,021,350,507	0.14%	100%	2,021,350,507	0.20%
TAD	14.48	44,803,970	648,761,486	0.05%	0%	0	0.00%
KFS	6.88	1,279,123,721	8,800,371,200	0.62%	26%	2,288,096,512	0.23%
real estate		725,527,078	11,840,982,748	0.83%	94.0%	11,126,022,830	1.12%
ORY	20.90	77,859,791	1,627,269,632	0.11%	100%	1,627,269,632	0.16%
VKN	15.77	647,667,287	10,213,713,116	0.72%	93%	9,498,753,198	0.96%
specialist finance		1,495,066,848	36,866,594,654	2.60%	72.2%	26,608,268,703	2.68%
IVD	103.03	291,363,706	30,019,202,629	2.11%	86%	25,816,514,261	2.60%
TUC	3.30	772,142,090	2,548,068,897	0.18%	31%	789,901,358	0.08%
CMB	1.61	115,098,380	185,308,392	0.01%	1%	1,853,084	0.00%
TRVP	13.00	316,462,672	4,114,014,736	0.29%	0%	0	0.00%
RESOURCES		5,681,612,971	157,677,203,668	11.11%	94.0%	148,159,760,688	14.91%
mining		5,681,612,971	157,677,203,668	11.11%	94.0%	148,159,760,688	14.91%
ANM	103.96	1,405,467,840	146,112,436,646	10.29%	94%	137,345,690,448	13.82%
PDN	3.00	1,411,008,120	4,233,024,360	0.30%	86%	3,640,400,950	0.37%
B2G	17.18	384,738,307	6,609,804,114	0.47%	100%	6,609,804,114	0.67%
DYL	0.10	1,700,939,663	170,093,966	0.01%	75%	127,570,475	0.01%
BMN	0.37	589,217,987	218,010,655	0.02%	70%	152,607,459	0.02%
FSY	1.13	96,875,422	109,469,227	0.01%	100%	109,469,227	0.01%
EOG	2.61	76,853,153	200,586,729	0.01%	75%	150,440,047	0.02%
MEY	1.44	16,512,479	23,777,970	0.00%	100%	23,777,970	0.00%
BASIC INDUSTRIES		342,852,910	5,485,646,560	0.39%	40%	2,194,258,624	0.22%
chemicals		342,852,910	5,485,646,560	0.39%	40%	2,194,258,624	0.22%
AOX	16.00	342,852,910	5,485,646,560	0.39%	40%	2,194,258,624	0.22%
GENERAL INDUSTRIALS		424,645,585	16,073,920,600	1.13%	81%	12,997,694,236	1.31%
diversified industrials		212,692,583	13,848,414,079	0.98%	90%	12,463,572,671	1.25%
BWL	65.11	212,692,583	13,848,414,079	0.98%	90%	12,463,572,671	1.25%
support services		211,953,002	2,225,506,521	0.16%	24%	534,121,565	0.05%
BNV	10.50	211,953,002	2,225,506,521	0.16%	24%	534,121,565	0.05%
NON-CYCLICAL CONSUMER GOODS		1,727,248,200	159,327,981,438	11.22%	48%	76,658,409,681	7.72%
beverages		666,029,772	4,686,143,010	0.33%	50%	2,343,071,505	0.24%
NBS	22.69	206,529,000	4,686,143,010	0.33%	50%	2,343,071,505	0.24%
food producers & processors		323,974,618	18,657,217,673	1.31%	34%	6,323,027,798	0.64%
OCG	115.00	135,526,154	15,585,507,710	1.10%	25%	3,896,376,928	0.39%
CLN	16.30	188,448,464	3,071,709,963	0.22%	79%	2,426,650,871	0.24%
health care		737,243,810	135,984,620,755	9.58%	50%	67,992,310,377	6.84%
MCI	0.00	-	0	0.00%	0%	0	0.00%
MEP	184.45	737,243,810	135,984,620,755	9.58%	50%	67,992,310,377	6.84%
CYCLICAL SERVICES		483,094,843	36,981,660,929	2.60%	99%	36,530,717,087	3.68%
general retailers		483,094,843	36,981,660,929	2.60%	99%	36,530,717,087	3.68%
NHL	2.20	53,443,500	117,575,700	0.01%	30%	35,272,710	0.00%
TRW	85.80	429,651,343	36,864,085,229	2.60%	99%	36,495,444,377	3.67%
NON-CYCLICAL SERVICES		572,871,960	88,359,771,110	6.22%	76%	67,153,426,044	6.76%
food & drug retailers		572,871,960	88,359,771,110	6.22%	76%	67,153,426,044	6.76%
SRH	154.24	572,871,960	88,359,771,110	6.22%	76%	67,153,426,044	6.76%
N098	877.20	30,385,552,411	1,419,874,885,592	100%	70%	993,625,087,927	69.98%

Source: Bloomberg, IJG, NSX

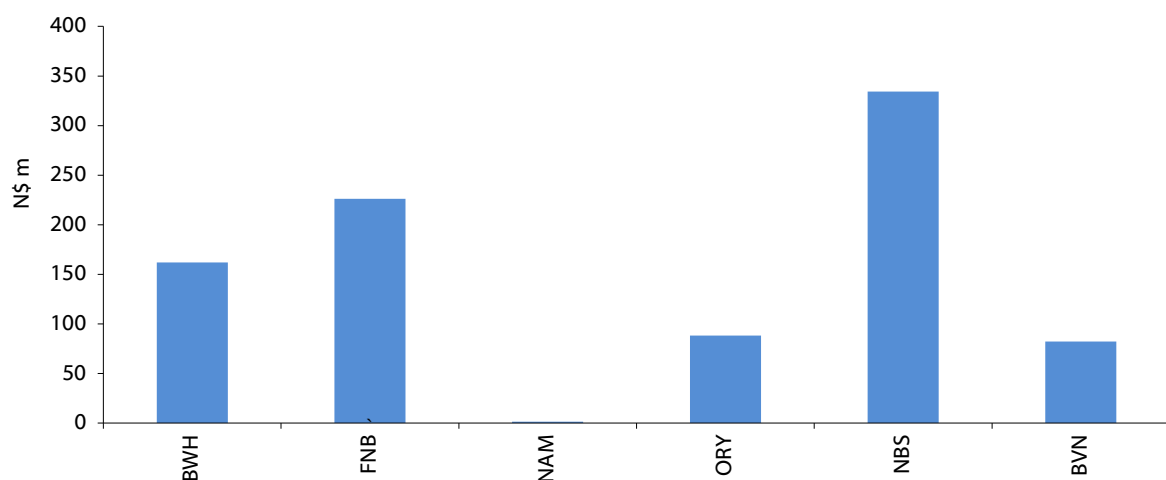


NSX Trading Update Local Companies

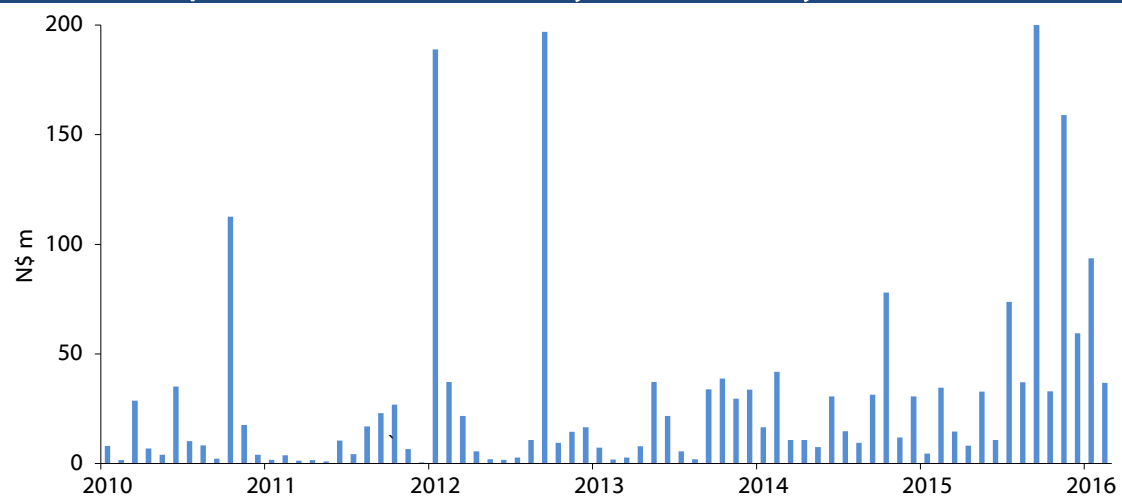
NSX Local Companies: Value Traded February 2016



NSX Local Companies: Value Traded March 2015 – February 2016



NSX Local Companies: Value Traded January 2010 – February 2016



Source: IJG



NSX Monthly Trade Volume (number of shares)

COMPANY NAME	SHARE	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16
Local Companies							
Bank Windhoek Holdings	BWH	437,174	714,879	3,987,550	239,597	1,571,491	590,154
FNB Namibia	FNB	436,313	180,561	1,992,824	85,711	1,384,273	495,558
Bidvest Namibia	BVN	904,856	20,722	119,930	180,120	138,042	99,212
Nambrew	NBS	14,303,774	194,900	186,792	60,263	24,533	156,039
Nictus	NHL	-	-	10,000	-	-	5,000
Oryx	ORY	129,500	287,448	68,574	2,300,097	251,030	37,070
Stimulus Investments	SILP	-	27,000	16,000	7,500	4,000	-
Namibia Asset Management	NAM	605,200	40,000	174,700	401,500	-	8,434
Local Company Trading		16,816,817	1,465,510	6,556,370	3,274,788	3,373,369	1,391,467
Development Capital Board							
Deep Yellow	DYL	-	589,370	574,000	-	-	-
Bannerman Resources	BMN	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forsys Metals	FSY	-	-	-	-	-	-
Xemplar Energy	XEM	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minemakers	MMS	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marenica	MEY	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eco (Atlantic) Oil & Gas	EOG	-	-	-	-	-	-
DevX Trading		-	589,370	574,000	-	-	-
Dual Listed Companies							
B2Gold Corporation	B2G	1,256	1,278	5,000	-	12,017	2,500
FirstRand	FST	1,543,110	4,221,907	3,547,013	4,066,444	2,371,381	491,162
Investec Group	IVD	487,360	969,038	530,989	592,910	361,595	1,023,880
MMI Holdings	MMI	3,093,140	1,279,370	1,570,092	479,323	366,281	816,109
Old Mutual	OLM	1,815,990	3,059,320	3,651,724	3,640,994	2,552,530	1,168,343
Sanlam	SLA	1,825,101	1,537,073	2,264,335	2,590,366	631,543	642,446
Santam	SNM	103,282	81,777	111,768	76,846	263,078	53,183
Standard Bank	SNB	149,059	1,360,531	634,562	3,404,353	508,350	860,579
Oceana	OCG	30,182	52,000	82,711	29,000	87,105	61,510
Afrox	AOX	348,044	130,479	23,956	27,269	239,920	188,560
Barloworld	BWL	788,488	1,133,695	1,372,995	420,601	408,824	391,804
Anglo American	ANM	385,648	2,648,261	2,179,711	1,233,676	4,049,629	2,833,157
Truworths	TRW	246,573	569,233	529,896	239,119	210,375	790,606
Shoprite	SRH	629,286	871,376	1,159,566	501,230	300,737	130,095
Nedbank Group	NBK	128,860	334,276	259,160	852,106	567,465	743,957
Vukile	VKN	452,717	704,935	242,592	60,986	23,163	1,029,830
Paladin Energy	PDN	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trustco	TUC	8,000	-	1,500	-	-	-
PSG Konsult	KFS	-	-	426,372	-	1,880	10,600
Clover Industries limited	CLN	-	-	4,970	-	16,040	3,340
Mediclinic International	MCI	1,585,886	1,146,849	1,484,998	1,275,494	288,170	75,864
Al Noor Hospitals	MEP	-	-	-	-	-	338,660
Dual Listed Trading		13,621,982	20,101,398	20,083,910	19,490,717	13,260,083	11,656,185
Total Trading (Including DevX)		30,438,799	22,156,278	27,214,280	22,765,505	16,633,452	13,047,652

Source: NSX, IJG

NSX Trading News

Barloworld Transport recently acquired 51% of refrigerated transport company Aspen Logistic Services. The controlling share was obtained in a deal between Barloworld Transport CEO Neil Henderson and Aspen Logistic Services managing director, Dr Sujen Padayatchi. "We are excited to have finalised this deal with Aspen," said Henderson. "We have great respect for their business, which has been built from the ground up, ultimately becoming one of the most respected operators in the refrigerated transport industry." Aspen was established in December 2000 and has grown to service a large number of customers across a wide range of manufacturers and retailers, including Famous Brands, which voted Aspen their Supplier of the Year for 2015.

TRUSTCO'S net profit for the nine months to 31 December 2015 grew by 5.9% to N\$155.3m from N\$146.6m in the corresponding period ended 31 December 2014. The company said in financial results issued on the Namibian Stock Exchange that total group revenue for the 9 months ended 31 December was N\$750m compared to N\$612m in 2014, representing an increase of 22.5% from the prior comparative period. –The Namibian

Afrox has retained the V&A Waterfront contract for the supply of bulk Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) for the next five years. The R55m contract comes at a time when the V&A Waterfront is continuing development projects across the property, which will present Afrox with opportunities to grow the current portfolio. Afrox has also been awarded a R100m contract to supply Liquid Carbon Dioxide to Kingsley Beverages' new carbonated soft drinks plant in Roodepoort. This follows an initial supply contract, signed with Kingsley Beverages in 2013 and worth R150m, to supply plants in Malvern and Springs.



During December 2005, **Mediclinic** concluded a broad-based black economic empowerment transaction in terms of which strategic black partners as well as Mediclinic [JSE:MCI] employees were introduced as shareholders, in aggregate, of 15.0% of the issued ordinary share capital of Mediclinic. At the time, two employee share trusts, the Mpilo Trust and The Mpilo Trust (Namibia), subscribed for approximately 15.8 million ordinary shares or 4.0% of the issued ordinary share capital of Mediclinic, at the market value of R18.40 per share and held for the benefit of approximately 10,927 participating employees of Mediclinic as beneficiaries of the trusts, of which 52% were black and 89% were women.

Barloworld says a decline in mining equipment demand has affected its business negatively, sending its shares down 7%. **Barloworld**, the biggest dealer of Caterpillar mining trucks in Southern Africa, said trade in equipment over the first quarter had declined compared to the previous year due to continued weakness in commodity markets. "Reductions in capital expenditure and production cutbacks have negatively affected equipment demand from mining companies and contract miners," the group said. Barloworld's trading in Angola has also slowed due to the declining oil price and currency devaluations.

Mauritian investment firm, Tadvest has listed on the Namibian Stock Exchange. The company has been granted permission to have a secondary listing of all the company's issued shares on the main board of the NSX under the NSX share code: TAD with effect from the commencement on Friday. Tadvest also listed on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius on 19 January issuing 60 million ordinary shares. Tadvest is an investment holding company incorporated in November 2014 in Mauritius and currently holds a category one global business licence issued by the Financial Service Commission of Mauritius.

FNB Namibia released its results for the first half of the financial year ending 30 June 2016. Profit for the period increased by 20.5% to N\$597.4 million, from N\$495.6 million in the same period of FY15. Earnings per share increased by 21% to 226.5 cents, from 187.2 cents in the same period of FY15. Net interest income grew from N\$815.5 million, from N\$705.5 million in the first half of FY15, while non-interest income expanded from N\$643.9 million, to N\$744.2 million. As such, total income from operations expanded from N\$1.36 billion to N\$1.57 billion. Operating expenses grew from N\$602.4 million to N\$677.6 million over this period. Due to the fact that income grew at a rate of 15.5%, while expenses expanded by just 12.5%, the cost to income ratio of the company improved to 42.4%. – www.ijg-research.net

Bank Windhoek released its results for the first half of the financial year ending 30 June 2016. The firm recorded exceptional growth over the period. Profit expanded by 26.4% when compared to 1H15 levels. Earnings per share grew 26.8%, while dividends per share grew 25%. Strong income growth was driven by both net-interest and non-interest income, with the former expanding by 21.0%, and the latter by 21.7%. – www.ijg-research.net

Anglo American's credit rating was cut to junk by Moody's Investors Service as slumping commodity prices inhibit the London-based miner's efforts to reduce debt and sell assets. "The company now faces a higher business risk due to deterioration in commodities market conditions, and a longer and more uncertain de-leveraging period than previously expected," Moody's said in a statement on Monday. Anglo is seeking to turn around its fortunes with a drastic downsizing plan. The company is set to report full-year results on Tuesday and update investors on its move to reduce by more than half the number of mines it owns and eventually lower employee numbers to 50,000 from 135,000.

Namdeb Holdings released results yesterday. EBITDA fell by 30% to US\$147 million in 2015, US\$60 million less than in 2014. De Beers' overall underlying EBITDA decreased by 45.6% in 2015 compared to 2014. All diamond mines operated by De Beers experienced a contraction in EBITDA in 2015. A highlight in the results was the news that a new purchase agreement between De Beers and the Namibian government is being finalised. – TheRepublikein

Diamond mining giant De Beers announced on Tuesday that it would soon initiate a large-scale retrenchment process. The company which is owned by Anglo American plans to cut 152 posts at its Venetia Mine outside Musina, and another 214 posts at some of its other mines in South Africa. "Anglo American and De Beers want to reduce their mines from 53 to only 16 mines. Moreover, Anglo American wants to reduce its platinum mines in South Africa to only five, and it would sell Kumba Iron Ore. In addition, the company wants to sell all nine its coal mines in South Africa," Solidarity General Secretary Gideon du Plessis said. He said the announcement was made shortly before Anglo American's briefing session where the company said its financial position had seriously deteriorated in the recent past. Du Plessis called on the companies who would be buying Anglo American's mines to honour the company's good standards and conditions of service in a responsible manner.

Anglo American's credit assessment was cut to junk with a negative outlook by Fitch Ratings as the miner looks to reduce its asset base and trim debt amid a commodity-price rout. The company's rating was reduced to BB+ from BBB-, Fitch said in a statement on Wednesday. The miner is trying to engineer a turnaround focusing on its best mines that produce diamonds, platinum and copper, while shunning bulk commodities. Anglo, with mines around the world producing everything from diamonds to iron ore and nickel, lost three-quarters of its market value last year as metal prices sank to a six-year low. Its credit rating was cut to junk on February 15 by Moody's Investors Service, which said the company will have a harder time paying down debt given the ongoing slide in raw materials.

Anglo American's credit rating was cut for the third time this week to junk, this time by Standard & Poor's, following similar downgrades by Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings, amid questions about the miner's ability to sell assets. The company's rating was reduced to BB+ from BBB- with a stable outlook, S&P said in a statement on Thursday. Moody's cut Anglo to Ba3, and Fitch lowered the rating to BB+ earlier in the week. Anglo, which became the first major London-based miner to be rated junk, has said it's looking to speed up sales of coal and iron ore assets after losses bled into a fourth year.

Truworthe International on Thursday reported 21% growth in diluted headline earnings per share (HEPS) to 403.8 cents for the six months to December 2015, driven by a recovery in the Truworthe business and by the acquisition of UK fashion footwear chain Office Retail Group in December. The group's diluted HEPS, excluding the impact of UK fashion footwear retailer Office, increased by 16% through robust sales growth, strong margins and improving credit performance.

Oryx Properties Limited (Oryx) released its results for the six months ended 31 December 2016, reporting distribution per unit growth of 8% from 71.75c to 77.50c. Total distributions increased by 27.3% N\$60.3m from N\$47.4m declared in 1H15. Earnings attributable to linked units (EPU) grew by 2.1% to 129.82c from 127.21c in the same period in 2015. Net rental income increased by 5.9% to N\$98.9 million compared to the same period last year. Oryx reported a profit after tax for the period of N\$31.3 million, a decrease of 14.5% compared to the first half of 2015.

Bidvest Namibia results for the first half of the 2016 financial year disappointed, once again. As we expected, the firm's results reflect the difficulties the fishing division finds itself in. EPS decreased 7.2% to 46.1 cents per share, while HEPS fell 10.8% to 44.2 cents per share. At N\$1.843 billion, revenue is up 7.9% from last year, mainly due to the acquisition of Novel Motor Company, which has added N\$350.0 million to revenue. However, BVN's trading profit shrunk 32.5% to N\$118.9 million, primarily as a result of significantly lower horse mackerel quota allocation received by Namsov and its joint venture partners in the second half of the 2016 calendar year. An interim cash dividend of 20 cents per share was declared, thus the company cut dividends by 9.1% when compared to 1H15.



Important Company Dates

Company	Share code	Fin year	Interims	Finals
Bank Windhoek Holdings	BWH	30-Jun	28-Feb	30-Sep
FNB Namibia	FNB	30-Jun	28-Feb	30-Sep
Namibia Asset Management	NAM	30-Sep	30-Jun	30-Nov
Trustco Group Holdings	TTO	31-Mar	31-Dec	30-Jun
Oryx Properties	ORY	30-Jun	28-Feb	16-Oct
Bidvest	BVN	30-Jun	31-Mar	30-Sep
Namibia Breweries	NBS	30-Jun	31-Mar	30-Sep
Nictus	NCT	31-Mar	31-Dec	30-Jun
Paladin Energy	PDN	30-Jun	31-Dec	30-Sep
B2Gold	B2G	31-Mar	30-Sep	28-May
Eco (Atlantic) Oil & Gas	EOG	31-Mar	31-Dec	30-Jun
Deep Yellow	DYL	30-Jun	31-Dec	30-Sep
Bannerman	BMN	30-Jun	31-Dec	30-Sep
Forsys Metal Corporation	FSY	31-Jan	30-Sep	30-Apr
Marenica	MEY	30-Jun	31-Dec	30-Sep

Source: NSX, Company reports

The above table shows the financial year-ends of all NSX local companies, the NSX share code, and the dates that interim and final results are due to be, or were last released.



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Title	Product	Date of publication
IJG Namibia Monthly	Country Report	Early following month
Namibian Asset Performance	Quantitative	Early following month
IJG Yield Curves	Quantitative	Mondays
IJG Equity Capped Index	Quantitative	Daily
IJG Recommended Portfolio	Quantitative	Daily
IJG Daily Bulletin	BBN	Daily
IJG Elephant Book	Economy	Quarterly
IJG Business Climate Monitor	Economy	Monthly
IJG Data Bulletin Windhoek Building Plans	Economy	Monthly
IJG Data Bulletin NCPI	Economy	Monthly
IJG Data Bulletin PSCE	Economy	Monthly
IJG Data Bulletin New Vehicle Sales	Economy	Monthly
IJG Budget Review, 2016	Economy	26-Feb-16
Bidvest Namibia 1H16 Initial Impression	Company	26-Feb-16
GCR affirms Oryx Properties Limited's rating of BBB+(NA); Outlook Stable.	Company	26-Feb-16
Oryx 1H16 Initial Impression	Company	26-Feb-16
Bidvest Namibia trading update	Company	18-Feb-16
BON hikes rates by 25bp. Repo now 6.75%.	Economy	17-Feb-16
BWH 1H16 Initial Impression	Company	11-Feb-16
FNB 1H16 Initial Impression	Company	11-Feb-16
SARB raises interest rates 50bps to 6.75%	Economy	28-Jan-16
IJG Economic Outlook – Overview	Economy	28-Jan-16
IJG Economic Outlook, 2016	Economy	28-Jan-16
Namibian public debt - up, up, and away.	Economy	14-Dec-15
Oryx Rights Issue Results	Company	27-Oct-15
Namibia Breweries FY15 Results Review	Company	27-Oct-15
Oryx FY15 Results Review	Company	27-Oct-15
FNB Namibia FY15 Results Review	Company	26-Oct-15
Bank Windhoek Holdings FY15 Results Review	Company	26-Oct-15
Bidvest Namibia FY15 Results Review	Company	26-Oct-15
Namibia launches US\$750million 10-year Eurobond at a yield of 5.375%	Team Commentary	22-Oct-15
Banking sector liquidity crisis exacerbated by Kwanza agreement	Economy	22-Oct-15
IMF Article IV Note on Namibia 24 Sept 2015	Economy	24-Sep-15
Opinion Piece: Namibian Economy to Slow	Economy	23-Sep-15
Namibia Breweries FY15 Initial Impression	Company	21-Sep-15
Bank Windhoek: Withdrawal of Cautionary Announcement	Company	16-Sep-15
Final National Accounts, 2014	Economy	11-Sep-15
FNB FY15 Initial Impression	Company	07-Sep-15
Namibia Breweries - Trading Update	Company	31-Aug-15
ORY FY15 Initial Impression	Company	24-Aug-15
Bidvest Namibia FY15 Initial Impression	Company	24-Aug-15
Oryx Properties Limited Trading Statement - FY15	Company	17-Aug-15
BWH FY15 Initial Impression	Company	13-Aug-15
Bidvest Namibia Trading Statement	Company	11-Aug-15
FNB Namibia Trading Statement	Company	11-Aug-15

Source: IJG

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