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Economic Highlights

	Level	m/m %	y/y %	52Wk High	52Wk Low
NSX Overall	1,066.82	-1.41	7.52	1,143.91	924.79
NSX Local	570.54	-0.75	12.77	574.83	505.91
International Markets					
JSE ALSI	52,056.06	1.78	-0.37	54,704.22	48,935.90
JSE Top40	45,167.15	2.35	-2.11	48,678.59	42,420.94
JSE INDI	68,354.20	4.01	-3.48	74,850.85	61,213.77
JSE FINI	14,583.35	-2.22	-8.09	16,027.51	13,770.58
JSE RESI	32,322.78	2.12	12.97	36,701.12	27,072.59
JSE GOLD	1,380.89	4.93	-31.99	2,955.09	1,166.75
JSE BANKS	7,135.25	-3.25	4.33	8,023.13	5,850.52
International Markets					
Dow Jones	20,663.22	-0.72	16.84	21,169.11	17,063.08
S&P 500	2,362.72	-0.04	14.71	2,400.98	1,991.68
NASDAQ	5,911.74	1.48	21.39	5,928.06	4,574.25
US Bond	3.01	0.48	15.22	3.07	2.18
FTSE 100	7,322.92	0.82	18.59	7,447.00	5,788.74
DAX	12,312.87	4.04	23.55	12,375.58	9,214.10
Hang Seng	24,111.59	1.56	16.05	24,656.65	19,594.61
Nikkei	18,909.26	-1.10	12.83	19,668.01	14,864.01
Currencies					
N$/US$	13.41	2.17	-9.17	15.98	12.31
N$/£	16.84	3.64	-20.58	23.34	15.45
N$/€	14.30	3.02	-14.86	17.94	13.38
N$/AU$	10.25	1.95	-9.39	11.57	9.39
N$/CAD$	10.08	2.16	-11.20	12.26	9.23
€/US$	1.07	0.72	-6.40	1.16	1.03
US$/¥	111.39	-1.22	-1.05	118.66	99.02
Commodities					
Brent Crude - US$/barrel	53.53	-5.82	17.86	59.89	41.93
Gold - US/Troy oz.	1,249.35	0.08	1.35	1,375.45	1,121.03
Platinum - US/Troy oz.	950.59	-7.19	-2.54	1,194.40	889.10
Copper - US/lb.	265.25	-2.27	20.19	283.60	205.00
Silver - US/Troy oz.	18.27	-0.25	18.32	21.14	14.90
Uranium - US/lb.	23.25	-5.10	-17.35	28.13	18.75
Namibia Fixed Interest					
IJG ALBI	156.28	0.71	9.56	156.00	140.05
IJG Money Market Index	170.25	0.69	7.91	170.25	157.77
Namibia rates					
Bank	7.00	0bp	75bp	7.00	6.25
Prime	10.75	0bp	75bp	10.75	10.00
South Africa rates					
Bank	7.00	0bp	125bp	7.00	5.75
Prime	10.50	0bp	125bp	10.50	9.25

Source: IJG, NSX, Bloomberg

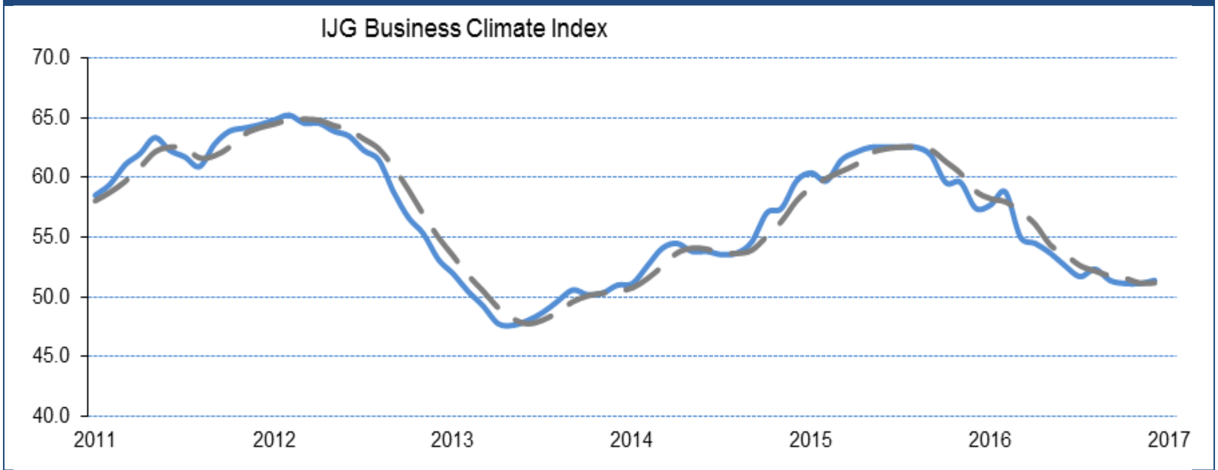
IJG/IPPR Business Climate Index

The IJG Business Climate Monitor increased marginally - by 0.26 points - in December 2016 to a level of 51.34 points. This is the second consecutive up month on the index, the first time this has happened since April 2015. Of the 31 indicators measured by the index, 15 showed deterioration over the past year, while the remaining 16 indicators showed improvement.

2016 proved challenging for Namibia, with many of the indicators showing major deterioration through the year. Livestock marketed in 2016 fell by 31.2% when compared to the previous year, largely due to the persistent drought. Diamond production fell approximately 11%, primarily due to vessel maintenance. While most commodity export prices, in Namibia Dollars, remained fairly stable from 2015 to 2016, the uranium price fell 47.3%, to one of its lowest levels in over a decade. Vehicle sales plummeted by 22.3% on account of government buying less vehicles, liquidity constraints in the commercial banks, and regulatory changes to credit conditions. Following a 33.7% weakening in the Rand and by extension the Namibia Dollar against the US Dollar through 2015, 2016 saw some respite with the currency recovering by 11.1%.

Credit extension continued to expand through 2016, but did so at a notably lower rate than in 2015. Credit extension to businesses slowed to 8.5% growth from 14.9% a year earlier. Credit extension to households slowed to 9.3% from 12.5% a year earlier. Although demand for credit remains strong, the supply thereof has become somewhat constrained due to a number of factors. Persistent fiscal and monetary stimulus has resulted in a fiscal crowding out, while low interest rates have incentivised borrowing over saving, resulting in a closing of the loan-to-funding ratios of the commercial banks. Added to this, policy proposals appear to have spooked foreign and domestic investors and reduced inward investment as well as increased retail outflows from the economy. Finally, inflation picked up dramatically through 2016, averaging 6.7% and finishing the year at 7.3%. By contrast, 2015 inflation was an average 3.4%, finishing the year at 3.7%.

IJG Business Climate Index



Source: IJG, IPPR

Public Debt Securities

Effective yields (EY) for treasury bills (TB's) increased during March, the 91-day TB yield increased to 9.17%, the 182-day TB yield remained at 9.64%, the 273-day TB yield increasing to 9.97%, and the 365-day TB yield increasing to 9.92%. A total of N$15.35bn or 36.6% of the Government's domestic maturity profile is in TB's as at 31 March 2017, with 6.2% in 91-day TB's, 20.5% in 182-day TB's, 30.5% in 273-day TB's and 42.9% in 365-day TB's.

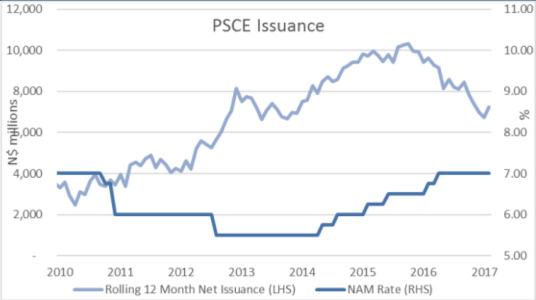
The IJG All Bond Index (including Corporate Bonds) rose 0.71% m/m in March after gaining 0.94% m/m in February Namibian bond premiums relative to SA yields in February weakened slightly with the GC17 premium unchanged at 143bps ; the GC18 premium unchanged at 101bps ; the GC20 premium increasing by 3bps to 226bps; the GC21 premium unchanged at 117bps ; the GC22 premium increasing by 1bps to 176bps; the GC24 premium unchanged at 130bps ; the GC25 premium decreasing by 9bps to 180bps; the GC27 premium increasing by 1bps to 199bps; the GC30 premium climbing by 7bps to 194bps; the GC32 premium increasing by 4bps to 200bps; the GC35 premium rising by 5bps to 191bps; the GC37 premium increasing by 4bps to 204bps; the GC40 premium increasing by 5bps to 213bps; the GC45 premium unchanged at 204bps .

Private Sector Credit Extension

Total credit extended to the private sector increased by N$937.1 or 1.1% million in February bringing the cumulative credit outstanding figure to N$87.21 billion. This is a slight uptick in annual growth which is up to 9.0% from 8.5% in January. The increase was driven by increases in overdrafts and other loans Over the last twelve months a net of N$7.23 billion worth of credit was extended, N$3.03 billion to corporates, N$4.24 billion to Individuals, while the nonresident private sector decreased their borrowings by N$43.6 million.

PSCE – February 2017

	N$ millions	Change in N$ millions		% Change	
	Outstanding	One Month	One Year	m/m	y/y
Corporate	**36,339.5**	**538.5**	**3,029.6**	**1.50%**	**9.10%**
Individual	**50,467.2**	**399.0**	**4,243.3**	**0.80%**	**9.18%**
Mortgage loans	44,380.6	126.1	3,537.7	0.29%	8.66%
Other Loans & Advances	9,969.8	609.0	1,380.1	6.51%	16.07%
Overdraft	11,705.9	507.7	1,353.5	4.53%	13.07%
Instalment Credit	12,383.1	(104.5)	360.2	-0.84%	3.00%
Total PSCE	**87,209.3**	**937.1**	**7,229.3**	**1.09%**	**9.04%**

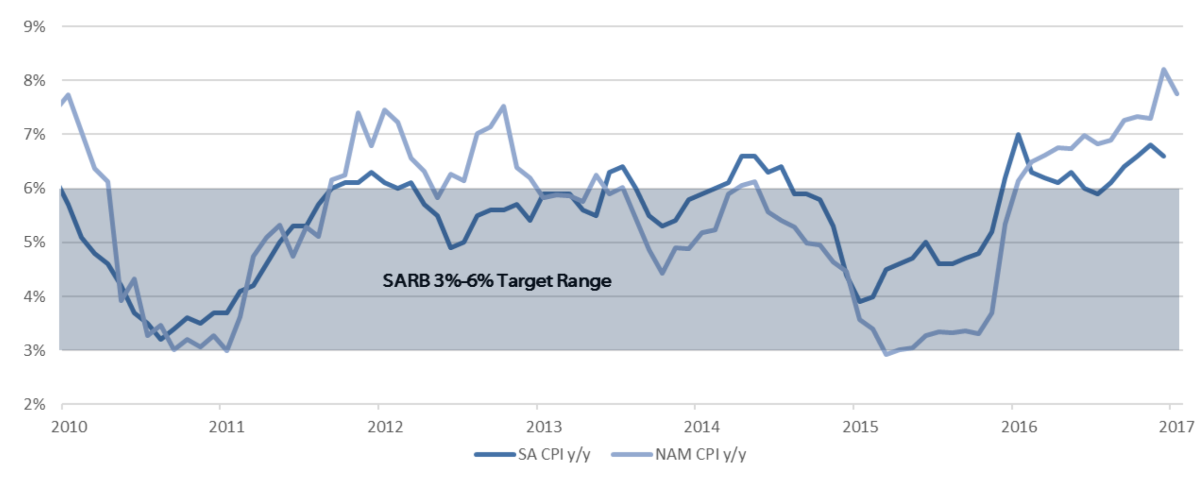


Source: BoN, IJG

Namibia CPI

The Namibian annual inflation rate declined slightly to 7.8% in February, 0.4% lower than the 8.2% y/y figure seen in January. Prices increased by 0.2% m/m. Annual inflation was mainly driven by housing, water, electricity and other fuel category which increased at a rate of 9.6% y/y and the food and non-alcoholic beverages category which decelerated to 11.3%, but still remains uncomfortably high. Overall, prices in two of the twelve basket categories increased at a faster rate than during the preceding month, nine at a slower rate and one grew at a steady rate. Prices for goods increased 7.5% y/y while services were 8.1% more expensive on a y/y basis.

Namibia CPI – February 2017



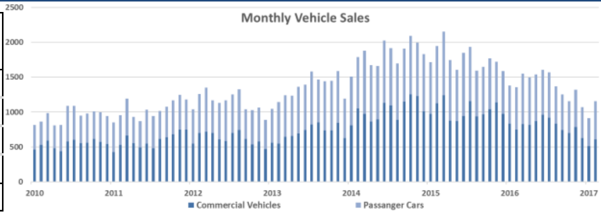
Source: NSA, StatsSA, IJG

New Vehicle Sales

A total of 1,151 vehicles were sold in February, a 26.5% m/m increase from the 910 vehicles sold in January, but 14.9% lower than in February 2016 when 1,352 vehicles were sold. Year to date 2,061 vehicles have been sold, 947 passenger vehicles, 1,041 light commercial vehicles, and 73 medium and heavy commercial vehicles. Compared to the first two months of previous years, this is well below the number of vehicles sold in any year for the last five years.

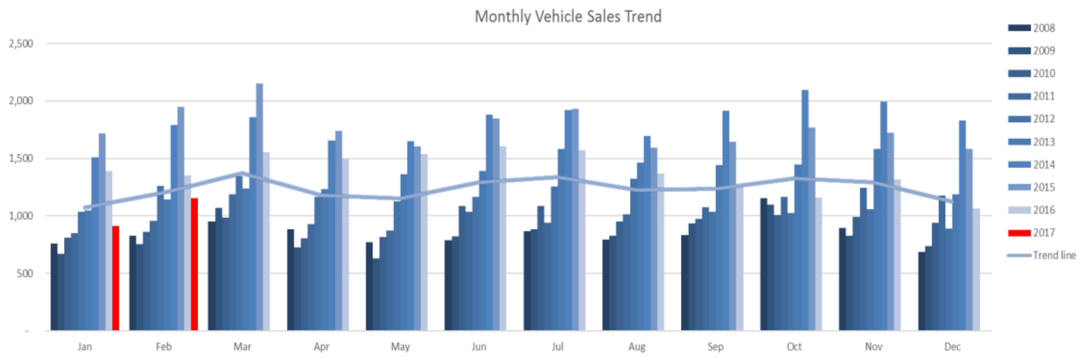
February New Vehicle Sales

Vehicle sales	Units	2017 YTD	Jan-17 (y/y %)	Feb-17 (y/y %)	Sentiment
Passenger	545	947	-26.4	-10.1	✓
Light Commercial	563	1,041	-39.4	-14.7	✓
Medium Commercial	18	33	-25.0	-50.0	×
Heavy Commercial	25	40	-37.5	-50.0	×
Total	**1,151**	**2,061**	**-34.0**	**-14.9**	✓



Source: Naamsa, IJG
**Sentiment describes the y/y movement*

Motor Vehicle Sales Trend



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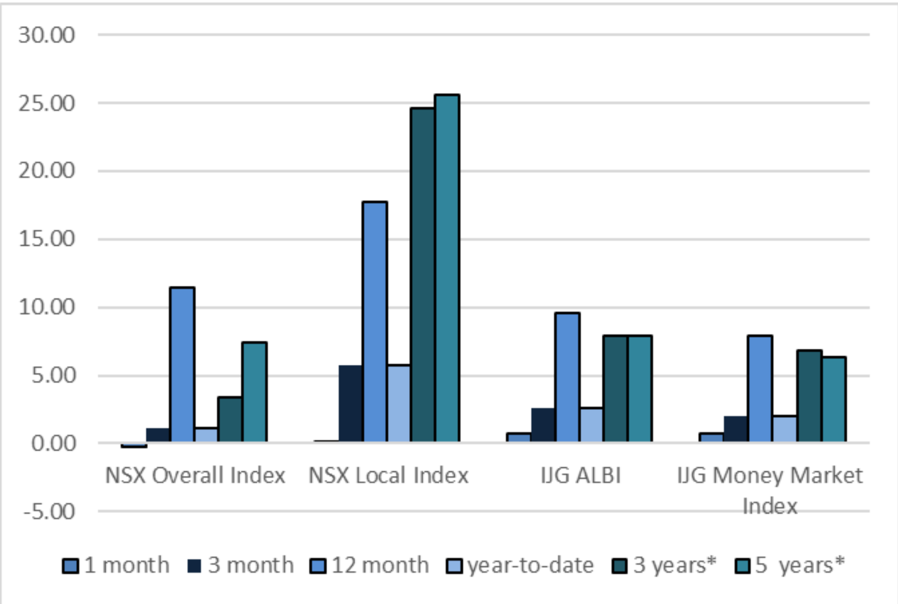
Namibian Asset Performance

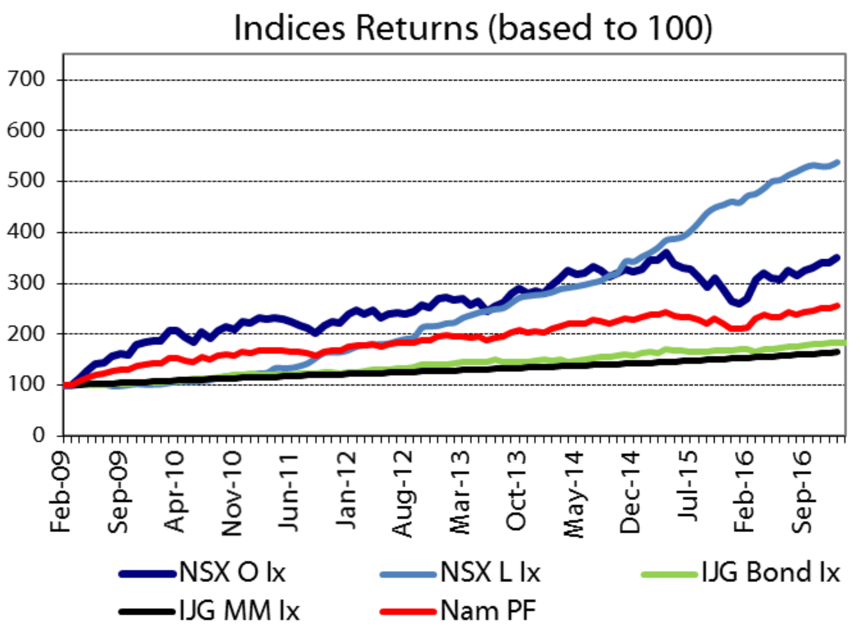
The NSX Overall Index closed at 1066.82 points in March down from 1082.04 points in February losing 0.2% on a total return basis in March compared to a 2.3% m/m decrease in February. The NSX Local Index increased 0.1% m/m compared to a 4.1% m/m increase in February. Over the last 12 months the NSX Overall Index returned 11.4% against 17.8% for the Local Index. The best performing share on the NSX in March was Santam Limited at 7.3%, while Forsys Metals Corp was the worst performer at -20.9%

Performance by Asset Class



Source: IJG

Indices Returns (based to 100)



Source: IJG

Namibian Returns by Asset Class [N$,%] - March 2017	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	year-to-date	3 years*	5 years*
NSX Overall Index	-0.23	1.08	5.59	11.45	1.08	3.34	7.45
NSX Local Index	0.15	5.74	6.32	17.76	5.74	24.64	25.59
IJG ALBI	0.71	2.60	3.49	9.56	2.60	7.94	7.94
IJG GOVI	0.69	2.53	3.34	9.31	2.53	7.87	7.90
IJG OTHI	0.84	3.32	4.83	11.79	3.32	8.78	8.39
IJG Money Market Index	0.69	2.00	4.02	7.91	2.00	6.87	6.33

** annualised*

Source: IJG

Namibian Returns by Asset Class [US$,%] - March 2017	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	year-to-date	3 years*	5 years*
US$ Strength/(Weakness)	-2.13	2.43	3.55	11.38	2.43	-7.75	-10.57
NSX Overall Index	-2.35	3.54	9.34	24.13	3.54	-4.67	-3.91
NSX Local Index	-1.98	8.31	10.09	31.16	8.31	14.98	12.32
IJG ALBI	-1.43	5.10	7.16	22.02	5.10	-0.42	-3.47
IJG GOVI	-1.45	5.02	7.01	21.75	5.02	-0.49	-3.50
IJG OTHI	-1.30	5.84	8.55	24.51	5.84	0.35	-3.07
IJG Money Market Index	-1.45	4.48	7.71	20.19	17.56	-1.42	-4.91

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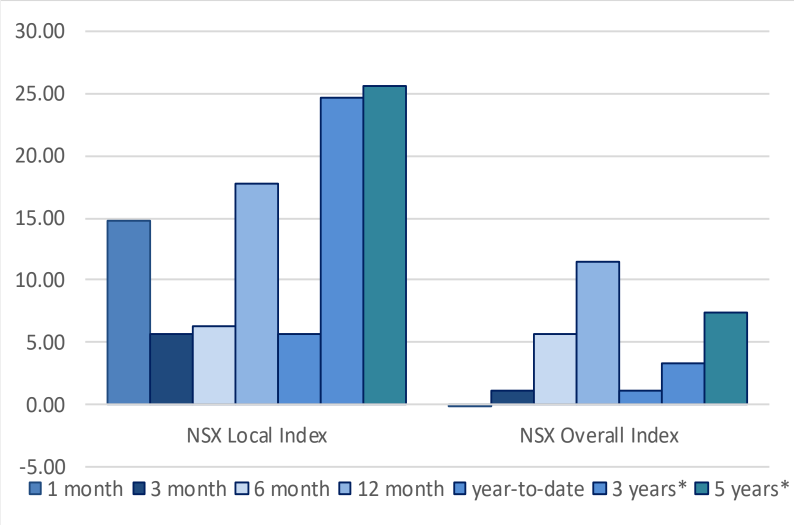
Source: IJG

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$] – March 2017

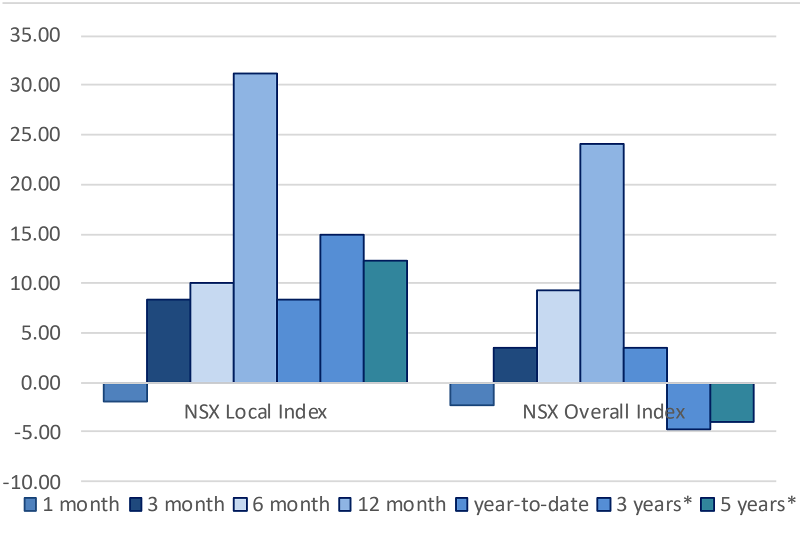


Index Total Returns [N$, %] - March 2017

	Code	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	year-to-date	3 years*	5 years*
NSX Local Index	N099	0.15	5.74	6.32	17.76	5.74	24.64	25.59
NSX Overall Index	N098	-0.23	1.08	5.59	11.45	1.08	3.34	7.45

Source: IJG

Index Total Returns [US$] - March 2017



Index Total Returns [US$, %] - March 2017

	Code	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	year-to-date	3 years*	5 years*
US$ Strength (Weakness)		-2.13	2.43	3.55	11.38	2.43	-7.75	-10.57
NSX Local Index	N099	-1.98	8.31	10.09	31.16	8.31	14.98	12.32
NSX Overall Index	N098	-2.35	3.54	9.34	24.13	3.54	-4.67	-3.91

Source: IJG

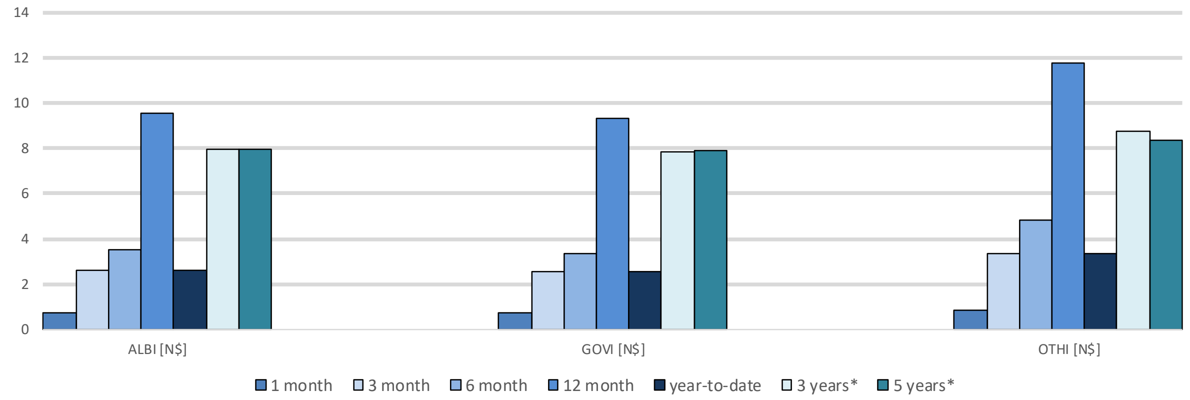
Individual Equity Total Returns [N$,%] March 2017

	Month end price (c)	NSX FF Market Cap Weight	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	year-to-date
FINANCIALS			-0.85	-1.27	3.05	3.75	-1.27
banks			-0.31	-5.08	4.53	12.89	-5.08
CGP	1,753	0.17%	1.18	1.88	2.46	7.29	1.88
FST	4,636	11.57%	-4.46	-10.66	2.48	0.64	-10.66
FNB*	4,732	0.25%	-0.17	0.85	0.48	9.78	0.85
NBK	24,150	3.87%	-1.43	1.42	8.61	31.79	1.42
SNB	14,375	14.39%	3.30	-2.51	5.17	17.78	-2.51
insurance			7.32	11.22	16.19	16.36	11.22
SNM	25,457	0.70%	7.32	11.22	16.19	16.36	11.22
life assurance			-1.93	2.42	-0.07	-7.48	2.42
MIM	2,289	1.93%	-4.45	-0.36	4.94	-1.76	-0.36
OLM	3,368	13.14%	-2.55	-0.65	-5.01	-15.37	-0.65
SLA	6,737	9.74%	-0.59	7.11	5.60	2.03	7.11
investment companies			0.00	-4.00	5.60	8.49	-4.00
NAM*	72	0.01%	0.00	-4.00	5.60	8.49	-4.00
real estate			2.66	3.03	6.17	21.63	3.03
ORY*	2,098	0.13%	3.47	2.83	1.16	8.03	2.83
VKN	1,925	1.04%	2.56	3.05	6.82	23.40	3.05
specialist finance			-0.51	2.83	11.38	-7.96	2.83
IVD	9,146	2.04%	-0.80	0.78	10.56	-12.51	0.78
KFS	762	0.22%	1.46	3.11	10.76	12.64	3.11
TUC*	404	0.12%	1.00	36.95	26.25	32.06	36.95
HEALTH CARE			-0.95	-8.32	-27.78	-36.54	-8.32
health care providers			-0.95	-8.32	-27.78	-36.54	-8.32
MEP	11,918	3.62%	-0.95	-8.32	-27.78	-36.54	-8.32
RESOURCES			0.05	5.10	18.11	74.06	5.10
mining			0.01	5.11	18.29	74.61	5.11
ANM	20,405	22.22%	0.22	4.59	19.04	76.64	4.59
PDN	110	0.11%	1.85	37.50	-32.93	-61.40	37.50
FSY	136	0.01%	-20.93	34.65	100.00	36.00	34.65
DYL	298	0.02%	-12.35	-12.35	272.50	86.25	-12.35
BMN	56	0.02%	-9.68	100.00	86.67	69.70	100.00
MEY	159	0.00%	-20.10	16.06	7.43	22.31	16.06
B2G	3,792	1.20%	-3.41	10.10	2.18	49.94	10.10
chemicals			4.49	4.21	-1.62	16.21	4.21
AOX	1,980	0.22%	4.49	4.21	-1.62	16.21	4.21
INDUSTRIAL			2.56	11.17	14.16	16.36	11.17
GENERAL INDUSTRIALS							
diversified industrials			2.97	3.24	46.17	63.55	3.24
BWL	11,930	1.88%	2.97	3.24	46.17	63.55	3.24
Suppport Services			-6.87	-7.41	-9.00	2.70	-7.41
BVN	779	0.03%	-13.00	-22.78	-23.91	-24.15	-22.78
CLN	1,800	0.21%	-5.91	-5.01	-6.67	6.90	-5.01
NON-CYCLICAL CONSUMER GOODS							
beverages			0.03	20.51	23.63	52.71	20.51
NBS*	3,361	0.29%	0.03	20.51	23.63	52.71	20.51
food producers & processors			-5.19	-10.67	-5.98	-13.32	-10.67
OCG	10,401	0.29%	-5.19	-10.67	-5.98	-13.32	-10.67
CYCLICAL SERVICES							
general retailers			2.53	12.18	25.87	-6.68	12.18
NHL	200	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.77	0.00
TRW	8,661	3.12%	2.53	12.19	25.90	-6.69	12.19
NON-CYCLICAL SERVICES							
food & drug retailers			3.20	13.90	2.04	14.26	13.90
SRH	19,360	7.28%	3.20	13.90	2.04	14.26	13.90

Source: IJG, NSX, JSE, Bloomberg

Bonds

Bond Performance, Index Total Returns,(%) - as at March 2017



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	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	year-to-date	3 years*	5 years*
ALBI [N$]	0.71	2.60	3.49	9.56	2.60	7.94	7.94
GOVI [N$]	0.69	2.53	3.34	9.31	2.53	7.87	7.90
OTHI [N$]	0.84	3.32	4.83	11.79	3.32	8.78	8.39

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Source: IJG

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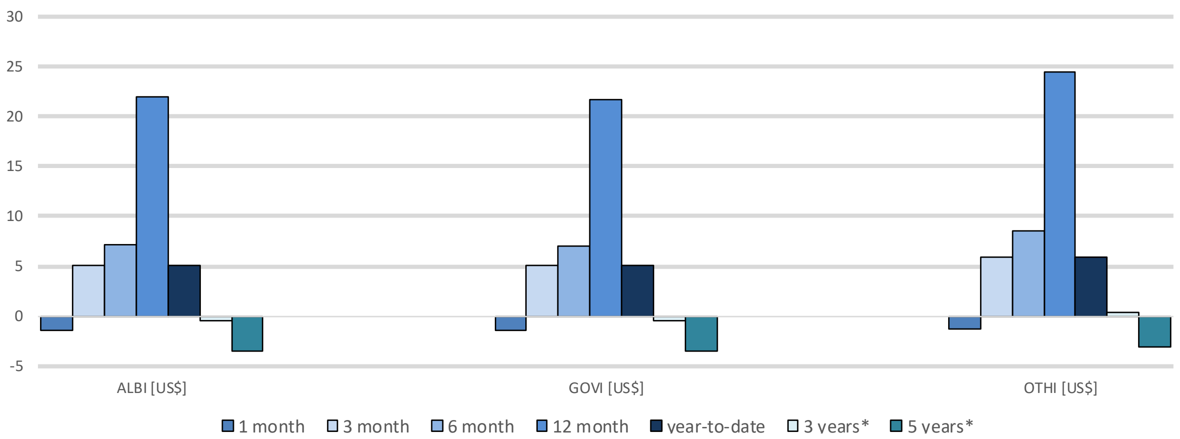

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OTHI [US$]	-1.30	5.84	8.55	24.51	5.84	0.35	-3.07
N$/US$	-2.13	2.43	3.55	11.38	2.43	-7.75	-10.57

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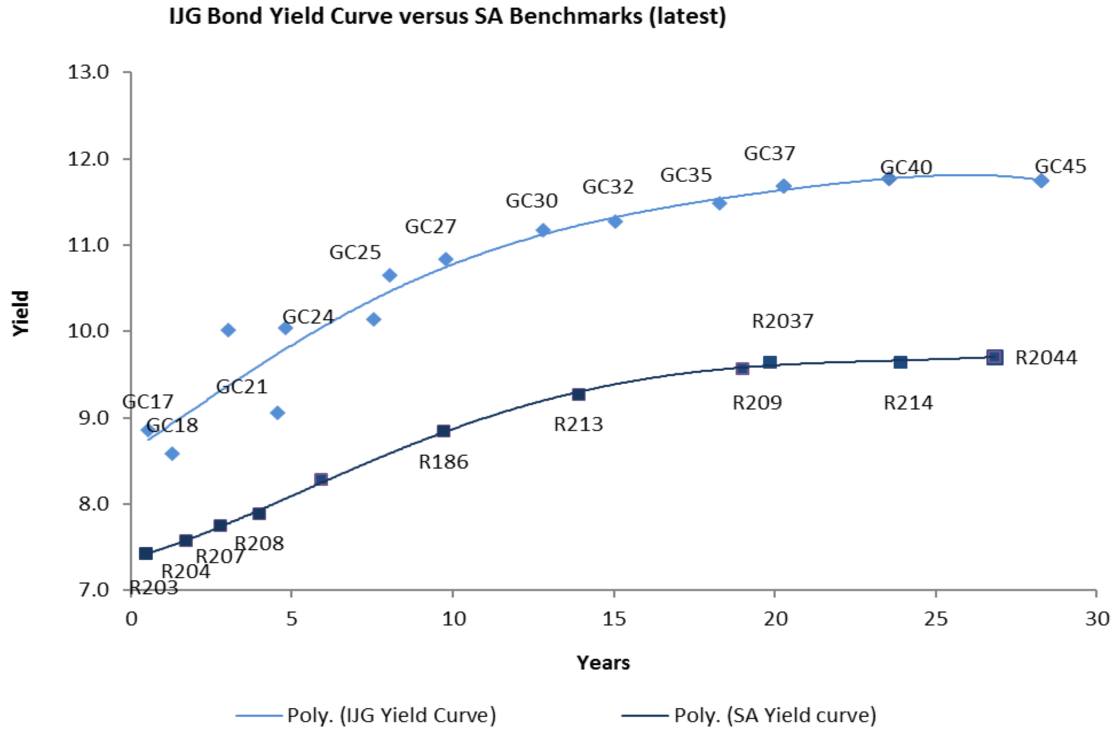
Namibian vs. South African Yield Curve



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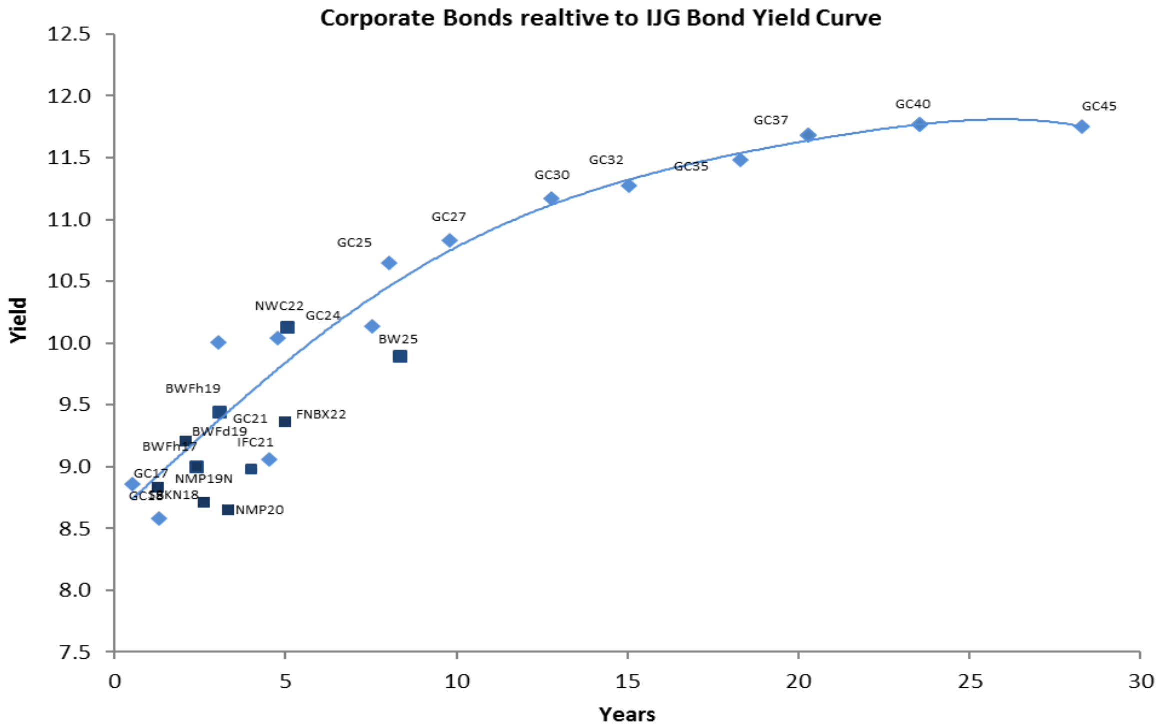
IJG Bond Yield Curve



Source: IJG

Bond Maturity Profile	Benchmark	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Years to Maturity
GC17	R203	15/10/2017	8.00%	0.50
GC18	R204	15/07/2018	9.50%	1.18
GC20	R207	15/04/2020	8.25%	2.52
GC21	R208	15/10/2021	7.75%	3.60
GC22	R2023	15/01/2022	8.75%	3.75
GC24	R186	15/10/2024	10.50%	4.95
GC25	R186	15/04/2025	8.50%	5.35
GC27	R186	15/01/2027	8.00%	6.25
GC30	R213	15/01/2030	8.00%	7.14
GC32	R213	15/04/2032	9.00%	7.25
GC35	R213	15/07/2035	9.50%	7.80
GC37	R2037	15/07/2037	9.50%	7.93
GC40	R214	15/10/2040	9.80%	7.88
GC45	R2044	15/07/2045	9.85%	8.33

Source: IJG

IJG Namibia ALBI - as at March 2017	this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
ALBI	156.28	155.18	152.32	151.02	142.65
GOVI	156.02	154.95	152.17	150.97	142.73
OTHI	159.54	158.20	154.41	152.19	142.71
Modified Duration IJG ALBI	3.96	4.04	4.10	3.61	3.10
Modified Duration IJG GOVI	4.09	4.17	4.23	3.69	3.14
Modified Duration IJG OTHI	2.73	2.81	2.88	2.91	2.71
weight GOVI [%]	90.22	90.31	90.02	89.97	90.52
weight OTHI [%]	9.78	9.69	9.98	10.03	9.48

Source: IJG

IJG Namibia ALBI -Rate Duration (years) as at March 2017				
this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
GC18	GC18	GC18	GC25	GC17
1.18	1.26	1.35	5.60	1.37
GC21	GC21	GC21	GC18	GC18
3.59	3.67	3.82	1.59	1.98
GC24	GC24	GC24	GC21	GC21
4.92	5.01	5.15	3.91	4.18
GC25	GC25	GC25	GC24	GC24
5.31	5.39	5.55	5.16	5.34
GC27	GC27	GC27		
6.20	6.29	6.16		
GC30	GC30	GC30		
7.06	7.17	6.98		
BW25	BW25	BW25	BW25	FNBX22
2.79	2.87	2.88	3.13	0.93
BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh17
2.10	2.18	2.24	2.48	1.28
NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N
2.19	2.27	2.42	2.55	2.87
NMP20	NMP20	NMP20	NMP19N	NMP19N
2.77	2.85	2.87	2.55	2.87
IFC21	IFC21	IFC21		
3.13	3.21	3.35		
NWC22	NWC22	NWC22		
3.76	3.84	3.98		

Source: IJG

IJG Namibia ALBI -Weights [%] as at March 2017				
this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
GC18	GC18	GC18	GC25	GC17
26.43	26.24	26.45	14.41	19.45
GC21	GC21	GC21	GC18	GC18
9.13	9.41	9.40	34.79	32.31
GC24	GC24	GC24	GC21	GC21
22.58	23.59	23.76	11.86	11.42
GC25	GC25	GC25	GC24	GC24
13.75	12.90	12.08	28.90	27.34
GC27	GC27	GC27		
9.72	9.66	9.79		
GC30	GC30	GC30		
8.61	8.52	8.53		
BW25	BW25	BW25	BW25	FNBX22
1.30	1.28	1.35	1.69	1.02
BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh17
0.79	0.78	0.82	1.03	1.34
NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N
1.90	1.88	1.89	2.50	2.44
NMP20	NMP20	NMP20	NMP19N	NMP19N
3.68	3.65	3.83	4.82	4.68
IFC21	IFC21	IFC21		
1.35	1.34	1.34		
NWC22	NWC22	NWC22		
0.77	0.76	0.76		

Source: IJG

IJG Namibia GOVI -Weights [%] as at March 2017

this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
GC18	GC18	GC18	GC25	GC17
29.30	29.05	29.38	16.01	21.49
GC21	GC21	GC21	GC18	GC18
10.12	10.41	10.45	38.68	35.69
GC24	GC24	GC24	GC21	GC21
25.03	26.12	26.39	13.18	12.62
GC25	GC25	GC25	GC24	GC24
15.24	14.29	13.42	32.13	30.20
GC27	GC27	GC27		
10.77	10.69	10.88		
GC30	GC30	GC30		
9.54	9.43	9.48		

Source: IJG

IJG Namibia OTHI -Weights [%] as at March 2017

this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
BW25	BW25	BW25	BW25	FNBX22
13.25	13.23	13.49	16.82	10.71
BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh17
8.04	8.04	8.20	10.23	14.09
NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N
19.41	19.44	18.94	24.92	25.78
NMP20	NMP20	NMP20	NMP19N	NMP19N
37.66	37.66	38.38	48.03	49.41
IFC21	IFC21	IFC21		
13.80	13.78	13.40		
NWC22	NWC22	NWC22		
7.85	7.85	7.60		

Source: IJG

IJG Namibia ALBI -Yields-[%] as at March 2017				
this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
GC18	GC18	GC18	GC25	GC17
8.58	8.55	8.94	9.99	8.64
GC21	GC21	GC21	GC18	GC18
9.06	9.12	9.45	8.53	9.27
GC24	GC24	GC24	GC21	GC21
10.14	10.09	10.17	9.16	9.77
GC25	GC25	GC25	GC24	GC24
10.64	10.68	10.61	9.91	10.15
GC27	GC27	GC27		
10.83	10.77	10.71		
GC30	GC30	GC30		
11.17	11.08	11.04		
BW25	BW25	BW25	BW25	FNBX22
9.89	9.95	10.28	10.06	9.14
BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh17
9.00	9.04	9.37	9.13	9.07
NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N
8.71	8.68	9.07	8.66	9.40
NMP20	NMP20	NMP20	NMP19N	NMP19N
8.65	8.69	9.02	8.66	9.40
IFC21	IFC21	IFC21		
8.98	9.04	9.37		
NWC22	NWC22	NWC22		
10.13	10.15	10.47		

Source: IJG

IJG Namibia ALBI -Premiums- [bp] as at March 2017				
this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
GC18	GC18	GC18	GC25	GC17
101	101	101	132	64
GC21	GC21	GC21	GC18	GC18
117	117	117	88	88
GC24	GC24	GC24	GC21	GC21
130	130	126	110	110
GC25	GC25	GC25	GC24	GC24
180	189	170	124	105
GC27	GC27	GC27		
199	198	180		
GC30	GC30	GC30		
194	187	171		
BW25	BW25	BW25	BW25	FNBX22
200	200	200	200	50
BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh19	BWFh17
125	125	125	125	107
NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N	NMP19N
13	13	13	13	13
NMP20	NMP20	NMP20	NMP19N	NMP19N
90	90	90	13	13
IFC21	IFC21	IFC21		
109	109	109		
NWC22	NWC22	NWC22		
185	185	185		

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 [single returns] -as at March 2017	this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
Money Market Index	169.97	168.78	166.54	163.15	156.94
Call Index	153.63	152.89	151.49	149.37	145.45
3-month NCD Index	165.15	164.08	162.06	158.95	153.27
6-month NCD Index	170.00	168.82	166.60	163.19	156.96
12-month NCD Index	174.93	173.62	171.15	167.41	160.54
NCD Index *including call*	169.95	168.77	166.54	163.15	156.90
3-month TB Index	169.94	168.73	166.45	163.01	156.92
6-month TB Index	172.80	171.52	169.11	165.46	158.94
12-month TB Index	173.21	171.93	169.51	165.89	159.23
TB Index *including call*	170.53	169.36	167.18	163.94	158.01

Source: IJG

IJG Money Market Index [average returns] -as at March 2017	this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
Money Market Index	170.25	169.09	166.92	163.68	157.77
Call Index	153.63	152.89	151.49	149.37	145.45
3-month NCD Index	165.74	164.66	162.65	159.52	153.98
6-month NCD Index	170.66	169.48	167.26	163.94	157.91
12-month NCD Index	174.91	173.64	171.28	167.75	161.36
NCD Index *including call*	169.95	168.80	166.64	163.40	157.50
3-month TB Index	170.40	169.19	166.91	163.59	157.51
6-month TB Index	173.39	172.12	169.78	166.33	159.86
12-month TB Index	174.17	172.93	170.61	167.16	160.92
TBIndex *including call*	170.53	169.36	167.18	163.94	158.01

Source: IJG

IJG Money Market Index Performance [average returns, %] -as at March 2017	this month	3 months	6 months	12 months	year-to-date	3* years	5* years
Money Market Index	0.69	2.00	4.02	7.91	2.00	6.87	6.33
Call Index	0.48	1.41	2.85	5.63	1.41	5.14	4.93
3-month NCD Index	0.65	1.90	3.90	7.64	1.90	2.35	3.91
6-month NCD Index	0.70	2.03	4.10	8.07	2.03	2.71	3.97
12-month NCDIndex	0.73	2.12	4.27	8.40	2.12	2.82	4.16
NCDIndex including call	0.68	1.99	4.01	7.91	1.99	2.22	3.64
3-month TB Index	0.72	2.09	4.16	8.18	2.09	6.93	6.41
6-month TB Index	0.74	2.13	4.24	8.46	2.13	7.28	6.65
12-month TB Index	0.72	2.08	4.19	8.23	2.08	7.06	6.46
TBIndex including call	0.69	2.00	4.02	7.92	2.00	6.84	6.29

** annualised* *Source: IJG*

IJG Money Market Index Performance [single returns, %] -as at March 2017	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	year-to-date	3* years	5* years
Money Market Index	0.71	2.06	4.18	8.31	2.06	7.22	6.54
Call Index	0.48	1.41	2.85	5.63	1.41	5.14	4.93
3-month NCD Index	0.65	1.91	3.90	7.76	1.91	2.38	3.64
6-month NCD Index	0.70	2.04	4.17	8.31	2.04	2.59	3.93
12-month NCDIndex	0.76	2.21	4.49	8.96	2.21	2.75	4.17
NCD Index including call	0.70	2.05	4.17	8.32	2.05	2.57	3.92
3-month TB Index	0.72	2.10	4.25	8.29	2.10	7.05	6.48
6-month TB Index	0.75	2.19	4.44	8.72	2.19	7.53	6.80
12-month TB Index	0.75	2.18	4.41	8.78	2.18	7.58	6.76
TB Index including call	0.69	2.00	4.02	7.92	2.00	6.84	6.29

** annualised* *Source: IJG*

IJG Money Market Index Weights (%) - as at March 2017	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	7.54	7.54	7.52	4.43	2.11
6-month NCD Index	3.59	3.59	3.58	4.78	4.24
12-month NCD Index	35.72	35.72	35.60	38.13	46.07
3-month TB Index	3.41	3.41	3.52	4.16	2.97
6-month TB Index	11.47	11.47	11.42	10.28	9.80
12-month TB Index	23.27	23.27	23.36	23.23	19.80

Source: IJG

Average Days to Maturity - as at March 2017	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	3.47	3.47	3.47	3.47	3.47
6-month NCD Index	3.27	3.27	3.27	3.27	3.27
12-month NCD Index	64.71	64.71	64.71	64.71	64.71
3-month TB Index	1.57	1.57	1.57	1.57	1.57
6-month TB Index	10.44	10.44	10.44	10.44	10.44
12-month TB Index	42.15	42.15	42.15	42.15	42.15
Composite Index	125.76	125.76	125.76	125.76	125.76

Source: IJG

Money Market (Excluding NCD's)

IJG Money Market Index [average returns] - March 2017	this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
Money Market Index	396.87	394.16	388.89	381.35	367.44
Call Index	323.10	321.83	319.30	315.55	308.17
3-month TB Index	387.94	385.17	379.78	372.15	358.39
6-month TB Index	404.27	401.29	395.55	387.47	372.43
12-month TB Index	423.93	420.89	414.98	406.47	390.90

IJG Money Market Index Performance [average returns, %] - March 2017	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	year-to-date	3 years *	5 year *
Money Market Index	0.69	2.05	4.07	8.01	2.05	6.91	6.35
Call Index	0.39	1.19	2.39	4.84	1.19	4.81	4.72
3-month TB Index	0.72	2.15	4.24	8.25	2.15	6.98	6.42
6-month TB Index	0.74	2.21	4.34	8.55	2.21	7.34	6.68
12-month TB Index	0.72	2.16	4.30	8.45	2.16	7.20	6.53

** annualised* *Source: IJG*

IJG Money Market Index Weights [%] - March 2017	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	6.89	6.89	7.62	7.79	8.11
6-month TB Index	26.13	26.13	25.64	25.54	24.68
12-month TB Index	51.98	51.98	51.74	51.67	52.21

IJG Money Market Index Performance [single-month returns, %] - March 2017	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	year-to-date	3 years *	5 years *
Money Market Index	0.73	2.16	4.27	8.37	2.16	7.25	6.55
Call Index	0.39	1.19	2.39	4.84	1.19	4.81	4.72
3-month TB Index	0.73	2.17	4.33	8.34	2.17	7.07	6.48
6-month TB Index	0.77	2.27	4.54	8.79	2.27	7.57	6.82
12-month TB Index	0.79	2.32	4.56	9.00	2.32	7.71	6.85

** annualised* *Source: IJG*

IJG Money Market Index [single-month returns] - March 2017	this month	1 month ago	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
Money Market Index	393.43	390.57	385.12	377.32	363.04
Call Index	323.10	321.83	319.30	315.55	308.17
3-month TB Index	386.96	384.15	378.75	370.91	357.15
6-month TB Index	401.61	398.55	392.70	384.16	369.17
12-month TB Index	418.15	414.88	408.67	399.91	383.63

Source: IJG

Exchange Traded Funds (ETF's)

Ticker	Price (c)	mtd %	ytd %	52Wk High	52Wk Low
ENXPLD	10204	1.88	11.85	10483	7769
NGNGLD	15291	-2.09	0.83	19643	14763
NGNPLD	10212	2.04	12.04	10690	7779
NGNPLT	12125	-8.3	-1.74	16251	11854

Source: IJG

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General News

As from 1 March 2017, all measuring instruments used for trading ie points of sale, bakery and butchery scales, ga scales, livestock scales, liquid fuel dispensers, fuel meters and volume measurements must be verified by the Namibian Standards institution. This was highlighted during the NSI's workshop on admisintration of the amended Trade Methodology act no 77 of 1973. – The Namibian

The Chairperson of the ACTION Namibia Coalition, Frederico Links said on Tuesday the Whistleblower Protection Bill, currently before the National Assembly is seriously flawed, calling for the Members of Parliament to refer this bill to a Standing Committee for investigation and for a public hearing. "Unless the Whistleblower Protection law has the confidence of the Namibian public, it will fail to achieve its aim of encouraging those who know of wrongdoing to come forward to report such matters in the public interest while receiving protection from retaliation" stated ACTION. -The Namibian Economist

President Hage Geigob last week approved salary increases of 6% for himself and fellow politicians, effective this month. The Public Office Bearers Remuneration and Benefits Commission (POBC) recommended the increase in 2015, but Geingob did not approve them because of the economic situation. – The Namibian

With the international spotlight on North Korea after the assassination of Kim Jong Nam, half-brother of the country's leader, Kim Jong Un, as well as reports of a new ballistic missile, Namibia's doors remain wide open for a visit from the controversial country' foreign minister. According to reliable sources North Korea's Minister Ri Yong-Ho is on his way to Namibia. It is expected that he will visit the country within the next two weeks. – Republikein

The Office of the President has defended the remuneration of politicians, saying it was fair considering the massive weight of expectation they carry. According to the Government Gazette's 10 March proclamation, President Hage Geingob earns about N$1.7 million per year inclusive of his benefits. The income is also tax-free, while vice-president Nickey Iyambo enjoys a remuneration package of N$1,525,186. Late yesterday, the presidency argued that Geingob was earning less than many heads of State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) in the country. In fact, the presidency compared Geingob's salary to that of SOE bosses as provided by the Ministry of Public Enterprises. – Namibian Sun

The planned visit from the North Korean Foreign Minister, Ri Yong-ho, to Namibia has been cancelled. *Republikein* reported on Tuesday that the planned visit has the potential to be a major embarrassment for Namibia. According to reliable sources *Republikein* can report that the Namibian government, following the media coverage of the event, decided it was in the best interest of the country that the visit does not take place. Namibia's close ties with North Korea in recent years is under scrutiny, with concerns being raised about the blatant and almost defiant attitude that Namibia, and in particular the Ministry of Defence, continue to allocate building contracts to the North Korean Mansudae Overseas Projects (MOP), a front organization for Korea Overseas Mining and Development (Komid) - action which is in violation of United Nations resolutions. - Republikein

The Namibian government has decided to join calls for genocide reparation by driving a N$400 billion lawsuit against the German government. Documents seen by the Namibian this week show that the government wants over US$30 billion (over N$400 billion) from Germany. The government has, through the office of the attorney general, engaged lawyers from England and Namibia to craft the genocide demands. Over 65,000 people are believed to have been killed when colonial Germany crushed a Herero and Nama uprising between 1904 1908. The Namibia government has always steered clear of demanding reparations, but has now changed its stance. Senior sources said the government wants the group suing the German government in the US to join them in the legal battle to force Germany to pay for the sins of their ancestors. - The Namibian

The Government's plan to grant executive privilege to cabinet ministers has the potential to create an apartheid-style society of upper-class and lower-class citizens, argues human rights lawyer Norman Tjombe. According to Tjombe, if passed in its current form, the Executive Immunities Bill approved by Cabinet last week is likely to be unconstitutional, as the Namibian Constitution intended for only the president to have criminal and civil immunity while in office. The Executives Immunities Bill seeks to provide civil and criminal immunity for members of the executive. -The Namibian Sun

NEEEF, land reform on its way. Constitutional provisions on land reform must be revised according to President Hage Geingob. He indicated the government's will to make land reform a success during yesterday's official Independence Day celebrations in Rundu. He indicated that the constitution should be revisited as the current process was slow and ineffective. The constitution makes provision for the expropriation of land for fair compensation. -The Republikein

Namibia will host the 5th Continental Conference on Solidarity with Cuba from June 5th to 7th, in Windhoek. Namibian Deputy Prime Minister, Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah and the President of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with Peoples (ICAP), Fernando Gonzalez, underlined that such a meeting will be a perfect setting for strengthening the excellent ties between Cuba and Namibia. The actions to succeed in ending the political, economic and financial blockade imposed by the United States to Cuba, as well as the return of the Cuban territory illegally occupied by the US Naval Base in Guantanamo (eastern region of Cuba), are some of the main issues to tackle down. Delegates will also have the chance of debating some initiatives and exchanging strategies to enhance the methods and procedures of solidarity work. - Prensa Latina

Namibia ranks 12th in the world in terms of the number of women in parliament according to data presented in the Women in Politics 2017 Map launched last week by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UN Women in New York. Contradicting Namibia's sterling performance however, the number of women in executive government positions and in parliaments worldwide has stagnated, with only marginal improvements since 2015.Africa saw a steady decline in the number of women ministers. Women hold 19.7 % of the region's ministerial posts in 2017, having first surpassed this percentage in 2012 after seven years of rapid progress. -Namibian Economist

Local economists said that Namibia has been in recession since the third quarter of the last year, as confirmed by the release of the 2016 preliminary national accounts this week, which show that the domestic economy recorded a marginal growth of 0.2 percent last year compared to 6.1 percent in 2015. - Observer

Economy

Independent labour researcher Herbert Jauch said the controversial New Equitable Empowerment framework does in no way promote workers' ownership, but is only targeting the elites. Speaking in a public dialogue on the bill organized by the Trade Union Congress of Namibia (Tunca) in partnership with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung last Thursday evening, Jauch stressed that Neeef will just focus on the economic empowerment of one elite to another. – The Namibian

Finance minister Calle Schlettwein called a halt to negotiations with the Chinese government over a N$7.5 billion loan to fund the proposed upgrades at the Hosea Kutako International Airport in January last year. Schlettwein confirmed to the Namibian on Wednesday that he had written a letter to the Chinese government, through the Chinese ambassador at the time, informing it that Namibia was abandoning the airport construction and rehabilitation loan talks. – The Namibian

Local businesses need to realise that they must deliver as expected when they are awarded tenders. This was said by Motor Vehicle Accident fund chief executive officer Rosalia Martins-Hausiku during a Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) engagement with corporate leaders and procurement managers in Windhoek yesterday. – The Namibian

Key points in the Namibia National Budget for 2017/18-2019/20

- Economic growth has slowed in 2016 to an estimated 1.3%.
- Growth is projected to be 2.5% in the 2017/18 financial year and average approximately 3.5% over the MTEF.
- The 2017/18 budget will further reduce the budget deficit to approximately 3.6% of GDP, down from an estimated 6.3% in 2016/17, while stabilizing public debt at around 42% of GDP, thus strengthening macroeconomic stability.
- As announced in the Mid-Year Budget Review, total revenue for 2015/16 stood at N$52.22 billion, 10.7% lower than the budgeted revenue, and an increase of 4.6% from the previous year.
- The preliminary revenue outturn for the FY2016/17 stands at N$46.94 billion by the end of February 2017. This is 91.1% of the revised budget revenue of N$51.51 billion. MoF expects to fully meet, or moderately surpass the revised revenue collection targets.
- Total spending for FY2015/16 amounted to N$64.64 billion, representing a budget execution rate of 96.4% of the N$67.08 budget, compared to 97.5% in the previous year.
- For 2016/17, the total preliminary expenditure by the end of February 2017 stood at N$58.16 billion, out of the revised budget of N$61.50 billion, a preliminary execution rate of 94.6%.
- The total debt stock stood at 40.1% of GDP in 2015/16 and rose to 42.1% in 2016/17, or some N$66.75 billion.
- Overall debt servicing cost stood at an estimated N$3.88 billion in 2016/17, equivalent to 7.5% of total revenue.
- Revenue for the 2017/18 budget year is projected at N$56.43 billion, 3.5% better than estimated in the Mid-Year Budget Review and a 9.5% year-on-year increase from an estimated N$51.51 billion in 2016/17. This is due to higher than anticipated SACU receipts and improvements in some of the domestic revenue streams.
- Expenditure of N$62.54 billion is budget for 2017/18 financial year. This proposed expenditure outlay is equivalent to 36.6% of GDP and an increase of 1.7% from the revised budget of N$61.50 billion for the previous year.
- For the MTEF, total spending is projected to remain relatively flat, with indicative allocation for 2018/19 set at N$61.86 billion and N$62.72 billion for 2019/20.
- Statutory payments, which represent the Government obligations on debt servicing, are budgeted at N$5.0 billion in 2017/18 or some 8.9% of revenue.
- Deficit financing, amounting to N$6.12 billion will be will sourced from the domestic and regional capital markets.
- Contingent liabilities are projected to increase to an average of 6.2% over the MTEF, as Government extends support to SOEs for project financing based on the strength of their balance sheets.
- The public-sector wage bill, which now stands at 49% of total non-interest expenditure, has been a major driver for increased public expenditure.
- 15.8% of total non-interest expenditure or some N$9.09 billion is allocated to the economic and infrastructure development part of the budget.
- N$11.98 billion is allocated to the Ministry of Basic Education and Culture.
- N$3.07 billion is allocated to the Ministry of Higher Education, Training and Innovation.
- The Ministry of Health and Social Services receives the second highest allocation of N$6.51 billion.
- The Public Safety Sector is allocated an amount of N$12.45 billion.
- Regarding tax policy, the Minister did not propose general tax rate increases or introduction of new taxes at this stage.
- Tax proposals for curbing base-eroding tax exemptions and deductions on the Income Tax and VAT will be proposed through a stakeholder consultation process.
- A further increase of the fuel levy administered under the Customs and Excise Act is proposed at rates to be determined during the determination of the taxation proposal.
- The provisions of tax on Capital Gains will be expanded to provide for wealth-based taxation on certain categories of capital assets.
- A phased roll-out of the new Integrated Tax System will commence during the year, with full deployment of the system by 2018.

Initial reactions from economic analysts in response to yesterday's tabling of a N$62.54 billion national budget are that Finance Minister Calle Schlettwein had no major surprises and in fact sent out all the right messages to restore confidence in the domestic economy. Minister Schlettwein yesterday revealed his proposed expenditure outlay, which is equivalent to 36.6 percent of GDP and represents an increase of 1.7 percent from the revised budget of N$61.50 billion tabled the previous year. Total spending for the next three years is projected to remain relatively flat, with the indicative allocation for 2018/19 set at N$61.86 billion and N$62.72 billion for 2019/20. In particular, the ceiling for 2018/19 would be set at N$61.86 billion as once-off payments for services are completed. – New Era

Namibia's domestic economic growth is expected to improve to 2.9% in 2017, according to the Bank of Namibia (BoN). The central bank this week released the February 2017 Economic Outlook Update with the domestic economic growth estimated to have slowed to 1.0 percent in 2016, and now expected to improve. In a statement BoN said, the estimated growth rate is much lower compared to the November 2016 update, which was projected at 2.5 percent and 4 percent for 2016 and 2017, respectively. "The lower growth expectation for 2016, when compared to the last update is due to deeper contractions in diamond mining and construction than earlier expected," the statement read. – Namibian Economist

Since government's wage bill and its growth are unsustainable, there is scope in the 2017 budget to remedy this. Also, much of the growth that the country has experienced has been led by the public sector. These are some of the key words Finance minister Calle Schlettwein uttered at another budget review event held at a Windhoek hotel on Friday. – The Namibian

The fired SME Bank bosses have given Bank of Namibia until today to reinstate them, claiming they were unlawfully removed from office about two weeks ago. Lawyer Sisa Namandje, representing SME Bank co-owner Enock Kamushinda, axed CEO Tawanda Mumvuma, other bank directors as well as two senior executives, informed Bank of Namibia governor Ipumbu Shiimi yesterday of his clients' intent to challenge BoN's actions in court if it failed to adhere to their requests by today. – The Namibian

Government's battle to secure adequate finances for the purchase of land for redistribution continues, as reflected in the current budget. Analysts have noted the trend and have expressed concern that too little money was allocated to land reform, especially at a time when the land issue has become a highly charged and sensitive topic in the country. The land reform ministry received a little over N$226 million for land reform, which is lower than the allocation for each of the previous two financial years. However, the allocation is set to increase to N$329,4 million next year. Portions of the land reform programme, such as the development of communal areas, are to be funded with financing from development partners and development institutions. – New Era

The Namibian annual inflation rate declined slightly to 7.8% in February, 0.4% lower than the 8.2% y/y figure seen in January. Prices increased by 0.2% m/m. Annual inflation was mainly driven by housing, water, electricity and other fuel category which increased at a rate of 9.6% y/y and the food and non-alcoholic beverages category which decelerated to 11.3%, but still remains uncomfortably high. Overall, prices in two of the twelve basket categories increased at a faster rate than during the preceding month, nine at a slower rate and one grew at a steady rate. Prices for goods increased 7.5% y/y while services were 8.1% more expensive on a y/y basis.

Although more than 80% of all government contracts over the last three years were allocated to Namibia companies, probably 100% of the actual work is subsidized to foreign companies. The minister of works and transport, Alpheus !Naruseb, said in the National Committee that this trend is very concerning as subcontracting is taking place without the knowledge of the ministry and tender board. - Republikein

The state medical aid fund PSEMAS breached their budget in 2009. With a turnover of N$830 million in 2009 the state medical aid fund's expenses for claims already breached the yearly budget allocations for at least 12 ministries for the 2011/12 financial year. PSEMAS' expenses were then viewed as possibly in the top five largest single expenditure items in the Namibian government per individual ministry. PSEMAS is estimated to have had a member base of 78,000 individuals in 2009, and membership has grown by an average of 10% per year since then. -The Republikein

Budget cuts compromise education quality, expert warns. "These budget cuts are going to have severe implications – you will actually move backwards in education," warned Sid Nair, a higher education expert from Mauritius during a panel discussion last week. The 25% slash of the higher education budget announced by finance minister Calle Schlettwein recently amounted to "a substantial cut", which will have devastating consequences Nair cautioned. -The Namibian

The Namibian reserve bank and the Angolan reserve bank have agreed to shorten the repayment timeframe of a currency exchange agreement, with the last payment scheduled for June 2018. The Bank of Namibia (BoN) and the Banco Nacional de Angola (BNA) entered into an agreement on 18 June 2015 to allow the exchange of the Angolan Kwanza for the Namibia dollar at Oshikango in Northern Namibia in an effort to maintain the momentum of business transactions between the two countries. -The Namibian

A total of 57 building plans were approved in February with a value of N$30.2 million, while 7 buildings with a value of N$27.4 million were completed. Thus far 2017 is off to a slow start, 231 plans were approved in the first two months while 48 were completed, the lowest numbers in the last seven years. The year to date value of the approved buildings currently stands at N$289.7 million, 15.0% lower than the corresponding period in 2015. On a twelve-month cumulative basis, 1694 building were approved worth approximately N$1.92 billion, 15.4% less than the preceding twelve-month period.

Public enterprises minister Leon Jooste on Saturday said he will investigate how the Social Security Commission overpaid a middleman for land in central Windhoek last year. Jooste's commitment to probe comes after the Namibian reported on Friday that the SSC paid more than N$36 million last year for the land, which by one valuation should have only cost N$15 million. – The Namibian

Teachers and all civil servants will get their promised 9% increases as of 1 April 2017. This was announced by finance permanent secretary Ericah Shafudah in a notice issued to all offices, ministries and agencies last week Friday. The salary increase comes after the Namibia Public Workers Union (Napwu) along with the Namibia National Teachers Union (Nantu) and education ministry signed an agreement at State House last October. – The Namibian

Government has shortlisted 18 people for possible appointment to the new Central Procurement Board of Namibia which replaces the corruption-tainted Tender Board of Namibia as the primary arbiter in all government contracting as from 1 April. The creation of the new procurement body is set to break the hold over public procurement of a cabal of permanent secretaries that was exercised through the tender Board over the years. Finance Minister Calle Schlettwein said yesterday that he will soon announce names of those who will serve on the board, including that of the chairperson, in the National Assembly. -The Namibian

Health Minister Bernard Haufiku has conceded that government's medical aid scheme has not been managed properly, and this has led to its current financial mess. Haufiku, in his capacity as a member of the Cabinet committee on treasury yesterday told a press conference that they had not noticed that since 2006 things were not going well with the Public Service Employees Medical Aid Scheme (PSEMAS). Haufiku said that after all the plundering and self-enrichment scams that rocked the scheme, the finance ministry took a bold decision to remodel it. -The Namibian

Governments push for transparency and improved governance yesterday hit a new high when the finance minister Calle Schlettwein announced that the Tender Board of Namibia would cease to exist from tomorrow and be replaced with the newly formed Central Procurement Board (CPB). Schlettwein, who is scheduled to hold a press conference this morning on new radical changes in the public procurement space, also announced board members for the new body as well as its administrative chiefs. - New Era

Financials

Finance minister Calle Schlettwein has refused to back down on his demand that insurance companies should give government 18% of their monthly income which they keep in the country and 20% of whatever is paid to reinsurance companies based outside. Schlettwein is pushing on with his bid, despite a court order last December that stopped him from implementing his plans by 1 January this year. – The Namibian

The Bank of Namibia swept in yesterday to take charge of the SME Bank following the discovery of what appeared to be unsound investments of close to N$200 million allegedly made in South Africa. The take-over announcement was made by BoN governor Ipumbu Shiimi in Windhoek yesterday, at a media briefing at which he also announced the summary dismissal of the bank's CEO, the finance manager and the head of treasury. Shiimi also announced the immediate removal of the SME Bank board, chaired by cabinet secretary George Simataa, and the installation of an interim board. Shiimi said the three senior executives were fired because of their direct involvement in the authorization of the "unsound" investments. - The Namibian

A school teacher who holds a diploma in education started working as a central processing supervisor at the scandal hit SME bank in 2012. He name is Caroline Chikangu, a 31-year-old Zimbabwean who had been a teacher from 2006 to 2012 before she started working at SME bank. Chikangu's story is not about her nationality, but one of many examples on how leadership of the disgraced SME bank employed people out of their field of expertise. – The Namibian

Letshego Bank Namibia has partnered with the Financial Literacy Initiative (FLI), under the auspices Ministry of Finance, to launch the FLI Namibia programme aimed at empowering the underserved to make informed financial decisions in their homes and businesses. Letshego Bank Namibia said it strives to create a financially inclusive society and improve life by enhancing financial education for its customers and the financially underserved in Namibia. In support of this, the bank signed up as a member to the Financial Literacy Initiative in an effort to provide access for financial sector customers and other financially under-served groups to receive financial education programmes. – New Era

BoN deputy director corporate communications, Kazembire Zemburuka told NewsDay that the action by BoN should not in any way be construed to be an indictment on the individuals affected by the decision. "Their removal is solely based on ensuring an independent and objective assessment of the investment portfolio of the SME Bank of Namibia. If the investments are established to be sound, any risks to the stability of SME Bank is mitigated, it should then follow that individuals originally affected by the decision of the Bank of Namibia could potentially serve in whatever capacity in the Namibian banking industry in the future," he said. "However, such individuals will need to undergo a fit and probity test administered by the Bank of Namibia on individuals serving in leadership roles in banking institutions." – NewsDay

The Direct Pay Online Group, an online payments service provider in Africa, is acquiring 100 per cent equity in Virtual Card Service (VCS) in Botswana and Namibia. This will be closely followed by the acquisition of 100 per cent of VCS business in South Africa. The acquisition follows the Group's recent acquisition of PayGate (Pty) Ltd, the South African online payments gateway. VCS was established in South Africa in 1996 and expanded into Botswana in 2008 and Namibia in 2010. The company is one of the leaders in developing and implementing credit, debit and smart card processing systems for all major card issuer in Southern Africa. The company's solutions assist customers in transacting in a simple and secure online environment. – The Standard

Despite a demand from lawyers representing the under-fire SME Bank board and management to have the Bank of Namibia reverse its decision to place the SME Bank under curatorship, the central bank remains unmoved. The Bank of Namibia was given until yesterday to reinstate the board led by cabinet secretary George Simataa. The board claimed through their lawyer, Sisa Namandje, that the central bank's decision to remove them from office about two weeks ago was unlawful. The board consists of Simataa, Milka Mungunda, Petrina Nakale, Ozias Bvute and Enock Kamushinda, who is also a minority shareholder in the bank. – Namibian Sun

The Social Security Commission invested N$150 million with SME bank last year and *The Namibian* understands that they want part of it back. The Bank of Namibia took control of the SME Bank two weeks ago after alleged suspicious investments in South Africa involving N$200 million, were uncovered. – The Namibian

Former SME Bank directors and managers are suing the Bank of Namibia following the expiration of their one day ultimatum for reinstatement on Monday. Meanwhile, the home affair ministry appears to have indefinitely deferred the work permit applications of all Zimbabweans at the SME Bank. Lawyer Sisa Namandje confirmed yesterday that he was suing BoN on behalf of his Zimbabwean clients. – The Namibian

A claim that the Bank of Namibia (BoN) acted unlawfully when it dismissed the directors and senior executives of SME Bank three weeks ago is set to take centre stage when a legal challenge against the central bank's decision is heard on 7 April. The dismissed directors and executives have followed through on threats, issued through their lawyer, Sisa Namandje, to take legal action against the Bank of Namibia by filing a case against the central bank in the Windhoek High Court on Wednesday last week. In the lawsuit, the ex-directors and executives request of the court to set aside the BoN decision to remove them, and to reinstate them in their posts. -The Namibian

African Development Bank Group Executive Directors are visiting Namibia from 3 to 7 April, 2017, to assess the impact of Bank projects in the country. According to Executive Director for the country, Heinrich Mihe Gaomab II, the visit will focus on on-going projects in transport and logistics, financial intermediation, and public-private partnerships and pipeline projects in economic governance and competitiveness and infrastructure development. The Executive Directors will hold consultations with top government officials, and pay courtesy calls on the Head of State and the Prime Minister. Other meetings will help assess the effectiveness, sustainability and efficiency of Bank interventions in delivering its support in a timely and cost effective manner. - AllAfrica.com

The governor of the Bank of Namibia, Ipumbu Shiimi, on Wednesday wrote a letter to suspended board members of the beleaguered SME Bank in which he stated that the central bank "did not resolve to order" their removal but that they had been "disempowered". Shiimi added that the BoN would in due course revert to the deposed board members regarding their positions as directors of the SME Bank. – Namibian Sun

Tourism

At least 17 companies have expressed an interest in operating Air Botswana as the government embarks on its latest drive to privatise loss-making state companies. The country's transport department invited expressions of interest last month, saying it was open to proposals on various forms of privatisation of the national airline, including joint ventures, ownership, franchising and concessions. "At least 17 companies have expressed interest, but for now I cannot say who they are or what model of privatisation they proposed," Transport Minister Kitso Mokaila said on Thursday. "We have roped in the International Air Transport Association to help us assess them with the intention of getting the one that has the most suitable model for Botswana. From there we will go to tender." – Business Day

Air Namibia has extended acting managing director Mandi Samson's term by six months. She was first appointed in an acting capacity in 2015 to fill the gap left by former MD Theo Namases. -The Namibian

A tender for the upgrading and expansion of Hosea Kutako International Airport is in limbo after the Supreme Court ruled that it had been granted to a Chinese company in contravention of Tender Board procedures. The awarding of the tender was set aside and declared invalid. However, the Supreme Court upheld a High Court decision to set aside the transport minister's directive to cancel the tender in its entirety. The Namibia Airports Company (NAC) awarded the N$6.2 billion tender in December 2015. - Namibian Sun

Water and Electricity

The rise in the dam levels over the past month should not lull Windhoek residents into thinking that the water scarcity affecting the city has ended, the City of Windhoek cautioned this week. The water scarcity which the city is facing will not be overturned by one good rainy season, CoW spokesperson Lydia Amutenya remarked on Monday. – The Namibian

Heavy rains over large parts of Namibia have boosted dam levels, with the dams supplying Windhoek now more than three times as full as they were when the central parts of Namibia were facing a water crisis a year ago. The three dams supplying Windhoek, Okahandja and Karibib were filled to about 46.7% of their combined storage capacity yesterday, the Namibian Water Corporation announced in its latest weekly dam bulletin. – The Namibian

NamWater's available stock of water for the central region of Namibia is sufficient to carry the region through to March 2019, if all sources are utilised. NamWater's head of water distribution for the central region, Mr Cliff Olivier, said that even should the dams reach full capacity, they would not have sufficient water to sustainably supply Windhoek with water. Olivier also mentioned that thanks to water saving strategies, Windhoekers achieved an average saving of 30% of water use in 2016. -The Republikein

NamPower last Thursday signed a new five-year power supply agreement with South Africa's Eskom. The parastatal's spokesperson, Tangeni Kambangula, said in a statement on Friday that Eskom will supply 200MW and additional non-firm supply dependent on transmission capacity. She, however, did not disclose financial figures involved. – The Namibian

Property and Construction

The draft rent control bill will be done by 20 March and ready for tabling in April, trade minister Immanuel Ngatjizeko announced on Friday. Ngatjizeko said in an advert in the media that the draft bill will be available for consultation and public inputs as from the 20th of this month. – The Namibian

The National Housing Enterprise (NHE) has embarked on a campaign to recover about N$20 million from defaulting house buyers. NHE spokesperson Eric Libongani announced yesterday that the bulk of the debt, equivalent to N$10 million, was owed by defaulters in Windhoek, Okahandja, Otjiwarongo Gobabis and Okakarara. – The Namibian

Roads Authority (RA) staff were prevented from moving into their new N$219 million building in Windhoek's southern industrial area last week after defects were detected on the ground floor of the structure. RA CEO Conrad Lutombi yesterday confirmed the defects and that an investigation was underway, pointing out that problems were detected in a column on the ground floor of the southern wing of the building. – The Namibian

A report by the attorney general paints government as clueless about many key aspects of the oil storage facility under construction in Walvis Bay, including the absence of a plan to recover the N$5.5 billion being pumped into the project. The report, part of a cache of confidential documents compiled by attorney general Sacky Shanghala and obtained by the Namibian from treasury sources, details how key questions about the project remain unanswered. Questions raised in the report revolve around who would own the assets of the facility, what would be the operation model of the facility, what would the cost recovery plan be, and what volumes of fuel products would be stored at the facility. -The Namibian

The chairperson of the Social security commission's board, Johaness !Gawaxab, insist that the commission did nothing wrong when it paid N$36 million for plots estimated to be worth N$15 million. !Gawaxab and the SCC declined to answer question by *The Namibian* since last week on how the state owned welfare entity paid more than N$ 36 million to land spectator Ambrosius Tierspoor last year for the land, which according to valuators should have only cost N$15 million. – The Namibian

Agriculture and Fisheries

The fisheries ministry yesterday announced that it was safe for people to eat mussels from Swakopmund and Walvis Bay. According to acting permanent secretary of the ministry Ueritjiua Kauaria, mussel samples from the Walvis bay mariculture production area were recently tested negative for diarrheic shellfish poisoning by the Namibia Standards Institution. – The Namibian

The Ministry of Agriculture paid out N$45 million to farmers affected by the drought in the 2016/17 financial year. Farmers south of the Veterinary Cordon Fence received the bulk of this money. Only 3 farmers in the Northern Communal Areas (NCA) received funds, while 3,316 farmers south of the fence were recipients of funds. -The Namibian Sun

Mining and Resources

The National Petroleum Corporation of Namibia (Namcor) will only get 7% of profit shares in the event that oil or gas is found in the Kavango West Region. Angolan-based oil firm Acrep is currently doing the exploration, and as the main shareholder has a 70% stake. Two other Namibian companies, being Premier O&G with a 20% stake in the deal, and Gravity MI which has 3%, are involved. - The Namibian

The Mineworkers union of Namibia general secretary Ebben Zarondo says they are waiting for the president's intervention on the Skorpion Zinc retrenchment issue that brought the union and the mine's management at each other's throats recently. It all started when Skorpion Zinc mine, owned by the London listed Vendanta Zinc international decided to retrench more than 200 employees from the end of February which has since been moved to mid-march. – The Namibian

The Namibia Competition Commission said they have not yet received a merger notification in relation to the sale of Rosh Pinah to a Canadian-listed firm earlier this week. In a statement on Monday, international mining giant Glencore announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement with Trevali Mining Corporation, whereby Trevali will purchase Glencore's 80% interest in the Rosh Pinah mine. The agreement furthermore provides that Trevali purchases a 90% interest of Glencore in the perkoa mine in Burkina Faso. The statement reads that the aggregate consideration for the whole agreement is US$400 million (N$5.3 billion), of which US$244 million (N$3.2 billion) is to be paid in cash, with the remaining US$156 million (N$2.1 billion) is to be paid by Trevali through issuance of 175 million shares. Trevali will additionally pay Glencore US$30 million (N$399 million) to repay an existing debt facility, the company said in a statement. – The Namibian

Skorpion Zink mine says should the outsourcing of work to a third party be stopped, the mine will have to close by mid-2017, and all 1,500 jobs will be lost. In a statement released yesterday, the mine said that it is imperative that the work on pit 112 begins immediately, and that delays may have an impact on the technical viability of the project. The statement follows a standoff between the mines management and the Mineworkers Union of Namibia (MUN) over plans to outsource work to Basil Read Namibia, which will result in 278 workers in the mining department becoming redundant. -The Namibian

Paladin resolves to commence arbitration proceedings against CNNC. Paladin advised on 9 March 2017 that it had received notice from CNNC requesting that Paladin commence a process to determine the fair market value of Paladin's share of LHM (being 75% of the issued share capital of Langer Heinrich Mauritius Holdings Limited, the holding company of the owner of LHM). The fair value determination process would be the first step in a process that may lead to exercise of the Potential CNNC Option if in fact the option validly exists. The fair value determination process depends on CNNC establishing that an 'event of default' has occurred under the LHM Shareholders Agreement. The Company disputes that that an 'event of default' has occurred and so disputes the validity of the notice received from CNNC. The Company has therefore resolved to commence arbitration proceedings against CNNC to seek orders and declarations accordingly. In the event the Potential CNNC Option is proven to be valid, it is unlikely that the Company can implement the Restructure Proposal. -SENS

Thanks to a large increase in Rössing's production, Namibia regained its place as the fifth largest uranium producer in the world. The World Nuclear Association (WNA) does not have data for the largest uranium producers for 2016 as yet, but data on its website showed that Namibian production surpassed that of Russia during the year. According to the WNA Namibia produced 3,472 tons of uranium versus the 3,004 tons produced by Russia. Rössing Uranium was the driver in the increase in Namibian production as the mine produced 1,569 tons last year, 48% more than in 2015. Langer Heinrich produced 1,903.5 tons, 1.7% less than in 2015. -The Republikein

Vedanta will implement its restructuring process which will ultimately result in the retrenchment of 278 workers at its Rosh Pinah mine in the south. This is according to Skorpion Zinc general manager Irvin Simataa who said that the restructuring was necessary to help sustain operations at its refinery and extend the life of the Skorpion mine. As part of the restructuring process, Simataa explained that Skorpion would have to mine a new ore body, which lies deeper than the current ore body that is being mined. The existing ore body and current mine, Pit 103 is due to be depleted by June and Skorpion would need to start stripping away as much as 72 million tonnes of waste to access Pit 112 as soon as possible to reach the new ore body. – Namibian Sun

Diamond export data from the Office of the Diamond Commissioner indicated that only 20 percent of the total beneficiation sales made by the Namibia Diamond Trading Company (NDTC) during 2016 was processed locally. It is believed this mass export of rough diamonds is not only a loss to the country but more importantly undermines government's efforts to eradicate poverty and unemployment, as well as its efforts to improve the lives of ordinary citizens. – New Era

When the *SS Nujoma* sets sail later this year to explore for, and sample, diamonds off Namibia's coast, it will not only be the culmination of many years' work, but also a glimpse into the country's future. For many years, Namibia's diamonds have been coveted by consumers the world over for their beauty and rarity. As a result, diamonds are now the major contributor to the country's economy via their sizeable contributions to GDP (via taxes, royalties and dividends), export revenues and employment. But while diamonds are forever, their production is not. Experts agree it's unlikely there will be any large new deposits discovered that are economic to mine. So, the challenge for De Beers and our Namibian government partner is to discover and recover those that remain to ensure the next generation of Namibians benefit in the same way as their parents have. - Bizcommunity.com

Local Companies

"The FNB Value Index recorded its lowest level since Q2 in 2013 after quarterly growth tapered down to 2 percent during Q4 of 2016," says Market Research Manager at FNB Namibia Daniel Kavishe. In the latest FNB Housing Index for the fourth quarter of 2016, Kavishe noted that while the coastal region continued to still show strong property price growth, central Namibia prices had eased for detached property. This came as the increased supply of sectional titles met a weakened demand environment, according to the latest estate agent survey. Accordingly, properties remained unsold for an average of 19 weeks."The housing market continues to show signs of correction as the latest overall growth rate aligned more with headline inflation rather than its usual trends. – New Era

Oryx Properties released their Interim trading statements for the six months ended 31 December 2016. The distribution per linked unit for the six months ended 31 December 2016 is 78.00 cents per unit (12/2015: 77.50 cents per units) and comprises 77.00 cents interest distribution and a 1.00 cent dividend. The main contributor to the slowdown in distribution growth is two South African properties which the Board took a strategic decision to sell, in April 2016 and October 2016 respectively, as they posed unacceptably high renewal risks. On a like for like basis, distributions would have grown by 6%, if the properties had not been sold. Although the provision for bad debt charge has increased over the comparative period, the number of tenants experiencing financial difficulties has not significantly increased. The management of collectibles and recovery of outstanding debt remain key focus areas. Virgin Active health club took occupancy of their newly completed premises during December 2016. The vacated premises have been earmarked for a Family Entertainment Centre ("FEC"), as part of the Maerua Mall strategy. The outfitting of the space will take approximately six months, with completion expected end of July 2017. At reporting date, the FEC area temporarily increases the vacancy factor from 0.9% (excluding FEC) to 2.7%, inclusive of FEC. – NENS

In compliance with the Namibian Stock Exchange Listing Requirements, NBL shareholders are advised that the company's operating profit and headline earnings per share is expected to increase by between 2% and 10% compared to the previous year. The profit after tax and earnings per share for the period ended 31 December 2016 is expected to decrease by between 40% and 50% compared to the previous year. -NENS

Old Mutual Namibia delivered a solid set of financial results for the year ending 31 December 2016. Namibia profits of R446 million were 13% higher than prior year, with covered APE sales of R520 million up 8% on the prior year and noncovered sales of R4,741 million down 19%. NCCF of R0.7 billion was significantly down on the prior year reflecting liquidity challenges faced by the Namibian financial sector resulting in large outflows to banks and stockbrokers as well as a significant disinvestment by the government pension fund. -NENS

Namibia Breweries (NBS) released results for the six months ended 31 December 2016. The results reflect resilient operational performance in a tough economic environment. Revenue was up 13.6% y/y and operating profit increased by 6.5% y/y. Basic EPS decreased 45.0% y/y to 46.5c, due to the losses in the associate, while HEPS increased by 3.2% from 109.9c to 113.4c. Interim dividends increased by 5.0% to 42 cps. The interim results are quite ambiguous as revenue and operating income of the Namibian entity increased and exhibited strong export growth. However, the operations of the associate, Heineken South Africa, which continues to play a bigger and bigger role in the companies' future, lacks adequate disclosure and continues to show abnormally large losses.

Bank Windhoek assumes BAN chairmanship. The Bankers Association of Namibia (BAN) on Monday announced the appointment of Bank Windhoek's managing director, Beronice Hans, as chairperson. She was elected to serve a one-year term, commencing on the 1st of April. -The Namibian

Agra continued to perform well in the half-year ended 31 January 2017.Net profit after tax was N$14.8 million, but it reported a 13% (N$2.1 million) decrease in profits. "Authorised capital expenditure for the 2017 financial year amounted to N$55 million, of which N$30 million was contractually committed to by the end of 31 January 2017. Finance will be provided via cash generated through the group's operating activities," according to Agra CEO Arnold Klein. -The Namibian Sun

The Government Institutions Pension Fund is set to become a major shareholder of the Bank Windhoek holding company, Capricorn Investment Group, in a transaction worth more than N$2 billion. The GIPF has made a successful bid to acquire 25% of the issued ordinary shares of Capricorn Investment Group (CIG; previously Bank Windhoek Holdings), Capricorn Investment Holdings, CIG, and the GIPF announced in a joint media statement today after the signing ceremony yesterday. The transaction is still subject to the necessary regulatory approvals. If approved, the transaction would see the GIPF becoming the second largest shareholder in CIG, with a 26% stake in the company. – The Namibian

Namibia's first and only branchless commercial bank, EBank, has now been acquired by FNB Namibia Holdings, following an announcement by FNB. Commenting on the transaction, FNB Holdings group CEO Sarel van Wyk said: "We are extremely pleased that the market sees the potential of this acquisition as beneficial to Namibia. Our customers are the reason for our existence, and the expansion of our ability to better meet their needs whether at grass roots level or at high end investment level, as well as within our current wide range of expertise, will enable us to continue to deliver sustainable benefits to our staff, customers and shareholders enabling greater reach in assisting the development and growth of Namibia as a whole." -Namibian Sun

Acquisition of Pointbreak and EBank approved. All regulatory requirements for FNB Namibia Holdings to acquire 100% of Pointbreak and EBank have been met successfully, and approval for the deal has been granted by Namfisa, Bank of Namibia, the Namibia Competition Commission and the South African Reserve Bank, FNB announced last Friday. The transaction will therefore be effected at the end of March 2017. -The Namibian

Namibia Stock Exchange listed brewer, Namibia Breweries Limited's (NBL), beer production volumes in South Africa, have surpassed the 450,000 hectolitre mark, Managing Director, Wessie van der Westhuizen, said last week. NBL's beer production in Africa's second biggest economy has been on an increase since the first quarter of 2014, in response to the water shortages that have plagued the country in recent years and following the brewer's acquisition of a 25 percent stake in Sedibeng Brewery in 2015. – Observer

NSX Round – Up

Company	Code	Share Price (c)	Mkt Cap (N$m)	P/E (A)	P/E (F)	HEPS (A)	HEPS (F)	Rec
Capricorn Investment Group	CGP	1,753	9,061	9.3	8.1	181.2	208.3	BUY
FNB Namibia	FNB	4,732	12,663	12.6	10.8	377.6	442.0	HOLD
Namibia Asset Management	NAM	72	144	7.4	7.2	10.1	10.4	BUY
Oryx Properties	ORY	2,098	1,633	13.3	13.3	159.6	159.2	SELL
Namibia Breweries	NBS	3,361	6,941	15.3	15.8	185.7	180.8	HOLD
Bidvest Namibia	BVN	779	1,651	7.5	13.1	103.2	78.7	SELL
Paladin Energy Limited[3]	PDN	110	1,555					
CMB International Ltd[4]	CMB	134	419					
Tadvest Limited NM[4]	TAD	1,204	539					
Trevo Capital Limited[4]	TRVP	1,300	4,114					
B2Gold Corporation[2]	B2G	3,792	14,589					

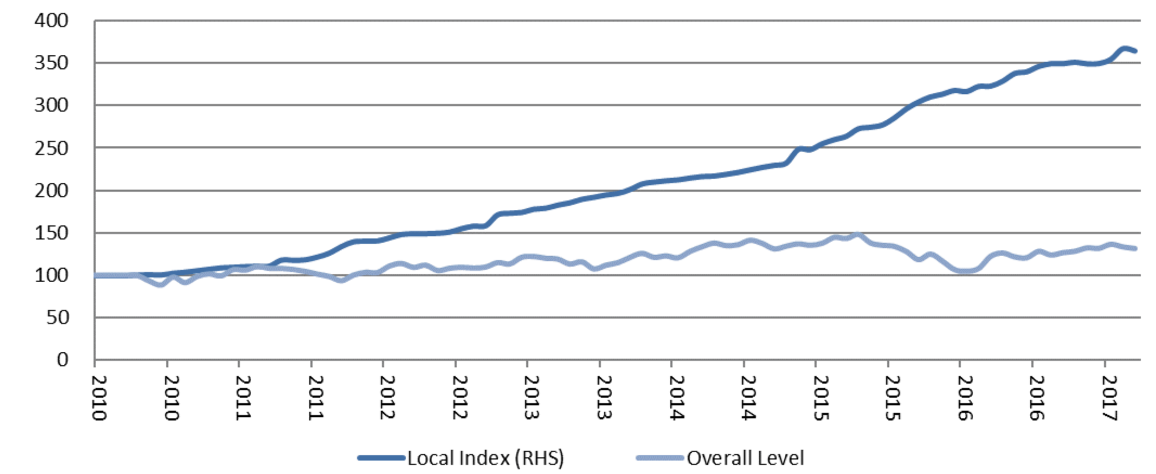
[1]Dual-listed on JSE
[2]Dual-listed on the TSX
[3]Dual-listed on the ASX
[4] Dual-listed on the SEM

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.

NSX Indices

NSX Overall and Local Index (based to 100)



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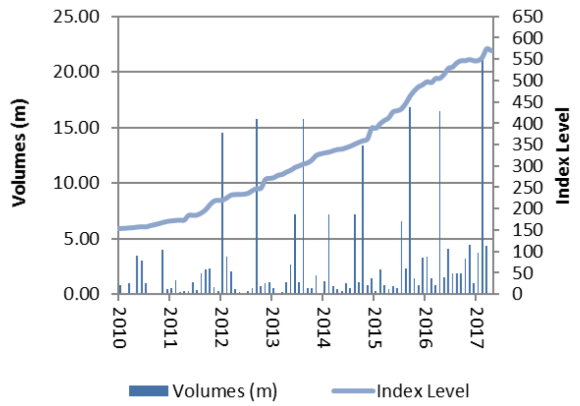

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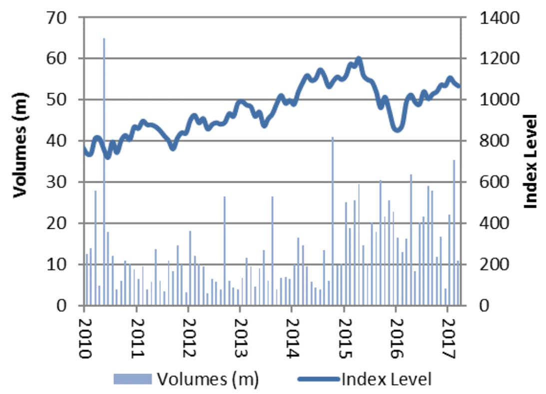

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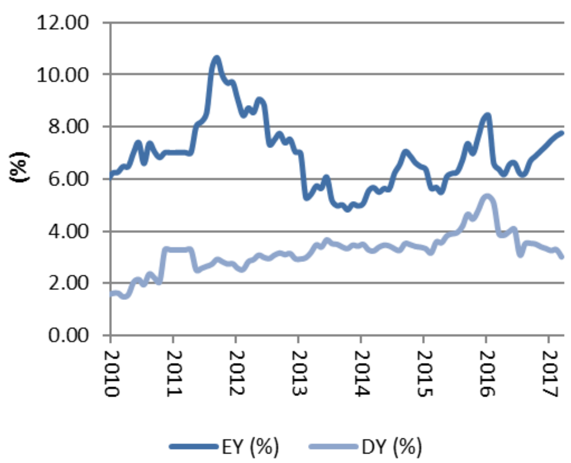

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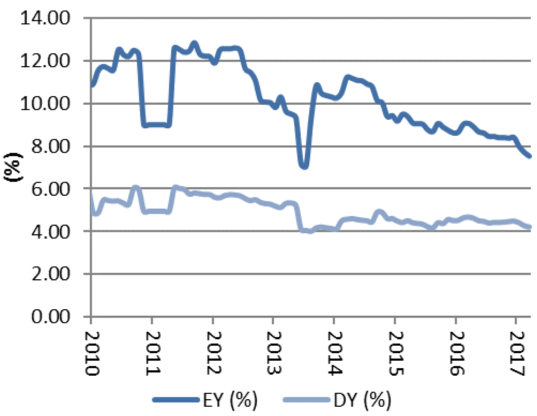


Source: Bloomberg, IJG, JSE

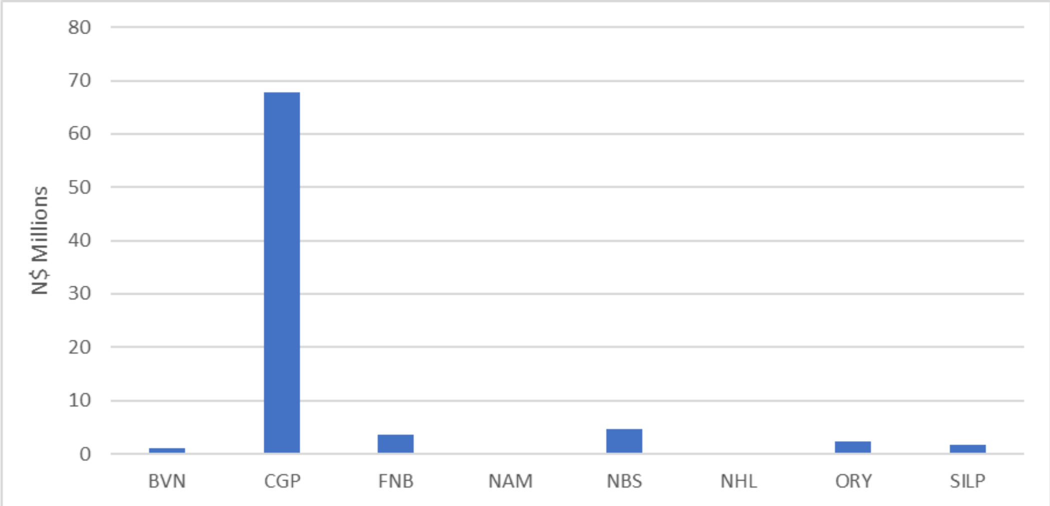
NSX Overall Index

	31-Mar-2017	NSX Overall Index N098					
CODE	Share Price (c)	Shares in Issue	Market Cap N$	Weight %	free-float %	ff MCap N$	ff weight %
FINANCIALS		21,478,427,156	1,075,560,960,654	64.03%	67.1%	721,944,732,187	59.49%
banks		8,511,450,389	634,854,070,989	37.79%	57.8%	366,981,703,405	30.24%
CGP	17.53	516,878,336	9,060,877,230	0.54%	22%	2,007,890,394	0.17%
FST	46.36	5,609,488,001	260,055,863,726	15.48%	54%	140,430,166,412	11.57%
FNB	47.32	267,593,250	12,662,512,590	0.75%	24%	3,039,003,022	0.25%
SNB	143.75	1,619,429,271	232,792,957,706	13.86%	75%	174,594,718,280	14.39%
NBK	241.50	498,061,531	120,281,859,737	7.16%	39%	46,909,925,297	3.87%
general insurance		115,131,417	29,309,004,826	1.74%	29.0%	8,499,611,399	0.70%
SNM	254.57	115,131,417	29,309,004,826	1.74%	29%	8,499,611,399	0.70%
life assurance		8,670,981,790	348,037,003,467	20.72%	86.5%	301,048,930,261	24.81%
MIM	22.89	1,574,615,233	36,042,942,683	2.15%	65%	23,427,912,744	1.93%
OLM	33.68	4,929,894,751	166,038,855,214	9.88%	96%	159,397,301,005	13.14%
SLA	67.37	2,166,471,806	145,955,205,570	8.69%	81%	118,223,716,512	9.74%
investment companies		1,698,364,726	13,018,652,882	0.77%	38.1%	4,955,035,456	0.41%
NAM	0.72	200,000,000	144,000,000	0.01%	52%	74,880,000	0.01%
SILP	121.29	4,650,786	564,093,834	0.03%	100%	564,093,834	0.05%
ARO	13.38	126,809,944	1,696,717,051	0.10%	100%	1,696,717,051	0.14%
TAD	12.04	44,803,970	539,439,799	0.03%	0%	0	0.00%
KFS	7.62	1,322,100,026	10,074,402,198	0.60%	26%	2,619,344,572	0.22%
real estate		779,745,323	15,144,794,906	0.90%	93.8%	14,199,004,152	1.17%
ORY	20.98	77,859,791	1,633,498,415	0.10%	100%	1,633,498,415	0.13%
VKN	19.25	701,885,532	13,511,296,491	0.80%	93%	12,565,505,737	1.04%
specialist finance		1,702,753,511	35,197,433,584	2.10%	74.6%	26,260,447,513	2.16%
IVD	91.46	301,165,174	27,544,566,814	1.64%	90%	24,790,110,133	2.04%
TUC	4.04	772,142,090	3,119,454,044	0.19%	47%	1,466,143,400	0.12%
CMB	1.34	312,983,575	419,397,991	0.02%	1%	4,193,980	0.00%
TRVP	13.00	316,462,672	4,114,014,736	0.24%	0%	0	0.00%
RESOURCES		3,877,060,390	303,636,930,561	18.07%	94.2%	285,930,216,860	23.56%
mining		3,877,060,390	303,636,930,561	18.07%	94.2%	285,930,216,860	23.56%
ANM	204.05	1,405,467,840	286,785,712,752	17.07%	94%	269,578,569,987	22.21%
PDN	1.10	1,414,090,510	1,555,499,561	0.09%	86%	1,337,729,622	0.11%
B2G	37.92	384,738,307	14,589,276,601	0.87%	100%	14,589,276,601	1.20%
DYL	2.98	97,184,201	289,608,917	0.02%	75%	217,206,688	0.02%
BMN	0.56	462,191,631	258,827,314	0.02%	70%	181,179,119	0.01%
FSY	1.36	96,875,422	131,750,574	0.01%	0%	0	0.00%
MEY	1.59	16,512,479	26,254,842	0.00%	100%	26,254,842	0.00%
BASIC INDUSTRIES		342,852,910	6,788,487,618	0.40%	40%	2,715,395,047	0.22%
chemicals		342,852,910	6,788,487,618	0.40%	40%	2,715,395,047	0.22%
AOX	19.80	342,852,910	6,788,487,618	0.40%	40%	2,715,395,047	0.22%
GENERAL INDUSTRIALS		424,645,585	27,025,339,037	1.61%	86%	23,233,069,969	1.91%
diversified industrials		212,692,583	25,374,225,152	1.51%	90%	22,836,802,637	1.88%
BWL	119.30	212,692,583	25,374,225,152	1.51%	90%	22,836,802,637	1.88%
suppport services		211,953,002	1,651,113,886	0.10%	24%	396,267,333	0.03%
BVN	7.79	211,953,002	1,651,113,886	0.10%	24%	396,267,333	0.03%
NON-CYCLICAL CONSUMER GOODS		1,731,056,766	112,328,581,689	6.69%	48%	53,462,595,892	4.41%
beverages		667,934,055	6,941,439,690	0.41%	50%	3,470,719,845	0.29%
NBS	33.61	206,529,000	6,941,439,690	0.41%	50%	3,470,719,845	0.29%
food producers & processors		325,878,901	17,522,424,724	1.04%	35%	6,059,517,409	0.50%
OCG	104.01	135,526,154	14,096,075,278	0.84%	25%	3,524,018,819	0.29%
CLN	18.00	190,352,747	3,426,349,446	0.20%	74%	2,535,498,590	0.21%
health care		737,243,810	87,864,717,276	5.23%	50%	43,932,358,638	3.62%
MEP	119.18	737,243,810	87,864,717,276	5.23%	50%	43,932,358,638	3.62%
CYCLICAL SERVICES		495,502,939	38,393,655,012	2.29%	99%	37,935,966,432	3.13%
general retailers		495,502,939	38,393,655,012	2.29%	99%	37,935,966,432	3.13%
NHL	2.00	53,443,500	106,887,000	0.01%	30%	32,066,100	0.00%
TRW	86.61	442,059,439	38,286,768,012	2.28%	99%	37,903,900,332	3.12%
NON-CYCLICAL SERVICES		600,021,829	116,164,226,094	6.91%	76%	88,284,811,832	7.28%
food & drug retailers		600,021,829	116,164,226,094	6.91%	76%	88,284,811,832	7.28%
SRH	193.60	600,021,829	116,164,226,094	6.91%	76%	88,284,811,832	7.28%
N098	1066.82	28,949,567,575	1,679,898,180,666	100%	72%	1,213,506,788,219	72.24%

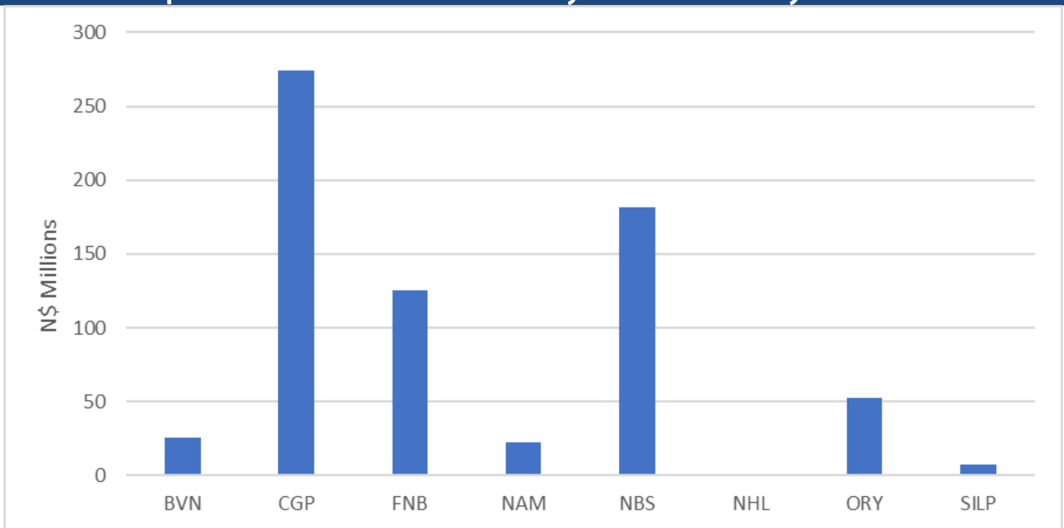
Source: Bloomberg, IJG, NSX

NSX Trading Update Local Companies

NSX Local Companies: Value Traded February 2017



NSX Local Companies: Value Traded February 2016– February 2017



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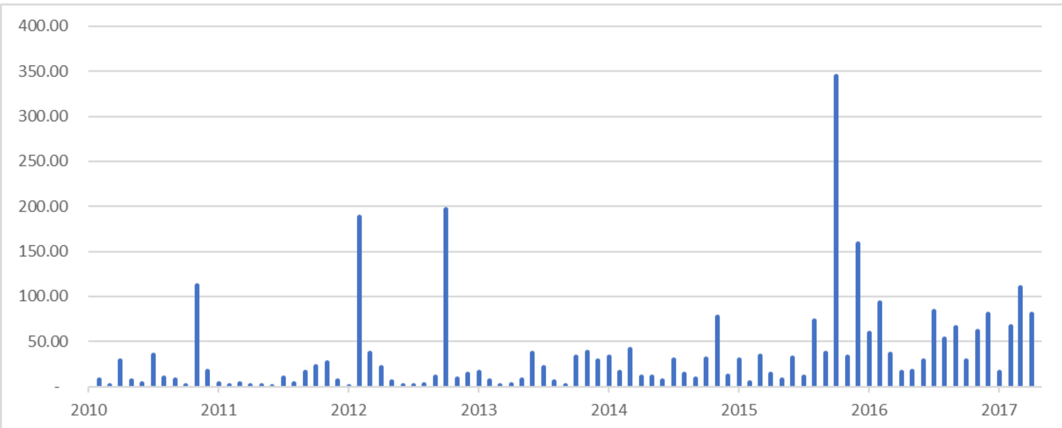

Source: IJG

NSX Monthly Trade Volume (number of shares)

COMPANY NAME	SHARE	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
Local Companies							
Capricorn Investment Group	CGP	3,782,961	372,515	372,515	1,147,941	261,649	3,858,954
FNB Namibia	FNB	30,402	42,268	42,268	246,491	121,597	76,360
Bidvest Namibia	BVN	-	389,000	389,000	200,000	854,206	147,024
Nam Asset Management	NAM			35500	1,000,000	17,702,066	-
Nambrew	NBS	406,883	115,329	115,329	821,903	2,174,350	135,766
Nictus	NHL	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oryx	ORY	184,637	40,650	40,650	329,729	183,032	106,257
Stimulus Investments	SILP	-	-	-	15,000	45,000	13,600
Local Company Trading		4,404,883	959,762	995,262	3,761,064	21,341,900	4,337,961
Development Capital Board							
Deep Yellow	DYL	-	-	-	8,606,378	-	-
Bannerman Resources	BMN	-	-	-		-	-
Forsys Metals	FSY	-	-	-		-	-
Xemplar Energy	XEM	-	-	-		-	-
Minemakers	MMS	-	-	-		-	-
Marenica	MEY	-	-	-		-	-
Eco (Atlantic) Oil & Gas	EOG	-	-	-		-	-
						-	-
DevX Trading		-	-	-	8,606,378	-	-
Dual Listed Companies							
B2Gold Corporation	B2G	-	-	-	-	-	-
FirstRand	FST	812,683	1,715,243	179,517	3,572,067	2,456,788	297,062
Investec Group	IVD	368,200	764,165	609,069	610,335	413,014	481,260
MMI Holdings	MIM	160,573	77,681	147,070	586,033	568,252	240,453
Old Mutual	OLM	2,483,798	2,358,990	519,363	5,478,448	2,505,443	1,849,297
Sanlam	SLA	89,289	1,350,981	142,623	954,153	1,058,040	819,250
Santam	SNM	7,071	10,978	19,585	11,069	34,918	35,150
Standard Bank	SNB	501,889	658,690	119,947	1,036,582	1,566,443	135,902
Oceana	OCG	275,589	75,897	8,000	118,600	-	69,687
Afrox	AOX	152,468	30,898	57,243	177,530	417,601	271,866
Barloworld	BWL	226,799	976,075	111,015	1,131,673	745,194	355,280
Anglo American	ANM	900,433	552,651	293,720	1,253,740	682,531	347,567
Truworths	TRW	242,132	1,140,406	363,096	672,472	516,652	441,554
Shoprite	SRH	194,196	407,114	42,691	790,339	213,452	349,291
Nedbank Group	NBK	582,987	61,788	27,385	228,434	757,876	24,764
Vukile	VKN	677,654	1,368,460	468,291	865,637	1,891,897	437,732
Paladin Energy	PDN	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trustco	TUC	-	-	-	11,999	-	-
PSG Konsult	KFS	469	1,268	2,723	-	39,170	6,578
Clover Industries limited	CLN	195,881	71,177	52,270	133,032	24,403	100
Mediclinic International	MEP	692,697	763,133	127,994	748,787	278,478	380,280
Dual Listed Trading		8,564,808	12,385,595	3,291,602	18,380,930	14,170,152	6,543,073
Total Trading (Including DevX)		12,969,691	13,345,357	4,286,864	30,733,372	35,512,052	10,881,034

Source: NSX, IJG

NSX Trading News

Oryx Properties released their Interim trading statements for the six months ended 31 December 2016. The distribution per linked unit for the six months ended 31 December 2016 is 78.00 cents per unit (12/2015: 77.50 cents per units) and comprises 77.00 cents interest distribution and a 1.00 cent dividend. The main contributor to the slowdown in distribution growth is two South African properties which the Board took a strategic decision to sell, in April 2016 and October 2016 respectively, as they posed unacceptably high renewal risks. On a like for like basis, distributions would have grown by 6%, if the properties had not been sold. Although the provision for bad debt charge has increased over the comparative period, the number of tenants experiencing financial difficulties has not significantly increased. The management of collectibles and recovery of outstanding debt remain key focus areas. Virgin Active health club took occupancy of their newly completed premises during December 2016. The vacated premises have been earmarked for a Family Entertainment Centre ("FEC"), as part of the Maerua Mall strategy. The outfitting of the space will take approximately six months, with completion expected end of July 2017. At reporting date, the FEC area temporarily increases the vacancy factor from 0.9% (excluding FEC) to 2.7%, inclusive of FEC. – NENS

In compliance with the Namibian Stock Exchange Listing Requirements, NBL shareholders are advised that the company's operating profit and headline earnings per share is expected to increase by between 2% and 10% compared to the previous year. The profit after tax and earnings per share for the period ended 31 December 2016 is expected to decrease by between 40% and 50% compared to the previous year. -NENS

Old Mutual Namibia delivered a solid set of financial results for the year ending 31 December 2016. Namibia profits of R446 million were 13% higher than prior year, with covered APE sales of R520 million up 8% on the prior year and noncovered sales of R4,741 million down 19%. NCCF of R0.7 billion was significantly down on the prior year reflecting liquidity challenges faced by the Namibian financial sector resulting in large outflows to banks and stockbrokers as well as a significant disinvestment by the government pension fund. -NENS

Namibia Breweries (NBS) released results for the six months ended 31 December 2016. The results reflect resilient operational performance in a tough economic environment. Revenue was up 13.6% y/y and operating profit increased by 6.5% y/y. Basic EPS decreased 45.0% y/y to 46.5c, due to the losses in the associate, while HEPS increased by 3.2% from 109.9c to 113.4c. Interim dividends increased by 5.0% to 42 cps. The interim results are quite ambiguous as revenue and operating income of the Namibian entity increased and exhibited strong export growth. However, the operations of the associate, Heineken South Africa, which continues to play a bigger and bigger role in the companies' future, lacks adequate disclosure and continues to show abnormally large losses.

Agra continued to perform well in the half-year ended 31 January 2017.Net profit after tax was N$14.8 million, but it reported a 13% (N$2.1 million) decrease in profits. "Authorised capital expenditure for the 2017 financial year amounted to N$55 million, of which N$30 million was contractually committed to by the end of 31 January 2017. Finance will be provided via cash generated through the group's operating activities," according to Agra CEO Arnold Klein. -The Namibian Sun

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.

Recent IJG Research

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
FNB Namibia: Acquisition of Pointbreak and EBank Approved	Company	27-Mar-17
CGP– GIPF To Become Substantial Shareholder In Capricorn Group	Company	24-Mar-17
Namibia Breweries 1H17 Initial Impression	Company	17-Mar-17
IJG Budget Review, 2017	Economy	09-Mar-17
Namibia Breweries: Trading Update	Company	08-Mar-17
Oryx 1H17 Initial Impression	Company	07-Mar-17
Bidvest Namibia 1H17 Initial Impression	Company	28-Feb-17
CGP 1H17 Initial Impression	Company	24-Feb-17
Bidvest Namibia: Changes to the Board	Company	20-Feb-17
GCR assignes national scale rating to FNB Namibia	Company	17-Feb-17
Capricorn Investment Group – Changes to the board of directors	Company	16-Feb-17
FNB 1H17 Initial Impression	Company	16-Feb-17
IJG Economic Outlook 2017	Economy	15-Feb-17
FNB NAMIBIA HOLDINGS LIMITED – Renewal of cautionary announcement	Company	10-Feb-17
Oryx Properties Limited – Trading Update	Company	10-Feb-17
Trading Update – Bidvest Namibia	Company	24-Jan-17
FNB FY16 Results Review	Company	01-Dec-16
Capricorn Investment Group FY16 Results Review	Company	01-Dec-16
Bidvest Namibia FY16 Results Review	Company	28-Nov-16
Namibia Asset Management FY16 Initial Impression	Company	14-Nov-16
Namibia Breweries FY16 Results Review	Company	01-Nov-16
IJG Mid-Term Budget Review, 2016	Economy	27-Oct-16
FNB Namibia Sens: Acquisition of Pointbreak and EBank	Company	18-Oct-16
Namibia Breweries FY16 Initial Impression	Company	16-Sep-16
Fitch Revises Outlook on 4 Namibian Corporates to Negative	Economy	12-Sep-16
FNB FY16 Initial Impression	Company	09-Sep-16
Namibia Breweries Trading Statement	Company	07-Sep-16
Fitch Revises Namibia's Outlook to Negative; Affirms at 'BBB-'	Economy	05-Sep-16

Source: IJG

The above table lists all IJG research products published and distributed during the last quarter, including the IJG "Elephant Book", Macroeconomic Overview, Fixed Income Research, Breakfast Briefing Notes (BBN), Company Reports and Sector Reports. Available at www.ijg-research.net

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