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Economic Highlights

	Level	m/m %	y/y %	52Wk High	52Wk Low
NSX Overall	1,205.51	-4.90	-8.42	1,376.50	1,205.51
NSX Local	594.87	-1.97	-3.70	629.06	594.87
South African Market					
JSE ALSI	55,259.57	-2.69	-5.81	59,544.80	50,032.74
JSE Top 40	49,320.23	-2.91	-5.99	53,234.09	43,771.04
JSE INDI	70,645.45	-2.93	-5.93	75,586.20	59,860.66
JSE FINI	15,132.84	-4.04	-11.62	17,675.00	14,383.13
JSE RESI	44,351.90	-1.69	1.49	48,866.47	36,435.14
JSE GOLD	2,652.13	28.99	166.22	2,797.28	972.56
JSE BANKS	8,554.32	-3.52	-9.71	10,197.26	7,948.47
International Markets					
Dow Jones	26,403.28	-1.72	1.69	27,398.68	21,712.53
S&P 500	2,926.46	-1.81	0.86	3,027.98	2,346.58
NASDAQ	7,962.88	-2.60	-1.81	8,339.64	6,190.17
US Bond	1.96	-22.27	-34.99	3.39	1.96
FTSE 100	7,207.18	-5.00	-3.03	7,727.49	6,536.53
DAX	11,939.28	-2.05	-3.44	12,656.05	10,279.20
Hang Seng	25,724.73	-7.39	-7.76	30,280.12	24,540.63
Nikkei	20,704.37	-3.80	-9.45	24,448.07	18,948.58
Currencies					
N\$/US\$	15.20	5.94	3.45	15.70	13.24
N\$/£	18.47	5.87	-2.97	20.13	17.16
N\$/€	16.68	5.04	-2.09	18.12	15.16
N\$/AU\$	10.23	4.16	-3.17	11.22	9.58
N\$/CAD\$	11.40	4.87	1.29	11.89	10.06
€/US\$	1.10	-0.85	-5.34	1.18	1.09
US\$/¥	106.28	-2.30	-4.28	114.55	104.46
Commodities					
Brent Crude - US\$/barrel	59.25	-8.21	-20.32	81.96	53.96
Gold - US/Troy oz.	1,520.30	7.53	26.54	1,555.28	1,180.76
Platinum - US/Troy oz.	933.60	7.96	18.55	941.70	766.25
Copper - US/lb.	255.15	-4.65	-7.00	301.35	249.90
Silver - US/Troy oz.	18.38	12.98	26.38	18.66	13.90
Uranium - US/lb.	25.30	0.00	-4.35	28.90	23.90
Namibia Fixed Interest					
IJG ALBI	209.98	1.38	16.44	210.33	178.85
IJG Money Market Index	204.69	0.61	7.60	204.69	190.22
Namibia Rates					
Bank	6.50	-25bp	-25bp	6.75	6.50
Prime	10.25	-25bp	-25bp	10.50	10.25
South Africa Rates					
Bank	6.50	0bp	0bp	6.50	6.50
Prime	10.00	0bp	0bp	10.00	10.00

Source: IJG, NSX, Bloomberg

Public Debt Securities

N\$ [m]	Treasury Bills		Bonds		Total	
	August-19	July-19	August-19	July-19	August-19	Jul-19
Issued	3,650.00	3,200.00	510.61	501.74	4,160.61	3,701.74
Funds Raised	94.02	550.00	510.61	501.74	604.63	1,051.74
Redemptions	3,555.98	2,650.00	-	-	3,555.98	2,650.00
Interest Payments	-	-	-	660.74	-	660.74
Outstanding	22,835.00	22,740.98	35,540.77	35,030.16	58,375.77	57,771.14

Source: BoN, IJG

Effective yields (EY) for treasury bills (TB's) on average decreased during August. The 91-day TB yield decreased to 7.39%, the 182-day TB decreased to 7.48%, the 273-day TB yield decreased to 7.46%, and the 365-day TB yield decreased to 7.54%. A total of N\$22.8bn or 39.12% of the Government's domestic maturity profile was in TB's as at 31 August 2019, with 7.88% in 91-day TB's, 18.48% in 182-day TB's, 30.76% in 273-day TB's and 42.87% in 365-day TB's.

Namibian bond premiums relative to SA yields generally decreased in August. The GC20 premium increased by 6bps to 12bps; the GC21 premium decreased by 5bps to 70bps; the GC22 premium was unchanged at 77bps; the GC23 premium decreased by 5bps to 104bps; the GC24 premium was unchanged at 61bps; the GC25 premium decreased by 3bps to 60bps; the GC27 premium decreased by 13bps to 66bps; the GC30 premium decreased by 22bps to 70bps; the GC32 premium increased by 2bps to 88bps; the GC35 premium decreased by 5bps to 93bps; the GC37 premium decreased by 7bps to 87bps; the GC40 premium decreased by 1bps to 124bps; the GC43 premium decreased by 15bps to 108bps; the GC45 premium decreased by 5bps to 151bps; and the GC50 premium decreased by 6bps to 182bps.



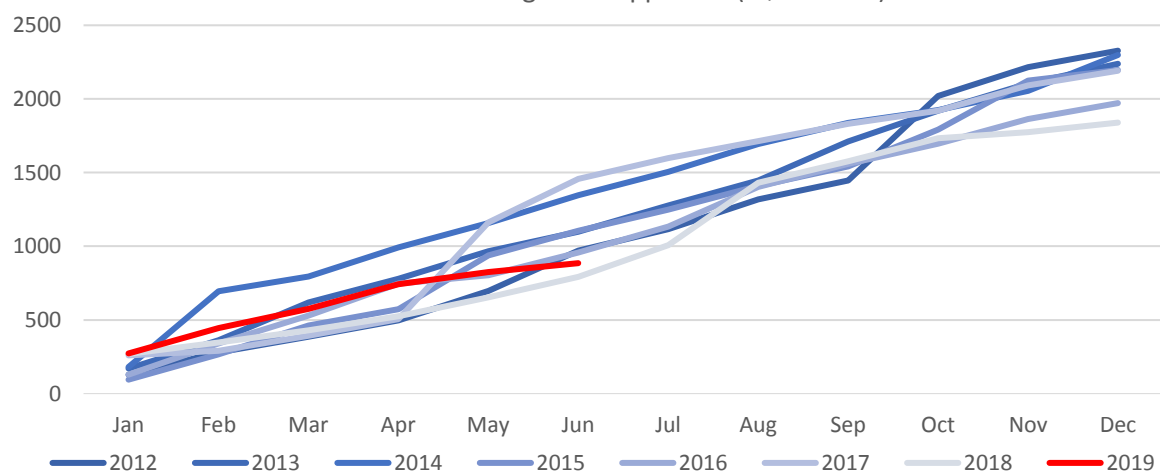
Building Plans - June

Plans Approved	30-Jun-19		N\$ Value YTD		N\$ Change	% Change
	Number	Value (mill)	2018	2019	YTD	YTD
Additions	117	28.1	524.4	362.3	(162.1)	-30.9%
Commercial and Industrial	5	15.2	42.9	184.9	142.0	331.4%
Flats and Houses	22	17.1	225.1	338.2	113.1	50.2%
Total	144	60.5	792.3	885.3	93.0	11.7%
Plans Completed						
Additions	166	95.3	339.5	194.9	(144.6)	-42.6%
Commercial and Industrial	5	49.0	23.1	164.4	141.2	610.4%
Flats and Houses	49	81.0	91.4	227.3	135.9	148.8%
Total	220	225.3	454.0	586.5	132.6	29.2%

Source: City of Windhoek, IJG

A total of 144 building plans were approved by the City of Windhoek in June, 15 less than in May. N\$60.5 million worth of plans were approved in June as opposed to N\$81.3 million in May. A total of 220 building plans were completed during the month with a value of N\$225.3 million. Year-to-date, N\$885.3 million worth of building plans have been approved, 11.7% more than during the corresponding period in 2018. On a twelve-month cumulative basis, 2,108 building plans have been approved worth approximately N\$1.93 billion, 26.6% higher in value terms than cumulative approvals in June 2018.

YTD Value of Building Plans Approved (N\$ millions)



Source: City of Windhoek, IJG

Our expectation is for the Bank of Namibia to follow the SARB's MPC decision to cut interest rates by 25 bps at next month's MPC meeting. Consumers and businesses are thus likely to be provided with some slight relief. With the rate cut it will become more attractive for businesses to acquire the debt finance needed to expand and invest in capital projects, but only marginally.

Interest rates are unlikely to be the major barrier to capital projects going forward. The construction industry, along with lenders, have been challenged by sluggish growth in the economy and poor business confidence rather than tight monetary policy. We do not expect the decrease in interest rates to bring about a significant improvement in the approvals and completions data in the short term as business confidence is still lacking.

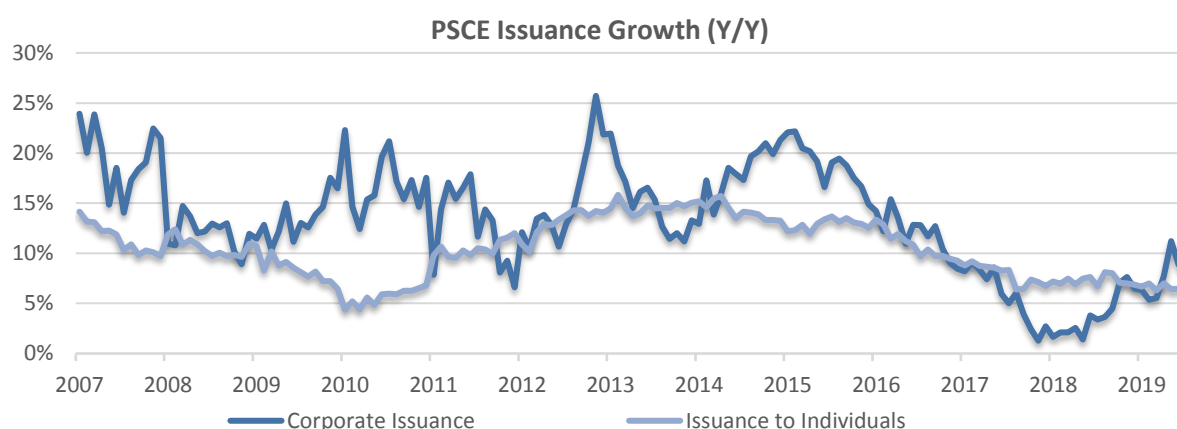
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0.0005	12.50%

Private Sector Credit Extension - July

	N\$ millions	Change in N\$ millions		% Change	
	Outstanding	One Month	One Year	m/m	y/y
Corporate	40,165.1	(224.2)	3,072.4	-0.56%	8.28%
Individual	59,140.2	309.2	4,052.5	0.53%	7.36%
Mortgage loans	52,303.8	228.5	3,318.5	0.44%	6.77%
Other Loans & Advances	14,007.2	38.0	2,758.2	0.27%	24.52%
Overdraft	12,838.4	(41.1)	1,075.3	-0.32%	9.14%
Instalment Credit	10,766.1	(53.8)	(630.5)	-0.50%	-5.53%
Total PSCE	100,323.5	86.3	6,914.2	0.09%	7.40%

Source: BoN, IJG

Private sector credit extension (PSCE) increased by N\$86.3 million or 0.09% m/m in July, bringing the cumulative credit outstanding to N\$100.32 billion. On a year-on-year basis, private sector credit extension saw a steady increase of 7.4% in July, as seen in the preceding month. On a rolling 12-month basis N\$6.9 billion worth of credit was extended to the private sector, with individuals taking up N\$4.1 billion while N\$3.1 billion was extended to corporates, and the non-resident private sector has decreased their borrowings by N\$210.7 million.



Source: BoN, IJG

Outlook

Private sector credit extension growth increased as at the end of July by 7.40% y/y. From a 12-month rolling perspective, credit issuance is up 25.6% from the N\$5.5 billion issuance observed at the end of July 2018, with individuals taking up most (58.6%) of the credit extended over the past 12 months. Most of the growth in PSCE for July stemmed from other financial corporations and mortgages extended to individuals.

Corporates increased their demand for overdraft facilities on a year-year basis. The uptake of overdrafts is an indication of lack of liquidity in the fisheries and construction industries to finance working capital in the short-term. Our expectation is for private sector credit extension to remain under pressure as both consumer and business confidence remains low.

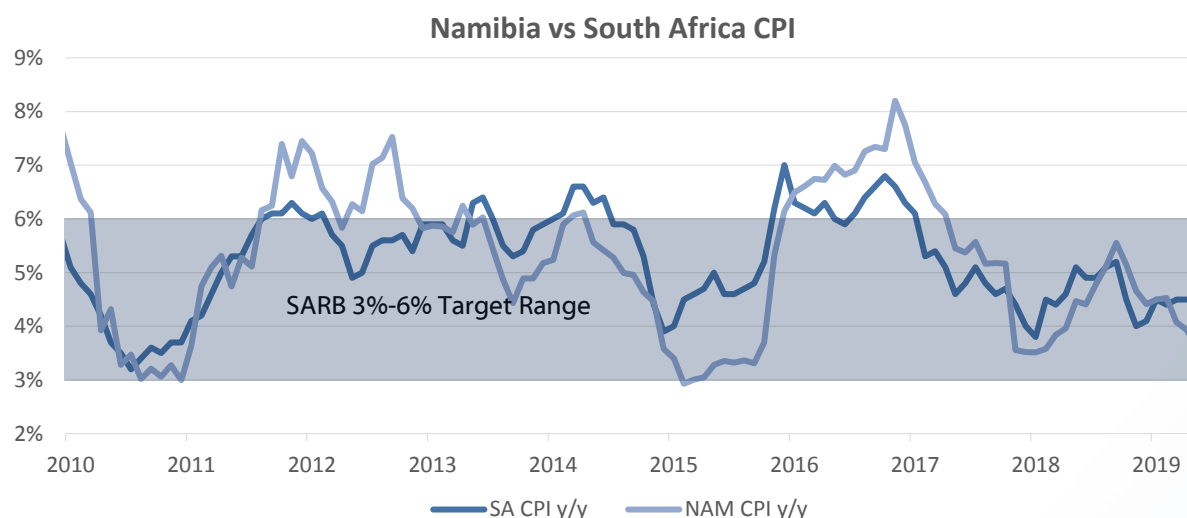
As we expected the BoN took the decision to cut the Repo rate by 25 basis points at its August MPC meeting. This should bring heavily indebted consumers and corporates some relief. However, interest rates remain accommodative by historical standards and further rate cuts are unlikely to result in a meaningful increase in the uptake of credit.



Namibia CPI - July

Category	Weight	Jul-19 m/m %	Jun-19 y/y %	Jul-19 y/y %	Direction
Food	16.4%	-0.6%	3.9%	3.4%	↘
Alcoholic B&T	12.6%	0.0%	5.5%	3.5%	↘
Clothing	3.0%	0.1%	1.0%	1.3%	↗
Housing utilities	28.4%	1.0%	2.0%	2.2%	↗
Furniture	5.5%	0.0%	1.1%	1.8%	↗
Health	2.0%	0.2%	2.6%	2.9%	↗
Transport	14.3%	0.5%	7.0%	6.9%	↘
Communications	3.8%	0.0%	1.1%	1.3%	↗
Recreation	3.6%	-0.3%	4.0%	3.2%	↘
Education	3.6%	0.0%	12.0%	12.0%	→
Hotels	1.4%	-0.1%	5.4%	3.9%	↘
Miscellaneous	5.4%	0.4%	1.8%	2.3%	↗
All Items	100%	0.2%	3.9%	3.6%	↘

The Namibian annual inflation rate slowed to 3.6% y/y in July, following the 3.9% y/y increase in prices recorded in June. Prices increased by 0.2% m/m, compared to the overall basket price increase of 0.1% m/m in June. Overall, prices in six of the basket categories rose at a faster annual rate than in July, prices in five categories rose at a slower annual rate and one category recorded steady inflation rates. Prices for goods rose by 3.1% y/y while prices for services rose by 4.4%.



Source: NSA, StatsSA, IIG

The Namibian annual inflation rate of 3.6% y/y continues trending lower than neighbouring South Africa's June figure of 4.5%. As the Namibian economy is projected to remain weak in 2019, coupled with slowing inflation since the beginning of the year, the Bank of Namibia (BoN) has this week taken the decision to cut the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.50%. IIG's inflation model forecasts an average inflation of 3.8% y/y in 2019. The largest upside risk to this forecast is higher transport and food costs.



New Vehicle Sales - July

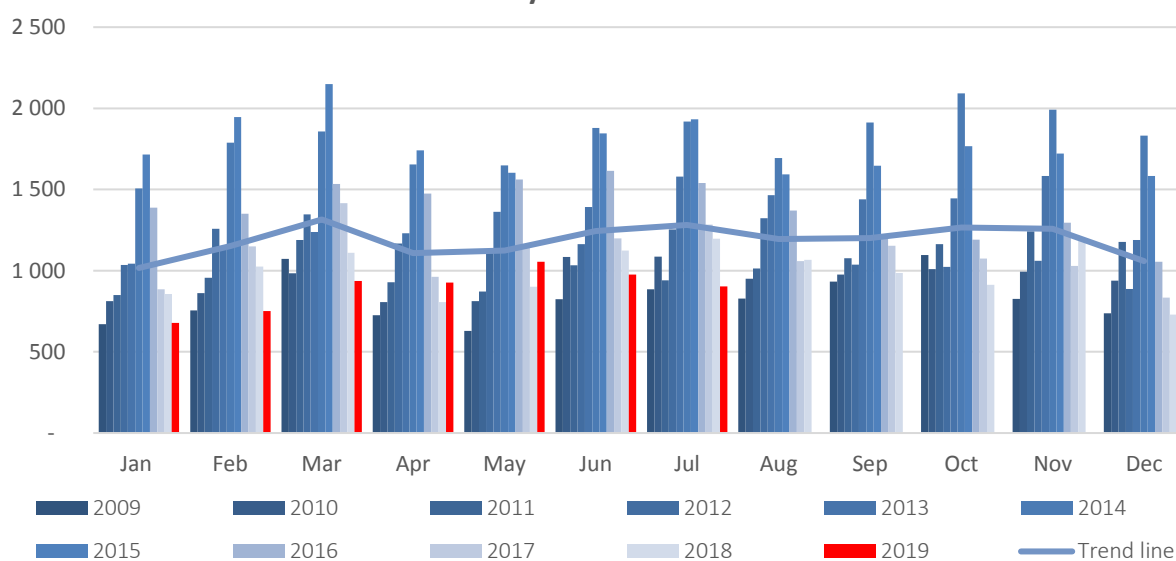
Vehicle Sales	Units	2019 YTD	Jun-19 (y/y %)	Jul-19 (y/y %)	Sentiment
Passenger	382	2,854	-18.0	-37.2	✘
Light Commercial	435	2,969	-13.6	-17.3	✘
Medium Commercial	37	140	19.2	19.4	✔
Heavy Commercial	50	264	36.1	56.3	✔
Total	904	6,227	-13.1	-24.5	✘

Source: Naamsa, IIG

*Sentiment describes the rate of y/y change

A total of 904 new vehicles were sold in July, representing a 7.5% m/m decrease from the 977 vehicles sold in June. Year-to-date, 6,227 vehicles have been sold of which 2,854 were passenger vehicles, 2,969 were light commercial vehicles, and 404 were medium and heavy commercial vehicles. On an annual basis, twelve-month cumulative new vehicle sale continued on a downward trend, contracting by 7.5% from the 11,119 new vehicles sold over the comparable period a year ago.

Monthly Vehicle Sales Trend



Source: Naamsa, IIG

The Bottom Line

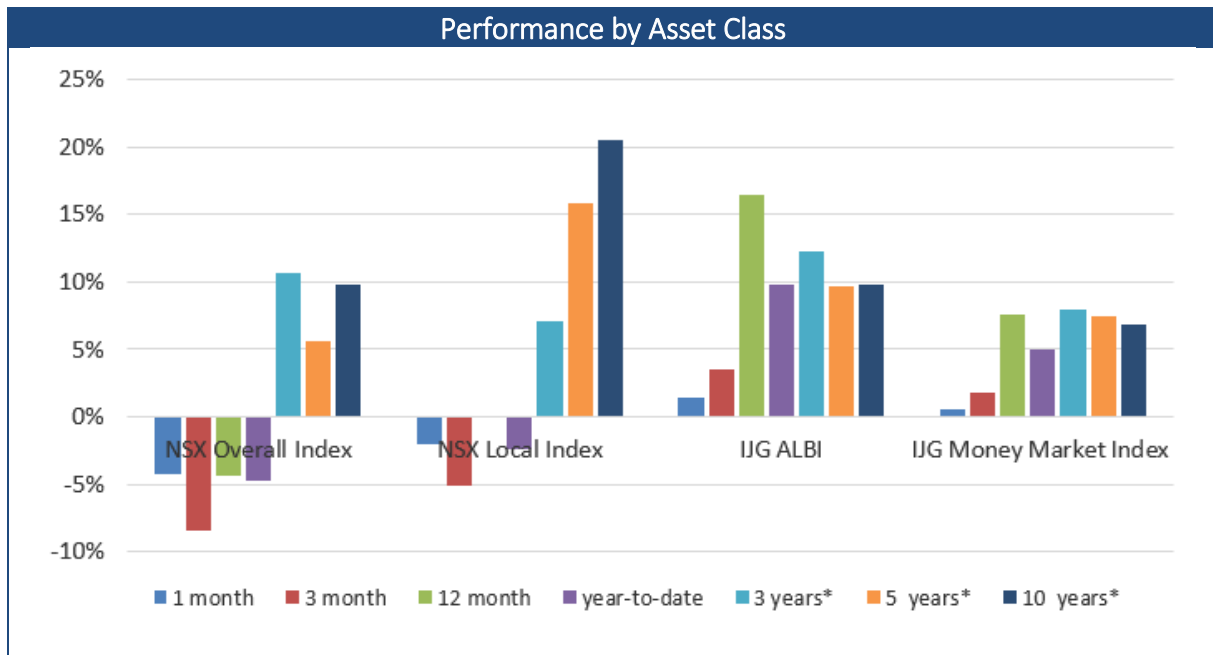
Vehicle sales remain under pressure, with the year-to-date new vehicle sales in 2019 currently below 2011 levels, and the total new vehicle sales for the last 12 months down 7.5% from the same period in 2018. The prospects for new vehicle sales remain dim in the short- to medium-term as government remains committed to fiscal consolidation. Business and consumer confidence remain depressed as a result of the recessionary environment we find ourselves in.



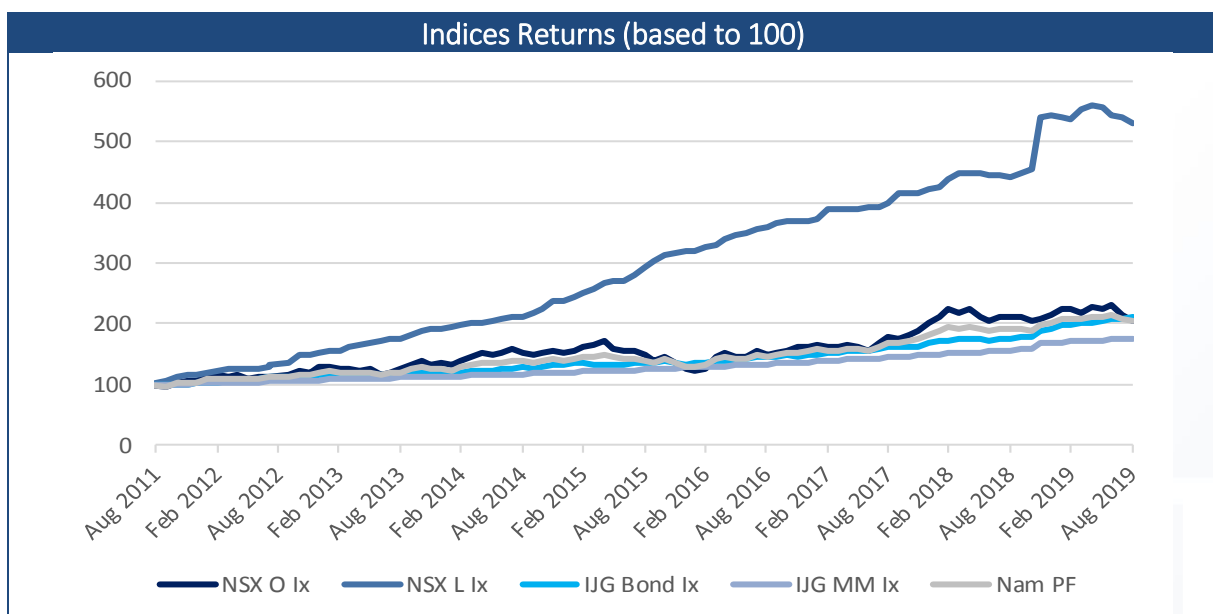
Namibian Asset Performance

The NSX Overall Index closed at 1205.5 points at the end of August, down from 1267.6 points in July, losing 4.2% m/m on a total return basis in August compared to a 7.9% m/m decrease in July. The NSX Local Index decreased 2.0% m/m compared to a 0.7% m/m increase in July. Over the last 12 months the NSX Overall Index returned -4.3% against 0.1% for the Local Index. The best performing share on the NSX in August was Forsys Metals Corp, gaining 19.2%, while Shoprite Holdings was the worst performer, dropping -26.9%.

The IJG All Bond Index (including Corporate Bonds) rose 1.38% m/m in August after a 0.26% m/m decrease in July. The IJG Money Market Index (including NCD's) increased 0.61% m/m in August after rising by 0.62% m/m in July. Over 12-months the IJG Money Market Index increased by 7.60%.



Source: IJG



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Namibian Returns by Asset Class [N\$, %] - August 2019

	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	ytd	3 years*	5 years*
NSX Overall Index	-4.21	-8.47	-8.80	-4.33	-4.77	10.66	5.62
NSX Local Index	-1.97	-5.16	-1.57	0.09	-2.33	7.05	15.81
IIG ALBI	1.38	3.50	6.93	16.44	9.77	12.31	9.72
IIG GOVI	1.40	3.53	7.02	16.66	9.95	12.46	9.77
IIG OTHI	1.74	3.52	6.20	13.20	7.51	11.23	9.41
IIG Money Market Index	0.61	1.84	3.74	7.60	4.99	7.96	7.46

* annualised

Source: IIG

Namibian Returns by Asset Class [US\$, %] - August 2019

	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	ytd	3 years*	5 years*
US\$ Strength/(Weakness)	-5.61	-4.05	-7.31	-3.33	-5.59	2.20	-6.83
NSX Overall Index	-9.58	-12.17	-15.47	-7.52	-10.09	13.10	-1.59
NSX Local Index	-7.47	-9.00	-8.76	-3.24	-7.79	9.40	7.90
IIG ALBI	-4.31	-0.69	-0.89	12.55	3.64	14.79	2.23
IIG GOVI	-4.29	-0.66	-0.80	12.77	3.81	14.94	2.28
IIG OTHI	-3.97	-0.67	-1.56	9.42	1.50	13.68	1.94
IIG Money Market Index	-5.03	-2.28	-3.84	4.02	-0.88	6.29	0.12

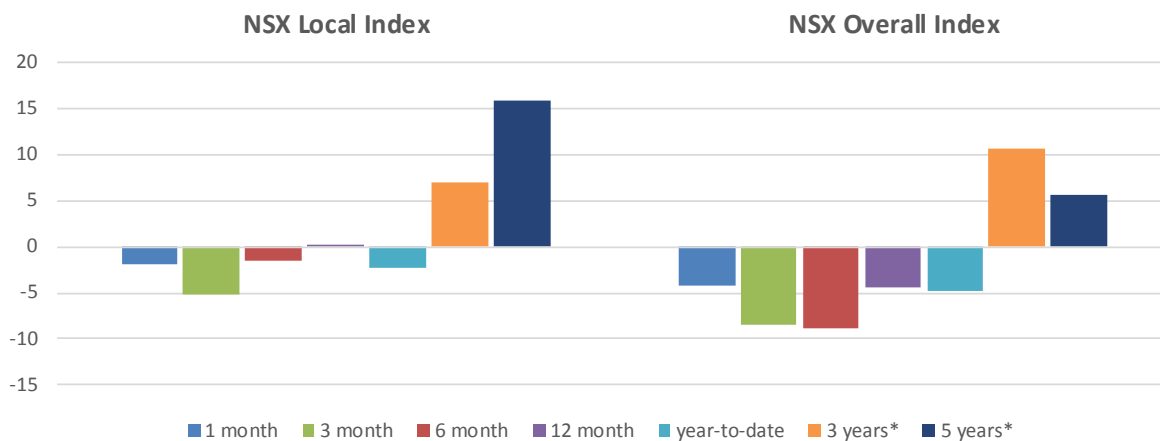
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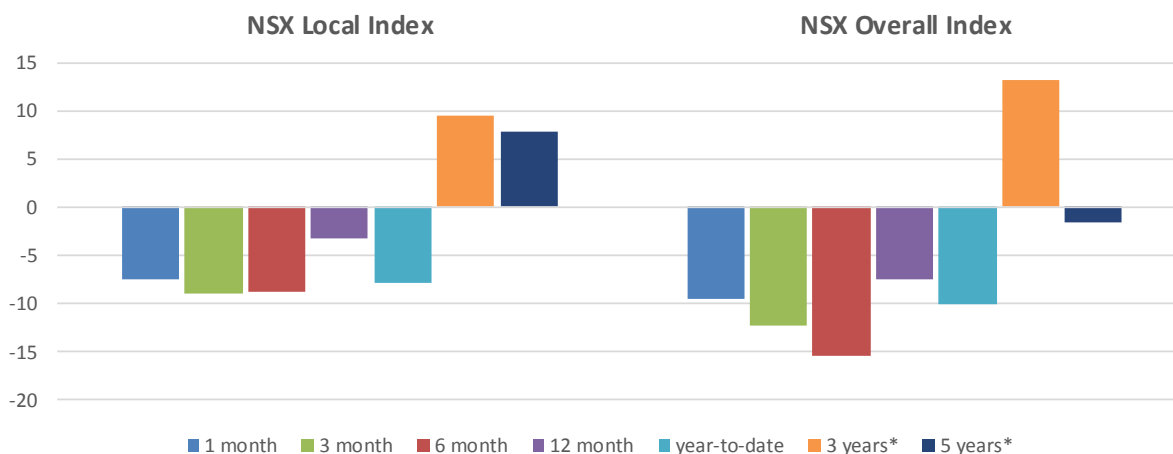
Equities

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\$, %] - August 2019								
	Code	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	YTD	3 years*	5 years*
NSX Local Index	N099	-1.97	-5.16	-1.57	0.09	-2.33	7.05	15.81
NSX Overall Index	N098	-4.21	-8.47	-8.80	-4.33	-4.77	10.66	5.62

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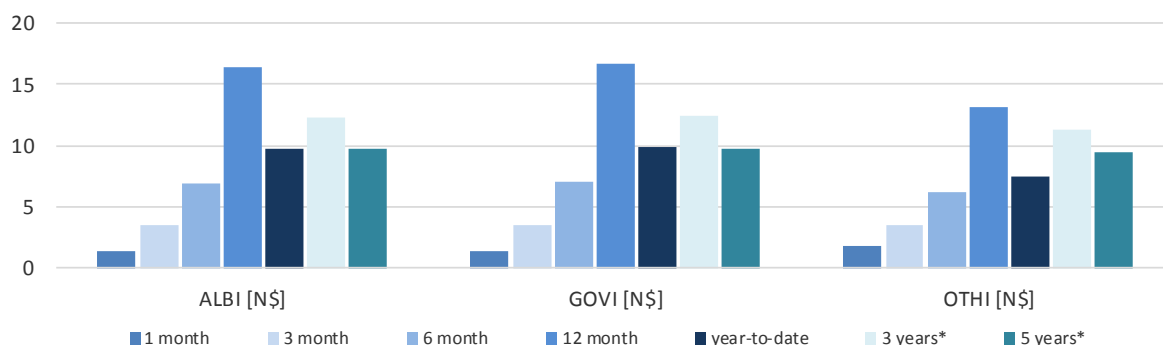
Individual Equity Total Returns [N\$, %] August 2019

	Month end price (c)	NSX FF Market Cap Weight	NSX FF				
			1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	year-to-date
FINANCIALS			-3.00	-9.98	-8.05	-6.88	-5.50
<i>banks</i>			-2.73	-11.12	-7.68	-6.70	-4.07
CGP	1,600	0.17%	0.00	0.00	3.51	-1.64	5.18
FST	5,999	14.81%	-2.85	-10.33	-4.69	-11.31	-6.11
FNB*	3,340	0.17%	-0.24	-14.77	-21.05	-22.10	-21.49
LHN	342	0.03%	-1.72	-8.31	-5.72	-9.03	-6.93
NBK	22,600	6.99%	-6.28	-13.76	-18.31	-14.14	-15.43
SNB	17,726	17.64%	-1.28	-10.81	-5.96	0.21	2.23
<i>insurance</i>			-3.48	-5.94	-6.34	-2.82	-3.22
SNM	28,500	0.92%	-3.48	-5.94	-6.34	-2.82	-3.22
<i>life assurance</i>			-3.63	-8.43	-8.92	-6.73	-9.18
MMT	1,644	1.27%	-2.95	-12.32	5.38	-4.14	-4.03
OMM	1,819	6.67%	-5.36	-13.55	-19.16	-10.34	-16.09
SLA	7,275	9.88%	-2.55	-4.48	-3.83	-4.62	-5.17
<i>investment companies</i>			-14.06	-14.06	-14.06	-3.99	-14.06
NAM*	55	0.00%	-14.06	-14.06	-14.06	-3.99	-14.06
<i>real estate</i>			-0.63	-4.15	-1.31	2.79	1.30
ORY*	2,040	0.14%	1.29	1.29	4.89	9.66	5.42
VKN	1,872	1.20%	-0.85	-4.77	-2.03	2.00	0.83
<i>specialist finance</i>			-3.99	-7.65	-11.35	-16.97	-5.86
ARO	304	0.03%	7.04	4.11	-52.06	-54.42	-53.32
CMB	137	0.00%	-3.52	-7.43	-1.44	-6.80	-4.86
IVD	8,009	1.87%	-2.27	-3.85	-10.01	-12.14	4.29
KFS	809	0.25%	-13.94	-15.73	-23.68	-14.94	-23.40
NUSP	1,030	0.02%	0.00	-2.65	-6.36	-6.36	-6.36
SILP	12,790	0.05%	0.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
TAD	1,385	0.00%	8.37	3.98	11.07	4.77	7.12
TUC*	650	0.31%	-7.14	-26.55	-12.75	-51.82	-54.42
HEALTH CARE			4.96	14.50	8.52	-32.02	5.81
<i>health care providers</i>			4.96	14.50	8.52	-32.02	5.81
MEP	6,266	1.82%	4.96	14.50	8.52	-32.02	5.81
RESOURCES			-3.09	-0.63	-6.20	17.68	7.68
<i>mining</i>			-3.06	-0.57	-6.08	18.06	7.95
ANM	32,764	24.93%	-4.14	-3.05	-7.64	16.00	6.81
CER	20	0.01%	-16.67	-51.22	-57.45	-82.14	-67.74
FSY	199	0.01%	19.16	-1.49	-10.76	-34.75	-23.17
DYL	301	0.04%	-5.35	-11.99	-31.28	-31.90	-22.22
BMN	41	0.02%	-6.82	-8.89	2.50	-33.87	5.13
MEY	114	0.01%	5.56	22.58	-5.00	-23.49	52.00
B2G	5,350	1.56%	13.68	39.61	18.99	56.39	28.30
<i>chemicals</i>			-5.84	-7.83	-20.73	-30.76	-26.50
AOX	2,000	0.21%	-5.84	-7.83	-20.73	-30.76	-26.50
INDUSTRIAL			-17.53	-24.39	-23.09	-27.75	-25.54
GENERAL INDUSTRIALS							
<i>diversified industrials</i>			-7.93	-15.08	-11.04	-7.75	0.15
BWL	11,082	1.83%	-7.93	-15.08	-11.04	-7.75	0.15
<i>Support Services</i>			-1.09	14.04	3.02	38.96	26.92
CLN	2,275	0.28%	-1.09	14.04	3.02	38.96	26.92
NON-CYCLICAL CONSUMER GOODS							
<i>beverages</i>			-4.82	-4.96	2.47	8.62	-0.07
NBS*	4,600	0.37%	-4.82	-4.96	2.47	8.62	-0.07
<i>food producers & processors</i>			2.93	-1.33	-2.38	-5.69	0.72
OCG	7,000	0.42%	2.93	-1.33	-2.38	-5.69	0.72
CYCLICAL SERVICES							
<i>general retailers</i>			-15.74	-26.45	-25.38	-35.36	-38.09
NHL	160	0.00%	0.00	7.50	-4.44	-4.44	-4.44
TRW	5,267	1.75%	-15.75	-26.49	-25.40	-35.39	-38.13
NON-CYCLICAL SERVICES							
<i>food & drug retailers</i>			-26.87	-34.31	-33.59	-43.32	-40.04
SRH	11,299	4.14%	-26.87	-34.31	-33.59	-43.32	-40.04

Source: IJG, NSX, JSE, Bloomberg



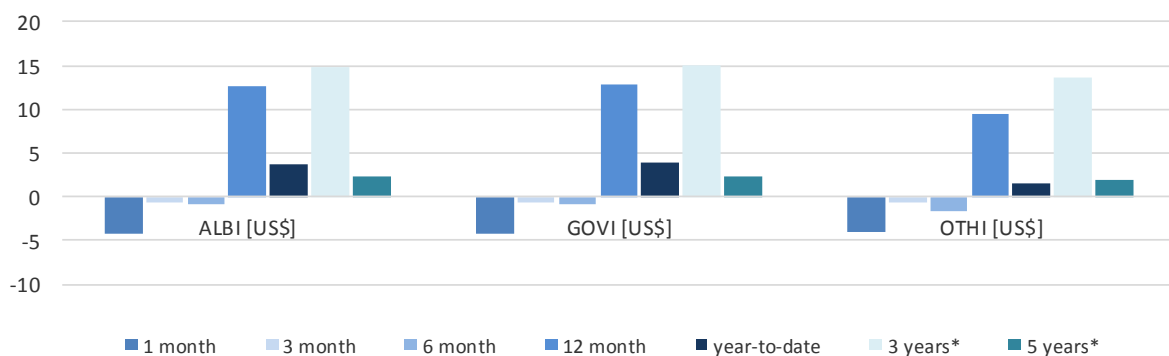
Bonds



Bond Performance Index Total Returns (%) - as at August 2019

	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	YTD	3 years*	5 years*
ALBI [N\$]	1.38	3.50	6.93	16.44	9.77	12.31	9.72
GOVI [N\$]	1.40	3.53	7.02	16.66	9.95	12.46	9.77
OTHI [N\$]	1.74	3.52	6.20	13.20	7.51	11.23	9.41

* annualised



Bond Performance, Index Total Returns (US\$- terms), (%) - as at August 2019

	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	YTD	3 years*	5 years*
ALBI [US\$]	-4.31	-0.69	-0.89	12.55	3.64	14.79	2.23
GOVI [US\$]	-4.29	-0.66	-0.80	12.77	3.81	14.94	2.28
OTHI [US\$]	-3.97	-0.67	-1.56	9.42	1.50	13.68	1.94
N\$/US\$	-5.61	-4.05	-7.31	-3.33	-5.59	2.20	-6.83

* annualised

0.0005	4.85%
0.0003	13.04%
0.0003	50.00%
0.0003	14.29%
0.0005	12.50%

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 IJG's Namibian Asset Performance.

IJG Money Market Index Performance [single returns, %] -as at August 2019							
	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	YTD	3* years	5* years
Money Market Index	0.55	1.71	3.59	7.45	4.85	7.85	7.56
Call Index	0.49	1.45	2.92	5.85	3.87	5.78	5.49
3-month NCD Index	0.57	1.75	3.59	7.24	4.78	7.50	7.10
6-month NCD Index	0.59	1.80	3.72	7.55	4.97	7.92	7.61
12-month NCDIndex	0.63	1.90	3.96	8.14	5.33	8.47	8.16
NCD Index including call	0.60	1.82	3.76	7.68	5.04	7.94	7.63
3-month TB Index	0.62	1.86	3.81	7.79	5.09	8.10	7.60
6-month TB Index	0.62	1.89	3.89	8.00	5.23	8.36	7.96
12-month TB Index	0.47	1.51	3.35	7.22	4.60	7.94	7.74
TB Index including call	0.60	1.80	3.68	7.49	4.90	7.92	7.42

** annualised*

IJG Money Market Index Performance [average returns, %] -as at August 2019							
	this month	3 months	6 months	12 months	YTD	3* years	5* years
Money Market Index	0.61	1.84	3.74	7.60	4.99	7.96	7.46
Call Index	0.49	1.45	2.92	5.85	3.87	5.78	5.49
3-month NCD Index	0.59	1.79	3.62	7.29	4.80	7.52	7.90
6-month NCD Index	0.62	1.87	3.78	7.64	5.01	8.95	7.92
12-month NCDIndex	0.67	2.01	4.06	8.23	5.40	9.37	8.39
NCDIndex including call	0.63	1.90	3.84	7.75	5.10	7.08	7.08
3-month TB Index	0.63	1.89	3.85	7.85	5.13	8.11	7.56
6-month TB Index	0.65	1.96	3.99	8.11	5.31	8.41	7.89
12-month TB Index	0.60	1.80	3.69	7.55	4.93	8.20	7.67
TB Index including call	0.60	1.80	3.68	7.49	4.90	7.92	7.42

** annualised*

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Money Market (Excluding NCD's)

IJG Money Market Index Performance [average returns, %] - August 2019							
	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	YTD	3 years *	5 year *
Money Market Index	0.62	1.89	3.85	7.87	5.17	8.10	7.56
Call Index	0.46	1.42	2.86	5.79	3.83	5.49	5.23
3-month TB Index	0.61	1.85	3.79	7.79	5.11	8.09	7.55
6-month TB Index	0.63	1.92	3.92	8.04	5.28	8.36	7.88
12-month TB Index	0.66	1.99	4.03	8.25	5.42	8.56	7.94

* annualised

IJG Money Market Index Performance [single-month returns, %] - August 2019							
	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	YTD	3 years *	5 years *
Money Market Index	0.59	1.81	3.75	7.79	5.08	8.04	7.65
Call Index	0.46	1.42	2.86	5.79	3.83	5.49	5.23
3-month TB Index	0.59	1.83	3.75	7.76	5.07	8.07	7.58
6-month TB Index	0.60	1.85	3.82	7.95	5.18	8.32	7.93
12-month TB Index	0.61	1.87	3.91	8.15	5.31	8.48	8.09

* annualised

Exchange Traded Funds (ETF's)

Ticker	Price (c)	mtd %	ytd %	52Wk High	52Wk Low
ENXPLD	22998	8.06	28.01	22998	14363
NGNGLD	21904	14.57	25.58	22289	15774
NGNPLD	22954	7.50	28.88	22954	14189
NGNPLT	13907	15.09	24.59	13924	10571
SXNEMG	4016	1.52	-2.14	4170	3789
SXNWDM	4351	4.32	8.48	4376	3951
SXNNDQ	6578	3.84	11.21	6653	5707
SXN500	4413	4.45	10.44	4447	3931

Source: Bloomberg



Namibian News

General News

Govt eyes road toll money. The Road Fund Administration (RFA) wants to investigate the possibility of introducing a system to charge motorists for using certain roads in Namibia, but finance minister Calle Schlettwein has warned that this would burden them. The RFA, the government agency which manages the road funds system, has flighted newspaper adverts since last week for companies interested in conducting the study, to submit bids. The companies are required to determine the feasibility of certain road networks for tolling- charging motorists for using the road, the toll infrastructure, toll fees to be charged, and the possible revenue forecast over a medium to long-term period. -The Namibian

Alweendo reins in CPB over gems tender. The Central Procurement Board has failed to convince mines minister Tom Alweendo why it picked a diamond valuation company that charged the government N\$70 million more than the outgoing service provider. The CPB, on behalf of the mines ministry, had awarded a N\$300 million contract to Gem Diamonds Namibia to evaluate Namdeb diamonds for five years, ahead of Global Diamond Valuers Namibia, the current service providers who asked for N\$230 million for the same job. Documents, however, showed that the CPB appears to have allegedly cooked the scored to favour Gem Diamonds, which is linked to a known wheeler-dealer minister and a clique of connected business people. – The Namibian

MET signs N\$150 million poverty eradication deal. The Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) entered into a N\$150 million project agreement with the United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP) aimed at promoting a landscape management approach towards eradicating poverty for 20,000 people. Speaking at the documenting signing ceremony on Wednesday, UNDP Resident Representative Alka Bhatia emphasised that the Namibia Integrated Landscape Approach for Enhancing Livelihoods and Environmental Governance to Eradicate Poverty (NILALEG) will take a sustainability approach to protect and restore forests as carbon sinks. – New Era

Plastic levy now mandatory. The finance ministry has officially announced that a N\$0.50 environmental levy will be charged on plastic bags. The announcement comes weeks after The Namibian reported that some businesses had started charging customers the levy, although it was not yet gazetted. According to the 2 August 2019 Government Gazette, number 6,967, plastic materials like carry bags (including cones) refuse bags and zip-lock bags will carry a N\$0.50 environmental levy fee to be added to the price that businesses already charge. – The Namibian

NEPC financial woes due to laziness. Cash-strapped state-owned New Era Publications Corporation (NEPC)'s acting CEO Benjamin Jakobs has attributed the corporation's failure to account for N\$33.5 million to employees' poor work attitude. NEPC received an adverse audit report for the 2016/17 financial year by the auditor-general, meaning that the corporation's financial statements were misrepresented, misstated and did not reflect its financial performance. On the same note, NEPC currently has a tax balance liability of N\$74 million, and an accumulated unaudited loss of N\$66 million. Addressing the members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Accounts in Windhoek on Tuesday as to why the corporation's financial statements and internal audit functions are outsourced, Jakobs said the finance division, which consists of a chief financial officer, finance manager and three accountants, lacks the right attitude to match their job descriptions. – Namibian Sun

'Someone must answer'. Auditor general Junias Kandjeke says someone should be held accountable for the N\$600 million allegedly lost from the public service's pension fund after some loan beneficiaries of the fund did not pay back money they had borrowed. Kandjeke made these remarks on *Sunday* when asked by *The Namibian* about the role of his office in tracking the money that disappeared from the Government Institutions Pension Fund (GIPF) though loans made to companies owned by a coterie of Namibian politically connected businesses. Prosecutor general Martha Imalwa announced last week that N\$600 million from the GIPF is lost and would not be recovered because of a lack of evidence. – The Namibian

PG under siege. Opposition parties and other commentators have called for the head of the country's top prosecutor. This follows Prosecutor-General Martha Imalwa revealing on Wednesday that there was no hope of recovering the over N\$600 million lost in the Government Institutions Pension Fund (GIPF) scandal and that her office had declined to prosecute 18 of the 20 firms linked to the saga. Popular Democratic Leader McHenry Venaani said yesterday he has written to president Hage Geingob and asked that Imalwa be removed from her position. -The Namibian Sun

Namibia works on visa rules to attract investment. Namibia will take steps to allow the movement and settling of potential investors in the country in line with the goal to lure capital into the country, minister of home affairs and immigration Frans Kapofi said yesterday. The minister said this while engaging various stakeholders in a workshop on recommendations of the recently held economic summit where his ministry was tasked with finding ways of making it easy for investors and professionals with scarce skills to settle in the country. – The Namibian

Total cost not a factor in N\$300 million diamond valuation tender – CPBN. The Central Procurement Board of Namibia (CPBN) has defended its actions in awarding a N\$300 million tender to Gem Diamonds Namibia for five years. However, the controversial tender was awarded at N\$70 million more than what the current service provider, Global Diamond Valuers Namibia, is charging for the same service. In a lengthy statement issued recently, the CPBN stuck to its guns and insisted that the tender's evaluation process was fairly and transparently conducted within the provisions of the Public Procurement Act and that Gem Diamonds Namibia (Pty) Ltd attained the highest total resultant score as set out in the bidding document. - New Era



Unlisted investment to open up for CCs. The government has allowed close corporations to participate in unlisted investments, on condition that effective control measures such as the provision of audited financial statements is instituted. This was revealed by secretary to Cabinet, George Simataa, last week at the economic growth summit in response to recommendations made by the high-level panel on the Namibian economy. Unlisted investment are investment made into shares of companies or assets which are not traded on the open market, such as stock exchanges. According to the regulations of the Pension Fund Act, pension funds are required to hold a minimum, of 45% of their investment in Namibian assets, with the maximum of 3.5% in unlisted investments. -The Namibian

Dirty money; Nam remains vigilant. Namibia's Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) in 2018/2019 disseminated 338 intelligence products to domestic and international stakeholders, with a total value of potential proceeds of crime amounting to nearly N\$6.3 billion. The information is contained in the FIC's latest annual report, released yesterday. It shows the FIC received 1,328 suspicious transactions reports (STRs) during the period under review, down 2% from 2017/2018. The FIC attributes the slight decline to its consistent training, supervision and monitoring activities. – Market Watch

Namibia joins international taxation initiative. Namibia has joined a consortium of over 130 countries seeking to tackle tax avoidance, improve the unity of international tax rules, and ensure a more transparent international tax environment. This was revealed by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) last Friday in an announcement made on its website. Namibia's joining follows the European Union's listing of countries which were non-cooperating in 2017 around the strengthening of local taxation rules in combating tax avoidance, which in certain cases foster illicit financial flows and money laundering. – The Namibian

N\$2 billion Windhoek Waterfront gets underway. The construction of the proposed N\$2 billion waterfront development around Windhoek's Goreangab dam is finally underway, following a six-year negotiation process that was marred by numerous delays. These deferments led to diminishing expectations among the locals, who were eager to tap into spin-offs, like job openings, during and after the construction. -The Windhoek Observer

Airport road tender U-turn. The Roads Authority's board stopped a recommendation to award a N\$950 million tender to a Chinese company to construct the second phase of the Windhoek to Hosea Kutako International Airport highway because it was too cheap. The road agency's board has instead recommended that the tender be awarded to a seventh-ranked Chinese state-owned company called Zhong Mei engineering Group for N\$1.2 billion. Even though this was a board recommendation and will need approval from the transport ministry and the project co-founder, the African Development Bank, there appears to be an intensive push and pull behind the scenes on who should get this project. – The Namibian

Economy

Schlettwein wants flexible PPP contracts. Finance minister Calle Schlettwein wants public-private partnership agreements that reflect market realities, ensure win-win opportunities for both parties, and avoid unnecessary disputes. Schlettwein said this last week during a breakaway session at the recently-held economic growth summit in the capital. Held under the sub-theme, 'Leveraging public-private partnerships (PPP) to revive the economy', the minister said at the session that the common thing observed during the merging of the government and the private sector to provide services is the difficulty which arises when contracts get terminated or a change in law occurs that might impact the original contract. – The Namibian

Recession hatches more jobs. A total of 485 people lost their jobs in the second quarter as the recession forced 68 companies to retrench workers. Nearly half of them worked in Namibia's crushed construction and wholesale and retail sector, the latest statistics released by the ministry of labour, industrial relations and employment creation shows. The average household size in Namibia is 4.4 people., according to the Namibia Household Income and Expenditure Survey (NHIES) conducted in 2015/2016. This means the 485 retrenched affected the livelihoods of more than 2,000 people. – Market Watch

Namibia Follows South Africa Rate Cut to Boost Shrinking Economy. Namibia's central bank cut its benchmark interest rate for the first time in two years as it seeks to boost the economy and maintain its currency's peg to the South African rand. The Bank of Namibia's Monetary Policy Committee reduced the rate to 6.5% from 6.75%, Governor Ipumbu Shiimi told reporters on Wednesday. The central bank and Ministry of Finance have increased the maximum loan-to-value ratios for housing mortgages after the slowdown in the economy, Shiimi said. While he said this was done to shield the financial system against undue risks, it would also boost credit uptake and the property market in an economy that the central bank sees remaining weak for the rest of the year.

The High-Level Panel on the Namibian economy forecasts that the domestic economy could recover in the next 12 months. The 22-member panel which draws its expertise from different fields including business, however, warned external shocks in the global economy could become a threat to the forecasted recovery. Hanan Morsy, Director of the African Development Bank's (AfDB) macroeconomic policy department was quoted recently by South African media forecasting that the persisting trade tensions between the US and China could shave 0.7% from Africa's GDP this year. The Bank of Namibia on Tuesday also warned that trade tensions between the US and China could impact on demand for Namibia's minerals. -The Windhoek Observer

Lowering prices still not enough to stimulate demand. It will take more than just lowering the prices of goods and services to revive the performance of retailers and wholesalers, economist Klaus Schade says. Schade was responding to questions from *The Namibian* about whether the downward trend observed in inflation figures since January is having an actual impact on how much consumers are willing and able to spend on goods and services, as well as improve the country's total demand. According to recent numbers from the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA), the total inflation within the local economy eased to 3.6% y/y in July from 3.9% y/y in the previous month thanks to lower transport, food and non-alcoholic beverage price inflation. Schade said the lower inflation does not increase overall demand since the total amount available to the consumer does not change and because prices are still increasing, compared to last year. – The Namibian

Drought, consumer maul economy. The "devastating impact" of the drought, combined with the knocked-out consumer is setting Namibia up for its third – and so far, the worst – consecutive year in recession. In April, the Bank of Namibia (BoN) still expected Namibia to exit the



recession in 2019, forecasting growth of 0.3%. In its latest Economic Outlook, released on Tuesday, the central bank forecasts growth of -1.7%. Last year, the economy grew by -0.1% and in 2017 by -0.9%. according to the latest BoN forecast, the construction sector should brace itself for its fourth consecutive year in recession. – Market Watch

The Namibian annual inflation rate moderated to 3.6% y/y in July, following the 3.9% y/y increase in prices recorded in June. Prices increased by 0.2% m/m, compared to the overall basket price increase of 0.1% m/m in June. Overall, prices in six of the basket categories rose at a faster annual rate than in July, prices in five categories rose at a slower annual rate and one category recorded steady inflation rates. Prices for goods rose by 3.1% y/y while prices for services rose by 4.4%, a slowdown from the 4.7% and 3.4% increase recorded in June.

A total of 904 new vehicles were sold in July, representing a 7.5% m/m decrease from the 977 vehicles sold in June. Year-to-date, 6,227 vehicles have been sold of which 2,854 were passenger vehicles, 2,969 were light commercial vehicles, and 404 were medium and heavy commercial vehicles. On an annual basis, twelve-month cumulative new vehicle sale continued on a downward trend, contracting by 7.5% from the 11,119 new vehicles sold over the comparable period a year ago.

NEEEF is on its way - Geingob. The much-anticipated New Equitable Economic Empowerment Framework (NEEEF) Bill is expected to be tabled before the end of the year, President Hage Geingob told investors who are attending the Namibia Economic Growth Summit, currently under way in Windhoek. In an attempt to provide investors with policy certainty, he told the gathering yesterday: “We have understood concerns raised by the private sector on NEEEF, in particular on the ownership pillar. We also are aware that finalising the bill will provide policy certainty, which in turn should reduce capital outflow and unlock domestic and foreign direct investments.” - Namibian Sun

Increased Namibian borrowing worries BoN. The Bank of Namibia (BoN) says it is worried by the continued rise in the amount of personal loans by Namibians to supplement their income and lifestyles, with current levels according to its estimates standing at 84-85% percent of income. In April 2018, the apex bank head issued the same caution about excessive household debt. “Our household debt is quite elevated. It’s in the region of 84-85% of income. That’s high and a sign that we are over-extending ourselves. Therefore, my advice is we now need to start saving and reduce our uptake of loans,” BoN governor Ipumbu Shiimi told the Windhoek Observer. - Windhoek Observer

Mandatory spending strangles government – Moody’s. Namibia is unable to effectively reduce the debt burden and control excessive spending as at least 80% of such expenditure is required by law, says credit ratings Moody’s Investment Service. The ratings agency said in a report issued last week that the high government wage bills in Namibia and South Africa continue to limit the government’s ability to be flexible in their spending, while still maintaining a negative 2019 outlook for these and other sub-Saharan African countries. According to Moody’s, Namibia, Mauritius, South Africa and Ghana have the highest level of mandatory spending, mainly provided for by law or government regulations, which require alternative laws to be passed before such expenditures can be adjusted. – The Namibian

Banks cut interest rates. The banking and lending institutions have effectively reduced the interest rates they can charge on loans after the central bank cut the repo rate from 6.75% to 6.50% last week Wednesday. As it normally happens, when the Bank of Namibia cuts the repo rate, which is the rate at which interest is paid by commercial banks when they borrow money from the central bank, the banks also cut the interest rates they charge the general public. The reduced rate is also applicable to the current terms of contracts which the borrowers have already entered into, especially those in varying or floating rates which depend on the market’s lending rate. – The Namibian

Risks to growth ‘increasing by the day’. The US-China trade war and uncertainty over Brexit pose risks to Africa’s economic prospects that are “increasing by the day,” the head of the African Development Bank (AfDB) says, Akinwumi Adesina, president of the AfDB, said the bank could review its economic growth projection for Africa – of 4% in 2019 and 4.1% in 2020 – if global external shocks accelerate. “We normally revise this depending on global external shocks that could slow down global growth and these issues are increasing by the day,” Adesina told *Reuters*. – Market Watch

Financial

Govt turns down huge 'donation'. Government has rejected a 40 billion euro (N\$657 billion) non-repayable donation from the African Experts Federation (AEF) because it is “just too good to be true”. “We have scrutinised and analysed this proposal and we feel we cannot accept it,” finance minister Calle Schlettwein told Namibian Sun on Friday. The investors seek to build several factories in Namibia, including steel, gas, plastic and concrete plants, as well as 30 waste-to-energy plants. Through the waste-to-energy plants, with a cash injection of 1 billion euro, the AEF envisions to create at least 1,500 jobs. Provision is also made for building more than 3,000 houses, a new national hospital with 350 beds and five regional hospitals to the sum of 3.9 billion euro. – Namibian Sun

NDF loses N\$10m in botched farm deal. The Namibian Defence Force lost N\$10 million of taxpayers’ money in a failed farm deal after the private seller pulled the plug on the transaction. The farm in question is Farm Otjisemba No24, which the ministry tried to buy for N\$24 million in April 2017 from businessman Kurt Steinhausen. A N\$10 million down payment was delivered, and the remaining N\$14 million was supposed to be paid over an 18-month period. The defence ministry’s executive director, Peter Vilho, told The Namibian yesterday: “We are not aware that we lost the farm. As far as we are concerned, we are still in negotiations with the owners of the farm”. However, multiple sources familiar with this matter confirmed to The Namibian yesterday that the government failed to pay the remaining funds within the agreed time. – The Namibian

N\$600m down the drain. Any hopes of Namibia recovering the over N\$600 million lost in the Government Institutions Pension Fund (GIPF) scandal have been dashed. Prosecutor-General Martha Imalwa confirmed yesterday the money lost two decades ago was unrecoverable and has been lost to the country for good. She was speaking at a media conference yesterday where she dealt with several high-profile matters, including the GIPF saga and the SME Bank scandal in which millions were also spirited out of the country. “It is regrettable what happened in the GIPF matter. It is a regrettable situation. More than N\$600 million got lost in the process. To trace where the money went proved problematic for the investigation,” she said. – Namibian Sun



GIPF missing millions pain Schlettwein. Minister of Finance Calle Schlettwein has described the reported loss of around N\$600 million in cash belonging to Government Institutions Pension Fund (GIPF) members, as “a sad day for Namibia”. Schlettwein’s comment follows Prosecutor General Martha Imalwa’s disclosure last week that government has failed to trace GIPF missing funds which is estimated to be in the region of N\$600 million. The pension fund had granted loans worth over N\$600 million from 1994 to 2004, with the hope of making a return of N\$950 million. The pension fund managed to recoup only N\$380 million back. – New era

State agencies dominate N\$20 billion commitment. Government-linked institutions in Namibia and South Africa are dominating the verified N\$20 billion injection in the Namibian economy. The reported N\$20 billion to be injected into the ailing Namibian economy has the private sector coming on board with only about N\$4 billion. Public entities that made the list include the Development Bank of Namibia, which promised to invest N\$1 billion, the national power utility NamPower with N\$3 billion, while the Government Institution Pension Fund committed N\$5.5 billion. – The Namibian

Money circulation drops in June. The money in circulation in the Namibian economy dropped by N\$1.66 billion to N\$108.02 billion at the end of June, data from, the central bank shows. This is included in the Money and Banking Statistics report for June 2019 issued by the Bank of Namibia, which indicated that money circulating in the economy had decreased by 1.5% from N\$109.68 billion recorded at the end of May this year. The slowdown implies that cash, cheque deposits, money market securities and mutual funds decreased in June compared to May transactions. – The Namibian.

Loans, credit cards remain king in Namibia. Business hasn’t had to rely on credit card debt and personal loans in the middle of the year since the financial crisis of 2008 the way it had to do so in June 2019. The latest monetary data released by the Bank of Namibia (BoN) shows the business sector’s other loans and advances, which includes credit card debt and personal loans, at the end of June totalled nearly N\$6.65 billion – an increase of 26.4% or nearly N\$1.4 billion compared to June 2018. In June 2008, annual growth in other loans and advances of the sector grew by 43.5%, according to BoN archives. Business’ total debt for other loans and advances totalled about N\$1.8 billion at the time. By comparison, businesses total overdraft debt at the end of June was 8.3% higher than a year ago Overdraft debt stood at nearly N\$9.6 billion, an increase of around N\$733.2 million compared to June 2018. – Market Watch

FIC denies ignoring SME Bank looting. The director of the Financial Intelligence Centre, Leonie Dunn says the centre did not turn a blind eye to the disappearance of around N\$350 million from the now-defunct SME Bank. Dunn made these remarks last week when she presented the centre’s 2018 annual report, where the governor of the Bank of Namibia (BoN), Ipumbu Shiimi, also shielded the centre from blame. This was the first time that Dunn has publicly commented on the alleged corporate theft of millions at the SME Bank, whose closure left some depositors penniless. – The Namibian

Financing for new business remains a challenge. The Namibia Chambers of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) has highlighted that financing for new business activities remain a challenge, especially for start-ups in greenfield projects. This was revealed by NCCI Chief Executive Office Charity Mwiya, when she made a submission of the chamber to President Hage Geingob during his last town hall meeting in the Khomas Region held at Ramatex yesterday. She said the chamber proposes that government and the private sector intensify collaboration to put venture capital funding in place to provide equity financing for emerging entrepreneurs. – New Era

Defence spends half a billion without approval. The ministry of defence spent about N\$491.7 million for three consecutive financial years without the approval of Treasury. This is in direct contravention of the State Finance Act of 1991. The financial years in question are 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17. These findings are contained in the ministry’s audit report for 2017/18 which was submitted to the National Assembly by finance minister Calle Schlettwein last month. – Market Watch

Weak economy threat to tax revenue. The central bank says the government could expect less tax revenue this year as the wholesale and retail sector, where indirect tax such as VAT is collected, comes under pressure. The Bank of Namibia said this on Tuesday when they announced that the local economy is expected to contract by 1.7%, a complete turn from their April 2019 projections of a 0.3% economic growth. According to the bank, the slump in the wholesale and retail sectors pose a fiscal challenge to the government as it cuts its projected revenue collection, especially from value-added tax (VAT) revenue, which is the second-biggest source of revenue after income tax, domestically. –The Namibian

GIPF invests N\$44 billion in Namibia. The Government Institutions Pension Fund has investments of N\$44 billion in Namibia, chief executive Officer David Nuyoma says. He revealed this at the Namibia Economic Growth Summit yesterday, where he said most of the pensioners’ money is invested in Namibia, and is growing the local economy. The summit, organised by the high-level panel on the economy, which was appointed by president Hage Geingob earlier this year aims at laying the foundation which will give life to the Namibian economy through raising investments of about N\$14 billion over the next two years. – The Namibian

Nampost clients’ savings now at N\$5 billion. Deposits of NamPost customers have increased in 2018, with about N\$4.9 billion now held by the state-owned savings bank, recently released financial statements show. While the increase in savings is a positive, the financial statements also show that the group still pose a short-term liquidity risk at the end of the 2018 financial year. The risk which arises when short-term payables outweigh the receivables show that, at the end of 2018, the group’s deposits’ current liability at about N\$4.2 billion against current financial assets of N\$2.4 billion, thereby posing a short-term liquidity risk of about N\$1.7 billion. – The Namibian

‘Insolvent’ broadcaster wants bigger bailout. The NBC needs N\$313.2 million and N\$4 million respectively from government to pay its outstanding liability in the form of post-medical aid benefits and severance pay to its employees. The state broadcaster has its eyes fixed on the government for capitalisation or recapitalisation in order to get out of the current financial mess, the NBC management on Monday indicated when it appeared before the parliamentary standing committee on public accounts. The NBC’s current liabilities stand at N\$270 million. – Market Watch



Economy eats into SSC contributions. The Social Security Commission (SSC) says the weakened state of the economy has had a negative impact on its revenues, which heavily rely on companies paying their employee monthly contributions. This comes amid reports of increased job losses in the Namibia, with the ministry of labour reporting 236 jobs have been lost from April to the end of June and statistics released by the Employment Equity Commission showing that 36,822 employment contracts were terminated during the 2017/18 financial year. - Windhoek Observer

Trade and Tourism

Nam, Zim railway mooted. Following the inauguration of the Zimbabwe dry port, at Walvis Bay last week, Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Mnangagwa has said Zimbabwe and Namibia are considering constructing a railway line linking the two countries to further enhance the movement of goods to and from the port. Speaking at the opening of the dry port facility that was built on an estimated 19,000 square meters and given to Zimbabwe by Namibia on a lease agreement of over 50 years, Mnangagwa noted that more needed to be done when the facility becomes operational. "I have been discussing with my colleague and counterpart Mr President, how we should improve the land connection now from here to Zimbabwe. The biggest possibility is the construction of a railway line, Mnangagwa said." - Confidante

Clear targets for African integration. Following the launch of the operational phrase of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) last month, potential investors no longer have to shy away from Namibia due to its small population and market. "When you are investing in Namibia, remember you are investing in Africa," the deputy prime minister and the minister of international relations and cooperation, Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, on Wednesday said at the Economic growth Summit. The AfCFTA gives investors access to a continental market of 1.2 billion people and an African economy whose combined gross domestic product (GDP) in 2015 was about N\$4.3 trillion, she said. - Market Watch

SACU-EU dispute ruffles feathers. The European Union (EU) Commission, under the Southern African Development Community Economic Partnership Agreement (SADC EPA), has declared a dispute with the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) after the union made use of a safety valve in the agreement and imposed safeguard duties on frozen bone-in chicken portions imported into South Africa from Europe. The safe guard duty amounts to 35.3% on the imports and was imposed on 28 September last year. This, however, follows a provisional safeguard duty of 13.9% imposed for 200 days and set up through the Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement (TDCA) following bilateral talks between South Africa and the EU. The TDCA established preferential trade agreements between the EU and South Africa. - Business 7

SADC leaders concerned about slow growth in intra-SADC trade. The 36th Southern African Development Community (SADC) Summit of Heads of States and Government has noted with great concern the slow growth in the intra-SADC trade levels. This was revealed by SADC Executive Secretary Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax while announcing the resolutions of the 39th Ordinary Summit on Sunday. She said the SADC leaders who met during the summit closed-door session expressed concern over the region's ongoing exports of unprocessed raw materials to the rest of the world, thereby forfeiting the potential benefits of the resource endowments. - New Era

Namibia can't sell N\$125m ivory stockpile. The international trade in elephant ivory has been rejected in Switzerland at the World Wildlife Conference, known as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Namibia, Botswana, and Zimbabwe proposed that they should be allowed a one-time sale of government-owned ivory stockpiles, followed by a six-year moratorium. The proposal was, however, defeated with 101 countries opposing it and 23 countries in support, with 18 abstaining. Countries also rejected a motion that would have put all southern African elephants on Appendix I, offering the highest protection level, which would have banned all trade. - Namibian Sun

Namibia's AfCFTA tariff sacrifice scrutinised. Experts agree that revenue to be sacrificed in the reduction of trade tariffs by 90%, as prescribed by the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), is negligible due to the current low level of trade between Namibia and the rest of the continent. AfCFTA officially came into force on May 30 and effectively establishes a single continental market for goods and services. This translates to a single market for goods and services for 1.2 billion (people) with an aggregate gross domestic product (GDP) of over US\$2 trillion (over N\$30 trillion). -The New Era

New day for Namport. The Namibia Ports Authority's (Namport) new container terminal on reclaimed land in Walvis Bay was inaugurated on Friday. The N\$4.2 billion container terminal increases the port's capacity from 350,000 TUE to 750,000 TUE. Relocation of 2,500 to 3,500 containers from the old container terminal will take place from 17 to 23 August, with the commissioning of the facility set to take place at 07:00 on 24 August. President Hage Geingob said the new facility must be effectively utilised to the benefit of Namibia. "Here we have a city to which tourists can travel by road, rail, air and sea. This is a feat worthy of celebration. However, let us not use these achievements as an excuse to sit back. "We must seize this moment of growth and development to vigorously pursue and fast-track the development of the Walvis Bay Waterfront so that we can further elevate our attractiveness as a business and leisure destination," Geingob said. - Namibian Sun

Namibian pasta exports to SA rise. Namibia's pasta exports to South Africa have reached over 8,800 metric tonnes annually for the past seven years from 1,750 metric tonnes in 2012, Namib Mill's trade statistics show. The data seen by *The Namibian* shows a significant increase of 7,094 metric tonnes of pasta exported to South Africa over the past seven years, which Pieter van Niekerk, the commercial manager at Namib Mills, said is indicative of how best local manufacturing industries can thrive if provided with a conducive environment and supportive policies in which to grow. - The Namibian

Water and Electricity

Save water before summer. Windhoek residents managed to meet the municipality's water saving target in July but need to redouble their efforts as temperatures start rising. The municipality is urging residents to save an additional 5% to 10% to compensate for the expected spike in water consumption this summer and to balance out the overconsumption of water prior to July. Between May and June, the weekly consumption target of 465,000 cubic meters was not reached. - Namibian Sun



Agriculture and Fisheries

Marketing scheme fails to tame farmer. The 2004 small stock marketing scheme has failed to discourage live exports of sheep to South Africa, and to promote value-addition in the sector. The government finally succumbed to the failed scheme, and accepted the recommendation from the high-level panel of the Namibian economy to suspend the scheme. The Meat Board of Namibia (MBN)'s chief marketing officer, Desmond Cloete, who spoke to The Namibian last week, said that the small stock marketing scheme was implemented in 2004 with the main objective of value-addition in the secondary industry sector and employment-creation. – The Namibian

Local beef too expensive for Angola. President Hage Geingob has poured cold water on plans to supply beef to Angola, saying this had happened in the past, but was stopped by the neighbouring country because of high prices. The head of state was speaking at a town hall meeting at Ongwediva on Monday, where he answered questions posed by Namibian National Farmers Union (NNFU) president Jason Emvula. Emvula said there is a demand for Namibian beef in Angola, but no supply coming from the Land of the Brave. He therefore urged Namibia to consider supplying beef to Angola, which has also been mooted in the past by Omusati governor Erginus Endjala and others. In July 2017 it was also reported that Angola had planned to put a ban on its importing of meat from other countries, to make way for Namibian imports. – Namibian Sun

Namibia grape exporters eye Chinese market. Namibia will start exporting grapes to China in about 18 months, said Namibia grape producers and an export association on Monday. Deputy chairperson of the Namibia Grape Producers Association, Kobus Bothma revealed this in an interview with Xinhua, saying the association is busy with the process of finalising the necessary discussions. "As we stand, the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry is ready to finalise the draft agreement. Negotiations between the two governments are well-advanced. – The Namibian

Infrastructure and Housing

Multiple property bonds regulation released. The government has eased the regulation on the deposit that can be made on mortgage bonds, now allowing individuals seeking to buy additional property to pay a lower deposit. The Bank of Namibia (BoN)'s governor, Ipumbu Shiimi, revealed this on Wednesday while announcing the monetary policy committee's decision on the repo rate. He said first-time home buyers would still not be required to put up a deposit, but buyers applying for a second or third mortgage will only be required to put a down payment of 10% for the first primary residence and 20% thereafter. – The Namibian

CoW delivers zero serviced plots in 2017/18. Despite setting its sight on delivering 430 serviced erven for residential, business and institutional purposes during the 2017/18 financial year, the City of Windhoek (CoW) failed to make a single plot available. "The total number of serviced plots for the 2017/18 financial period is zero. This reflects negative performance against then the initial target of 430," reads as section of the council's latest annual report. Another reason is "a moratorium on the Build Together scheme since fraudulent activities were detected. The new management is busy revising the current system to implement control measures prior to reactivating the said scheme". – Market Watch

Millions for Windhoek's informal settlements. The ministry of urban and rural development has set aside N\$50 million to improve the living conditions of Windhoek's informal settlements residents for the 10 months to March next year. This decision was taken at a meeting between the City of Windhoek (CoW), the ministry and the Khomas regional council in May, according to information presented at the municipality's monthly council meeting. "Faced with time constraints and a health emergency, about 72% of the budget will be spent on curbing the onslaught of hepatitis E, reads council documents. – Market Watch

N\$4.3 billion Ongos Valley Project answer for Windhoek's growing population. With Windhoek's annual urbanisation rate currently at about 4%, the N\$4.3 billion housing development of the Ongos Valley Project intends to make a significant contribution to the capital city's population, which is expected to exceed 645,000 people by 2030. The Ongos Valley Project, which is slated to become a self-sustaining residential and commercial centre for civil servants, young professionals and hardworking Namibians, aims to provide over 30,000 housing units when it is completed during the next five years. – New Era

Construction pins hope on national council. The Construction Industries Federation (CIF) is "excited" about the possibility of a revised bill on a national construction council being re-tabled in parliament soon. In a statement issued by the CIF yesterday, its consulting general manager, Bärbel Kirchner, said the body is "very hopeful" about the outcome of the recent Namibia Economic Growth Summit. One of government's commitments flowing from the summit was that the ministry of works and transport introduce the National Construction Council (NCC) before the end of the financial year. Such a council will ensure that the industry is better regulated and it will address the unequal playing field that currently exists in the sector, Kirchner said yesterday. – Market Watch

Infrastructure development boost logistics ambitions. Recent developments in the logistics sector, including road, rail and sea upgrades shows that Namibia's economic aspirations are well on track, the Walvis Bay Corridor Group (WBCG) has said. Several industry projects are at varying stages of progress, the marketing and communications manager at the WBCG, Cindy-Lu Hasheela said on Tuesday. This indicates government's commitment to developing the sector to better position the country as a viable transport link to the Southern African Development Community (SADC). – Market Watch

DBN, DBSA guarantee N\$8 billion for infrastructure. The Development Bank of Namibia and the Development Bank of Southern Africa have jointly pledged N\$8 billion in finances for infrastructure requirements in Namibia. These funds are earmarked for water, electricity, transport and logistics projects, N\$2.5 billion for NamWater to develop water projects, N\$2.5 billion for NamPower for electricity generation and transmission, and N\$2.5 billion pledged to TransNamib for the acquisition of rolling stock, railways network upgrades, and to operationalise its new business plan, which focuses on rail transport. – The Namibian



NAC to announce airport tender soon. The successful bidder for the expansion of Hosea Kutako International Airport is expected to be announced next week, Namibian Sun has learned from a reliable source. It is not yet clear how the Namibia Airports Company intends to finance the project, or what it would cost. "The plans for the expansion of the airport have been approved by the special cabinet committee. The appointment of a contractor for the construction of the airport should be announced this month," said the source, who wished to remain anonymous. According to the source, the top brass of the NAC is rushing to finalise the issuance of the tender to the successful contractor. "Timelines are timelines," the source said. "We should have an idea of who the contractor will be this month," the source indicated. A total of N\$245 million has been earmarked for the airport's planned upgrade. The NAC is expected to fund N\$95 million of this amount. – Namibian Sun

Mining and Resources

N\$21bn oil refinery mooted. Russian energy company Comsar, owned by billionaire Rashid Sardarov who was last year controversially granted a 99-year lease for four farms he purchased and then donated to the Namibian government, is planning to construct Namibia's first oil refinery. According to a presentation, the refinery will provide an energy source for a planned 250 megawatt power plant and a 30,000-cubic metre desalination plant, which the company says would be sufficient to serve Walvis Bay and Windhoek. The company made the announcement at the Namibia Economic Growth Summit yesterday. – Namibian Sun

Qatar on energy hunt in Namibia. State-owned Qatar Petroleum (QP) has entered into agreements with French energy giant Total for a share of exploration and production rights in two deepwater blocks in the Orange Basin offshore Namibia. Agreements between Qatar Petroleum and Total still have to be approved by the Namibian Government and other partners. Under the agreements, QP will hold a 30% participating interest in Block 2913B. Total, the operator, will have a 40% participating interest. Impact Oil has a stake of 20%, while Namcor has 10%. -Market Watch

Uranium to put boom back in the economy. Namibia's mining sector - propelled by uranium and in particular Husab - is forecast to become one of the main drivers of the economy in the coming years with its growth likely to outperform relative to regional peers. This is the opinion of Fitch Solutions Macro Research as expressed in its latest Africa Monitor, released last month. Although much rosier than that of the forecast of the Bank of Namibia (BoN), the central bank and Fitch Solutions agree about the mining sector's potential to help kick-start economic growth in the country. - Business 7

Geingob's phosphate pressure. President Hage Geingob is applying pressure on Cabinet ministers to take a decision on the controversial marine phosphate mining plan, despite a government report warning that it would endanger Namibia's ocean. The president is demanding an "immediate solution". Marine phosphate mining, a contentious issue worldwide, has become a major bone of contention in Namibia over the last few years. It has seen the fishing sector drag the government to court over the issuing of a license to a company owned by Omani billionaire Mohammed Al Barwani and Namibia middleman Knowledge Katti, a friend of the president. – The Namibian

Phosphate decision coming soon. President Hage Geingob has promised Omani billionaire Mohammed Al Barwani, who is the majority owner of Namibia Marine Phosphate, that there will be a final decision soon with regard to its environmental clearance certificate. This follows a letter in which Al Barwani, whose net worth is believed to be over N\$16 billion, raised his concerns to Geingob about the delay of the Sandpiper Marine Phosphate Project after its environmental clearance certificate was set aside last year. Namibia Marine Phosphate (NMP) is majority-owned by Al Barwani, who has an 85% stake through his company Mawarid Mining LLC, while Namibian businessman Knowledge Katti owns 15% of NMP through his Havana Investment. – Namibian Sun

Shifeta against phosphate pressure. Environment minister Pohamba Shifeta says the government cannot pronounce itself on whether it will allow phosphate mining until an ongoing court case against the proposed seabed mining is finalised. Shifeta made these remarks in a letter sent to president Hage Geingob on 19 June 2019. His comments are opposite to Geingob's latest promise to a phosphate investor that the government will soon make a decision after a meeting this month. – The Namibian

Navachab admits board coup. Navachab's managing director, George Botshiwe, confirmed that the main shareholder of the mine agreed to remove two Namibian directors from its board of directors. The Navachab gold mine at Karibib is owned by UK-based QKR Namibia Mineral Holdings (92.5%), while the national mining company, Epangelo owns the remaining 7.5%. Their marriage has, however, turned toxic over the past few years, to such an extent that mines minister Tom Alweendo was forced to intervene to put out the raging fire. Botshiwe, who is part of the UK-based company, admitted the board changes in answers sent to The Namibian on Monday. – The Namibian

AfriTin achieves first tin concentrate production at Uis. Aim-listed AfriTin Mining has produced the first tin concentrate at its flagship Uis mine, in Namibia. This follows completion of the Phase 1 pilot plant in July. AfriTin will now focus on ramping the plant up to its design capacity of 500,000 t/y of ore, which will produce about 60 t a month of tin concentrate by the end of the fourth quarter of 2019. Moreover, AfriTin has concluded an offtake agreement with Thailand Smelting and Refining (Thaisarco) for tin concentrate produced at the Uis mine. The one-year offtake agreement enables AfriTin to sell its tin concentrate and secure revenue for the next 12 months with an option to extend the contract. The offtake agreement specifies pre-agreed concentrate deliverables which are in line with the project ramp-up and design specification of the plant. – Mining Weekly

Namcor lands fuel deal with Hausab. The National Petroleum Corporation of Namibia and the owner of the Husab mine in Erongo, CGN Swakop Uranium on Friday sealed a five-year fuel and lubricants supply contract worth N\$3.2 billion. According to Namcor's managing director Immanuel Mulunga, the contract is worth 60% of the state energy parastatal's annual turnover. The agreement will include the supply of fuel and lubricants to one of the world's largest uranium mines. For the past five years, Engen Namibia had been the chief supplier of the mine's fuel. – The Namibian



Local Companies

Paratus Namibia has raised N\$50 million from their principal shareholders **Nimbus Infrastructure Limited** and the **Paratus Africa Group**. The N\$50 million will come through from subscriptions to new ordinary shares to be issued out of the authorised share capital, the company said in a statement last week. "The aggregate amount to be raised by Paratus Namibia in terms of the rights issue will be contributed as share capital in Paratus Namibia by Nimbus and Paratus Group, pro rata to their respective shareholdings in Paratus Namibia. Nimbus's shareholding in Paratus Namibia will remain unchanged at 51.4%," the statement read. – The Namibian

Air Namibia on death row. Public enterprises minister Leon Jooste and other government officials are currently in the United States to negotiate Air Namibia's exit from aircraft lease agreements, the clearest signal of an imminent closure of the national airline, which could cost the government around N\$2.5 billion. Jooste confirmed the trip to The Namibian this week, saying it had been approved by Cabinet. He and a delegation comprising officials from the transport ministry and the attorney general's office will meet the US company tomorrow. The trip comes two months after finance minister Calle Schlettwein submitted a memorandum to the Cabinet committee on treasury to voluntarily close down the airline, negotiate exit lease agreements and transfer the airline, including its corporate identity, to the public enterprises ministry. – The Namibian

TransNamib revives Aus-Lüderitz trail. State-owned transportation company TransNamib has revived their Aus to Lüderitz trail after 20 years, with the first commercial trip made early this month. This was revealed by TransNamib's commercial and marketing executive Hippy Tjivikua, in a press release on Friday. "This was the first major movement of cargo on this route, especially after the rehabilitation and upgrade of the railway line between Aus and Lüderitz, which has been operational since 1998," he stated. – The Namibian

Branding tussle in court. A landmark case will be heard before Deputy Judge President Hosea Angula in the Windhoek High Court this week. Namib Mills has sued Bokomo Foods Namibia for what they term "dishonest practises in industrial or commercial matters". Namib Mills is asking the court to interdict Bokomo from selling its wheat flour vetkoek mix, and all its rebranded products, in their current packaging. It is the first time that this section 194 (1) of the Industrial Property Act of 2012 will be tested. The section 'acts of unfair competition' reads that "any act of competition contrary to honest practices in industrial or commercial matters is unlawful. – Market Watch

Capricorn signals better returns. The Capricorn Investment Group announced that they expect earnings per share to increase to double figures for the 2019 financial year. The company revealed this in an announcement on the Namibian Stock Exchange news platform that not only will earnings per share increase, but their after-tax profits are expected to similarly increase by a figure of between N\$56 million and N\$102 million. "The group's profit after tax for the year ended 30 June 2019 is to increase between 6% and 11%, and headline earnings per share (HEPS) between 12% and 17%, compared to the prior year," read the announcement. – The Namibian

Oryx enters residential property market. Owners of Maerua Mall, Oryx Properties Limited have bought three residential housing complexes for N\$86.7 million, an attempt to diversify their portfolio, the company said. Oryx announced this on Wednesday, with the release of their trading update ahead of their 2019 financial statements release today. According to the statement, Oryx expects to increase profits by 30% and a higher earnings per share figure but the increase will not trickle down the shareholders, as the increase in earnings will be due to unrealised foreign currency gains and fair value adjustments. – The Namibian

Namdeb closure to hit country hard. Namdeb's mooted closure by 2022 would leave Namibia poorer by billions, and efforts are being made to explore extending the flagship company's lifespan. The onshore diamond mining company - owned 50/50 by the Namibian government and De Beers Group - is hanging onto its own existence by fingernails as on-land diamond reserves wear thinner. Original operations started in 1908 and, while diamonds themselves are said to be 'forever', mining them is finite. The company, in fact, had its eulogy already written in preparation of its pre-empted closure in 2012, but works by its engineers breathed life into its lungs so it may hang onto dear life for 10 more years. – New Era

Judgement reserved on flour packaging fight. Two fierce rivals in Namibia's consumer foods market, Namib Mills and Bokomo Namibia, will have to wait until early next year to hear which one of them has won a High Court case about the packaging used for their flour products. Having heard oral arguments in the case over the course of three days in the Windhoek High Court last week, deputy judge president Hosea Angula reserved his judgement, and postponed the matter to 19 February next year for the delivery of his decision. – The Namibian

NedNamibia Holdings released interim results for the period ended 30 June 2019. Profit after tax grew by 7% to N\$153.8 million for the first half of the financial year, translating to earnings per ordinary share of 218.02 cents, a 7% increase from 2018. During the period Nedbank managed to increase gross loans and advances by 0.24%. Despite the lower than expected growth, net interest income increased by 12% to N\$431.9 million compared to the same period in 2018. Impairment charge for the first half of the year amounted to N\$50.2 million. Operating expenses increased by 9% y/y. Non-interest revenue has shown a 14% increase from the prior year, which is mainly due to an increase in card revenue, commission received and insurance premium income, according to Nedbank. A dividend of N\$400 million was declared and paid to Nedbank Group Limited during the period.

Team Namibia links Katutura-based SMEs with donors. Team Namibia, a member-based non-profit movement aimed at the promotion of quality local manufactured products and services, held a donor event financed by the Embassy of Finland, called Team Namibia Lion Den, for Katutura-based SMRs that partake in Team Namibia's SME entrepreneurship training programme. The event was held last week at Kubata City Hotel, Windhoek, where 11 entrepreneurs pitched their businesses to secure funding, material support and market access. The event attracted 48 guests from embassies and high commissions, representatives from donor agencies and non-governmental organisations, trust and foundations, financial services providers and senior civil servants from government authorities and state-owned enterprises. – New Era



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Air Nam to settle N\$400m suit. The Air Namibia board and management have been forced to go cap in hand to local lawyers representing a Belgian company, Challenger Air SA, after the flag carrier recently lost a case in the Windhoek High Court in which it challenged Anicet Baum's appointment as the sole liquidator and receiver of the busted plane lease company. Source close to the matter told Windhoek Observer this week that Air Namibia lawyers represented by Elia Shilongo wrote a letter this week to Challenger Air SA legal representative Sisa Namandje requesting a meeting to discuss how the airline intends to pay the outstanding hundreds of millions that it owes the European company which was liquidated in 1998. -Windhoek Observer

Capricorn acquires stake in Paratus. Capricorn Investment Group, the owners of Bank Windhoek, have bought a 30% stake in information and technology company Paratus Africa Group for N\$252 million. The group announced this with the release of their 2019 reviewed financial statements that show the group made an after-tax profit of N\$1.015 billion from the five sectors in which it operates. "The group acquired a 30% stake in Paratus by acquiring existing shares in Paratus for US\$2 million (N\$30 million), and subscribing to new shares of US\$14.5 million (N\$221 million)," the group said. – The Namibian



NSX Round-Up

Company	Code	Share		P/E (A)	P/E (F)	HEPS (A)	HEPS (F)	Rec
		Price (c)	Mkt Cap (N\$m)					
Capricorn Investment Group	CGP	1,600	8,307	10.1	8.2	158	194	HOLD
FNB Namibia	FNB	3,340	8,938	8.4	8.0	398	419	HOLD
Namibia Asset Management	NAM	55	110	5.4	5.3	10.1	10.4	
Oryx Properties	ORY	2,040	1,783	14.0	12.1	146	169.1	SELL
Namibia Breweries	NBS	4,600	9,500	22.0	22.9	209	201	SELL
Letshego Holdings (Namibia)	LHN	342	1,710	4.5	4.0	76.2	84.6	BUY
Paladin Energy Limited ₂	PDN	150	2,628					
CMB International Ltd ₃	CMB	137	474					
Tadvest Limited NM ₃	TAD	1,385	714					
Trevo Capital Limited ₃	TRVP	534	1,690					
B2Gold Corporation ₁	B2G	5,350	20,583					

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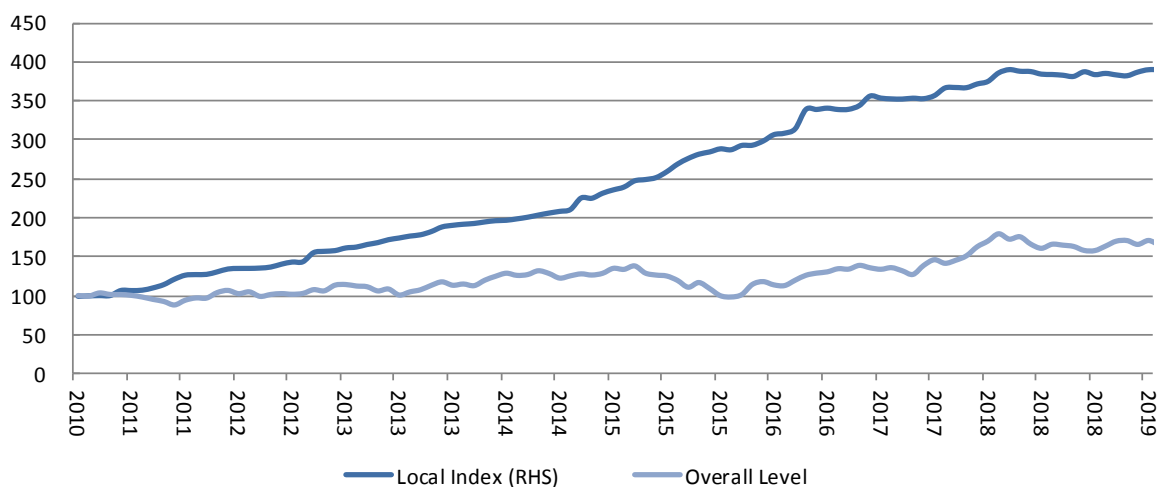
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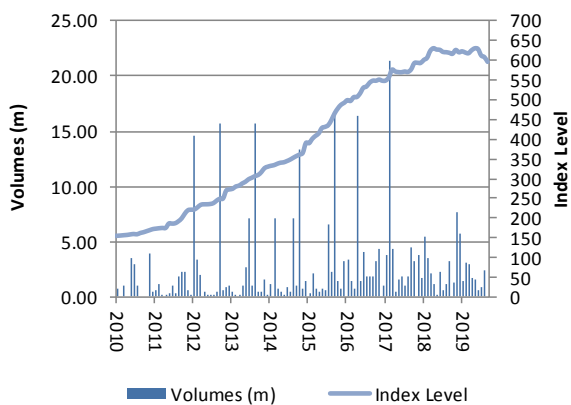


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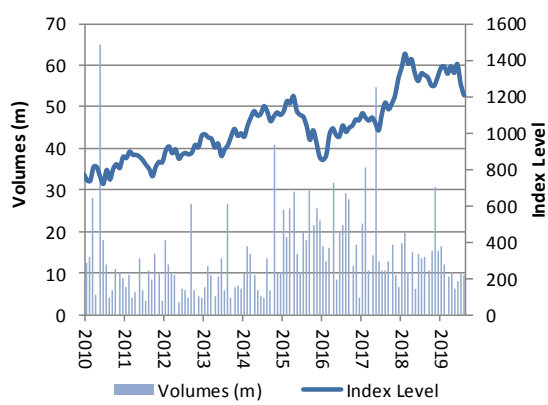
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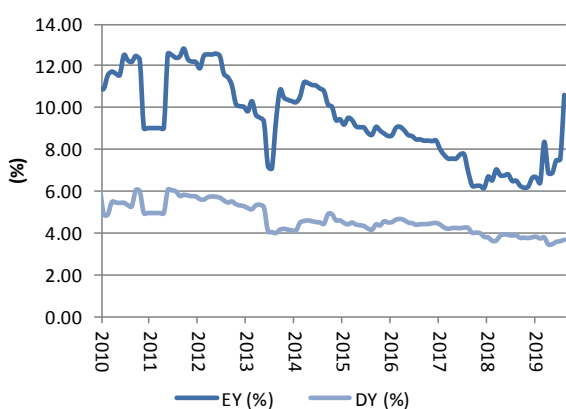
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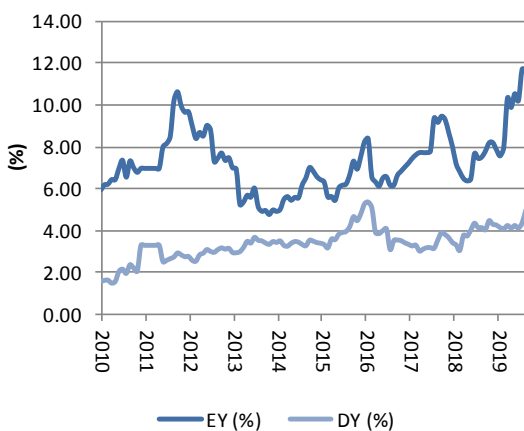
Volumes and Absolute Levels for Overall Index



EY and DY for Local Index



EY and DY for Overall Index



Source: Bloomberg, IJG, JSE

NSX Overall Index

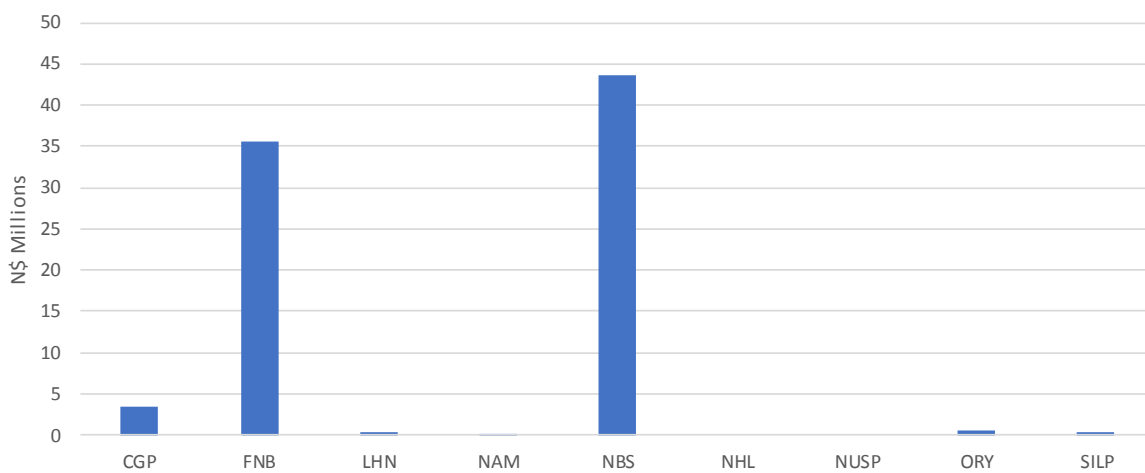
31-Aug-2019 NSX Overall Index N098							
CODE	Share Price	Shares in Issue	Market Cap N\$	Weight %	Free-Float %	FF MCap N\$	FF Weight %
FINANCIALS		22,814,511,227	1,139,049,790,239	63.02%	70.5%	802,609,278,598	62.39%
banks		9,012,554,417	754,827,486,297	41.76%	67.8%	511,799,088,476	39.79%
CGP	16.00	519,184,399	8,306,950,384	0.46%	26%	2,193,865,596	0.17%
FST	59.99	5,609,488,001	336,513,185,180	18.62%	57%	190,466,462,812	14.81%
FNB	33.40	267,593,250	8,937,614,550	0.49%	24%	2,145,027,492	0.17%
LHN	3.42	500,000,000	1,710,000,000	0.09%	22%	376,200,000	0.03%
SNB	177.26	1,619,235,231	287,025,637,047	15.88%	79%	226,750,253,267	17.63%
NBK	226.00	497,053,536	112,334,099,136	6.21%	80%	89,867,279,309	6.99%
general insurance		115,131,417	32,812,453,845	1.82%	35.9%	11,786,233,421	0.92%
SNM	285.00	115,131,417	32,812,453,845	1.82%	36%	11,786,233,421	0.92%
life assurance		8,672,078,251	282,977,045,357	15.66%	81.0%	229,135,306,305	17.81%
MMT	16.44	1,497,475,356	24,618,494,853	1.36%	66%	16,322,062,087	1.27%
OMM	18.19	4,831,264,848	87,880,707,585	4.86%	98%	85,824,299,028	6.67%
SLA	72.75	2,343,338,047	170,477,842,919	9.43%	74%	126,988,945,191	9.87%
investment companies		1,746,414,412	12,853,681,069	0.71%	33.1%	4,252,359,724	0.33%
NAM	0.55	200,000,000	110,000,000	0.01%	52%	57,200,000	0.00%
SILP	127.90	4,650,786	594,835,529	0.03%	100%	594,835,529	0.05%
ARO	3.04	122,954,726	373,782,367	0.02%	100%	373,782,367	0.03%
TAD	13.85	51,544,995	713,898,181	0.04%	0%	0	0.00%
KFS	8.09	1,367,263,905	11,061,164,991	0.61%	29%	3,226,541,828	0.25%
real estate		1,043,605,463	19,683,090,710	1.09%	87.5%	17,221,763,370	1.34%
ORY	20.40	87,378,835	1,782,528,234	0.10%	100%	1,782,528,234	0.14%
VKN	18.72	956,226,628	17,900,562,476	0.99%	86%	15,439,235,136	1.20%
specialist finance		2,224,727,267	35,896,032,961	1.99%	79.2%	28,414,527,301	2.21%
IVD	80.09	318,904,709	25,541,078,144	1.41%	94%	24,085,236,690	1.87%
TUC	6.50	1,214,665,619	7,895,326,524	0.44%	51%	4,045,565,311	0.31%
CMB	1.37	345,983,575	473,997,498	0.03%	1%	4,739,975	0.00%
NUSP	10.30	28,710,692	295,720,128	0.02%	94%	278,985,326	0.02%
TRVP	5.34	316,462,672	1,689,910,668	0.09%	0%	0	0.00%
RESOURCES		4,645,112,437	478,307,855,822	26.46%	72.1%	344,672,995,469	26.79%
mining		4,645,112,437	478,307,855,822	26.46%	72.1%	344,672,995,469	26.79%
ANM	327.64	1,382,174,892	452,855,781,615	25.05%	71%	320,576,607,805	24.92%
PDN	1.50	1,752,084,272	2,628,126,408	0.15%	85%	2,234,170,259	0.17%
B2G	53.50	384,738,307	20,583,499,425	1.14%	97%	20,042,153,390	1.56%
DYL	3.01	518,899,478	1,561,887,427	0.09%	75%	1,171,415,571	0.09%
BMN	0.41	243,191,077	99,708,342	0.01%	70%	69,795,839	0.01%
FSY	1.99	192,782,090	383,636,359	0.02%	100%	383,636,359	0.03%
MEY	1.14	171,242,322	195,216,247	0.01%	100%	195,216,247	0.02%
BASIC INDUSTRIES		342,852,910	6,857,058,200	0.38%	39%	2,661,224,287	0.21%
chemicals		342,852,910	6,857,058,200	0.38%	39%	2,661,224,287	0.21%
AOX	20.00	342,852,910	6,857,058,200	0.38%	39%	2,661,224,287	0.21%
GENERAL INDUSTRIALS		212,692,583	23,570,592,048	1.30%	100%	23,490,452,035	1.83%
diversified industrials		212,692,583	23,570,592,048	1.30%	100%	23,490,452,035	1.83%
BWL	110.82	212,692,583	23,570,592,048	1.30%	100%	23,490,452,035	1.83%
NON-CYCLICAL CONSUMER GOODS		1,734,174,746	69,548,853,931	3.85%	53%	37,147,278,967	2.89%
beverages		669,493,045	9,500,334,000	0.53%	50%	4,750,167,000	0.37%
NBS	46.00	206,529,000	9,500,334,000	0.53%	50%	4,750,167,000	0.37%
food producers & processors		327,437,891	13,852,822,797	0.77%	65%	9,012,850,078	0.70%
OCG	70.00	135,526,154	9,486,830,780	0.52%	58%	5,455,876,382	0.42%
CLN	22.75	191,911,737	4,365,992,017	0.24%	81%	3,556,973,696	0.28%
health care		737,243,810	46,195,697,135	2.56%	51%	23,384,261,890	1.82%
MEP	62.66	737,243,810	46,195,697,135	2.56%	51%	23,384,261,890	1.82%
CYCLICAL SERVICES		496,319,970	23,411,813,275	1.30%	96%	22,582,188,534	1.76%
general retailers		496,319,970	23,411,813,275	1.30%	96%	22,582,188,534	1.76%
NHL	1.60	53,443,500	85,509,600	0.00%	30%	25,652,880	0.00%
TRW	52.67	442,876,470	23,326,303,675	1.29%	97%	22,556,535,654	1.75%
NON-CYCLICAL SERVICES		591,338,502	66,815,337,341	3.70%	80%	53,185,008,523	4.13%
food & drug retailers		591,338,502	66,815,337,341	3.70%	80%	53,185,008,523	4.13%
SRH	112.99	591,338,502	66,815,337,341	3.70%	80%	53,185,008,523	4.13%
N098	0.00	30,837,002,375	1,807,561,300,856	100%	71%	1,286,348,426,414	71.16%

Source: Bloomberg, IIG, NSX

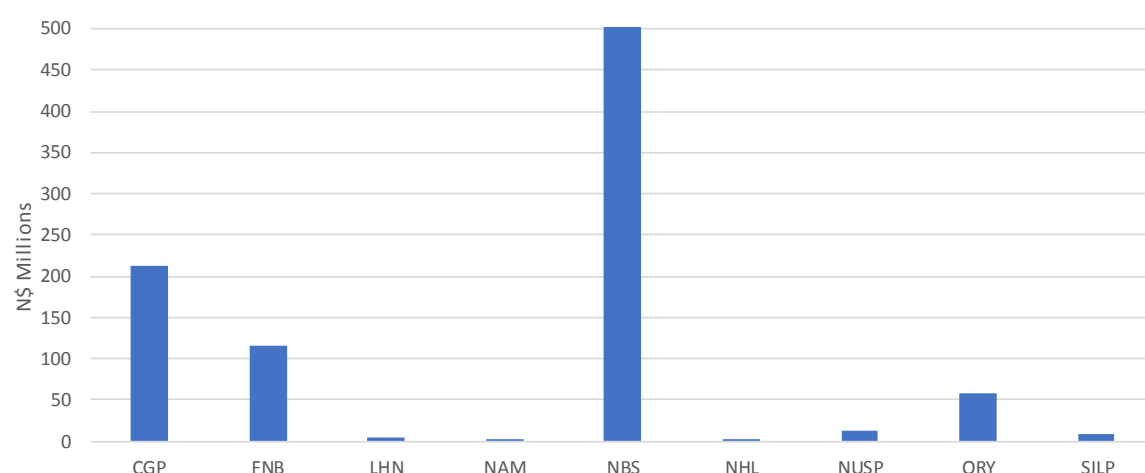
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NSX Trading Update Local Companies

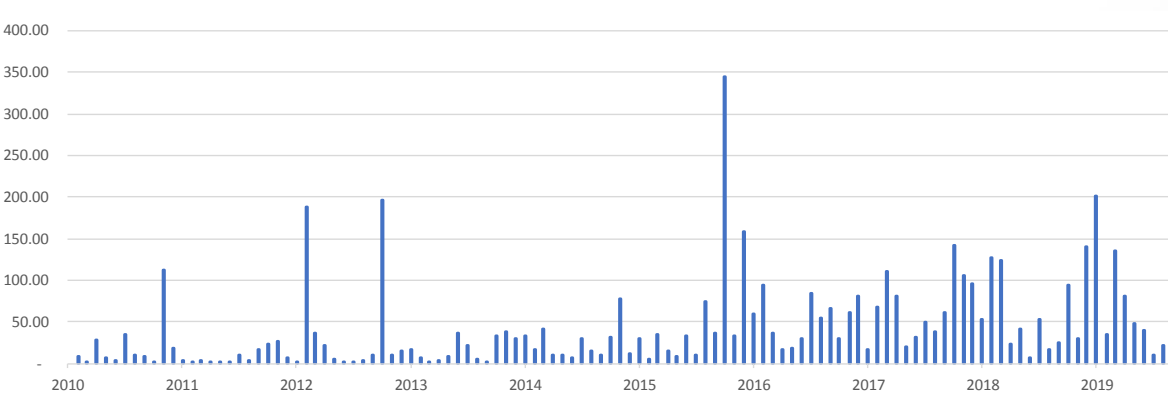
NSX Local Companies: Value Traded August 2019



NSX Local Companies: Value Traded August 2018 – August 2019



NSX Local Companies: Value Traded August 2010 – August 2019



Source: IJG

NSX Monthly Trade Volume (number of shares)

	SHARE	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19
Local Companies							
Capricorn Investment Group	CGP	1,301,648	684,172	755,832	322,016	232,462	215,788
FNB Namibia	FNB	296,901	38,858	50,968	84,939	109,600	1,068,358
Bidvest Namibia	BVN	311,888	34,467	15,704	-	-	-
Letshego Holdings (Namibia)	LHN	37,260	55,527	93,574	195,000	34,461	79,380
Nam Asset Management	NAM	-	-	-	-	15,388	24,612
Nambrew	NBS	981,791	593,225	450,088	26,372	54,638	937,849
Nictus	NHL	-	15,950	1,100	-	-	-
Oryx	ORY	33,843	264,619	139,929	4,257	266,707	25,972
Stimulus Investments	SILP	-	11,880	-	-	40,000	3,000
Nimbus	NUSP	1,700	10,258	17,424	600	90,068	-
Local Company Trading		2,965,031	1,708,956	1,524,619	633,184	843,324	2,354,959
Development Capital Board							
Deep Yellow	DYL	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bannerman Resources	BMN	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forsys Metals	FSY	-	-	-	-	-	-
Xemplar Energy	XEM	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minemakers	MMS	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marenica	MEY	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eco (Atlantic) Oil & Gas	EOG	-	-	-	-	-	-
DevX Trading		-	-	-	-	-	-
Dual Listed Companies							
Astoria Investments	ARO	-	-	-	-	4,366	-
B2Gold Corporation	B2G	-	-	-	-	-	-
FirstRand	FST	417,083	601,222	1,718,352	1,044,434	902,894	524,509
Investec Group	IVD	282,338	674,424	53,454	156,104	167,008	263,046
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	MMT	322,559	168,945	1,159,830	1,423,520	1,257,031	260,697
Old Mutual Ltd	OMM	1,238,621	2,240,616	612,206	1,183,304	2,626,530	2,646,454
Sanlam	SLA	381,618	458,953	77,851	505,014	147,697	158,026
Santam	SNM	72,208	16,947	12,226	3,034	6,111	22,145
Standard Bank	SNB	664,483	553,883	438,984	166,961	287,918	314,391
Oceana	OCG	130,538	296,942	83,974	234,449	198,106	391,251
Afrox	AOX	113,635	204,831	30,960	25,000	660,293	133,677
Barloworld	BWL	59,493	10,378	1,059	1,070	70,990	22,662
Anglo American	ANM	92,604	453,960	143,451	99,485	142,500	503,908
Truworths	TRW	296,154	93,497	198,145	1,159	320,513	221,210
Shoprite	SRH	167,455	744,382	23,718	41,595	757,711	474,712
Nedbank Group	NBK	264,323	239,674	28,958	59,318	194,156	173,510
Vukile	VKN	1,483,225	585,294	317,259	2,244,336	280,753	487,078
Paladin Energy	PDN	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trustco	TUC	-	-	620	-	1,370	-
PSG Konsult	KFS	87,525	905,189	1,514	-	646,608	165,317
Clover Industries limited	CLN	17,824	1,389	63	19,640	57,604	716
Mediclinic International	MEP	167,047	300,053	17,665	136,396	315,156	311,388
Tadvest Limited NM	TAD	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dual Listed Trading		6,258,733	8,550,579	4,920,289	7,344,819	9,045,315	7,074,697
Total Trading (Including DevX)		9,223,764	10,259,535	6,444,908	7,978,003	9,888,639	9,429,656

Source: NSX, IJG



Important Company Dates

Company	Share Code	Fin Year	Interims	Finals
Bank Windhoek Holdings	CGP	30-Jun	28-Feb	30-Sep
FNB Namibia	FNB	30-Jun	28-Feb	30-Sep
Letshego Holdings Namibia	LHN	31 Dec	31 Aug	31 Mar
Namibia Asset Management	NAM	30-Sep	30-Jun	30-Nov
Trustco Group Holdings	TUC	31-Mar	31-Dec	30-Jun
Oryx Properties	ORY	30-Jun	28-Feb	31-Oct
Namibia Breweries	NBS	30-Jun	31-Mar	30-Sep
Nictus	NHL	31-Mar	31-Dec	30-Jun
Nimbus Infrastructure	NUSP	28-Feb	30-Nov	31-May
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 or were last released.



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Title	Product	Date of publication
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Namibian Asset Performance	Quantitative	Early following month
IIG Yield Curves	Quantitative	Mondays
IIG Daily Bulletin	Daily Update	Daily
IIG Business Climate Monitor	Economy	Monthly
IIG Data Bulletin Windhoek Building Plans	Economy	Monthly
IIG Data Bulletin NCPI	Economy	Monthly
IIG Data Bulletin PSCE	Economy	Monthly
IIG Data Bulletin New Vehicle Sales	Economy	Monthly
Oryx FY19 Initial Impression	Company	30-Aug-19
CGP FY19 Initial Impression	Company	22-Aug-19
FNB Update	Company	13-Aug-19
Oryx 1H19 Results Review	Company	16-Jul-19
Letshego Holdings Namibia FY18 Results Review	Company	05-Jul-19
Namibia Capital Market Fixed Income Analysis 2Q19	Economy	03-Jul-19
Namibia Q1 2019 GDP Update	Economy	21-Jun-19
Bidvest Namibia - Note on Circular and Takeover Offer	Company	10-May-19
Namibia Capital Market Fixed Income Analysis	Economy	02-May-19
CGP 1H19 Results Review	Company	04-Apr-19
IIG Budget Review, 2019	Economy	29-Mar-19
NBS 1H19 Initial Impression	Company	15-Mar-19
Bidvest Namibia 1H19 Initial Impression	Company	07-Mar-19
Letshego Holdings Namibia FY18 Initial Impression	Company	06-Mar-19
FNB 1H19 Results Review	Company	05-Mar-19
Oryx 1H19 Initial Impression	Company	05-Mar-19
Fitch Ratings Revision	Economy	05-Mar-19
CGP 1H18 Initial Impression	Company	04-Mar-19
Oryx Rights Issue	Company	25-Feb-19
IIG Economic Outlook	Economy	20-Feb-19
FNB 1H19 Initial Impression	Company	14-Feb-19
NBS FY18 Results Review	Company	20-Nov-18
Letshego Holdings Namibia 1H18 Results Review	Company	19-Nov-18
IIG Mid-Year Budget Review	Economy	25-Oct-18
NBS FY18 Initial Impression	Company	14-Sep-18
BVN FY18 Initial Impression	Company	12-Sep-18
Letshego Holdings Namibia 1H18 Initial Impression	Company	10-Sep-18
FNB FY18 Initial Impression	Company	10-Sep-18
Oryx FY18 Initial Impression	Company	05-Sep-18

Source: IIG

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