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Economic Highlights

	Level	m/m %	y/y %	52Wk High	52Wk Low
NSX Overall	1,091.86	3.50	-13.86	1,314.64	900.32
NSX Local	481.31	-6.55	-20.69	620.65	481.31
South African Market					
JSE ALSI	55,721.80	2.50	-1.87	59,104.61	37,177.92
JSE Top 40	51,368.82	2.38	1.12	52,979.98	33,407.74
JSE INDI	74,508.19	-1.29	2.38	78,449.85	53,105.60
JSE FINI	10,156.23	1.22	-35.60	16,805.85	7,733.47
JSE RESI	55,558.28	8.32	23.15	57,389.56	27,027.36
JSE GOLD	6,111.08	23.16	197.23	6,710.70	2,041.62
JSE BANKS	5,196.89	1.24	-41.39	9,579.20	4,279.81
International Markets					
Dow Jones	26,428.32	2.38	-1.62	29,568.57	18,213.65
S&P 500	3,271.12	5.51	9.76	3,393.52	2,191.86
NASDAQ	10,745.27	6.82	31.43	10,927.56	6,631.42
US Bond (10 Yr Bond)	150.29	0.59	9.36	153.48	136.91
FTSE 100	5,897.76	-4.41	-22.26	7,689.67	4,898.79
DAX	12,313.36	0.02	1.02	13,795.24	8,255.65
Hang Seng	24,595.35	0.69	-11.46	29,174.92	21,139.26
Nikkei	21,710.00	-2.59	0.88	24,115.95	16,358.19
Currencies					
N\$/US\$	17.07	-1.61	19.03	19.35	13.93
N\$/£	22.33	3.78	28.04	23.71	17.44
N\$/€	20.10	3.15	26.58	20.92	15.58
N\$/AU\$	12.20	1.81	24.21	12.32	9.56
N\$/CAD\$	12.73	-0.41	17.06	13.63	10.61
€/US\$	1.18	4.84	6.34	1.19	1.06
US\$/¥	105.83	-1.95	-2.71	112.23	101.19
Commodities					
Brent Crude - US\$/barrel	43.52	5.15	-29.17	66.70	26.04
Gold - US/Troy oz.	1,975.86	10.94	39.76	1,988.40	1,436.80
Platinum - US/Troy oz.	905.13	9.13	4.67	1,041.71	564.00
Copper - US/lb.	286.80	5.11	5.71	299.30	199.00
Silver - US/Troy oz.	24.39	33.95	49.95	26.20	11.64
Uranium - US/lb.	31.35	-0.16	23.91	33.95	23.85
Namibia Fixed Interest					
IJG ALBI	228.80	1.30	10.47	229.54	190.04
IJG Money Market Index	217.38	0.46	6.85	217.38	203.44
Namibia Rates					
Bank	4.00	0bp	-275bp	6.75	4.00
Prime	7.75	0bp	-275bp	10.50	7.75
South Africa Rates					
Bank	3.50	-25bp	-300bp	6.50	3.50
Prime	7.00	-25bp	-300bp	10.00	7.00

Source: IJG, NSX, Bloomberg

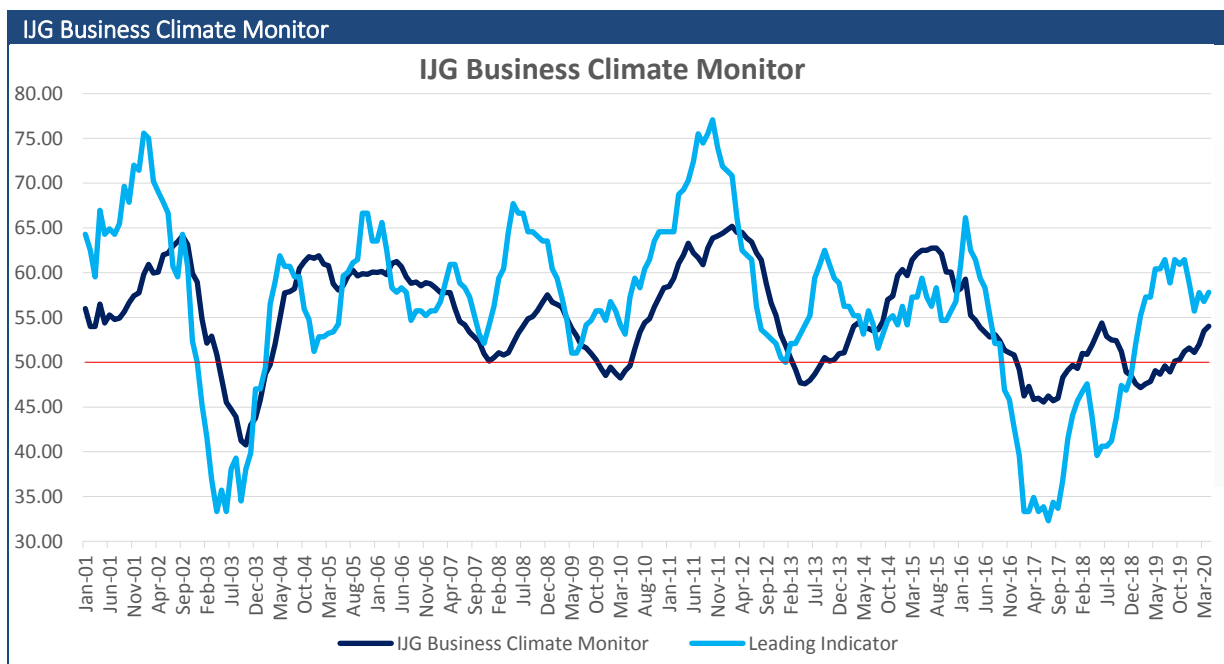


IJG/IPPR Business Climate Monitor

The IJG Business Climate Monitor (BCM) continued to rise in April 2020, although at a slower pace, to the highest level since June 2018. It climbed to 54.03 points from 53.49 points in March. The Leading Indicator continued its back and forth trend and increased to 57.81 from 56.77. The BCM and Leading Indicators continued their upward trends despite the global, regional and national lockdowns, closed borders, and state of emergencies in many countries. This is due to the methodology applied and the indicators selected for calibrating the BCM and the Leading Indicator. Quite a number of indicators moved in a direction that should have been supportive to Namibia’s economic development had the halt of business activities in most other sectors and in most other economies not prevented it from materialising. Furthermore, the BCM and Leading Indicator are based on 12-month moving averages that smoothen peaks and troughs. The monthly values for both actually dropped, but remained in positive territory.

Agriculture is considered an essential sector and continued operating. However, only 16,536 heads of livestock were auctioned compared to 23,303 in March and prices dropped slightly for both beef and lamb. Copper output decreased for a fourth consecutive month to 1,203 tonnes, while gold production increased by almost 50% to 654 kg. Prices in US dollar for both commodities improved further and prices in the domestic currency received an additional boost from the continuing depreciation of the Namibia dollar against the US dollar. Trade disruptions, however, resulted in a slump of exports by 38% in April compared to March to N\$5.6 billion. In contrast, imports declined by only 8% to N\$6.7bn. The tourism sector came to a standstill due to the closure of borders, but still 42 foreign visitors arrived at the international airport in Windhoek.

Owing to the lockdown, no building plans were completed or approved in Windhoek. However, a few vehicles were still sold: Nine passenger and 41 commercial vehicles compared to a total of 926 a year earlier. Credit extended to individuals and businesses showed a slight contraction to N\$58.7bn and N\$42.9bn respectively, which is 5.7% and 1.1% above levels in April 2019. Motorists, to the extent that they still used their vehicles, benefited from significant price declines for petrol and diesel by N\$1.70 per litre and N\$1.20 per litre respectively. The collapse of global oil prices by far outweighed the impact of the depreciation of the Namibia Dollar against the USD as factors influencing the BCM. Good news for consumers was also the drop in the monthly and annual inflation rates to 0.2% and 2.1% respectively despite some substantial price increases for selected items. The pandemic and lockdown took its toll also on company registrations. Only 129 new Close Corporations, Companies and Defensive Names were registered in April 2020 compared to 1,156 in April 2019 and 1,133 in March 2020.



Source: IJG, IPPR (Values above 50 indicate economic expansion)

Public Debt Securities

N\$ [m]	Treasury Bills		Bonds		Total	
	July-20	June-20	July-20	June-20	July-20	June-20
Issued	4 332.00	3 620.00	1 611.64	537.20	5 943.64	4 157.20
Funds Raised	132.00	650.00	1 611.64	537.20	1 743.64	1 187.20
Redemptions	4 200.00	2 970.00	-	-	4 200.00	2 970.00
Interest Payments	-	-	879.93	-	879.93	-
Outstanding	26 084.00	25 952.00	41 877.44	40 037.60	67 961.44	65 989.60

Source: BoN, IJG

Effective yields (EY) for treasury bills (TB's) on average decreased during July. The 91-day TB yield decreased to 4.38%, the 182-day TB decreased to 4.59%, the 273-day TB yield decreased to 4.56%, and the 365-day TB yield decreased to 4.57%. A total of N\$26.08bn or 38.2% of the Government's domestic maturity profile was in TB's as at 31 July 2020, with 9.25% in 91-day TB's, 16.95% in 182-day TB's, 30.56% in 273-day TB's and 43.24% in 365-day TB's.

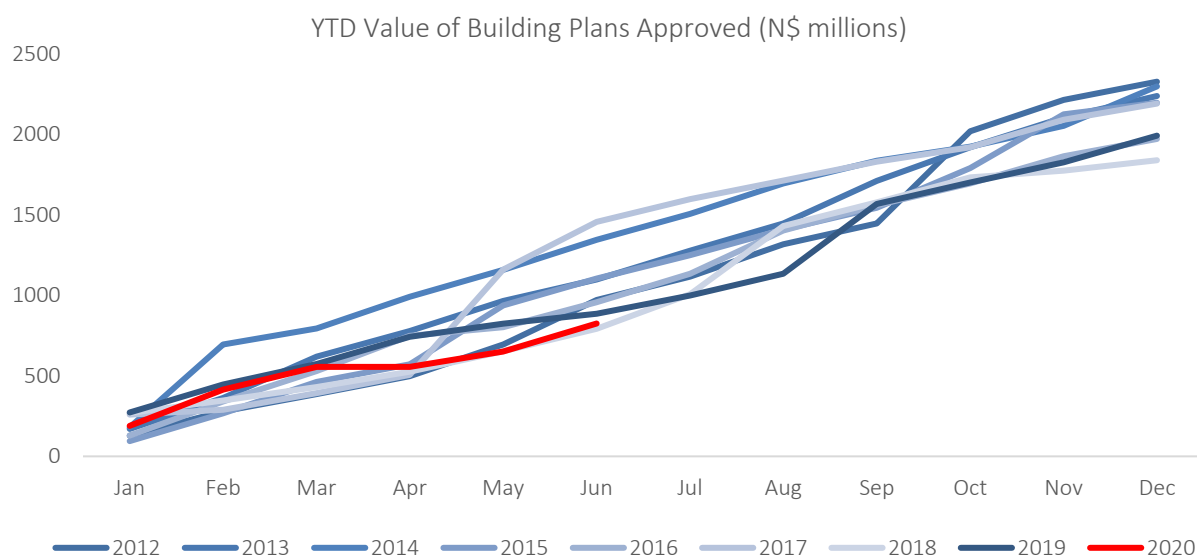
Namibian bond premiums relative to SA yields generally decreased in July. The GC21 premium was unchanged at 10bps; the GC22 premium decreased by 23bps to 67bps; the GC23 premium increased by 1bps to 89bps; the GC24 premium decreased by 11bps to 29bps; the GC25 premium decreased by 17bps to 21bps; the GC26 premium came in at 45bps; the GC27 premium increased by 8bps to 48bps; the GC30 premium decreased by 22bps to 36bps; the GC32 premium decreased by 10bps to 64bps; the GC35 premium decreased by 4bps to 96bps; the GC37 premium increased by 6bps to 116bps; the GC40 premium increased by 10bps to 168bps; the GC43 premium increased by 2bps to 177bps; the GC45 premium increased by 5bps to 202bps; and the GC50 premium increased by 2bps to 207bps.

Building Plans – June

Plans Approved	30-Jun-20		N\$ Value YTD		N\$ Change	% Change
	Number	Value (mill)	2019	2020	YTD	YTD
Additions	190	96.2	362.3	329.8	(32.5)	-9.0%
Commercial and Industrial	4	5.3	184.9	252.2	67.4	36.4%
Flats and Houses	76	72.3	338.2	243.3	(94.9)	-28.1%
Total	270	173.7	885.3	825.2	(60.1)	-6.8%
Plans Completed						
Additions	203	95.7	194.9	352.4	157.5	80.8%
Commercial and Industrial	2	2.5	164.4	8.0	(156.3)	-95.1%
Flats and Houses	84	93.9	227.3	211.8	(15.5)	-6.8%
Total	289	192.1	586.5	572.2	(14.4)	-2.4%

Source: City of Windhoek, IJG

A total of 270 building plans were approved in June by the City of Windhoek, 159 more than in May. In value terms, approvals increased by N\$78.9 million to N\$173.7 million, an 83.2% m/m increase from May. A total of 289 completions to the value of N\$192.1 million were recorded in June. Year-to-date 876 plans have been approved, 89 fewer than the 965 plans approved over the same period last year. The year-to-date value of approved building plans currently stands at N\$825.2 million, which is 6.8% lower than during the first half of 2019. On a twelve-month cumulative basis, 1,943 building plans were approved worth approximately N\$1.93 billion, equal in value terms compared to the same period in 2019.



Source: City of Windhoek, IJG

The number of both building plan approvals and completions came in slightly above our expectations during the month and this is somewhat encouraging. This does however not indicate that there will be a significant increase in construction activity in the coming months. City of Windhoek's data shows that the average waiting period from submission to approval was 118 days, meaning that most of the submissions were done before the lockdown period. It thus remains to be seen how many of these approvals will result in actual building activity as both businesses and consumers are still recovering from the impact of the lockdowns and are unlikely to still be in the financial position to go ahead with these building projects.

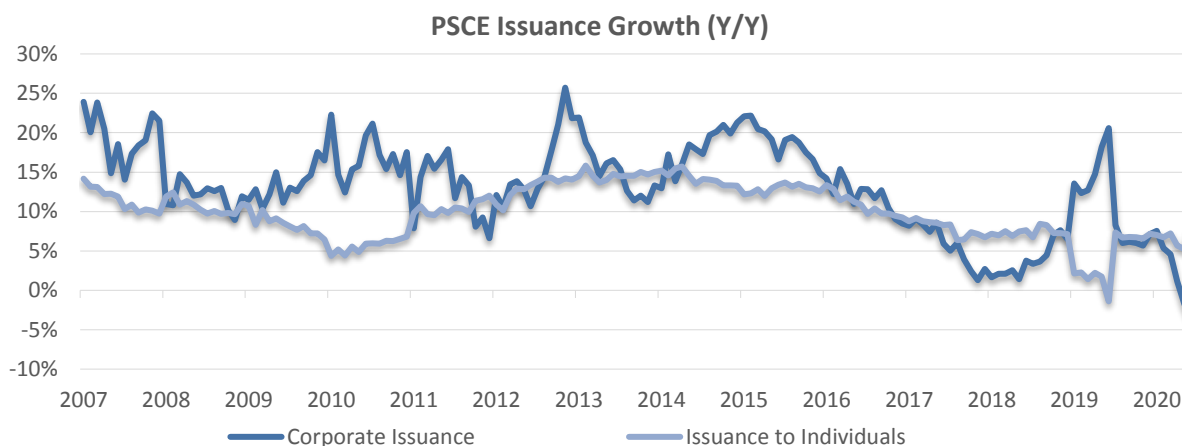
0.0005	4.85%
0.0003	13.04%
0.0006	50.00%
0.0003	14.29%
0.0005	12.50%

Private Sector Credit Extension - June

	N\$ millions	Change in N\$ millions		% Change	
	Outstanding	One Month	One Year	m/m	y/y
Corporate	43 127.9	351.3	(1 598.2)	0.82%	-3.57%
Individual	58 895.9	120.8	4 401.6	0.21%	8.08%
Mortgage loans	53 031.8	(181.2)	956.4	-0.34%	1.84%
Other Loans & Advances	26 323.6	320.9	2 688.8	1.23%	11.38%
Overdraft	12 541.2	345.3	105.5	2.83%	0.85%
Instalment Credit	10 127.4	(12.9)	(947.2)	-0.13%	-8.55%
Total PSCE	102 693.7	408.0	2 456.6	0.40%	2.45%

Source: BoN, IJG

Total credit extended to the private sector (PSCE) increased by N\$408.0 million or 0.40% m/m in June, bringing the cumulative credit outstanding to N\$102.69 billion. On a year-on-year basis, private sector credit increased by 2.5%y/y in June, compared to 1.8% y/y in May. Although a slight uptick from the previous month, this represents the second-lowest level of annual growth on our records dating back to 2002. On a rolling 12-month basis, N\$2.457 billion worth of credit was extended to the private sector. Of this cumulative issuance, individuals took up N\$4.402 billion, while corporates decreased their borrowings by N\$1.598 billion and the non-resident private sector paid back N\$346.92 million of total outstanding loans and advances.



Source: BoN, IJG

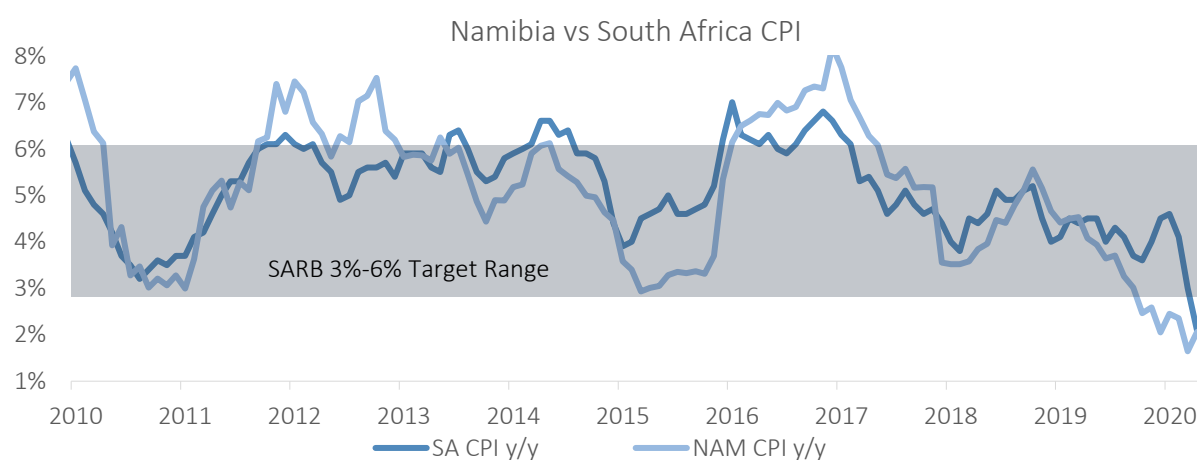
Private sector credit extension remains subdued at the end of June, ticking up slightly to 2.5% y/y from 1.8% y/y in May. Rolling 12-month issuance has ticked up slightly to N\$2.46 billion. However, cumulative 12-month private sector credit issuance is still down 63.1% from the N\$6.65 billion figure as at June 2019. Most of the growth has been from mortgages to individuals where the 12-month cumulative issuance stands at N\$2.93 billion, which may indicate some revival of activity in the Namibian property market. However, corporates have been reducing their debt over the last 12 months and have seen N\$1.60 billion in repayments as businesses de-risk and deliver their operations. Despite Namibian interest rates now being at their lowest levels yet, and expectations are for possibly one more rate cut, this has not seemed to stimulated lending much. Economic activity remains muted and the outlook for the next two years remains extremely uncertain as the global effect of the pandemic and lockdowns still have to run their course. As a result, we do not expect to see a strong recovery in credit extension in the medium term.

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0.0005	12.50%

Namibia CPI - June

Category	Weight	Jun-20 m/m %	May-20 y/y %	Jun-20 y/y %	Direction
Food	16.4%	-0.3%	4.7%	4.7%	→
Alcoholic B&T	12.6%	1.4%	2.2%	3.6%	↗
Clothing	3.0%	0.3%	-1.3%	-1.8%	↘
Housing utilities	28.4%	0.1%	-0.6%	-0.6%	→
Furniture	5.5%	-0.4%	3.7%	2.8%	↘
Health	2.0%	0.5%	3.0%	3.4%	↗
Transport	14.3%	0.4%	-0.1%	-0.8%	↘
Communications	3.8%	0.5%	1.8%	2.3%	↗
Recreation	3.6%	-0.3%	5.9%	5.8%	↘
Education	3.6%	0.0%	7.0%	7.0%	→
Hotels	1.4%	0.4%	0.8%	1.1%	↗
Miscellaneous	5.4%	0.1%	6.1%	6.3%	↗
All Items	100%	0.2%	2.1%	2.1%	→

The Namibian annual inflation rate remained at 2.1% in June, unchanged from May. On a month-on-month basis, prices increased by 0.2%, following the 0.4% m/m increase in May. Overall, prices in five of the twelve basket categories rose at a faster annual rate than during the preceding month, four at a slower rate and three grew at a steady pace. Price for goods rose by 2.5% y/y in June, while prices for services grew by 1.6% y/y.



Source: NSA, StatsSA, IIG

Namibian annual inflation at 2.1% in June remains benign as economic activity remains weak after the relaxation of the lockdown restrictions, and is on par with South Africa's May inflation figure of 2.1% y/y. South Africa's inflation has breached the lower end of the SARB's 3-6% target range in April, and remained at or below the 4.5% midpoint for 18 consecutive months. If the SARB expects inflation to trend at current levels for some time, it could decide to cut interest rates further. The market currently expects the SARB to cut rates by 25-50 basis points at its July MPC meeting next week, although a 25-basis point cut is more likely in IIG's view. Regardless of the outcome, we expect the BoN to follow the SARB's at its August MPC meeting, as Namibian inflation will likely remain muted for at least the rest of the year. IIG's inflation model forecasts an average inflation rate of 2.2% y/y 2020 and 3.8% in 2021. The biggest risk to this forecast is fuel price increase due to the steady increase in the international oil price.



New Vehicle Sales - June

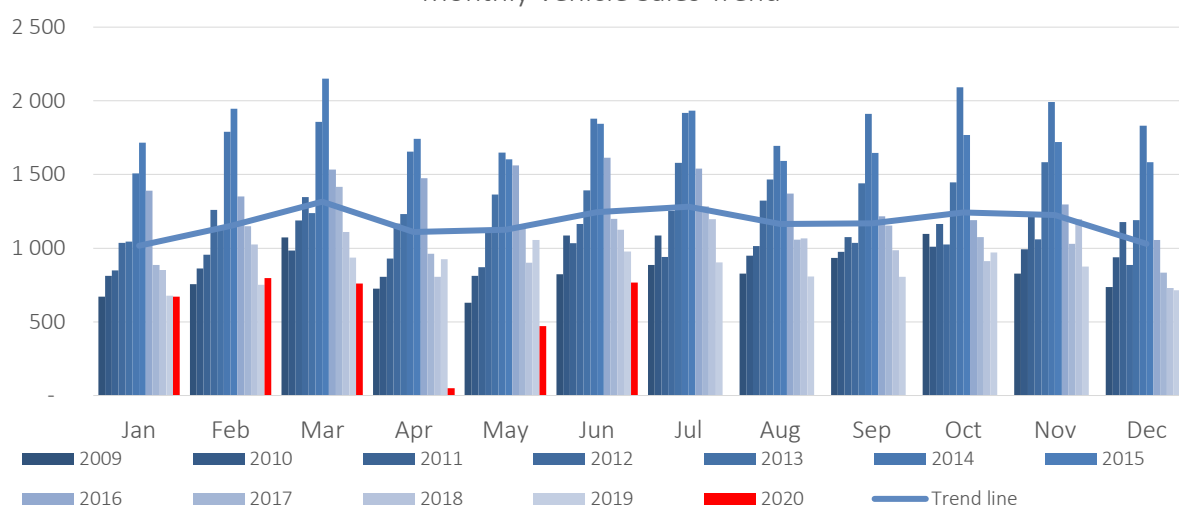
Vehicle Sales	Units	2020 YTD	May-20 (y/y %)	Jun-20 (y/y %)	Sentiment
Passenger	345	1 530	-57.0	-8.7	✓
Light Commercial	386	1 766	-51.1	-25.6	✓
Medium Commercial	12	82	-23.1	-61.3	✗
Heavy Commercial	24	139	-82.8	-51.0	✓
Total	767	3 517	-55.4	-21.5	✓

Source: Naamsa, IJG

*Sentiment describes the rate of y/y change

767 New vehicles were sold in June, an increase of 62.8% m/m from the 471 new vehicles sold in May. However, this is a decrease of 21.5% y/y from the 977 new vehicles sold in June 2019. Year-to-date 3,517 vehicles have been sold, of which 1,530 were passenger vehicles, 1,766 were light commercial vehicles, and 221 were medium and heavy commercial vehicles. On a rolling 12-month basis, a total of 8,595 new vehicles were sold as at June 2020, representing a contraction of 24.7% from the 11,412 sold over the comparable period a year ago.

Monthly Vehicle Sales Trend



Source: Naamsa, IJG

The Bottom Line

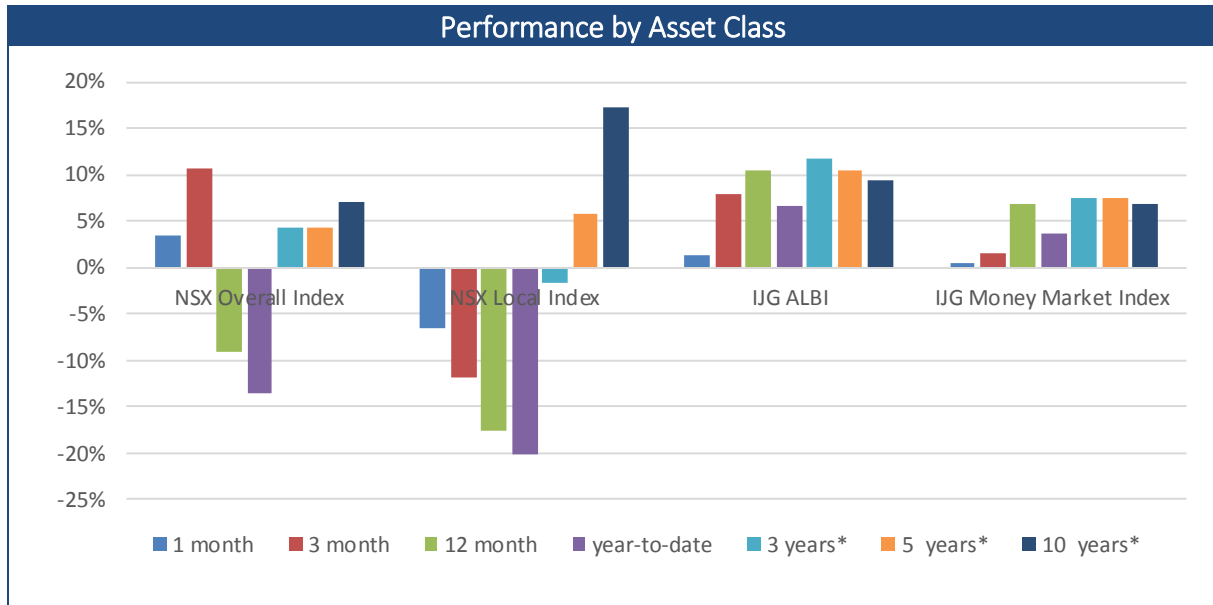
June saw the number of new vehicles sales increasing quite substantially on a monthly basis. However, as pointed out earlier in this report, this increase is from a relatively low base as vehicle sales are merely recovering after very low activity during lockdown. In the first half of this year, new vehicle sales are down 33.9% y/y compared to the same period in 2019. We expect new vehicle sales to remain under pressure and do not foresee any substantial increases in the number sold for at least the rest of the year, as economic conditions are expected to remain weak.



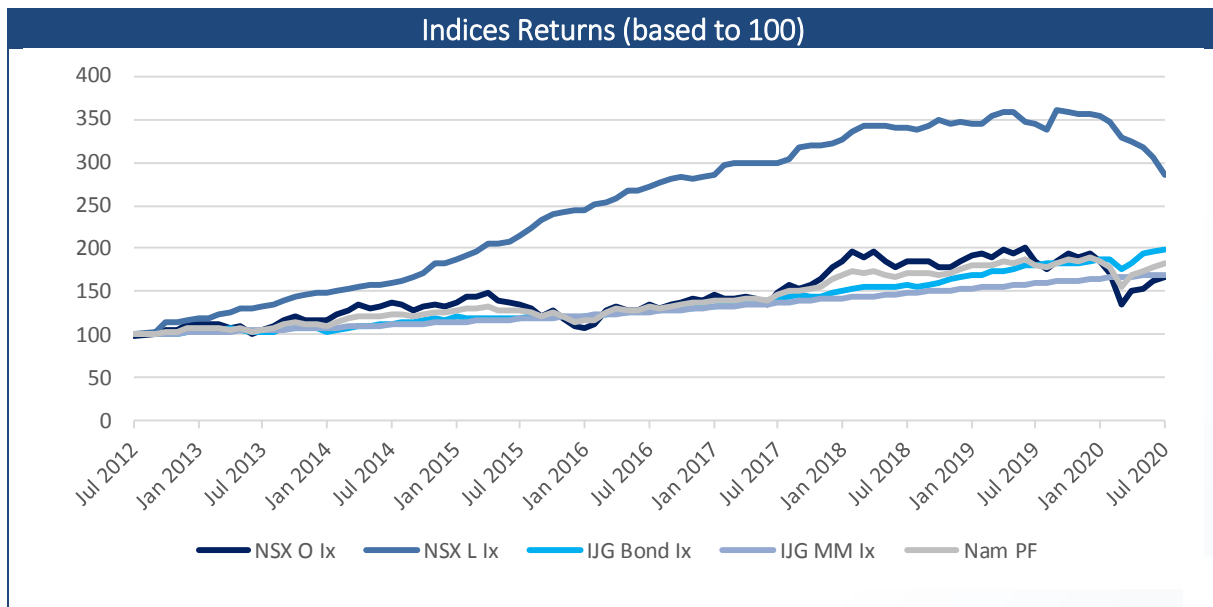
Namibian Asset Performance

The NSX Overall Index closed at 1,091.86 points at the end of July, up from 1,054.97 points in June, gaining 3.5% m/m on a total return basis in July compared to a 5.3% m/m increase in June. The NSX Local Index decreased 6.6% m/m compared to a 4.0% m/m increase in June. Over the last 12 months the NSX Overall Index returned -9.0% against -17.5% for the Local Index. The best performing share on the NSX in July was Bravura Holdings, gaining 40.5%, while FNB Namibia Holdings was the worst performer, dropping -27.6%.

The IJG All Bond Index (including Corporate Bonds) rose 1.30% m/m in July after a 0.49% m/m increase in June. The IJG Money Market Index (including NCD's) increased 0.46% m/m in July after rising by 0.48% m/m in June.



Source: IJG



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**Namibian Returns by Asset Class [N\$, %] - July 2020**

	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	ytd	3 years*	5 years*
NSX Overall Index	3.50	10.58	-8.96	-8.99	-13.55	4.23	4.36
NSX Local Index	-6.55	-11.77	-19.20	-17.52	-20.14	-1.65	5.85
IIG ALBI	1.30	7.98	5.23	10.47	6.71	11.79	10.56
IIG GOVI	1.30	8.20	5.16	10.35	6.62	11.90	10.59
IIG OTHI	1.24	2.68	6.88	13.24	8.17	11.31	10.68
IIG Money Market Index	0.46	1.47	3.15	6.85	3.75	7.59	7.58

* annualised

Source: IIG

Namibian Returns by Asset Class [US\$, %] - July 2020

	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	ytd	3 years*	5 years*
US\$ Strength/(Weakness)	1.64	8.52	-11.97	-15.98	-17.99	-8.25	-5.77
NSX Overall Index	5.19	20.00	-19.86	-23.54	-29.10	-4.37	-1.66
NSX Local Index	-5.03	-4.25	-28.87	-30.70	-34.51	-9.77	-0.27
IIG ALBI	2.96	17.18	-7.37	-7.19	-12.49	2.56	4.17
IIG GOVI	2.96	17.42	-7.43	-7.29	-12.57	2.67	4.20
IIG OTHI	2.89	11.43	-5.91	-4.86	-11.29	2.13	4.29
IIG Money Market Index	2.11	10.11	-9.20	-10.23	-14.92	-1.29	1.37

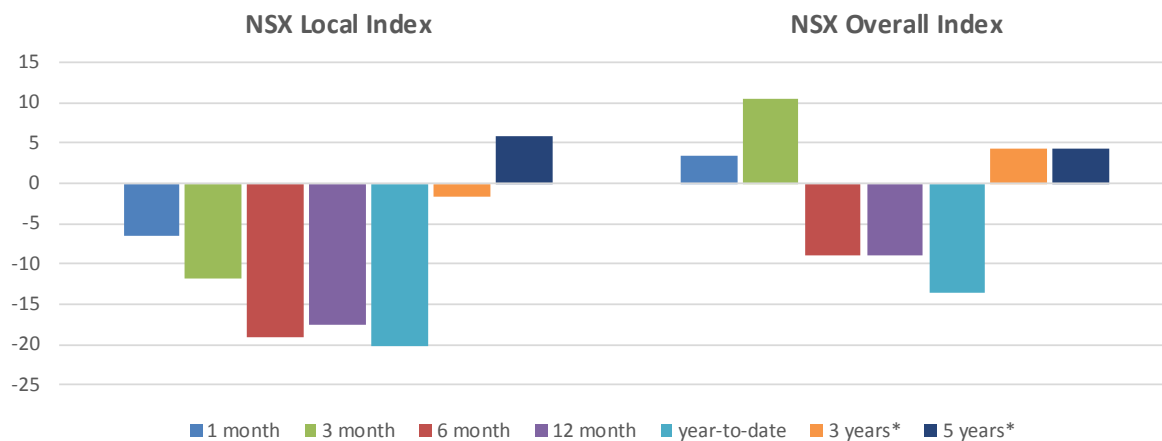
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Source: IIG



Equities

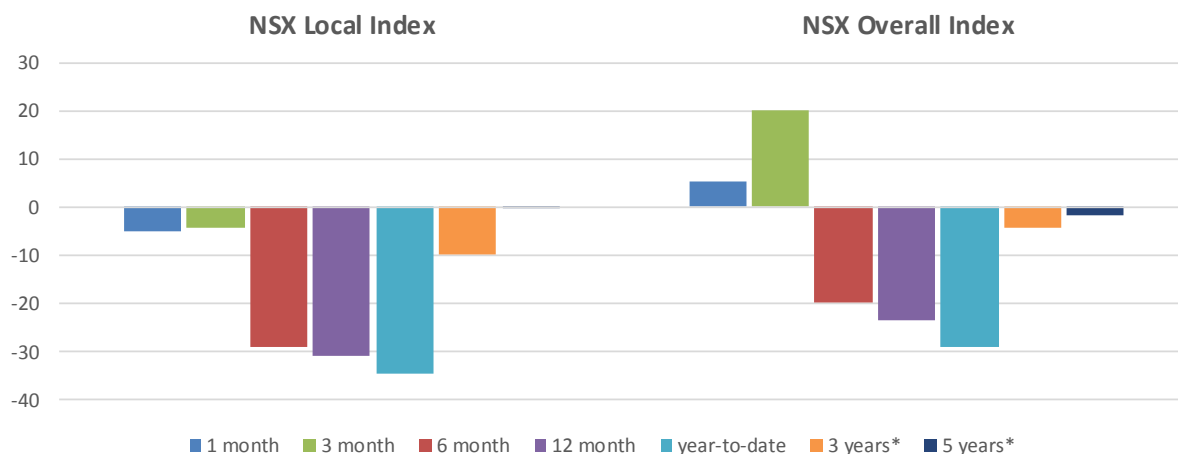
Please note that we have changed the calculation methodology for returns for the NSX Overall and the NSX Local Indices effective 1 February 2010. The new methodology calculates the returns based on the FTSE/JSE total return indices.



Index Total Returns [N\$, %] - July 2020

	Code	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	YTD	3 years*	5 years*
NSX Local Index	N099	-6.55	-11.77	-19.20	-17.52	-20.14	-1.65	5.85
NSX Overall Index	N098	3.50	10.58	-8.96	-8.99	-13.55	4.23	4.36

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US\$ Strength (Weakness)		1.64	8.52	-11.97	-15.98	-17.99	-8.25	-5.77
NSX Local Index	N099	-5.03	-4.25	-28.87	-30.70	-34.51	-9.77	-0.27
NSX Overall Index	N098	5.19	20.00	-19.86	-23.54	-29.10	-4.37	-1.66

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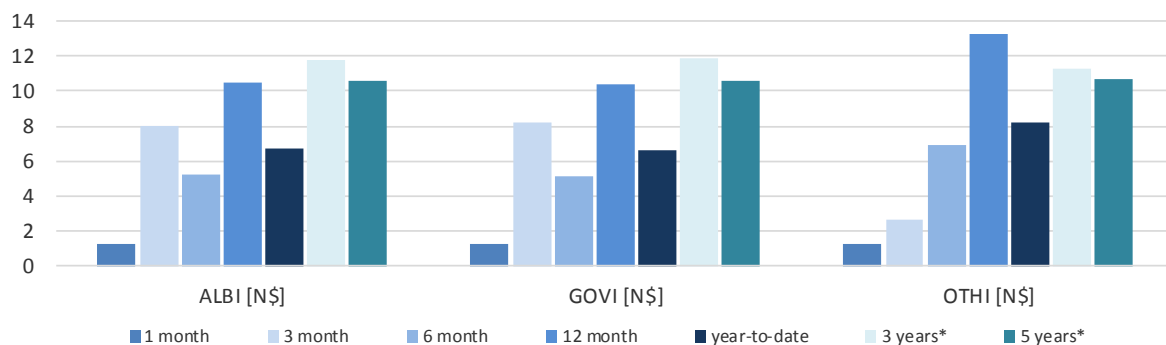
Individual Equity Total Returns [N\$,%] July 2020

	Month end price (c)	NSX FF Market Cap Weight	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	year-to-date
FINANCIALS			1.41	-0.85	-26.38	-30.07	-31.77
<i>banks</i>			2.39	-0.27	-30.34	-35.52	-35.44
CGP	1 349	0.15%	-3.57	-10.01	-9.47	-12.12	-9.82
FST	3 882	14.50%	2.00	-4.08	-30.34	-33.21	-35.89
FNB*	2 300	0.12%	-27.63	-31.03	-29.01	-21.40	-29.01
LHN	270	0.02%	-1.46	21.44	3.66	-16.59	-11.78
NBK	10 478	2.96%	2.50	-2.27	-42.74	-52.08	-47.71
SNO	745	0.05%	-0.53	-11.63	-16.39		-16.39
SNB	10 793	11.15%	3.28	5.68	-27.47	-34.79	-32.14
<i>insurance</i>			-1.01	-3.54	-3.30	-6.28	-5.82
SNM	26 530	0.89%	-1.01	-3.54	-3.30	-6.28	-5.82
<i>life assurance</i>			-0.15	-3.46	-18.11	-18.93	-24.81
MMT	1 654	1.31%	-6.08	-5.49	-17.26	-2.36	-24.27
OMM	1 147	4.23%	-4.73	-14.53	-29.26	-34.90	-37.75
SLA	6 081	8.19%	3.17	2.58	-12.48	-13.34	-18.21
<i>investment companies</i>			0.00	-6.15	-6.15	9.18	10.91
NAM*	61	0.01%	0.00	-6.15	-6.15	9.18	10.91
<i>real estate</i>			-18.88	5.73	-54.53	-54.81	-57.22
ORY*	1 740	0.12%	-0.51	-0.51	-10.77	-10.63	-14.03
VKN	582	0.42%	-24.32	7.58	-67.49	-67.89	-70.00
<i>specialist finance</i>			5.15	11.45	-30.03	-32.91	-31.95
CMB	170	0.02%	40.50	-5.56	16.44	19.72	51.79
IVD	3 324	0.82%	-3.74	-13.41	-44.33	-41.44	-43.60
KFS	700	0.23%	-6.54	-6.58	-20.59	-23.34	-24.77
PNH	1 095	0.04%	-0.45	8.65	7.59	7.28	7.38
SILP	12 780	0.05%	0.00	2.45	2.46	2.46	2.46
TAD	1 526	0.00%	-3.30	-5.98	15.87	19.41	19.59
TUC*	499	0.33%	36.34	86.19	-10.89	-28.71	-18.20
HEALTH CARE			5.33	4.42	-16.84	1.83	-21.87
<i>health care providers</i>			5.33	4.42	-16.84	1.83	-21.87
MEP	6 029	1.82%	5.33	4.42	-16.84	1.83	-21.87
RESOURCES			5.40	26.11	16.19	34.08	15.69
<i>mining</i>			5.42	26.19	16.33	34.28	15.83
ANM	41 815	41.75%	4.19	27.06	10.09	25.82	7.82
PDN	158	0.20%	32.77	26.40	73.63	7.48	81.61
CER	21	0.01%	23.53	90.91	40.00	-12.50	50.00
FSY	188	0.01%	-6.93	-20.00	36.23	12.57	40.30
DYL	279	0.04%	12.05	-4.12	3.72	-12.26	1.09
BMN	41	0.02%	2.50	-19.61	13.89	-6.82	2.50
MEY	85	0.01%	34.92	8.97	8.97	-21.30	-1.16
B2G	11 190	3.43%	18.69	16.27	89.07	139.90	109.60
<i>chemicals</i>			0.00	5.87	-16.71	-13.08	-16.51
AOX	1 749	0.19%	0.00	5.87	-16.71	-13.08	-16.51
INDUSTRIAL			-2.65	0.15	-14.25	-32.43	-20.69
GENERAL INDUSTRIALS							
<i>diversified industrials</i>			-5.16	-2.58	-29.11	-42.13	-38.22
BWL	6 621	1.07%	-5.16	-2.58	-29.11	-42.13	-38.22
NON-CYCLICAL CONSUMER GOODS							
<i>beverages</i>			-1.40	-11.52	-27.16	-25.11	-27.58
NBS*	3 450	0.29%	-1.40	-11.52	-27.16	-25.11	-27.58
<i>food producers & processors</i>			0.97	18.03	14.01	10.03	16.98
OCG	7 200	0.28%	0.97	18.03	14.01	10.03	16.98
CYCLICAL SERVICES							
<i>general retailers</i>			-4.05	10.63	-21.60	-43.30	-29.71
NHL	160	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRW	3 263	1.12%	-4.06	10.65	-21.64	-43.38	-29.76
NON-CYCLICAL SERVICES							
<i>food & drug retailers</i>			-1.95	-2.39	-9.46	-30.40	-15.83
SRH	10 457	4.15%	-1.95	-2.39	-9.46	-30.40	-15.83

Source: IJG, NSX, JSE, Bloomberg



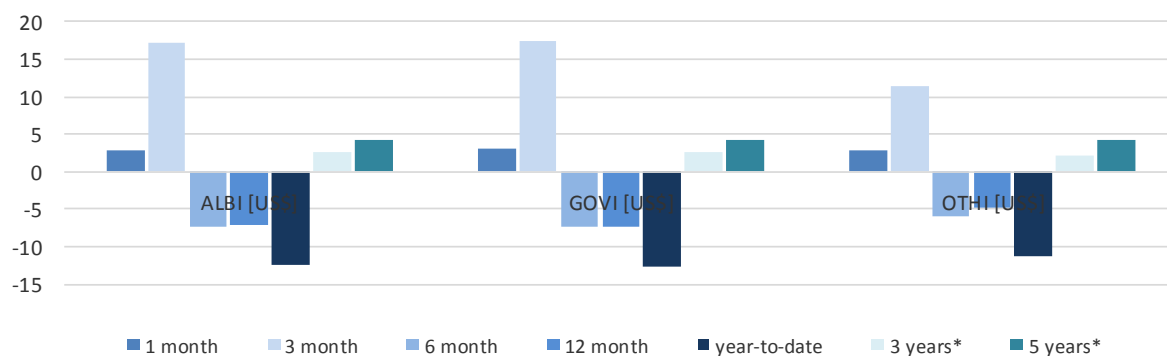
Bonds



Bond Performance Index Total Returns (%) - as at July 2020

	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	YTD	3 years*	5 years*
ALBI [N\$]	1.30	7.98	5.23	10.47	6.71	11.79	10.56
GOVI [N\$]	1.30	8.20	5.16	10.35	6.62	11.90	10.59
OTHI [N\$]	1.24	2.68	6.88	13.24	8.17	11.31	10.68

* annualised



Bond Performance, Index Total Returns (US\$- terms), (%) - as at July 2020

	1 month	3 month	6 month	12 month	YTD	3 years*	5 years*
ALBI [US\$]	2.96	17.18	-7.37	-7.19	-12.49	2.56	4.17
GOVI [US\$]	2.96	17.42	-7.43	-7.29	-12.57	2.67	4.20
OTHI [US\$]	2.89	11.43	-5.91	-4.86	-11.29	2.13	4.29
N\$/US\$	1.64	8.52	-11.97	-15.98	-17.99	-8.25	-5.77

* annualised



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 July 2020							
	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	YTD	3* years	5* years
Money Market Index	0.35	1.08	2.61	6.10	3.21	7.21	7.51
Call Index	0.24	0.78	2.05	4.93	2.53	5.57	5.52
3-month NCD Index	0.32	1.05	2.56	6.06	3.14	6.88	7.08
6-month NCD Index	0.33	1.09	2.70	6.32	3.31	7.21	7.52
12-month NCDIndex	0.36	1.17	2.87	6.71	3.51	7.67	8.07
NCD Index including call	0.34	1.10	2.71	6.37	3.32	7.25	7.56
3-month TB Index	0.36	1.16	2.95	6.75	3.61	7.62	7.73
6-month TB Index	0.37	1.21	2.99	6.82	3.64	7.79	8.01
12-month TB Index	0.38	1.05	2.40	5.60	2.96	7.03	7.58
TB Index including call	0.44	1.41	3.04	6.64	3.63	7.48	7.50

** annualised*

IJG Money Market Index Performance [average returns, %] -as at July 2020							
	this month	3 months	6 months	12 months	YTD	3* years	5* years
Money Market Index	0.46	1.47	3.15	6.85	3.75	7.59	7.58
Call Index	0.24	0.78	2.05	4.93	2.53	5.57	5.52
3-month NCD Index	0.37	1.27	2.90	6.45	3.48	7.04	8.17
6-month NCD Index	0.48	1.54	3.26	7.00	3.86	8.63	8.09
12-month NCDIndex	0.56	1.75	3.63	7.74	4.30	9.14	8.59
NCDIndex including call	0.49	1.55	3.31	7.16	3.94	6.55	7.18
3-month TB Index	0.41	1.47	3.34	7.15	3.97	7.78	7.76
6-month TB Index	0.52	1.68	3.53	7.46	4.17	8.06	8.05
12-month TB Index	0.47	1.44	3.02	6.59	3.59	7.64	7.71
TB Index including call	0.44	1.41	3.04	6.64	3.63	7.48	7.50

** annualised*

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

Money Market (Excluding NCD's)

IJG Money Market Index Performance [average returns, %] - July 2020							
	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	YTD	3 years *	5 year *
Money Market Index	0.50	1.60	3.44	7.31	3.44	7.78	7.72
Call Index	0.24	0.80	2.15	4.99	2.15	5.47	5.23
3-month TB Index	0.40	1.44	3.34	7.11	3.34	7.64	7.71
6-month TB Index	0.52	1.67	3.54	7.43	3.54	7.92	8.00
12-month TB Index	0.56	1.76	3.69	7.78	3.69	8.24	8.15

* annualised

IJG Money Market Index Performance [single-month returns, %] - July 2020							
	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	YTD	3 years *	5 years *
Money Market Index	0.36	1.19	3.01	6.71	3.01	7.48	7.68
Call Index	0.24	0.80	2.15	4.99	2.15	5.47	5.23
3-month TB Index	0.36	1.20	3.09	6.86	3.09	7.54	7.68
6-month TB Index	0.37	1.25	3.13	6.92	3.13	7.69	7.95
12-month TB Index	0.37	1.25	3.12	6.96	3.12	7.81	8.12

* annualised

Exchange Traded Funds (ETF's)

Ticker	Price (c)	mtd %	ytd %	52Wk High	52Wk Low
ENXPLD	34906	7.37	32.56	42103	20839
NGNGLD	31515	8.50	56.77	31946	19786
NGNPLD	34725	6.78	31.82	41805	20798
NGNPLT	14993	7.39	13.33	15387	9841
SXNEMG	5015	7.14	18.36	5105	3547
SXNWDM	5318	3.48	20.18	5450	3854
SXNNDQ	10372	5.66	50.87	10691	6214
SXN500	5545	4.07	23.06	5684	3980

Source: Bloomberg



Namibian News

General News

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform has asked Cabinet for permission to create 100 veterinarian positions to absorb unemployed veterinarian graduates in the country. This includes students who graduated as part of the University of Namibia's School of Veterinary Medicine's first intake in 2017, which was established to fill the skills gap in the country. The deputy minister of agriculture, water and land reform Anna Shiweda said the ministry was aware of the fact that these students are yet to be absorbed by the market. Shiweda in the National Assembly this week said the government could not employ the 17 vet graduates immediately, because it had no open positions. She said the ministry currently has 78 state vet positions, most of which are filled by expatriates, mainly from Zimbabwe. "Out of the 78 positions, 65 are entry positions, while 13 are on promotional positions and only four positions are currently vacant. This came about due to the end of one expatriate's contract, retirement and promotions. These positions are budgeted for and will be filled during the current financial year," Shiweda said. -The Namibian

Land reform minister Calle Schlettwein has said that land matters must be seen in the light of correcting injustices of the past, but also to create economic opportunities for disadvantaged citizens with the aim to diminish inequality. "These matters are sensitive, demanding and emotive, hence our resolve to equip all regional resettlement committees with the necessary land governance policy framework to manage the issues in a fair and transparent manner." Schlettwein was speaking at an induction workshop for the newly appointed chairpersons of regional resettlement committees held at Otjiwarongo. Chairpersons were appointed for the committees of Otjozondjupa, Omaheke, //Karas, Hardap, Kavango East, Ohangwena and Oshikoto for the next three years. He said these committees in all 14 regions were established in accordance with the Agricultural (Commercial) Land Reform Act to assist the Land Reform Advisory Commission. -Namibian Sun

Mexican billionaire Alberto Baillères has asked for more time to submit a business plan to the office of trade minister Lucia Ipumbu for his planned purchase of the Erindi game farm. The Erindi suitor is required to submit the plan to outline his intentions for the game farm but also to ensure that he complies with the conditions stipulated by the Namibia Competition Commission. "The business plan must be submitted to the minister's office. Because of Covid-19, they could not do it in time. In April, they put in a request for an extension and submitted a draft business plan," a ministerial source said. "They will need to fly in and assess and finalise the business plan and strategy." The main condition for the sale was that there may be no retrenchment of employees for a period of five years. NaCC spokesperson Dina Gowases told Namibian Sun earlier this year that the commission had already made its decision on the matter, adding that any further work on the deal now lay with the ministry of industrialisation. -Namibian Sun

Auditor general Junias Kandjeke says he will defend the adverse findings contained in his report on the accounts of the Ministry of Defence despite allegations that his office attempted to spy on the Namibian Defence Force. Minister of defence Peter Hafeni Vilho last week in the National Assembly accused the office of the auditor general of "daylight espionage" after it tried to audit and publish confidential information about the performance of certain NDF military equipment in public under the guise of accountability and transparency. Vilho said publishing such information in public was a threat to national security. Kandjeke yesterday said he has the authority through the Constitution to audit all state institutions, including the security apparatus. "If they don't want me to stop auditing [the defence ministry], they must change the Constitution. I will continue doing my work and I still stick to my report," Kandjeke said. The auditor general's report, which was submitted to parliament last week, raised a number of concerns about the defence ministry's management of state funds. -The Namibian

A State witness in the ongoing bail application of former fisheries minister Bernhardt Esau and his son-in-law Tamson Hatuikulipi dropped a bombshell yesterday when he said investigations have shown that Fishrot money bankrolled a Swapo campaign. Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) senior investigator Willem Olivier did not elaborate on which campaign of the ruling party benefitted from the bribery scandal. According to Olivier, N\$15 million and N\$2.5 million were paid into local lawyer Sisa Namandje's trust account under the reference "governmental objectives". "This was flagged as suspicious. Part of this money was used for vehicles, personal loans and other items. And as far as investigations found, monies were used for the Swapo campaign," he said. Swapo has previously accused the media of untruthfully linking the party to Fishrot, and dared those making such accusations to report the party to the ACC. -Namibian Sun

New unfair dismissal complaints stood at 405 from 27 March to 30 June 2020. This is according to labour minister Utoni Nujoma in the National Assembly on Wednesday. In addition to the remedies for unfair dismissal in cases where an employee is retrenched in violation of the Labour Act, criminal penalty for violations are also imposed. "Employees who have been unlawfully retrenched may lay a charge against their employer with the police," the minister said. He added that during the same period, 388 companies gave notice of their intention to dismiss a total of 5,748 employees. He said the Khomas region employers gave notice of the highest numbers of intended dismissals recorded at 2,838. Erongo region followed with 1,309, Ikaras region with 991, Otjozondjupa region 165, and Oshikoto region with 132. -The Namibian

Namibia's flagship airport the Hosea Kutako International Airport (HKIA) is ready for its restart plan as borders are going to gradually open under the provisions of the state of the emergency regulations on Covid-19. Namibia eased regulations to stage 4 from June 30 to September 17 and HKIA is set to importantly aid the government's international tourism revival initiative effective from July 15 to August 15. Namibia Airports Company (NAC) chief executive officer Bisey Uirab on Tuesday mentioned that they are working tirelessly with all stakeholders to ensure that the main airport is ready as per the stage-4 regulations. "We must play our part to revive the economy and are setting in motion all that is required to facilitate the resumption of commercial flight operations at HKIA as part of the targeted international tourism revival initiative," he said. -Namibian Sun



The Windhoek High Court on Wednesday evening overturned a decision taken by the Transport Commission of Namibia which barred Air Namibia from making any flights. The decision to temporarily revoke the airline's licence was overturned by High Court Judge Marlene Tommasi, the airline said in a statement. "Air Namibia wishes to inform the flying public that the decision by the Transport Commission of Namibia to suspend Air Namibia's Air Service Licence was overturned by the High Court of Namibia on the evening of 8 July 2020." Judge Tommasi granted Air Namibia an order interdicting the transport commission from suspending the licence again, pending a hearing on the matter on 3 August. Airline spokesperson Paul Nakawa announced a resumption of domestic flights, with the exception of Walvis Bay because of Covid-19 travel restrictions. "Air Namibia will continue to service its domestic routes as per our published schedule. Passengers can still fly between Eros and Ondangwa, Rundu, Katima Mulilo, Lüderitz and Oranjemund. Walvis Bay flights remain suspended. -Namibian Sun

The Namibia Agricultural Union (NAU) has denied allegations suggesting that it is plotting to have the Meat Corporation of Namibia (Meatco) liquidated. NAU president, Piet Gouws, and Livestock Producers Organisation (LPO) chairperson Thinus Pretorius said in a joint statement this week that the assertions are a feeble smokescreen to hide mismanagement of assets. The two organisations were reacting to a report by weekly publication *Confidante* last week that there is a plot by high ranking officials at LPO allegedly targeted at ensuring that commercial banks offer no assistance to Meatco in its hour of need and ensuring that the corporation collapses. The plot allegedly comes at a time when Meatco had been given an ultimatum by FNB Namibia to pay back N\$100 million of borrowed funds by June 25 or face liquidation. -The Namibian

The Icelandic company at the centre of the Fishrot bribery scandal allegedly donated funds to Swapo through a party account at a law firm in Namibia. This contradicts president Hage Geingob and Swapo secretary general Sophia Shaningwa's announcement yesterday that the party did not receive a penny from the Fishrot scandal. "Swapo party did not get any direct contribution from whatever into its accounts. You can check the audited books," Geingob said. Fishrot involves allegations that Samherji, one of Iceland's largest fishing companies, colluded with senior political and business figures in Namibia to gain preferential access to the country's lucrative fishing grounds. Samherji is estimated to have made billions of dollars in profits from Namibia's fishing sector from 2012 to 2019. Samherji has reportedly bankrolled Swapo through its Namibia subsidiary. -Namibian Sun

A city councillor in Namibia's capital has alleged she was offered a bribe by a local politician to ensure Chinese tech giant Huawei would win an exclusive contract to build the 5G telecommunication network in Windhoek. Brunhilde Cornelius made the allegations in an affidavit that was filed with police on June 19 and has been obtained by Al Jazeera's Investigative Unit. Cornelius, who is also the secretary-general of the opposition Rally for Democracy and Progress Party (RDP), alleged the bribe was offered by Nicanor Ndjoze, a fellow RDP member who is the party's director of elections. Ndjoze was allegedly working on behalf of his nephew, Reckliff Kandjiriomuni, otherwise known as "Minge", the head of the ICT division of the City of Windhoek (COW). -Aljazeera

The government's decision to table the latest draft of the Namibian equitable economic empowerment bill (NEEEB) without private sector review has been strongly condemned by the Construction Industry Federation (CTF). In a statement released yesterday, the CDF said it is very important to consider the pros and cons of the changed NEEEB before it is tabled. The bill aims to ensure more equitable distribution of wealth in the Namibian economy. In their statement the CIF calls for further opportunity for stakeholders to be engaged and provide feedback. The federation said the timing of tabling the bill is most unfavourable considering the economic state Namibia finds itself in. It urged politicians and leaders to rethink current policies to fight poverty and achieve a more equitable socio-economic environment. "There may be alternatives or best practices to achieve the same. However, this could be best explored when extensive research has taken place" the statement reads. -The Namibian

It is not in the interest of justice to keep former fisheries minister Bernhardt Esau or his son-in-law Tamson 'Fitty' Hatukulipi in custody when the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) does not know when investigations into Fishrot bribery claims will be completed, the pair's lawyer argued yesterday. The two men are being kept in jail only on the basis of hearsay allegations made by 'drug addict' whistle-blower Johannes Stefansson, lawyer Richard Metcalfe told the court during final bail submissions yesterday. "What the honourable court is left with is the hearsay evidence of co-accused who are not even present in Namibia. Stefansson is reported to be a drug addict with an axe to grind against his former employer, and [Marén] De Klerk is to all intents and purposes a disgraced lawyer, a liar according to the ACC, and a person who has been placed in a psychiatric institution from time to time," he said. According to him, it is clear that the State's case is entirely based on a conspiracy alleged by Stefansson, and not at all based on credible evidence. -Namibian Sun

Namibia's population at the turn of the century is expected to grow by nearly 75% from its current level, according to a study published by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington earlier this month. An international team of researchers reported their findings on fertility, mortality, migration and population scenarios in *The Lancet*. In their study, the team estimates Namibia's current reference population at 2.48 million, nearly 3% more than in 2018. The last time an official population figure was released, was in the Namibia Labour Force Survey in 2018. The Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) then recorded a population of about 2.41 million. In the new international study, the researchers project a reference population of 4.33 million for Namibia by 2100. It expects the total population of Sub-Saharan Africa to triple in size to some three billion people. Nigeria alone is projected to expand to almost 800 million in 2100, second only to India's 1.1 billion. - Namibian Sun

The Central Procurement Board has appointed a technical committee to evaluate the requirements of the tender document for a contract to administer the 200,000-member medical aid fund for civil servants, the Public Service Employees Medical Aid Scheme (Psemas). Therefore, the closing date for bids has been postponed to 24 August. Potential bidders had complained that the document was formulated in a way that excluded all but the current administrator. Methealth Namibia Administrators have been administering Psemas for several years. Procurement board spokesperson Johanna Kambala says they invited bids on behalf of the finance ministry on 4 June. The Psemas tender was open to all Namibian entities, she said. According to Kambala, several potential bidders requested explanations of the tender requirements and the board responded to them in writing. -Namibian Sun



The thorny subject of corporate corruption is pulling Namibia backwards; hence, it needs to be prioritised and addressed without fear or favour, warned Lameck Odada, an economics lecturer at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST). Odada said entities entrusted with duties to investigate and prosecute corrupt individuals need financial support from the government and the support of the entire Namibian nation in reporting corruption. "Until corruption is fully uprooted, Namibia will continue to fall behind, compared to other countries." In support, Omu Kakujaha-Matundu, an economics lecturer at the University of Namibia (Unam) said it is tough for people to talk about development and moving forward while the country languished in a recession even before the adverse impacts of Covid-19. In outlining the impact of Covid-19 on the Namibian economy, Odada said the pandemic resulted in immediate shocks to livelihoods and caused severe disruptions to value chains, industries and government revenue – and this will continue for a foreseeable future. -New Era

Renowned chartered accountant and former Allan Gray Managing Director (MD), James Mnyupe has taken a 50 percent pay cut to take over as the economic advisor to President Hage Geingob, Confidante can reveal. A well-respected analyst, Mnyupe will be taking over from John Steytler, it is, however, not clear when the President will make the announcement, although indications are that he could be at State House between August and September. Mnyupe confirmed being approached by government saying, "What I can confirm is that I have left my position at Allan Gray to go and serve my country but in what capacity I cannot say for now. I am just happy to serve my country." Mnyupe also confirmed taking a salary pay cut as he makes a jump from the private sector to the public sector. "Yes, I am actually taking a 50 percent pay cut to join Government. I am just excited to serve the country in any role assigned to me." -Confidante

Local dentist Panduleni Itula has announced that he will launch his political party in Windhoek tomorrow. Itula earlier this year applied to the Electoral Commission of Namibia to register a political party, which will be known as the Independent Patriots for Change (IPC). ECN's chief electoral officer Theo Mujoro told The Namibian today that the commission is yet to approve Itula's application. Although the ECN process has not yet been concluded, Itula, a former Swapo Party member said he intends to unveil his party's symbols and colours at its founding convention to be held in Windhoek tomorrow. He said the party will also vote for its transformational leadership and adopt its constitution. After the launch, Itula said the party will conduct road shows in various towns to spread awareness. Itula came second to his then opponent Swapo candidate Hage Geingob in last year's presidential contest after gaining about 30% of the total votes. -The Namibian

The Mineworkers Union of Namibia (MUN) launched a project to register the beneficiaries of members of the Namibia Mineworkers Investment Trust (NAMIT). Launching the project, MUN president Allen Kalumbu said the project will ensure that all beneficiaries are registered and their social status is known while tracing both NAMIT's former and current beneficiaries in order to accelerate the delivery of benefits to the beneficiaries. "The purpose of this registration process is firstly to identify the beneficiaries in order for the trust to define benefits that best suit beneficiaries according to the database collected," he said. Kalumbu said the growth of the trust's investments brought its total net assets to N\$547.8 million in 2019 and they have come to realise that the trust should start benefiting its beneficiaries. -Namibian Sun

Economy

Namibia's total fuel consumption decreased by 12.5% and 4.1%, year-on-year and quarter-on-quarter, respectively to 262,992 litres during the first quarter of 2020, the central bank stated. The year-on-year decrease reflects declines in the consumption of both diesel and petrol by 10.8% and 20.9%, respectively, partly due to the subdued economy as well as the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bank of Namibia (BoN) said in a recent economic quarterly report. According to the BoN, the decrease in fuel consumption started to inhibit travel and tourism, especially after a State of Emergency was officially declared at the end of the third week of March 2020. The central bank said on a quarterly basis, consumption of diesel decreased by 10.8%, while that of petrol declined by 20.9% during the quarter under review. "Following adequate inflow of water into the Ruacana hydropower plant during the period under review, less electricity was required from the diesel-fired power plants, which in part explains the decline in diesel consumption," the report noted. -Xinhua

Investment policy uncertainty as the main hindrance to private sector willingness to kick-start the economy runs like a rusted thread through interviews conducted with industry leaders in Working Nation. Gross fixed capital formation (GFCF), or investment, has plummeted from about N\$47.4 billion in 2014 to around N\$28.9 billion in 2019. Excluding general government, GFCF has fallen by some 45% from N\$41.1 billion in 2014 to about N\$22.6 billion in 2019. Among investors' concerns are Namibia's tax regime, land reform and its procurement system, but the biggest culprits are the New Equitable Economic Empowerment Bill (NEEEB) and the Namibia Investment Promotion Act (NIPA). Several independent think tanks, economists and analysts this year released studies pleading with government to realise that Namibia's only currency is policy certainty. -Namibian Sun

767 New vehicles were sold in June, an increase of 62.8% m/m from the 471 new vehicles sold in May. However, this is a decrease of 21.5% y/y from the 977 new vehicles sold in June 2019. Year-to-date 3,517 vehicles have been sold, of which 1,530 were passenger vehicles, 1,766 were light commercial vehicles, and 221 were medium and heavy commercial vehicles. On a rolling 12-month basis, a total of 8,595 new vehicles were sold as at June 2020, representing a contraction of 24.7% from the 11,412 sold over the comparable period a year ago.

About 2,000 employers and 16,000 workers have so far applied to the Social Security Commission (SSC) for assistance, as Covid-19 salary cuts continue to wreak havoc with business and household finances. A total of 5,483 employees who have had their salaries cut as a consequence of the coronavirus pandemic have so far benefited from the SSC wage subsidy package, which sees the commission supplement lost income, finance ministry spokesperson Tonateni Shidhudhu confirmed. This is in addition to another 120,000 people will still benefit from the emergency income grant of N\$750 each, Treasury told Namibian Sun yesterday. If the 2,000 applications received from employers, 860 have been authenticated so far and payments will be made once they pass eligibility criteria. As part of measures to support employees affected by the pandemic, the ministry of finance and the SSC are rolling out a N\$400 million stimulus package. -Namibian Sun



Amid rife speculation that the Namibian Equitable Economic Empowerment Bill (NEEEB) might soon be tabled in parliament, the Construction Industries Federation of Namibia (CIF) has called on government to allow further input on the latest draft of the bill. Construction has been in recession since 2016 and official indications are that the sector will remain so in 2020 and 2021. The sector's contribution to the economy at constant 2015 prices has plummeted from more than N\$8 billion in 2015 to slightly more than N\$3 billion last year, the latest data from the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) shows. As a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP), construction's contribution at current prices fell from 5.6% in 2015 to 2.1% last year. The Bank of Namibia (BoN) in April updated its economic outlook and expects the sector to grow by -16.3% this year, its worst performance since 2017. Next year, the BoN forecasts growth of -1.5%. The central bank expects overall economic growth of -6.9% in 2020, a record recession in an independent Namibia. -Namibian Sun

The Namibian annual inflation rate remained at 2.1% in June, unchanged from May. On a month-on-month basis, prices increased by 0.2%, following the 0.4% m/m increase in May. Overall, prices in five of the twelve basket categories rose at a faster annual rate than during the preceding month, four at a slower rate and three grew at a steady pace. Price for goods rose by 2.5% y/y in June, while prices for services grew by 1.6% y/y.

"Namibia desperately needs faster, sustained economic growth to make a dent in the critical socio-economic challenges of poverty and high unemployment, particularly among the youth and less skilled individuals." Johannes !Gawaxab, in his first public address since he became the governor of the Bank of Namibia (BoN), yesterday said the economy needs to transform and become competitive and that "this area will be the preoccupation of the bank in the coming years". Speaking at the celebration of the BoN's 30th anniversary, !Gawaxab said as the fiscal advisor to government, the central bank is "committed to play its part in this exercise". "Not in a subservient role" to government, he pointed out, "but rather in a complementary fashion to set the framework for accelerated economic development". -Namibian Sun

Barely one out of every 20 hospitality rooms sold in the second quarter of 2020, an annual drop of 69% in beverage production in April and May when liquor sales were banned, an annual tumble of nearly 62% in the value of buildings completed in Windhoek, Swakopmund, Walvis Bay and Ongwediva: These are the symptoms of an economy infected by Covid-19. Add to this exports which in total plummeted by 30% or nearly N\$5.5 billion in April and May compared to the same two months in 2019, and one gets a faint idea of just how deadly the virus is to the economy. A detailed report on Namibia's exports and imports is illustrated on page 4 in today's Business7. Official data on the impact of the global pandemic and the lockdown on Namibia is starting to trickle through, adding impetus to the private sector's continuous plea for government to settle policy uncertainty as the only remedy for an economy already ailed by the recession. - Namibian Sun

Financial

Auditor-general Junias Kandjeke was prevented from inspecting N\$506.4 million of the defence ministry's expenditure for the 2018/19 financial year. This is despite the law stipulating that the AG must be granted access to the books of all government entities. Kandjeke reveals this in the ministry's 2018/19 financial year audit report. It was submitted to the National Assembly for scrutiny by finance minister Ipumbu Shiimi last week. The money in question falls under 'operational equipment, machinery and plant'. Kandjeke could not access military equipment and operational bases as access was withdrawn by the defence ministry's executive director, the report stated. Kandjeke challenged the ministry to explain why these restrictions were imposed in contradiction with the law. "Section 26 (1) [of the State Finance Act] states that the auditor-general or his delegate shall have access to all books, accounts, registers or statements which are kept in terms of any law in connection with the collection, receipt, custody, banking, payments or issuing of money, equipment and stores by only stationary institutions," Kandjeke stated. -Namibian Sun

Cabinet has approved, in principle, the establishment of a national sovereign wealth fund. A sovereign wealth fund is a state-owned investment fund or entity that comprises of pools of money derived from a country's reserves. The funds are set aside for investment to benefit the country's economy and its citizens. Information minister Peya Mushelenga said in a statement that cabinet has directed the finance ministry to constitute an interinstitutional team to finalise the appropriate model and implementation of the sovereign wealth fund for consideration and approval. Cabinet further authorised the labour minister to table the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention on Decent Work for Domestic Workers, 2011 (No. 189) and the ILO Convention on the Elimination of Violence and Harassment in the World of Work, 2019 (No. 190) in the National Assembly (NA) for ratification. -Namibian Sun

Fitch Ratings has revised the Outlook on Namibia Water Corporation Ltd's (NamWater) Long-Term Foreign- and Local-Currency Issuer Default Ratings (IDR) to Negative from Stable and affirmed the IDR at 'BB'. Fitch has also upgraded NamWater's National Long-Term Rating to 'AAA(zaf)/Negative from 'AA-(zaf)/Stable reflecting the upgrade of Namibia's National Long-Term ratings to 'AAA(zaf)/Negative. A full list of rating actions is at the end of this commentary. NamWater's ratings and Outlook are constrained by the ratings of Namibia (BB/Negative), its sole shareholder, under Fitch's Government-Related Entities (GRE) rating criteria and Parent and Subsidiary Rating Linkage criteria. NamWater's 'bbb-' Standalone Credit Profile (SCP) is higher than the Namibian sovereign rating. We do not envisage NamWater being rated higher than the sovereign, given the strong legal and operational linkages. -Fitch

Nearly three months after government launched the Emergency Income Grant (EIG) to help needy Namibians who lost their jobs or income due to the impact of Covid-19, about 120,000 applicants are still waiting for their once-off payment of N\$750. When he launched the EIG early in April, finance minister Ipumbu Shiimi said it would take 72 hours or three days to process applications. "We have underestimated the process as it turned out to be longer," the chief public relations officer of the ministry of finance, Tonateni Shidhudhu, said yesterday. He denied that government hasn't got the cash to pay the thousands of increasingly impatient people still waiting for relief. "The ministry has not run out of money or backtracked from its decision. We are still committed to honour the promise of assisting those in the informal sector who lost income due to Covid-19," Shidhudhu said. - Namibian Sun



The cash-strapped national airline, Air Namibia, needs N\$7 billion this financial year to survive. This amount also takes into account an outstanding debt of over N\$5 billion, which includes leaseholds. Speaking in the National Assembly yesterday, minister of finance Iipumbu Shiimi said the N\$7 billion takes into consideration the outstanding debt, and having it spent in the current financial year, as well as implementing a new business plan would be unaffordable as resources are needed for other priorities such as health, education, housing and sanitation amid the Covid-19 pandemic. The minister clarified that Cabinet had not taken any decision to liquidate Air Namibia. Shiimi, who is also the chairperson of the Cabinet Committee on Treasury (CCT), said they are assessing different options to restructure Air Namibia, because the current model is unsustainable and unaffordable. -The Namibian

Unpaid property market bank loans have hit an all-time high, raising concerns that it could threaten the stability of the banking sector. The Bank of Namibia, however, feels there is no need to worry at this stage, although its statistics indicate the property market is increasingly becoming a burden for banks. At the end of 2019, Namibian commercial banks reported that N\$5 billion in loans they gave out were no longer generating income. Most of these loans – N\$3.3 billion – were given out to buy houses or to fund commercial properties. In total, banks issued N\$103 billion in loans, with N\$53 billion pumped into the property sector, which is increasingly seeing poor to no performing loans at all. A loan is considered as non-performing when a borrower has not paid either the capital amount or interest for over three months. A high concentration of 'non-performing' loans also affects the income of banks. Since banks use public funds deposited with them to extend these loans, an increase in inactive loans can also pose a threat to the safety of deposits, and ultimately the financial stability of a country. The Bank of Namibia has emphasised that stability is important as it signals to the public that their money, including pension savings, is safe. - The Namibian

Public enterprises minister Leon Jooste has confirmed an instruction to the National Petroleum Corporation of Namibia (Namcor) board to investigate allegations that the parastatal is overpaying for the fuel that it procures from Swiss firm Gunvor. According to a source at Namcor the parastatal's contract with Gunvor is in the region of N\$28 million to N\$45 million. Gunvor has been embroiled in several international controversies, including in acts of corruption in Congo-Brazzaville and Ivory Coast, where it was reported that bribes of tens of millions of dollars were paid to public officials in order for the Swiss company to obtain oil shipments. Jooste said he had initially asked the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to investigate the matter. "I received information on this and forwarded same to the Anti-Corruption Commission for investigation. The ACC replied by stating that this should be investigated by the board and I subsequently instructed the [board] chairperson to ensure that this is being done," Jooste said. -Namibian Sun

Bank Windhoek became the first Namibian bank to introduce a mortgage loan that encompasses extended repayment terms for first-time home buyers. Maiden buyers who intend to purchase a residential property with a value of between N\$500,000 and N\$2 million can now apply for a mortgage loan with an extended term of up to 360 months. "In light of the impact of COVID-19 on the back of an already struggling economy, we have seen a number of interesting market dynamics at play. Even though these dynamics do pose its challenges, it also presents some opportunities. The extended mortgage term offered by Bank Windhoek, coupled with the low interest rates, makes it more affordable and presents individuals with a unique opportunity to own a home," said Bank Windhoek's chief financial officer and incumbent chief executive for retail banking services, James Chapman. -Namibian Sun

The taxpayer paid about 41% more for the gross wages of public administration servants and defence members in the first quarter of 2020 than five years ago. The first Government Wage Index, released by the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) yesterday, consists of the gross wages of central government, excluding contributions to medical aid. It "measures the changes in the price (wages) that government pays for labour", the NSA said. According to the NSA report, the public administration and defence sub-index stood at 141.2 in the first quarter of this year. The agency uses 2015 as basis year. This is the highest the sub-index has registered since 2015. In the same quarter last year, it stood at 139.4. -Namibian Sun

The Social Security Commission will assist 860 companies who did not retrench workers (in May and June) with salary and wage payments by the end of this week. The payment will be the first of the Employer Wage Subsidy Programme for the hard-hit aviation, tourism and construction sectors, and was launched two months ago by the Ministry of Finance and the Social Security Commission (SSC). Unomengi Kauapirura, spokesperson for the SSC, yesterday said the commission has received about 2,000 applications for subsidies. However, "only 800 applications stand authenticated thus far, and to be paid if they have passed the test (of eligibility criteria)," she said. – The Namibian

The Namibia Civil Aviation Authority has lost N\$15 million per month since the lockdown was implemented in the country. According to the authority's interim executive director, Reinhard Gärtner, yesterday, due to the lockdown the company had lost money they would normally collect through fees and charges. The authority, formerly called the Directorate of Civil Aviation, is the civil aviation authority of Namibia. It is a regulatory body of the Ministry of Works and Transport. Gärtner added that the state-owned company is a non-commercial enterprise which survives on the fees. – The Namibian

Namibia's development expenditure of 90 billion Namibian dollars in 30 years has strategically positioned it as a southern Africa transport and logistics hub following the expansion of the Walvis Bay port, a report released by the government on Sunday chronicling the country's financial journey shows. Titled Namibia's 30 years, Developmental Journey, the thorough assessment of the economy shows how Namibia has stimulated her Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from 7.2 billion Namibian dollars in 1990 to 177 billion Namibian dollars to-date. According to the report, excess capital expenditure has also resulted in Namibia constructing the best road network in Africa. – Market Watch

Private schools affiliated to the Namibian Private Schools Organisation (Napso) have lost between 5% and 20% of their pupils because of financial hardship caused by the Covid-19 -pandemic. Napso represents 24 schools with more than 7,000 learners and 700 teachers. According to the organisation's chief executive, Wouter Niehaus, about 48% of parents with children in these private schools are involved in the tourism industry, which is the hardest-hit sector in Namibia. More than 50% of parents are business owners, whose income has dropped between 40% and 100% since the start of the state of emergency. Only 6% of parents are public servants, whose salaries have not been affected by the crisis, Niehaus says. Private schools in rural areas are the hardest hit by the loss of income, mainly because most of their learners' parents are involved in tourism and trophy hunting, which were brought to a standstill by the pandemic. Private schools in urban areas have the benefit of serving more diverse communities, he said. Niehaus says many parents are finding it impossible to pay for private education, given their loss of income. -Namibian Sun



Santam, Namibia's largest short-term insurer, will pay up to N\$30 million in urgent relief funding to clients in the hospitality, leisure and non-essential retail services industries who have Contingent Business Interruption (CBI) cover with the company. The payments will be made to policyholders who have incurred losses during the Covid-19 pandemic period and have CBI extensions in their policies. The aim of the relief payment is to support policyholders who are in financial distress and does not serve as indemnity under a policy contract. The N\$30 million disbursement equates to 70% of one month's value of the sum insured for Santam's policyholders in the identified industries. The one month is indicative of the period where most businesses were impacted by the restrictive trading environment imposed by the Level 1 lockdown in the country. The 70% is based on a view that the businesses would have experienced variable expense savings during the lockdown. -Namibian Sun

While the reputation of the International Monetary Fund has not been seen as favourable, local economic commentators have welcomed the government's intention to borrow from the Bretton Woods institution, arguing that its relatively low rates in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic makes it the ideal lender. Namibia had submitted a request to borrow N\$4.5 billion in an effort to fund its responses to the Covid-19 pandemic. This breaks a 30-year commitment not to borrow from the IMF, which often attaches strict conditionalities to money it lends. Many countries lose their fiscal sovereignty because of the terms of these loans. The institution has made funding available for the pandemic and with that, relaxed some conditions, which countries like Namibia find appealing. Namibia's debt to Gross Domestic Product is expected to reach 69% by the end of the fiscal year while elevated debt levels have always drawn concern from rating agencies Moody's and Fitch. The Bank of Namibia indicated in June that the country's debt to GDP ratio stood at 56.8%. -Namibian Sun

The Namibia Stock Exchange is expected to list another capital pool company – Mcube Investments One Limited – tomorrow. This company has Swapo Party think tank member Amos Shiyuka, veteran broker and former Namibia Stock Exchange (NSX) chief executive officer John Mandy and former chief financial officer at Standard Bank Namibia Bryan Mandy, as directors. According to an abridged pre-listing announcement made on the exchange's news platform last Friday, the company was formed and incorporated in Namibia on 1 September 2016 as a non-operating cash entity. "The board intends to list Mcube as a capital pool company (CPC) in order to position the company as an alternative vehicle for listing on the NSX and benefit from the growing need for access to the listing process," reads the announcement. Because of Namibia's business potential, the directors said their intention is to do a reverse takeover of an existing Namibian business that shows good growth prospects that in turn, will offer good returns for investors, albeit initially from a small base. -The Namibian

Trade and Tourism

The government has resolved to reduce the import of fruits and vegetables that can be easily produced in Namibia. The Namibian Agronomic Board (NAB) yesterday announced strict regulations to curb the importation of fresh fruits and vegetables, with effect from 1 August 2020. The new measures involve import levies, trade levies, subjecting all aspiring and existing importers to register with the board and acquire import permits. The new regulations are aimed at protecting local producers from excessive foreign competition and to encourage local production, said NAB. Horticulture market development manager at NAB, Emilie Abraham said the regulations are in line with the Market Share Promotion (MSP) scheme to stimulate local production and the trade of horticultural products in Namibia. -The Namibian

Of Namibia's total agriculture exports, charcoal increased significantly from 10.3% in 2018 to 16.8% last year. Moreover, Namibia now ranks sixth out of 15 countries who earned the highest dollar value from charcoal exports last year. Namibia Biomass Industry Group (N-BiG) CEO, Progress Kashandula, said the Namibian economy can benefit from the utilisation of biomass. "The production of charcoal and bush-based feed is an additional economic activity that can be practiced on farms. "Locally produced bush-based feed has the potential to earn foreign currency, especially given that local imports of animal feed increased to N\$1.2 billion in 2019," Kashandula said in a statement. -Namibian Sun

Without a coordinated, dedicated national effort – which includes a whole government and society – to remove barriers that hinder tourism growth, the local industry will fall behind its direct competitors in the region and even on an international level. Tourism expert Bernd Schneider sounded this warning in a concept paper sent to all relevant stakeholders and government entities of the highest level last October. He is also the chairman of the Federation of Namibian Tourism Associations (Fenata) and the interim chairman of the Tour and Safari Association of Namibia (TASA). "If Namibia wants to remain a sought-after travel destination, doing nothing and hoping for the tourism private sector to stem growth alone, will not be sufficient," Schneider said. If Schneider's words were crucial then, they are critical now. The Covid-19 pandemic, resulting in travel bans, lockdowns, job losses and retrenchments in an economy already riddled by a prolonged recession, has Namibia's tourism sector on its knees. -Namibian Sun

Players in the tourism industry and the government are at loggerheads over the introduction of a mandatory quarantine period for tourists when borders open. The Hospitality Association of Namibia (HAN) says the move will frustrate the industry's efforts at recovery. The tug of war has sucked in minister of health and social services Kalumbi Shangula, minister of environment, forestry and tourism Pohamba Shifeta, with HAN represented by Gitta Paetzold. Namibia is expecting to open its borders from 15 July to 15 August for foreign tourists as a pilot phase in its tourism revival initiative. But private players say the peak of the tourism season ends in August and mandatory quarantine will both frustrate tourists and eat into potential earnings for the remaining short period, while the government is insisting on safety first. -The Namibian

President Hage Geingob's grand plan to revive the local tourism sector between 15 July and 15 August by allowing foreigners from a low-risk country to enter Namibia has been taken off the table. Tourism minister Pohamba Shifeta confirmed this, as Namibia's Covid-19 cases increased to 960 yesterday morning. Shifeta said any plan to open the country's borders was "highly unlikely". He said "the situation had changed drastically" since Geingob announced in June that the country's borders would reopen to tourists from a low-risk source, as part of the tourism revival project. Shifeta said the Namibian tourism industry expected no tourist arrivals over the next three months, and that the situation would likely persist for the rest of the year. -Namibian Sun

The proposed preferential trade agreement between India and the five-nation Southern African Customs Union (SACU) has been revived with Namibia and India leading the talks. Discussions between India and SACU took place during a virtual meeting during which the two sides



discussed various aspects of the agreement. SACU consists of Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland. The Indian side was led by Srikar Reddy, joint secretary of the Indian government's department of commerce, while SACU was led by Steve Katjuanja, the executive director of the trade ministry. According to a statement issued by the High Commission of India in Namibia, Reddy underlined India's historically close ties with Southern Africa and its steadfast commitment to deepen economic engagement with this region. He informed the meeting that in 2019/2020, trade between India and Africa as a whole stood at US\$66.7 billion, of which the India-SACU trade was US\$10.9 billion with an immense potential to expand further. -Namibian Sun

The Walvis Bay new container terminal has contributed to an increased handling capacity at the ports, increasing the capacity to 750,000 TEU from 350,000 TEU. Obeth Kandjoze, Director general: National Planning Commission (NPC) Namibia's development expenditure of N\$90 billion (US\$5.4 billion) in 30 years has strategically positioned it as a southern Africa transport and logistics hub following the expansion of the Walvis Bay port, a report released by the government on Sunday chronicling the country's financial journey shows. Titled Namibia's 30 years, Developmental Journey, the thorough assessment of the economy shows how Namibia has stimulated her Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from N\$7.2 billion in 1990 to N\$177 billion to-date. -Namibian Sun

Agriculture and Fisheries

The government has appointed Social Security Commission chief executive officer Milka Mungunda and lawyer Ruth Herunga on the temporary board of the National Fishing Corporation of Namibia (Fishcor). The two others include Namibia Competition Commission chief executive officer Mihe Goamab II and lecturer Penny Hiwilepo-Hal. This was confirmed by public enterprise Leon Jooste today. The new board will serve for the next six months. Fishcor is the epicentre of the ongoing corruption scandal which involved Swapo, its leaders and allegations of money laundering. President Hage Geingob's campaign is said to have been funded by Fishcor's alleged dirty money. -The Namibian

Minister of public enterprises Leon Jooste has failed to explain why he appointed Swapo-connected individuals to the National Fishing Corporation of Namibia (Fishcor) board. The national fishing company was linked to laundering money for the ruling party, including president Hage Geingob's Swapo political campaign. The Ministry of Public Enterprises compiled a list of candidates from a pool of names who applied for appointment on the Fishcor board, interviewed them and made recommendations on who should be appointed. But out of the blue, Jooste announced a temporary board. He is now facing allegations of bowing to Swapo by abandoning his process and appointing a list of people who did not apply for the board positions. Jooste announced yesterday he appointed Social Security Commission chief executive officer Milka Mungunda, Namibia Competitions Commission chief executive officer Mihe Goamab II, lawyer Ruth Herunga and Penny Hiwilepo-Hal to the board for six months. -The Namibian

The Namibian Agronomic Board (NAB) has announced new regulations for imports of fruit and vegetables. The NAB is mandated to regulate horticultural products imported into Namibia in accordance with the Agronomic Industry Act. The new regulations are in line with the Market Share Promotion (MSP) scheme, aimed at stimulating local production of horticultural products. The NAB says because of a noticeable increase in the importation of primary processed fruit and vegetables that can be produced in Namibia, it has approved several measures to be implemented from 1 August. All importers of fresh/chilled-cut fruit and vegetable products (single or mixed) will be required to obtain an import permit from the NAB issued per consignment. There are no permit fees applicable. -Namibian Sun

Erongo Marine Enterprises (EME) says no Namibian crew member was on board any of their vessels when they did a foreign crew change on Friday. All Namibian crew members are currently quarantined on land. EME is one of the three companies that did a foreign crew change on Friday. The other companies are Tunacor and Carapau. The company's managing director Martha Uumati on Saturday in a statement explained that they had to make the crew change because of mental and physical fatigue among the foreign crew. "There was a foreign crew change approved by the ministry of health and social services and all relevant authorities. Our vessels have not been fishing since 22 June, when fishing was stopped due to the mental and physical fatigue of the foreign crew who worked far beyond their contract due to Covid-19 travel restrictions," she said. According to Uumati, the outgoing foreign crew that disembarked the vessels was the only crew on the vessel and handed the vessel operations over to the incoming crew as according to maritime safety rules a vessel cannot be left unmanned. -The Namibian

One of the foreign fishing crew members on one of Erongo Marine Enterprises (EME) vessels, who is part of the group that landed in Namibia on Friday, 10 July, tested positive for Covid-19. EME managing director Martha Uumati confirmed that the ministry of health had informed her about the test result this morning. "The person remains asymptomatic and in a healthy condition and is currently being kept in isolation in a separate cabin on the affected vessel. This is currently the safest place to ensure the situation remains under control and that no possible infection of Namibian community or EME's Namibian crew takes place," said Uumati. She further stressed that as part of the company's precautionary measures, there were and still are no Namibians on board any of the company's vessels. -The Namibian

Reports that high-ranking members of Namibia's livestock production sector are embroiled in a plot to have Meatco liquidated have been condemned and denied in a joint statement issued by the Namibia Agricultural Union (NAU) and the Livestock Producers Organisation (LPO). They were referring to a recent article which said government's timely N\$250-million Development Bank of Namibia (DBN) loan guarantee had foiled the alleged plot to bankrupt Meatco and shut its doors. It was further pointed out that the alleged leaked information was targeted to polarise key roleplayers in government, the Meat Board of Namibia, Meatco, the Namibia National Farmers' Union (NNFU), the Namibia Emerging Commercial Farmers' Union (NECFU), the NAU and commercial and communal farmers north and south of the Red Line. They said these assertions are nothing more than a smokescreen to hide the alleged mismanagement of assets, and distract from the accumulation of massive debts caused by the drought. -Namibian Sun

Agribank recently kicked off its countrywide stakeholder information workshops on its coronavirus relief stimulus package. The bank introduced the stimulus package on 1 June to mitigate the impacts of the pandemic on clients, while stimulating optimum production at farm level. The countrywide engagement started in Windhoek on 31 June under the theme "Let's Talk", and is aimed at clarifying issues



around the package. Agribank board chairman Michael Iyambo said the bank puts a premium on stakeholder engagement and consultations to foster mutual understanding about its operations and activities. According to Iyambo, the bank has a deep understanding of the challenges facing the agricultural sector, from prolonged drought, dwindling market prices, a reduction in its contribution to gross domestic product (GDP) and, of late, the impact of the coronavirus. He explained that the stimulus package is an outcome of extensive consultations with key stakeholders, from farmers' unions to internal staff members. -Namibian Sun

A few years ago, no one would have dreamt that one could grow high-quality blueberries in a country as dry as Namibia. However, in July, Mashare Berries (Pty) Ltd managed to do just that, producing the first largescale commercial harvest of the fruit in the country. A total harvest of 150 tonnes - on only 20 hectares of land - is predicted for this year. There are plans underway to expand the project and international exports are set to commence in August to markets across Europe, Asia and the Indian Ocean islands, including Mauritius, the Maldives and Seychelles. According to a statement issued by Cherry Irrigations, the historic harvest is currently underway at the project located close to the Okavango River between the Mashare and Mupapama villages in Kavango East. Cherry Irrigation designed and implemented the fully automated drip irrigation and fertigation management system for the landmark project. -Namibian Sun

Namibia's first ever locally grown blueberries are set to hit the foreign market next month. The berries, which are being sold and marketed under the trading name 'Namib Blue', are earmarked for both Namibian and international consumption, with exports to markets across Europe, Asia and the Indian Ocean islands of Mauritius, Maldives and Seychelles expected to begin next month. This yield is the work of local company Mashare Berries Farming, a subsidiary of Mashare Irrigation, which produces a variety of grains and vegetables such as maize, wheat, sorghum, potatoes, onions and cabbages for the local market. Sales and marketing specialist at Mashare Henriette le Grange said their aim remains to supply blueberries locally, however, Namibia's market for the fruit is known to be small. "The aim is to supply locally as many blueberries as the market can absorb, and export the rest. The Namibian market is historically small, but we believe it can increase substantially through the supply of high quality fresh fruit," she said in response to questions by The Namibian. -The Namibian

Mining and Resources

The Langer Heinrich uranium project, in Namibia, can be brought back on line at a capital cost of US\$81-million, a mine restart plan has found. ASX-listed Paladin Energy on Tuesday noted that a US\$34-million investment would be required to mobilise the workforce, undertake maintenance and provide working capital requirements to restart production, while a further US\$7-million in discretionary capital will be required to improve process plant availability and reliability, and to lift production capacity by more than 10%. Langer Heinrich was placed on care and maintenance in May 2018, on the back of continued low uranium prices. "The completion of the Langer Heinrich mine restart plan is a significant step forward for the company and completes the vast amount of study work undertaken over the past 18 months," said CEO Ian Purdy. – Mining Weekly

Applications for new diamond licenses have recommenced following the review requirements and procedures by the Ministry of Mines and Energy. "The Ministry of Mines and Energy is hereby informing the public that it will recommence to accept/receive new applications for licenses issued under the Diamond Act with effect from the date of this notice," the diamond commissioner Miina Gahutu said in a statement on Monday. She said the recommencement comes after the ministry finalised the review of the requirements and procedures leading to granting of new licenses for diamond cutting, diamond dealing, diamond tool-making and diamond research in terms of the Diamond Act. "Application forms can be collected physically from the Ministry of Mines and Energy. The reviewed requirements and procedures would be made available on the ministry's website," Gahutu noted. – The Namibian

Namibian Stock Exchange listed Marenica Energy Limited has announced what could potentially be the most significant uranium discovery in Namibia since the Husab uranium deposit in 2008. In an announcement made on the exchange news platform yesterday, the company said with the use of technology, it only cost the company around N\$1.2 million to make the discovery – drilling at least 130 holes. The discovery was made on their Hirabeb exclusive prospecting licence – EPL 7278, which they were awarded around May last year. Last year May, in The Namibian reported that Marenica had been given four additional exclusive prospecting licences (EPLs) to explore for uranium in the Namib Desert – their ground position then was around 308 square kilometres in the Erongo region's recognised uranium mining area. This is the same area which is home to several world-class uranium mines, such as Langer Heinrich and Rössing Uranium. The company had applied for nine new EPLs in the Namib, and if all were to be approved, Marenica would have the most significant uranium landholding in Namibia. -The Namibian

The China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC) Rössing Uranium in Namibia is confident that it will continue to be a major supplier of energy to the world, and deliver value to stakeholders and shareholders for a significant number of years to come, an official said Wednesday. Rössing Uranium managing director, Johan Coetzee said this when he delivered the miner's report to stakeholders for 2019 on Wednesday. According to Coetzee, of Namibia's 11 percent primary production of uranium oxide worldwide, Rössing operations produced 3.9 percent. "This is a significant achievement for both Rössing and Namibia," he added. Despite the company going through many changes, and less-than-favorable operational circumstances, Coetzee said in 2019 they achieved a lot. "2020 and the next few years will still be challenging, but with our new majority shareholder we are confident that we will build from a solid base, exploring various opportunities to remain a competitive supplier of uranium into the nuclear energy market," he added. -Namibian Sun

Infrastructure and Housing



The government plans to build about 200 low-cost houses in Windhoek's informal settlements before the end of this financial year. This is part of the joint plan to upgrade the city's informal settlements between the Windhoek municipality, the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development, the Khomas Regional Council and the National Housing Enterprise (NHE). The project, which aims to deliver over 1 200 housing units, will address the housing shortage in the capital – specifically for first-time buyers. This was revealed by minister of urban and rural development Erastus Uutoni at a press conference yesterday. He said phase one of the project, which is expected to deliver 200 houses, will be launched this week and the houses are expected to be completed by 30 November this year. Another 400 houses to be built under the same phase will be completed by 30 June next year. Uutoni said this would cost the partners an amount of N\$64 million. -The Namibian

The Oshana region was allocated a development budget of nearly N\$243.8 million for the 2020/21 financial year. Upgrading and renovation of education infrastructure due to Covid-19 to the cost of over N\$59.5 million, construction of water supply security infrastructure (N\$22.8 million) and construction of service infrastructure in Ondangwa (N\$18 million) are some of the region's bigger projects that require major funding. The region's governor, Elia Irimari, highlighted this amount on Thursday while addressing a consultative session aimed at sensitising the regional leadership about the need for the speedy implementation of earmarked development projects in the region. "These funds, as will be executed by various public sectors in the region, are expected to attain a great developmental impact and yield sustainable results and benefits for our needy communities," Irimari said. -Namibian Sun

Housing remains a critical challenge in Namibia where demand exceeds supply, leaving a backlog of an estimated 100,000 houses that still need to be provided for homeless people. The Minister of Urban and Rural Development, Erastus Uutoni during the official handing over of a site at Outapi where the National Housing Enterprise (NHE) intends to build 82 low-cost houses. Uutoni, however, said that the provision of housing cannot be left to the government alone. critical challenge Namibia supply backlog 100,000 houses Government will not be in a position to raise and provide all the resources that are required. Therefore, it should be a collective responsibility of all citizens to building a country they want to see in the future," he said. Given the economic downturn in which the country is finding itself, Uutoni applauded the NHE for the efforts to team up with the private sector to deliver 82 housing units at Outapi. -Informanté

The City of Windhoek has identified a master plan for the development of infrastructure for informal traders in an effort to upsurge the informal economy. Speaking at the handing over of a newly built informal market in Okuryangava on Wednesday, CoW's strategic executive for economic development and community services, Fillemo Hambuda, said due to the economic impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on the country, the city saw the need to invest in a master plan for the informal trading sector, which is a critical part of the Namibian economy. "We know the local economy is better served through informal operators, who provide livelihoods, employment and income for many families. So, the aim is to increase standard trading areas for our informal traders," he said. - Namibian Sun

Local Companies

Retrenchments is an absolute last resort for Namibia Breweries Limited (NBL), which is a subsidiary of the Ohlthaver & List (O&L) Group. The impact of Covid-19 on the business operations and sales resulted in no wage increases being paid for the company's 2021 financial year while no bonuses would be considered during 2020. NBL managing director, Marco Wenk, in a statement that during the early stages of the lockdown period employees were assured that retrenchments as a result of the liquor industry shutdown at that stage, would be an absolute last resort. "We have instituted various cost cutting measures including salary reductions for executives, while the rest of our more than 900 employees have thus far continued to receive their full pay," Wenk added. Part of the cost cutting measures alluded to by Wenk include a zero-wage increase to be paid in the 2021 financial year - 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 - and no bonuses payable for 2020. On this basis an agreement was signed with the Namibia Food and Allied Workers Union (Nafau) last week. -Namibian Sun

Cash-strapped Air Namibia will have its planes grounded at midnight on Wednesday after it failed to secure enough funding to remain solvent, voiding its air licence, the transport authority said. The airline, which operates 10 aircraft on continental and one international route, with a staff of close to 800, requires around N\$8 billion (US\$469 million) to stay afloat, but only received a tenth of that in last month's budget. "This is scarcely 12% of the amount stated as needed by the management of the airline," the head of the Transport Commission, Eldorette Harmse, said in a statement. The withdrawal of its air licence means it is prohibited from operating commercial flights. It will however be permitted to undertake humanitarian evacuation and repatriation flights under its non-scheduled air services licence, which is valid for the duration of the State of Emergency due to the coronavirus. The firm's financial woes pre-date the COVID-19 pandemic which has ravaged air travel around the world due to the stand-still in tourism. It has failed to produce financial statements in recent years, a requirement of Namibia's Air Services Act. -Reuters

The holding company of Telecom Namibia, MTC and NamPost has appointed an interim board of directors for a period of six months. The interim board is to be chaired by Sencia Kaizemi-Rukata. The other board members are lawyer Norman Tjombe as vice chairperson, Lena Kangandjela, Henning Seelenbinder and Dennis Shindume. The interim board will serve for six months. NPTH is the mother company of MTC, Telecom Namibia and NamPost. The government also announced the appointment of a new interim board for Telecom, chaired by businessman Jerry Muadinohamba, with Fernando Somaeb as deputy chairperson and lawyer Frieda Kishi, Elizabeth Asino-Joseph and Shiwana Ndeunyama as additional board members. Namibia Post Limited will be steered by Nangula Hamunyela, deputised by Muronga Haingura and with Israel Kalenga, economist James Cumming and Parien Boer as directors. -The Namibian

West China Cement has proposed the acquisition of shares in Schwenk Namibia, which owns in 69.83% in Ohorong Cement. West China Cement is a leading cement manufacturer and distributor in West China and it is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Should it happen that West China Cement, the potential buyers of Ohorong Cement shares, either have a direct or indirect relationship with their China counterparts who owns Cheetah Cement, it will have various negative effects on the Namibian market. The Namibian Competition Commission (NaCC) will carry out various tests, including the competition and public interest tests to determine the effect of the sale of shares in Ohorong Cement to West China Cement. Based on the results and after having done the necessary analysis, the commission will then make a final decision whether the acquisition deal should take place. Speaking at a stakeholder conference on Thursday, Johannes Ashipala, the director for mergers and acquisition at NaCC, presented the method of collecting information to assess whether the proposed sale of 69.83% majority shares held by Schwenk Namibia to West China Cement should be approved or not. - Namibian Sun



National airline, Air Namibia's Board of Directors last week on Friday announced the appointment of Theo Mberirua as interim Chief Executive pending the appointment of the substantive CEO. The country's airline has been operating without a substantive head since March 2019, following the resignation of then acting Managing Director, Mandi Samson. The airline in a statement said the interim appointment takes effect from Monday 13 July. Mberirua is a seasoned corporate executive having held leading roles at a number of leading private and public sector organizations in Namibia, notably Telecom, Standard Bank and Bidvest. Mberirua takes over from the outgoing acting CEO, Elia Erastus who steered the ship during the challenging period, the airline said. -Namibia Economist

Stock prices of the heavyweights on the Local Index of the Namibian Stock Exchange (NSX) today plummeted, causing the total market capitalisation of the index to fall by nearly N\$6.5 billion in a single day. FirstRand Namibia, with FNB Namibia as its flagship, was hit worst. The group's share price tumbled by N\$10.85 a piece or about 35% to N\$20.15. In the process, FirstRand Namibia shed N\$2.9 billion of its market capitalisation by total shares in issue. Namibia Breweries' closing price was N\$8.60 or 24.9% lower at N\$25.90 per share. Its total market capitalisation shrunk by nearly N\$1.8 billion. Capricorn – owner of, among others, Bank Windhoek – ended on N\$10.50 per share, a drop of N\$3.49 or 24.9% compared to Wednesday. Its total market capitalisation too fell by about N\$1.8 billion. -Namibian Sun

Namibian taxpayers will have to fork out billions – whether Cabinet decides to liquidate Air Namibia or restructure and keep it afloat. Information gathered shows the government would still carry the burden of servicing Air Namibia's lease agreements if they opt for liquidation, which would also include paying for other urgent matters, like retrenchment costs, and penalties for aborting existing contracts. While the Cabinet committee on treasury, headed by minister of finance Iipumbu Shiimi, says the airline needs a substantive N\$7 billion to be sustainable, Air Namibia spokesperson Paul Nakawa says the company's operational budget was between N\$2.2 billion and N\$2.5 billion annually (pre-Covid-19). Shiimi says this amount also takes into account an outstanding debt of over N\$5 billion, including leaseholds. According to Air Namibia they are still perplexed about the origin of the N\$7 billion proposition by the government. -The Namibian

The newly appointed Meatco board and management began stakeholder engagement meetings last week. These meetings kicked off at Gobabis on 13 July and will end in the north on 6 August. Last week's meetings ended at Grootfontein on Thursday. Meatco Board chairperson Johnnie Hamman highlighted the need to improve the relationship with producers. "As the newly appointed board chairperson, I have committed myself to serve this position with true commitment and serve all the producers in this county. "Together with my board, we have been hard at work since we took office on 1 May. One of the most important stakeholder engagements was to meet the banks and now the producers, which the board considers to be the most critical stakeholder," Hamman said. -Namibian Sun

Bank Windhoek this week published its first Green Impact Report. The report details projects that received funding from its NSX listed Green Bond proceeds and highlights the core environmental impact indicators on a project level basis. The impact indicators are derived from the bank's Green Bond Framework and the International Capital Market Association's Green Bond Principles. Bank Windhoek issued a Green Bond to international acclaim when it listed on the Namibia Stock Exchange during December 2018. This positions Bank Windhoek as the first commercial bank to issue a Green Bond domestically and across the Southern African region. The success of Green Bond was recognised internationally when it received the "Green Bond Pioneer Award" from Climate Bonds Initiative in 2019. Green bonds generally are fixed income instruments where the proceeds are exclusively applied to finance or re-finance, in part or full, new and /or existing eligible Green Projects and which are aligned with the four core components of the International Capital Market Association's (ICMA) Green Bond Principles (GBP). - Namibian Sun

Namibia Wildlife Resorts (NWR) has for the first time recorded a profit since its inception in 1999. The profit recorded stands at N\$22 million in the past financial year, which is a N\$41 million improvement on the 2018 financial year, according to the company. This was announced at its annual general meeting on Monday to review the past year's operations and to present its 2018/2019 financial results. The meeting was for the first time held under the new commercial State-owned Enterprise Act 2019 (Act 1 of 2019) that came into operation on 16 December 2019. NWR chairman, Leonard Iipumbu said after more than 20 years, NWR managed to record a profit for the first time. "We achieved this by increasing our revenue by 11%, compared to the 2018 financial year, and by keeping our operating expenses flat – despite inflationary pressures," he said. -The Namibian

Meatco has reintroduced its fixed-price slaughter contract to help farmers in delivering slaughter animals and in an attempt to secure consistent throughput for the Windhoek abattoir. Meatco will release slaughter prices three to four months before the period in which farmers can enter into a fixed contract with the company. According to Meatco, these prices will be published every Friday along with the regular slaughter prices. Generally, one week will represent each contract period and the price communicated will only be applicable for that week. -The Namibian Sun

Namdeb Holdings suffered a nosedive of 65% year on year in its underlying EBITDA for the six months ended June 2020, interim results released this morning by Anglo American show. Namdeb recorded an underlying earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) of US\$28 million in its latest half-year compared to US\$80 million in the same six months in 2019. EBITDA is general used as an indication of profitability. Namdeb - owned 50% by De Beers, which is turn is owned by Anglo American – produced 869,000 carats for the six months under review, up from 818,000 in the comparative period last year. De Beers reported an underlying EBITDA slump in its all its operation. Overall, the diamond giant showed an underlying EBITDA of US\$2 million, down 99.6% from the US\$518 million recorded in the first half-year in 2019. -Namibian Sun

COVID-19 Cases

Experts say Namibia may see the number of Covid-19 cases jumping to roughly 700 by August, which could be the country's peak. Yesterday alone, the country recorded 52 new cases, with 51 recorded at Walvis Bay and one in a quarantine facility, minister of health and social services Kalumbi Shangula said. Dr Jan Wnent, a consultant anaesthesiologist and clinical head of the acute care unit at the Ministry of Health and Social Services, took part in a discussion at the Covid-19 communication centre yesterday about the epidemiological progression of Covid-19 in Namibia. He said the country's peak would likely take place in mid-August in the Erongo region. The professor said after a steep incline in the number of cases the peak would level out over two to four weeks, after which a decrease in the number of new cases



would be experienced. "Now we would say we have community transmissions at Walvis Bay, which are roughly seen after the first cases there at the beginning of June. So it will be mid-August when we see the peak in that region," Wnent said. -The Namibian

President Hage Geingob this afternoon said Namibia's 13 regions will remain in the current stage 4 of the Covid-19 state of emergency, while Erongo remains in stage 3. The president made this announcement during a media briefing at State House on Monday afternoon, in which he indicated that 90% of the Covid-19 positive cases are from Walvis Bay. He added that while Namibia's new cases are increasing at a fast pace due to the spread in Walvis Bay, there is no evidence at the moment of transmission of the virus within the community in the rest of the country. "The current stage 4 measures will therefore be maintained for all 13 regions with exception of the Erongo region, which remains under stage 3," he said. -The Namibian

The Namibia Petroleum Corporation of Namibia (Namcor) has announced a temporary lockdown of its head office in Windhoek for seven days after an employee tested positive for the coronavirus on Friday. This was announced in an internal memo sent to staff on Monday by managing director Immanuel Mulunga, who also confirmed the lockdown to The Namibian. "One of our employees tested positive with the coronavirus on Friday, 3 July 2020. The employees in question, along with about three colleagues who he closely interacted with, are currently under quarantine," he said in the memo. Mulunga said the three colleagues are under quarantine at a facility. He added that the head office building was disinfected on Saturday and will be under lock and key until Monday, 14 July. A meeting will be convened on Saturday to assess the matter, he added. He said all employees will work remotely from today (6 July) until 14 July. -The Namibian

Health workers and other frontline cadres are the most valuable assets in the fight and the technical support, capacity-building, and donations from China are highly appreciated. Kalumbi Shangula, Health minister. The Chinese government on Wednesday handed over the second batch of medical supplies to help Namibia combat the Covid-19 epidemic. The donation to Namibia's Health Ministry, valued at 4.3 million Namibia dollars, included 5,000 disposable medical protective clothing, 15,000 face masks for medical use, 150,000 surgical masks, 7,000 medical protective goggles, 7,000 disposable surgical gloves, and 3,000 shoe covers. Namibian Health Minister Kalumbi Shangula thanked China for the donation and for its technical support and capacity-building assistance. – Market Watch

MTC Namibia's call centre in Windhoek has been closed after an employee of the cellphone company tested positive for the novel coronavirus. According to the company, the employee is currently hospitalised for underlying medical conditions, but is in a safe condition. In a statement on Thursday evening, MTC said it intended to reopen the call centre after 14 days or before 7 August, after the building has been disinfected. "In the meantime, all call centre services will be suspended," MTC said. It urged people dialling its emergency number to contact its emergency centre directly. The company has also shut its head office in Windhoek effective immediately, including its shop in Olympia. This comes after an employee was traced to have been in contact with someone who tested positive for the novel coronavirus. The employee is in self-isolation awaiting test results. "This is also a precautionary measure until the results are known and we therefore hope to reopen the head office and the Olympia shop by next week Friday, 31 July, or earlier should the test results come back negative," the company stated. -The Namibian

A Namibian Broadcasting Corporation staff member from the newsroom in the broadcaster's Windhoek headquarters has tested positive for the novel coronavirus. The staff member is one of 88 new coronavirus infections announced by health minister Kalumbi Shangula on Sunday. NBC director general Stanley Similo made the announcement in a statement on Sunday afternoon. He said some parts of the NBC headquarters in Windhoek would be closed immediately. "The NBC news offices have already been disinfected today and given the decontamination and sanitation treatment certificate to confirm that the building was fumigated as prescribed by the health regulations," Similo said. Similo is in contact with the health authorities, who will carry out risk exposure assessment and contact tracing. -The Namibian

A Bank Windhoek staff member at the main branch in Windhoek has tested positive for the novel coronavirus, which has resulted in the branch being closed. The bank also closed its Auas Valley and Ashirwad agencies because they are served from the main branch. The offices were closed over the weekend and were disinfected and as a precautionary measure. All workers were sent home to self-isolate until further notice. According to a statement from the bank on Monday, the branch will reopen on Wednesday, 29 July 2020. "Our contact register was handed over to the Ministry of Health and Social Services to continue their contact tracing. Our thoughts are with all our employees, their families and our customers who are affected by Covid-19," the bank added. -The Namibian

Staff members of the National Council will be working from home after one of its employees tested positive for Covid-19. In a statement released today, secretary to the council Tousy Namiseb said staff will not be working at the offices for the next 14 days. All buildings and surrounds will be disinfected tomorrow morning, Namiseb said. Staff will return to the premises on 10 August unless otherwise advised. "We are closely monitoring the situation and will re-evaluate in close consultation with the ministry of health after 14 days," he said. according to an internal memo sent to staff, they are advised to present themselves to any health facility for testing as part of contact tracing. - The Namibian

Although the harbour town of Walvis Bay remains the epicentre of the Covid-19 pandemic in Namibia, a flurry of business, government and parastatal closures in Windhoek, where a surge in suspected or confirmed cases has been recorded, have plunged the capital city into a sense of gloom. With the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases steadily on the increase in Windhoek, health executive director Ben Nangombe said the ministry was concerned and that targeted mass testing was being discussed for certain areas in the capital. This follows confirmed cases at the University of Namibia (Unam), NamWater, Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC), Namibian Police, Windhoek City Police, MTC and Bank Windhoek, among others. Ludwigsdorf, Khomasdal, Goreangab and Havana are among the areas in Windhoek where cases have been confirmed recently. -The Namibian Sun



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	1 349	7 004	7.4	7.4	182	182	SELL
FNB Namibia	FNB	2 300	6 155	5.6	5.5	410	415	SELL
Namibia Asset Management	NAM	61	122	6.0	5.9	10.1	10.4	
Oryx Properties	ORY	1 740	1 520	12.7	14.6	137.4	119.3	SELL
Namibia Breweries	NBS	3 450	7 125	12.0	12.1	288.6	286	HOLD
SBN Holdings	SNO	745	3 892	5.4	4.4	139	171	SELL
Letshego Holdings (Namibia)	LHN	270	1 350	3.5	3.2	76.2	83.2	BUY
Paladin Energy Limited ₂	PDN	158	1 803					
CMB International Ltd ₃	CMB	170	346					
Tadvest Limited NM ₃	TAD	1 526	52					
B2Gold Corporation ₁	B2G	11 190	385					

₁Dual-listed on the TSX

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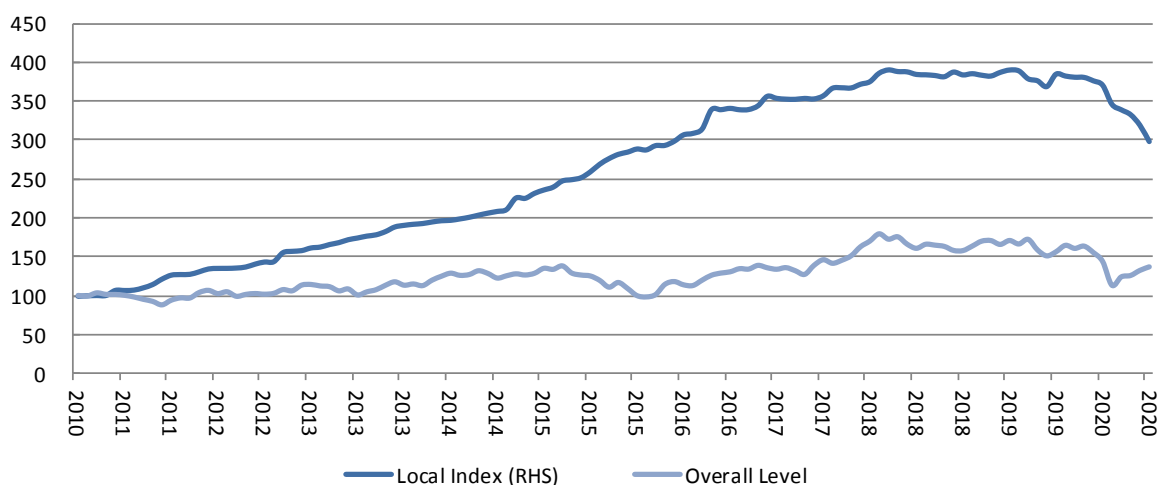
Deep Yellow, Bannerman Resources, Eco (Atlantic) Oil & Gas and Forsys Metals have their primary listing on the Australian (ASX) or Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) and listed on the Development Board of the NSX (DevX).

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

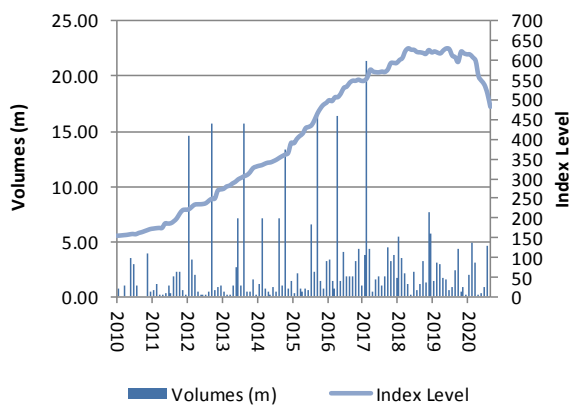
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NSX Indices

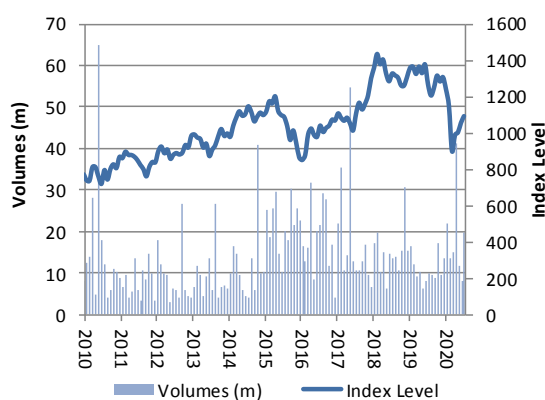
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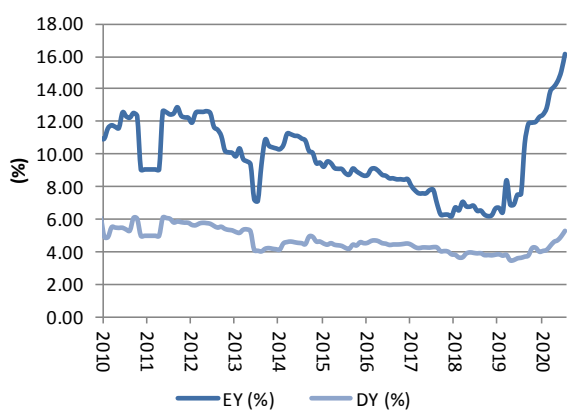
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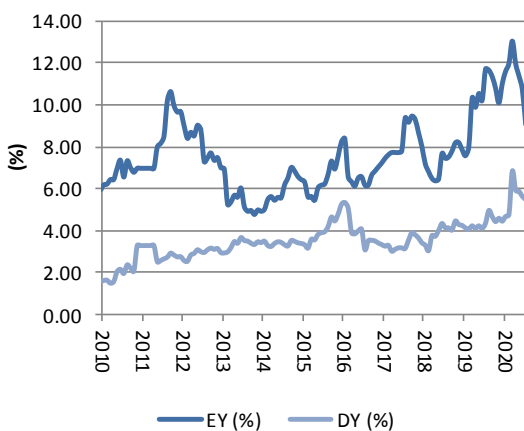
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EY and DY for Overall Index



Source: Bloomberg, IJG, JSE

NSX Overall Index

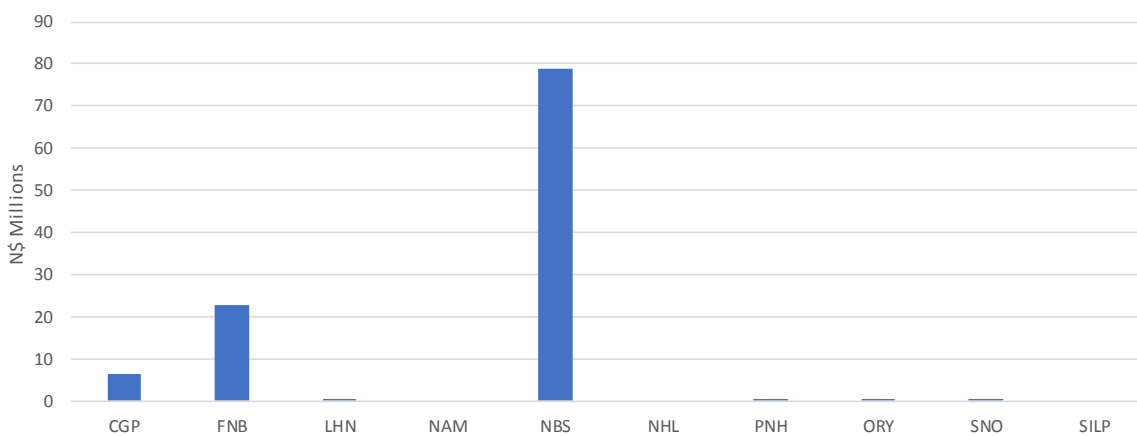
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banks		9 540 721 373	463 605 423 496	30.52%	77.2%	358 074 985 305	28.96%
CGP	13.49	519 184 399	7 003 797 543	0.46%	26%	1 829 391 918	0.15%
FST	38.82	5 609 488 001	217 760 324 199	14.33%	82%	179 357 775 389	14.50%
FNB	23.00	267 593 250	6 154 644 750	0.41%	24%	1 477 114 740	0.12%
LHN	2.70	500 000 000	1 350 000 000	0.09%	22%	297 000 000	0.02%
SNB	107.93	1 619 929 317	174 838 971 184	11.51%	79%	137 947 948 264	11.16%
SNO	7.45	522 471 910	3 892 415 730	0.26%	15%	583 862 356	0.05%
NBK	104.78	502 054 496	52 605 270 091	3.46%	70%	36 581 892 637	2.96%
general insurance		115 131 417	30 544 364 930	2.01%	36.0%	10 989 862 545	0.89%
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life assurance		8 433 003 413	214 197 666 493	14.10%	79.3%	169 900 666 782	13.74%
MMT	16.54	1 497 475 356	24 768 242 388	1.63%	66%	16 223 198 778	1.31%
OMM	11.47	4 708 553 649	54 007 110 354	3.55%	97%	52 354 492 785	4.23%
SLA	60.81	2 226 974 408	135 422 313 750	8.91%	75%	101 322 975 219	8.19%
investment companies		1 561 573 386	10 214 828 651	0.67%	34.3%	3 507 347 914	0.28%
NAM	0.61	200 000 000	122 000 000	0.01%	52%	63 440 000	0.01%
SILP	127.80	4 650 786	594 370 451	0.04%	100%	594 370 451	0.05%
KFS	7.00	1 356 922 600	9 498 458 200	0.63%	30%	2 849 537 463	0.23%
real estate		1 043 605 463	7 085 630 704	0.47%	94.0%	6 658 220 351	0.54%
ORY	17.40	87 378 835	1 520 391 729	0.10%	100%	1 520 391 729	0.12%
VKN	5.82	956 226 628	5 565 238 975	0.37%	92%	5 137 828 622	0.42%
specialist finance		2 329 649 988	19 786 115 321	1.30%	75.4%	14 926 980 030	1.21%
IVD	33.24	318 904 709	10 600 392 527	0.70%	95%	10 081 537 068	0.82%
TUC	4.99	1 616 038 581	8 064 032 519	0.53%	51%	4 131 609 773	0.33%
CMB	1.70	345 983 575	588 172 078	0.04%	36%	210 506 787	0.02%
PNH	10.95	48 723 123	533 518 197	0.04%	94%	503 326 402	0.04%
RESOURCES		4 868 469 975	617 181 836 789	40.62%	91.1%	562 215 764 256	45.47%
mining		4 868 469 975	617 181 836 789	40.62%	91.1%	562 215 764 256	45.47%
ANM	418.15	1 363 118 080	569 987 825 152	37.52%	91%	516 351 970 805	41.76%
PDN	1.58	1 803 078 372	2 848 863 828	0.19%	85%	2 421 819 140	0.20%
B2G	111.90	384 738 307	43 052 216 553	2.83%	99%	42 413 650 065	3.43%
DYL	2.79	229 938 728	641 529 051	0.04%	75%	481 146 788	0.04%
BMN	0.41	847 355 669	347 415 824	0.02%	70%	243 191 077	0.02%
FSY	1.88	96 875 422	182 125 793	0.01%	100%	182 125 793	0.01%
MEY	0.85	143 365 397	121 860 587	0.01%	100%	121 860 587	0.01%
BASIC INDUSTRIES		342 852 910	5 996 497 396	0.39%	39%	2 323 043 091	0.19%
chemicals		342 852 910	5 996 497 396	0.39%	39%	2 323 043 091	0.19%
AOX	17.49	342 852 910	5 996 497 396	0.39%	39%	2 323 043 091	0.19%
GENERAL INDUSTRIALS		201 025 646	13 309 908 022	0.88%	100%	13 264 654 321	1.07%
diversified industrials		201 025 646	13 309 908 022	0.88%	100%	13 264 654 321	1.07%
BWL	66.21	201 025 646	13 309 908 022	0.88%	100%	13 264 654 321	1.07%
NON-CYCLICAL CONSUMER GOODS		1 335 068 222	60 964 769 693	4.01%	49%	29 583 610 801	2.39%
beverages		467 392 608	7 125 250 500	0.47%	50%	3 562 625 250	0.29%
NBS	34.50	206 529 000	7 125 250 500	0.47%	50%	3 562 625 250	0.29%
food producers & processors		130 431 804	9 391 089 888	0.62%	37%	3 521 190 672	0.28%
OCG	72.00	130 431 804	9 391 089 888	0.62%	37%	3 521 190 672	0.28%
health care		737 243 810	44 448 429 305	2.93%	51%	22 499 794 879	1.82%
MEP	60.29	737 243 810	44 448 429 305	2.93%	51%	22 499 794 879	1.82%
CYCLICAL SERVICES		496 407 493	14 539 424 692	0.96%	95%	13 858 049 627	1.12%
general retailers		496 407 493	14 539 424 692	0.96%	95%	13 858 049 627	1.12%
NHL	1.60	53 443 500	85 509 600	0.01%	30%	25 652 880	0.00%
TRW	32.63	442 963 993	14 453 915 092	0.95%	96%	13 832 396 747	1.12%
NON-CYCLICAL SERVICES		591 338 502	61 836 267 154	4.07%	83%	51 264 653 415	4.15%
food & drug retailers		591 338 502	61 836 267 154	4.07%	83%	51 264 653 415	4.15%
SRH	104.57	591 338 502	61 836 267 154	4.07%	83%	51 264 653 415	4.15%
N098	0.00	30 858 847 788	1 519 262 733 339	100%	81%	1 236 567 838 438	81.39%

Source: Bloomberg, IIG, NSX

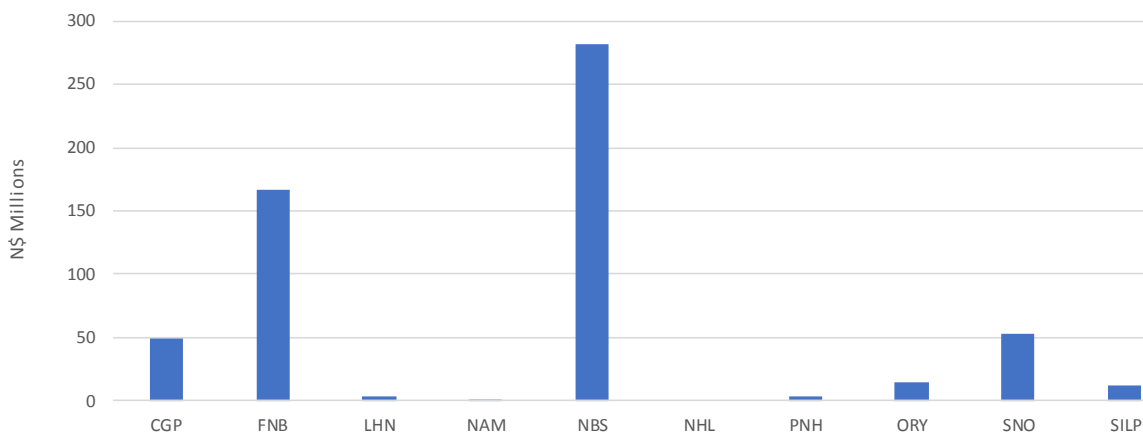
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NSX Trading Update Local Companies

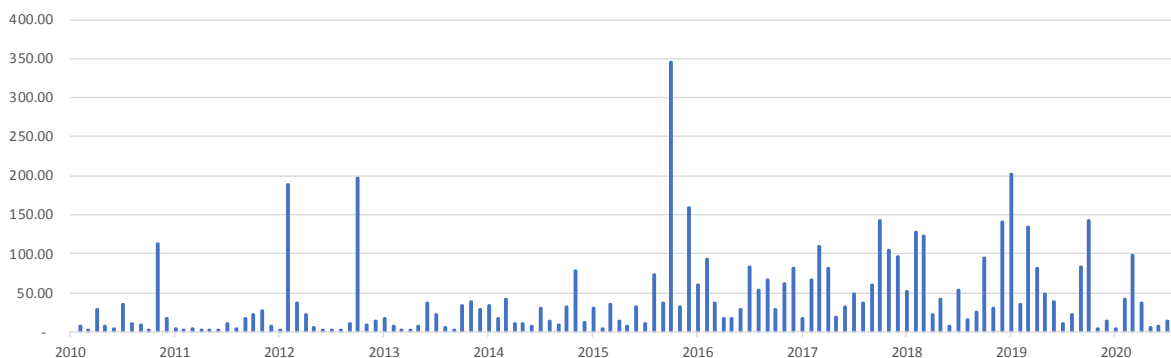
NSX Local Companies: Value Traded July 2020



NSX Local Companies: Value Traded July 2019 – July 2020



NSX Local Companies: Value Traded July 2010 – July 2020



Source: IJG



NSX Monthly Trade Volume (number of shares)

	SHARE	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20
Local Companies							
Capricorn Investment Group	CGP	250 060	125 561	42 741	34 305	173 282	524 304
FNB Namibia	FNB	1 094 787	50 420	40 006	37 208	81 687	1 096 682
Letshego Holdings (Namibia)	LHN	68 714	11 848	35 226	52 875	211 771	900
Nam Asset Management	NAM	-	20 400	2 000	55 000	617	-
Nambrew	NBS	462 613	257 703	67 716	116 402	172 271	2 955 112
Nictus	NHL	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oryx	ORY	291 039	162	12 170	153	265	2 497
SBN Holdings	SNO	2 737 664	2 537 945	10 132	24 682	127 181	55 153
Stimulus Investments	SILP	45 800	-	-	-	1 000	-
Paratus Namibia Holdings	PNH	-	55 600	13 200	14 700	61 188	28 962
Local Company Trading		4 950 677	3 059 639	223 191	335 325	829 262	4 663 610
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	-	-	-	-	-	-
B2Gold Corporation	B2G	-	-	-	-	-	-
FirstRand	FST	479 504	2 066 941	2 846 152	1 223 550	769 864	7 043 453
Investec Group	IVD	831 688	1 949 591	927 341	70 248	162 716	211 083
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings	MMT	204 446	209 219	2 407 745	1 352 805	184 223	1 321 599
Old Mutual Ltd	OMM	1 285 947	2 907 458	18 074 852	449 064	1 364 654	940 716
Sanlam	SLA	230 376	403 531	3 203 575	1 893 318	1 092 046	59 939
Santam	SNM	53 217	48 150	96 924	38 258	22 160	12 113
Standard Bank	SNB	320 942	768 748	515 629	285 648	231 538	467 400
Oceana	OCG	144 406	50 706	231 947	135 564	615 785	99 236
Afrox	AOX	109 919	13 369	94 532	64 535	84 426	272 430
Barloworld	BWL	121 869	1 405	401 089	13 424	694 445	1 044 768
Anglo American	ANM	260 331	439 909	494 048	573 723	279 797	438 529
Truworths	TRW	762 877	1 015 721	960 795	838 840	208 340	79 486
Shoprite	SRH	241 662	611 009	2 143 736	647 107	236 836	224 350
Nedbank Group	NBK	95 654	700 280	3 601 327	218 012	344 557	939 715
Vukile	VKN	2 148 984	200 000	2 674 007	2 247 012	812 890	102 964
Paladin Energy	PDN	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trustco	TUC	3 230	-	-	-	1 000	-
PSG Konsult	KFS	1 010 190	271 380	513 532	-	10 193	1 838 238
Mediclinic International	MEP	189 845	467 872	1 685 537	1 525 205	122 098	150 779
Tadvest Limited NM	TAD	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dual Listed Trading		8 495 087	12 125 289	40 872 768	11 576 313	7 237 568	15 246 798
Total Trading (Including DevX)		13 445 764	15 184 928	41 095 959	11 911 638	8 066 830	19 910 408

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
Paratus Namibia Holdings	PNH	28-Feb	30-Nov	31-May
SBN Holdings	SNO	31-Dec	30-Jun	31-Mar
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
IIG Namibia Monthly	Country Report	Early following month
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 NCP1	Economy	Monthly
IIG Data Bulletin PSCE	Economy	Monthly
IIG Data Bulletin New Vehicle Sales	Economy	Monthly
Namibia Capital Market Fixed Income Analysis 2Q20	Economy	15-Jul-20
Oryx Operating Update and Extraordinary General Meeting	Company	26-Jun-20
IIG Budget Review, 2020	Economy	28-May-20
Namibia Banking Review: Impact of COVID-19	Company	05-May-20
Oryx 1H20 Results Review	Company	28-Apr-20
Namibia Capital Market Fixed Income Analysis 1Q20	Economy	03-Apr-20
NBS 1H20 Initial Impression	Company	16-Mar-20
CGP 1H20 Results Review	Company	16-Mar-20
SBN Holdings FY19 Initial Impression	Company	13-Mar-20
FirstRand Namibia 1H20 Initial Impression	Company	10-Mar-20
IIG Economic Outlook 2020	Economy	09-Mar-20
Letshego Holdings Namibia FY19 Initial Impression	Company	03-Mar-20
Oryx 1H20 Initial Impression	Company	02-Mar-20
CGP 1H20 Initial Impression	Company	21-Feb-20
Trade Wars	Economy	22-Jan-20
NBS FY19 Results Review	Company	20-Jan-20
Brexit: 2019 Recap and 2020 Expectations	Economy	14-Jan-20
Namibia: Credit Rating Downgrade	Economy	19-Dec-19
SBN Holdings Initiation Report	Company	15-Nov-19
IIG Mid-Year Budget Review, 2019	Economy	23-Oct-19
Oryx FY19 Results Review	Company	16-Oct-19
CGP FY19 Results Review	Company	14-Oct-19
Letshego Holdings Namibia 1H19 Results Review	Company	08-Oct-19
FNB FY19 Results Review	Company	20-Sep-19
NBS FY19 Initial Impression	Company	15-Sep-19
FNB Namibia FY19 Initial Impression	Company	05-Sep-19
Letshego Holdings Namibia 1H19 Initial Impression	Company	02-Sep-19
Oryx FY19 Initial Impression	Company	30-Aug-19
CGP FY19 Initial Impression	Company	22-Aug-19
FNB Update	Company	13-Aug-19

Source: IIG

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