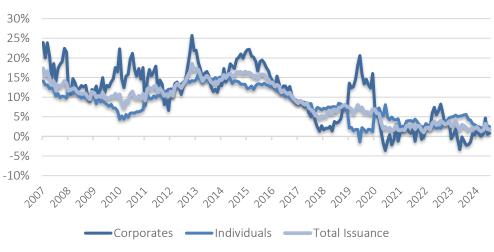
### **Overview**

	N\$ Millions	Change in N\$ Millions		% Change	
Category	Outstanding	One Month	One Year	m/m	y/y
Corporates	45,921.8	(97.6)	371.8	-0.21%	0.82%
Individuals	67,686.1	100.8	1,643.2	0.15%	2.49%
Mortgage Loans	59,324.3	46.4	412.0	0.08%	0.70%
Other Loans & Advances	30,151.7	(485.8)	2,201.7	-1.59%	7.88%
Overdrafts	10,883.4	251.8	(2,318.4)	2.37%	-17.56%
Instalment Credit	13,248.4	190.9	1,719.7	1.46%	14.92%
Total PSCE*	113,607.9	3.2	2,015.0	0.00%	1.81%

\*Normalised for claims on non-resident private sectors Source: Bank of Namibia, IJG Securities

**Private sector credit (PSCE) remained relatively steady in July, rising by just N\$3.22 million**, bringing the normalised cumulative credit outstanding to N\$113.61 billion (removing the interbank swaps the Bank of Namibia (BoN) accounts for in non-resident private sector claims). The year-on-year growth rate also remained relatively steady at 1.81%. Over the past twelve months, N\$2.01 billion worth of credit was extended to the private sector, 30.5% less than the N\$2.90 billion issued over the same period a year ago. Individuals took up N\$1.64 billion worth of credit over this period, while corporates increased their borrowings by N\$371.8 million.



Source: Bank of Namibia, IJG Securities

## **Credit Extension to Individuals**

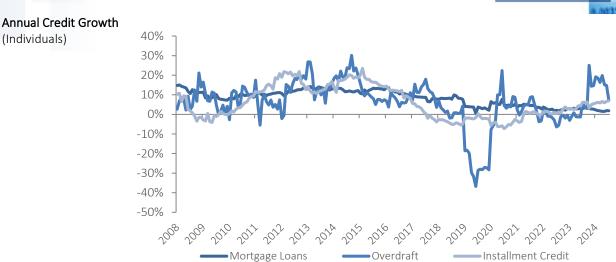
Credit extended to individuals rose by 0.15% m/m and 2.49% y/y in July. 'Other loans and advances', primarily made up of credit card debt and personal- and term loans attributed to most of the growth in credit extension to individuals during the month, with the sub-category growing by 1.0% m/m and 1.4% y/y. Instalment credit to individuals rose by 1.09% m/m and 6.9% y/y. Overdraft facilities notably declined by 3.0% m/m but rose 7.2% y/y. Mortgage loans remained relatively steady month-on-month and grew by 1.9% y/y.



#### PSCE Issuance Growth (% y/y)



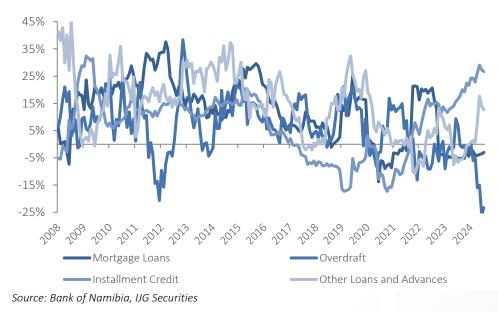




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## **Credit Extension to Corporates**

Credit extension to corporates fell 0.2% m/m but rose 0.8% y/y. The month-on-month contraction was primarily driven by a 3.2% m/m decrease in other loans and advances and a 0.5% m/m decrease in loans and advances. Mortgage loans increased by 0.5% m/m but contracted by 3.0% y/y. Mortgage loans have notably been declining on a year-on-year basis since October 2022. Instalment credit grew by 1.9% m/m and 26.7% y/y, the highest in our records. Overall credit demand from corporates in Namibia however remains weak.



# **Banking Sector Liquidity**

The commercial banks' overall liquidity decreased by N\$1.56 billion to an average of N\$6.41 billion in July, relative to the N\$7.97 billion recorded in June. The central bank ascribed the decrease to lower inflows, fuelled by lower diamond sales during the month. Despite the slight drop, liquidity remains at healthy levels.



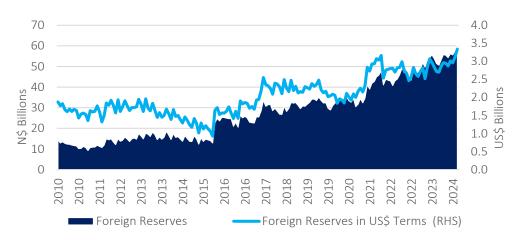
### Annual Credit Growth (Corporates)



Source: Bank of Namibia, IJG Securities

## **Money Supply and Reserves**

The stock of international reserves rose by N\$3.14 billion or 5.5% m/m to N\$60.78 billion in July, translating to 4.1 months of import cover, well above the international benchmark of 3.0 months. This monthly increase is on the back of SACU receipts and Customer Foreign Currency (CFC) placements.



**Foreign Reserves** 

Source: Bank of Namibia, IJG Securities

# Outlook

The recent 25bps repo rate cut, along with anticipated further reductions in interest rates, may lead to a modest improvement in private sector credit growth in Namibia. Lower borrowing costs could stimulate both individual and corporate demand for credit, particularly in categories like mortgage loans and other consumer credit. While corporate credit demand has been weak, the interest rate reduction might encourage more business investment and borrowing in the coming months. For the time being, low credit extension continues to point to a lacklustre rebound in domestic economic conditions for many sectors.







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