Private Sector Credit Extension February 2025

0.0005 4.55% 0.1003 13.04% 0.0001 50.00% 0.0003 14.29%

Overview

	N\$ Millions	Change in N\$ Millions		% Change	
Category	Outstanding	One Month	One Year	m/m	у/у
Corporates	48,980.8	(348.5)	2,727.0	-0.71%	5.90%
Individuals	68,642.4	76.3	1,725.5	0.11%	2.58%
Mortgage Loans	59,507.6	52.0	290.2	0.09%	0.49%
Other Loans & Advances	31,192.1	(769.3)	2,556.5	-2.41%	8.93%
Overdrafts	12,592.9	398.0	(344.0)	3.26%	-2.66%
Instalment Credit	14,330.6	47.2	1,949.9	0.33%	15.75%
Total PSCE*	117,623.2	(272.1)	4,452.5	-0.23%	3.93%

^{*}Normalised for claims on non-resident private sectors

Source: Bank of Namibia, IJG Securities

Private sector credit extension (PSCE) declined by N\$272.2 million or 0.2% m/m in February. On an annual basis, PSCE growth moderated to 3.9% y/y, down from 4.1% y/y in January. Despite the marginal month-on-month decline, credit extended to both corporates and individuals continued to grow on a year-on-year basis. The slowdown in credit growth was primarily driven by a decline in corporate credit uptake, with the 'other loans and advances' category being the main contributor, declining by 2.4% m/m. Meanwhile, household credit saw a modest increase of 0.1% m/m. Non-resident private sector claims grew by 9.6% m/m.

PSCE Issuance Growth (% y/y)



Source: Bank of Namibia, IJG Securities

Credit Extension to Individuals

Credit extended to individuals recorded a modest increase of 0.1% m/m, bringing the total amount outstanding to N\$68.64 billion in February. On an annual basis, PSCE to individuals grew by 2.6% y/y. The 'other loans and advances' category showed robust growth, rising by 7.9% y/y. Overdraft facilities rebounded in February with a 2.4% m/m increase but remained 13.2% lower year-on-year. Mortgage credit extended to individuals declined by 0.1% m/m, but recorded moderate annual growth of 0.7% y/y.



Annual Credit Growth (Individuals)

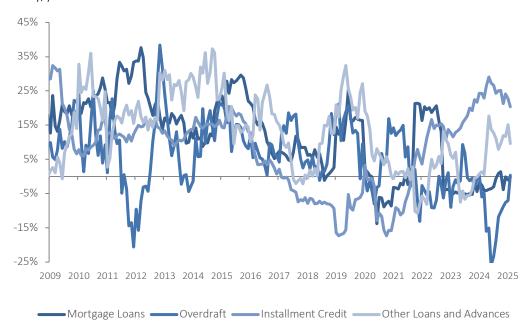


Source: Bank of Namibia, IJG Securities

Credit Extension to Corporates

Credit extended to corporations declined by 0.7% m/m, bringing the annual growth rate to 5.9% y/y. The slower growth was primarily due to net repayments by corporations in the 'other loans and advances' category. Instalment credit and loans and advances grew by 20.4% y/y and 4.0% y/y, respectively. However, monthly growth in both categories slowed in February, with loans and advances falling by 0.8% m/m and instalment credit decreasing slightly by 0.1% m/m. Mortgage credit extended to corporations rose 0.9% m/m but remained down 0.2% y/y. Meanwhile, overdraft lending in the corporate sector rose by 3.5% m/m, bringing its annual growth rate to 0.3% y/y.

Annual Credit
Growth (Corporates)



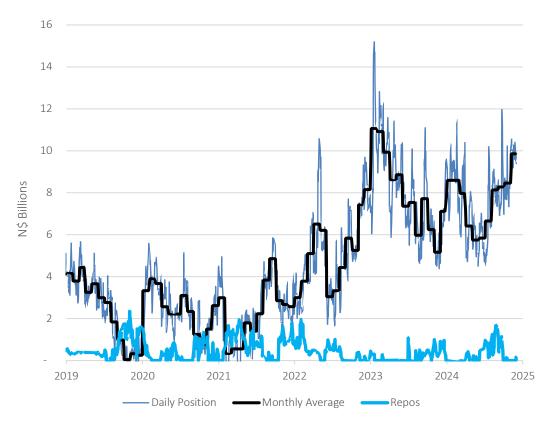
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Banking Sector Liquidity

The commercial banks' overall liquidity improved by N\$1.40 billion to an average of N\$9.86 billion in February. The Bank of Namibia (BoN) attributes the growth in liquidity to higher government expenditure, primarily the redemptions of short-term government securities and monthly social grant transfers.

Namibian Banking Liquidity



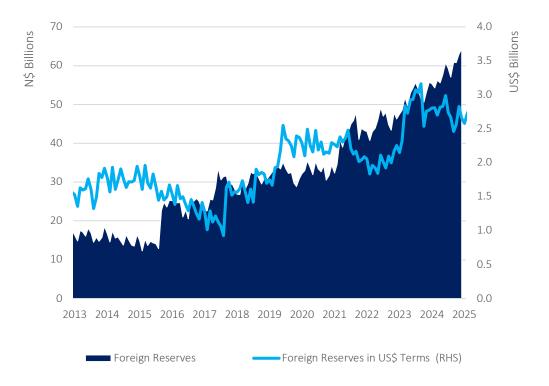
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Money Supply and Reserves

International foreign reserves rose to N\$64.45 billion in February, surpassing January's level of N\$64.33 billion. This marks a slight month-on-month increase of 0.2% m/m. According to the BoN, the rise was driven by higher CFC placements and lower net outflows from commercial banks. February's foreign reserves translate to an import cover of 4.2 months, including oil exploration and appraisal activities. When excluding these activities, the import cover improves to 5.2 months.



Foreign Reserves



Source: Bank of Namibia, IJG Securities

Outlook

Overall, credit demand was sluggish in February. While there was a slight increase in credit uptake by individuals, this was more than offset by corporate repayments, particularly in the 'other loans and advances' category. Despite this moderation, annual credit growth remained positive, and slightly quicker than inflation. Notably, overdraft facilities and non-resident private sector claims rebounded after an extended period of stagnation.

Meanwhile, banking sector liquidity documented robust growth primarily driven by increased government expenditure and social grant transfers. Namibia's international foreign reserves also increased marginally on a month-on-month basis, attributable to higher CFC placements and lower commercial bank outflows.

Overall, despite a moderation in the pace of monthly credit growth, the financial sector reported stable liquidity levels and foreign reserves which prove sufficient to support economic activity for the coming months.







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