

PSCE– June 2014

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Slowdown in y/y growth on base effects, m/m still strong

	N\$ m	Change in N\$ m		% Change	
	Jun-14	One month	One year	Jun-14 m/m	Jun-14 y/y
Corporates	24,871.1	320.9	3,761.5	1.3%	17.8%
Individuals	38,480.9	277.3	4,622.9	0.7%	13.7%
Mortgage Loans	32,338.5	290.6	3,268.7	0.9%	11.2%
Other Loans & Advances	7,218.1	107.8	1,096.4	1.5%	17.9%
Overdraft	8,722.1	(66.1)	935.1	-0.8%	12.0%
Instalment Credit	9,636.5	213.8	1,433.7	2.3%	17.5%
Total PSCE	63,651.6	609.4	8,478.2	1.0%	15.4%

Corporate versus individual growth (y/y)



Source: Bank of Namibia

Overall

Credit extended to the private sector increased by N\$609.4million, or 1.0%, in June 2014 to N\$63.7billion. On an annual basis PSCE growth eased to 15.4% year on year, when compared to 16.0% year on year the preceding month, with total credit outstanding now N\$8.5 billion more than a year ago. The growth rate recorded in June was underpinned by expansion in both the corporate and individual segments of the market. The split between business and private credit in total debt outstanding is 39.1% to 60.5%. All in all, PSCE continues to play out as we projected with a slowdown in corporate credit dragging overall growth lower while offset by a continuing uptick in household credit growth.

Credit extension to households

Credit extension to households expanded by 0.7% on a monthly basis and 13.7% on an annual basis in June, at a slightly faster rate of growth than was seen in the preceding month. The growth in credit extension to households can be largely ascribed to prolonged and historically low interest rates in Namibia, allowing for the relatively cheap uptake of credit by interest sensitive households.

Growth was recorded for most of the sub categories in household credit on a month on month basis, with the main categories driving growth being instalment credit, which expanded by 2.2%, and overdrafts, which went up 1.7%, during the month. Over the past year, the majority of the credit extended to households was in the form of mortgage loans (N\$2.6billion out of a total of N\$4.6billion), which expanded by 12.6% from last year, largely reflecting strong house price increases in Windhoek and at the coast. Other claims decreased by N\$83.5million in June to a N\$110.5 million increase for the year.

Instalment credit is a key driving force underlying overall credit extension, making up 9.8% of total credit extension. Instalment credit expanded by 17.5% in June on a year-on-year basis, a slight decrease from 18.0% growth in May. Instalment sales credit includes credit extended for the purchase of vehicles, electronics and other consumer goods bought with instalment contract payments. Broadly speaking, instalment credit extension to households is perceived to be “non-productive”, used to purchase consumer goods, most of which are imported, placing pressure on the country’s balance of payments and reserves.

Credit extension to corporates

Credit extension to corporates grew by 17.8% year-on-year in June, down from 18.5% in May. On a monthly basis all the sub-categories, except overdrafts expanded during the month in question. On a year-on-year basis, mortgage loan growth increased to 10.2% and “other loans & advances” growth accelerated to 15.1%, while overdraft growth slowed from 19.8% in the previous month to 9.6% this month. Unlike credit extension to households, high growth in credit extended to corporates is unlikely to be as a result of low interest rates, as corporates in Namibia tend to be less sensitive to interest rate changes than households.

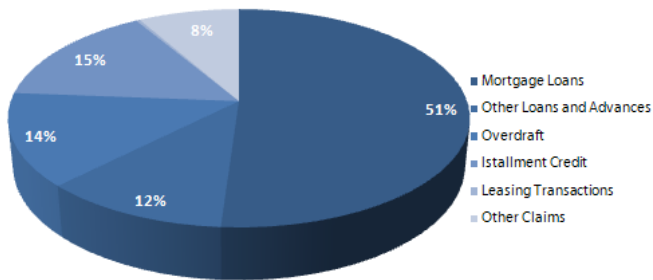
Money Supply and Reserves

Foreign reserves increased 2.5% month-on-month to N\$15.9billion at the end of June 2014, following a decrease of 11.1% in May. This increase is a result of increases in interest rates and tax payments in June, and a SACU receipt on July 1st.

M2 growth increased to 6.9% in June, down from growth of 8.5% in May. The slow growth in M2 mainly emanated from a decrease in the net foreign assets of other depository corporations and domestic claims, down 5.0% m/m.

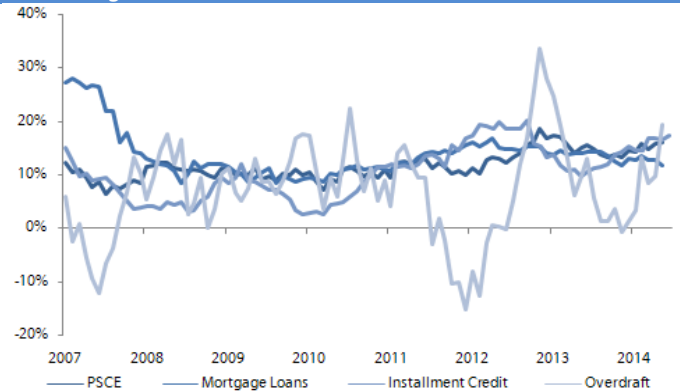
Looking forward, we expect credit growth to remain strong through 2014 despite the 25bps rate hike in June and further expectations of interest rate increases, as real income growth is expected to remain elevated given the buoyant economic conditions within the country, which will reinforce demand for credit from households. A slowdown in corporate credit is however expected to lead a broad based slowdown in PSCE.

Credit Split

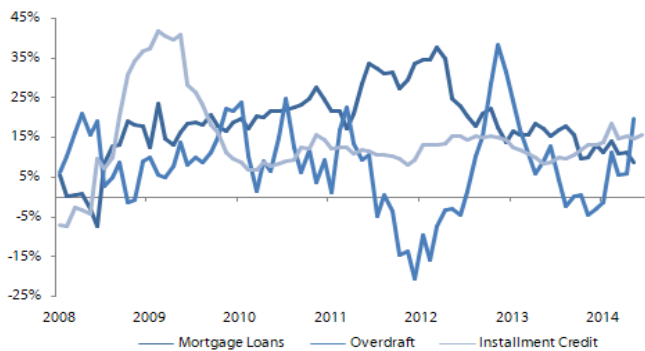


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Credit Categories

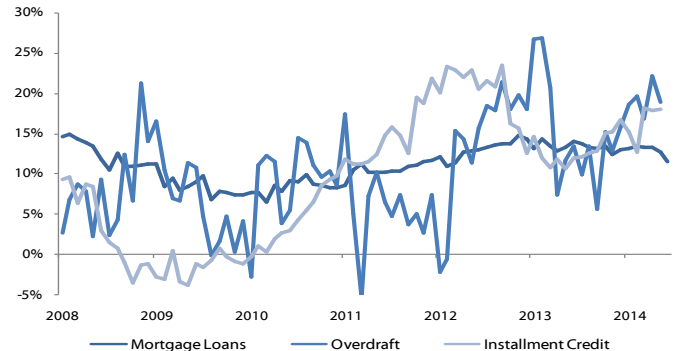


Businesses

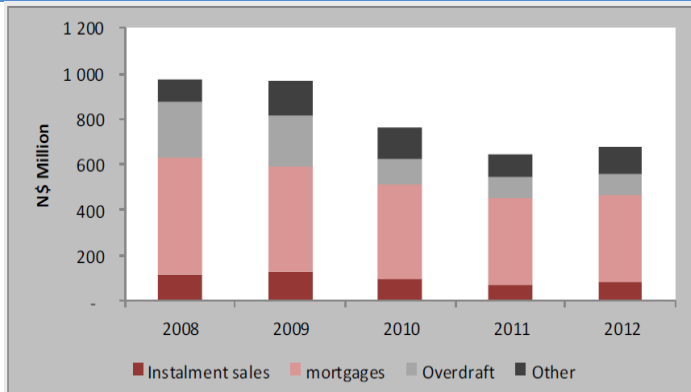


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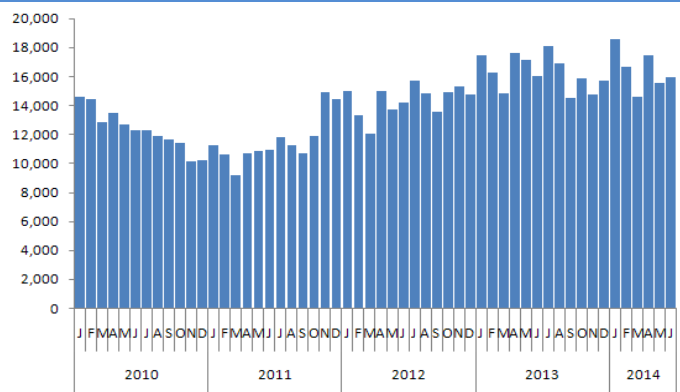


Nonperforming loans per category

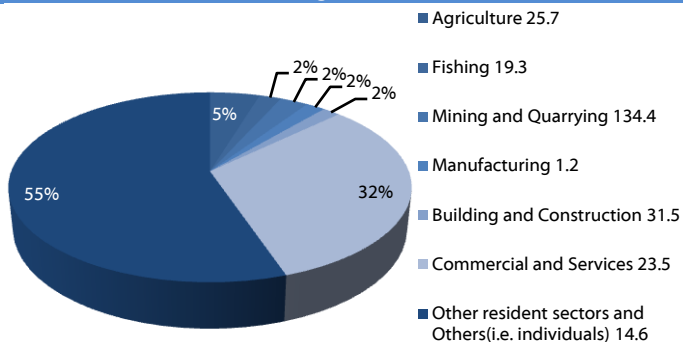


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Foreign reserves N\$ millions

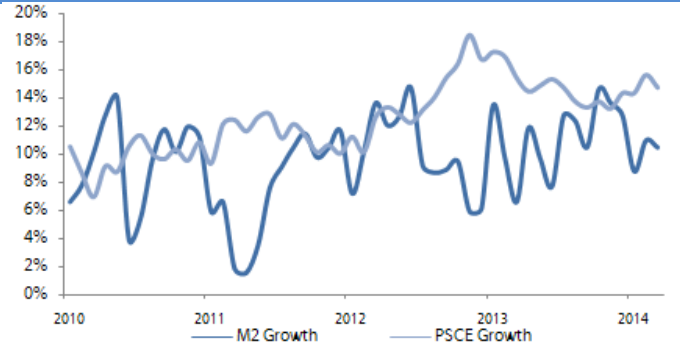


Value in N\$ million and Percentage Breakdown



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M2 and PSCE Growth



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