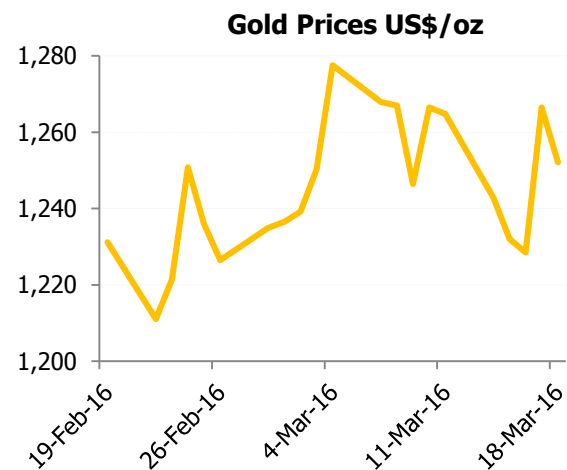


## WEEKLY ECONOMIC REVIEW

### Commodity 30-Day Price Chart

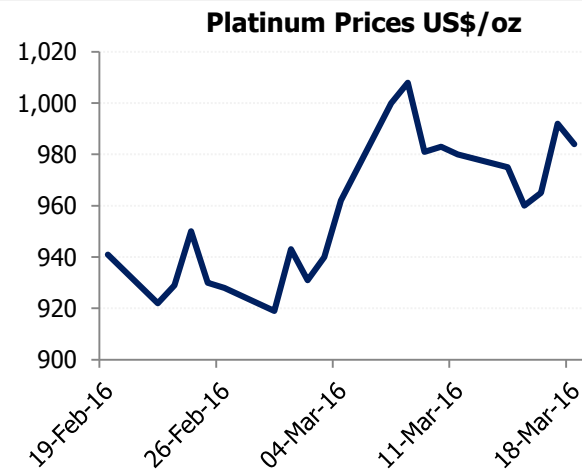


### Commodity Prices

Daily	US\$/oz	WoW %Δ
11-Mar-16	1,265	
14-Mar-16	1,243	
15-Mar-16	1,232	
16-Mar-16	1,229	
17-Mar-16	1,267	
18-Mar-16	1,252	
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### Commodity Developments

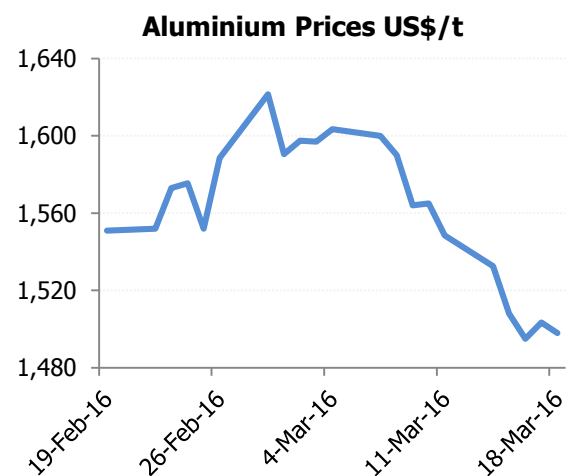
- On the 16<sup>th</sup> of Mar, the US central bank held interest rates steady and indicated it would tighten policy this year. This cleared all the uncertainty over rate hike which had favoured gold.
- Rising rates tend to pressure gold by lifting the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding bullion, while boosting the dollar, in which it is priced.
- In production, gold miner Metallon Corporation which has producing assets in Zimbabwe and exploration assets in Zimbabwe, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo, produced 96,530oz of gold in 2015, 2.4% less than that it produced in 2014.
- In Zimbabwe, Blanket Mine which is owned by Caledonia produced 42,806oz of gold in 2015, which was 2.5% higher than 2014 production level. Despite low gold prices, the company remained cash generative at operating level.



Daily	US\$/oz	WoW %Δ
11-Mar-16	980	
14-Mar-16	975	
15-Mar-16	960	
16-Mar-16	965	
17-Mar-16	992	
18-Mar-16	984	
		<b>0.4</b>

- Platinum prices which have been battered by growth concerns in key consumer China and oversupply worries are forcing firms to abandon projects and sell mines.
- SA's Northam Platinum, the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest platinum miner by market value posted a loss in first half earnings, hurt by low commodity prices, impairments and charges relating to a black empowerment deal.
- The miner said the decline of the price of platinum in dollar terms was partly offset by the weakening rand.
- SA mining companies sell their commodities in dollars while paying costs in rand.

### Commodity 30-Day Price Chart



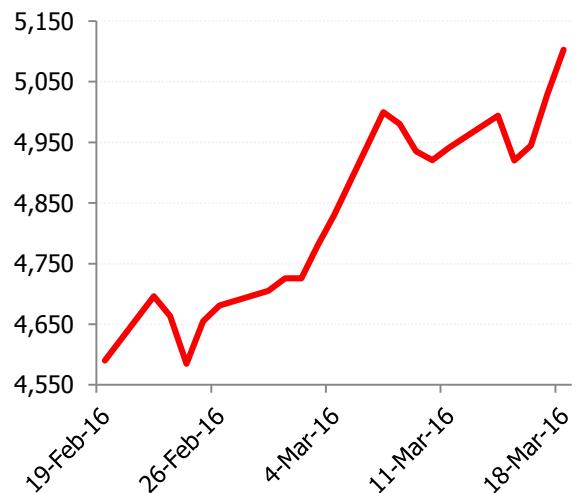
### Commodity Prices

Daily	US\$/t	WoW %Δ
11-Mar-16	1,549	
14-Mar-16	1,533	
15-Mar-16	1,508	
16-Mar-16	1,495	
17-Mar-16	1,504	
18-Mar-16	1,498	
		<b>-3.3</b>

### Commodity Developments

- Aluminium prices fell, weighed by a stronger dollar and weak Chinese industrial output. A stronger dollar pressures commodities priced in the US currency, making them more expensive for buyers using other currencies.
- Chinese factory output growth during the 1<sup>st</sup> two months of the year was the weakest since the global financial crisis, while retail sales rose by the least since May-15.
- Manufacturers are slowly abandoning copper for its lighter and cheaper rival aluminium a move that may boost aluminium demand in the future.
- Japanese auto giant Toyota and Saudi's Power Company are among those that have made the switch.

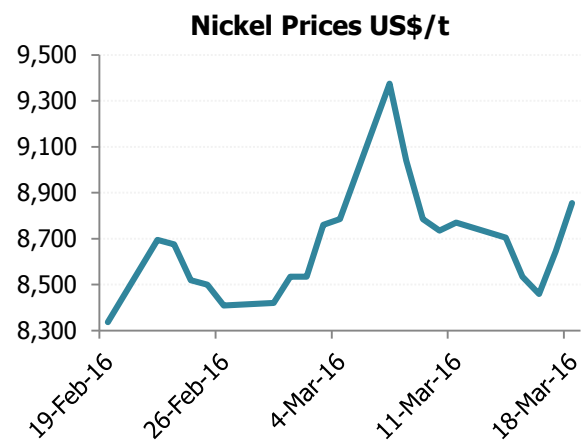
### Copper Price US\$/t



Daily	US\$/t	WoW %Δ
11-Mar-16	4,941	
14-Mar-16	4,994	
15-Mar-16	4,920	
16-Mar-16	4,945	
17-Mar-16	5,029	
18-Mar-16	5,103	
		<b>3.3</b>

- Copper price rose to reach a 20-week high after customs data from top consumer China showed a huge jump in imports of the red metal.
- China is responsible for more than 45% of copper demand. Imports of refined metal surged by nearly 56% to 328,604t in Feb-16 compared to the same month last year.
- While global London Metals Exchange (LME) stocks have been declining, warehouse inventories in Shanghai are at record highs, indicating weak end user demand.
- Activists in Africa's top copper producer, DRC, are pressing the Gvt to revive plans for a new mining code, claiming that the country needs the higher revenues the revised legislation would generate.
- Congo began reviewing the 2002 mining code in 2012 and last year it proposed hiking profit taxes to 35% from 30%, raising the state's free share of new mining projects to 10% from 5% and royalties on copper and cobalt revenue to 3.5% from 2%.

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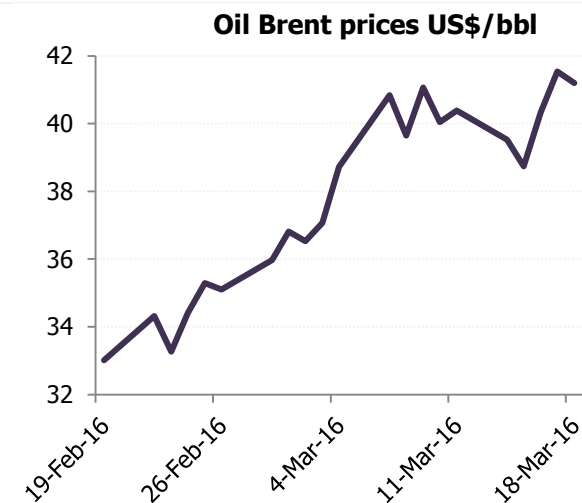


### Commodity Prices

Daily	US\$/t	WoW %Δ
11-Mar-16	8,770	
14-Mar-16	8,705	
15-Mar-16	8,535	
16-Mar-16	8,460	
17-Mar-16	8,645	
18-Mar-16	8,855	
		<b>1.0</b>

### Commodity Developments

- Nickel prices followed the copper trend supported by data from China and increased calls for production cuts.
- However, the metals demand remains depressed, with Russia's Norilsk, the world's second-largest nickel producer forecasting global primary nickel consumption to remain unchanged at 1.9m tonnes.
- A substantial drawdown of exchange inventory and massive production cuts are needed to trigger a sustained nickel price recovery.



Daily	US\$/bbl	WoW %Δ
11-Mar-16	40.39	
14-Mar-16	39.53	
15-Mar-16	38.74	
16-Mar-16	40.33	
17-Mar-16	41.54	
18-Mar-16	41.20	
		<b>2.0</b>

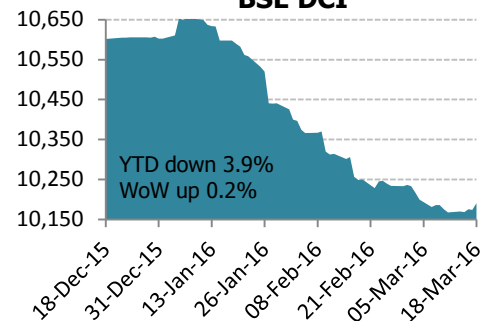
- Oil prices gained for a 4<sup>th</sup> straight week, after the International Energy Agency, (IEA), world's energy watchdog, said the market may have hit bottom, although Goldman Sachs said the 50 percent rally in under two months was "premature."
- The Paris-based IEA, which coordinates energy policies of industrialized nations, said US and non-OPEC crude output was beginning to fall quickly, while increases in Iranian supply had been less than dramatic.
- Nigeria is set to ramp up the amount of crude oil it swaps for oil products imports by more than a third as it grapples with one of the worst economic crisis in years.
- A more than 60% drop in global oil prices since 2014 has hammered Nigeria's economy and triggered a currency crisis, leaving it short of funds to pay for imports of oil products.
- While the country is Africa's biggest oil producer, it is almost entirely reliant on imports for refined oil products.

## Equities 90-Day Index Charts

### Botswana



#### BSE DCI

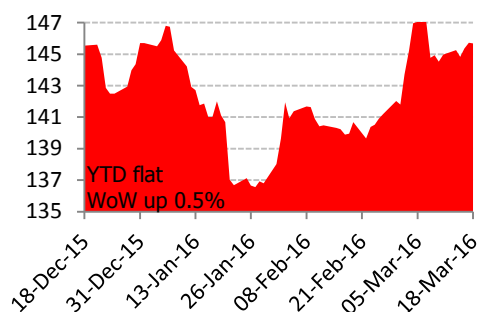


- According to the IMF, the economy is projected to grow by 3.7% this year after an estimated contraction of 0.3% in 2015.

### Kenya



#### NSE All Share Index

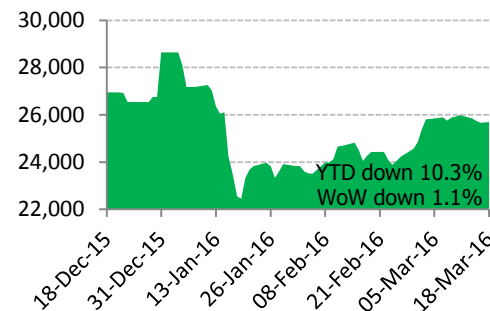


- Kenya's capital markets regulator has set new regulations requiring stock brokers to report suspicious trades and transactions above US\$10,000 to fight money-laundering.

### Nigeria



#### NGSE All Share Index

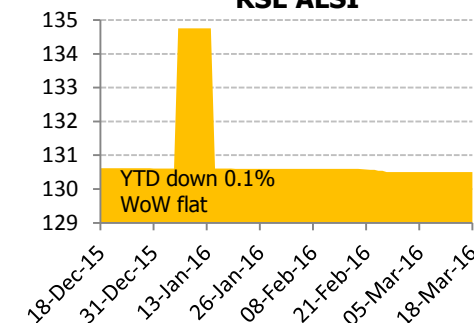


- Gvt will pump NGN350bn (US\$1.76bn) in the next quarter into Africa's biggest economy hit hard by a slump in oil revenues.

### Rwanda



#### RSE ALSI

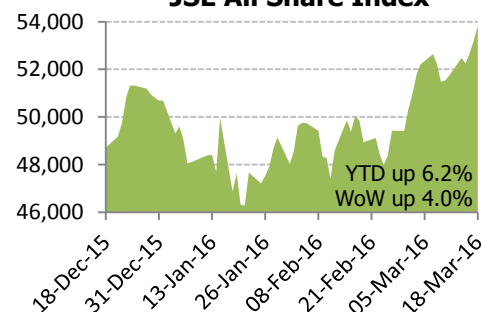


- Economy grew by 6.9% last year, slightly less than the 7.0% growth recorded in 2014, driven by growth in the farming industry and services sectors.

### South Africa



#### JSE All Share Index

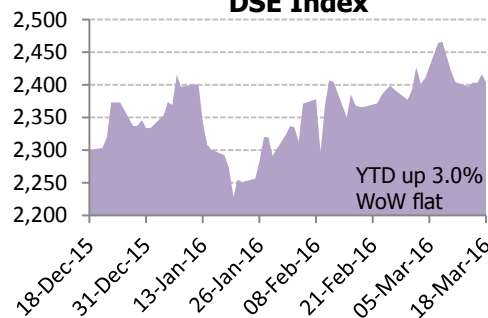


- SA's biggest lender by market value FirstRand is looking for growth in developed economies in a strategic revamp prompted by slowing growth and rising risks elsewhere in Africa.

### Tanzania



#### DSE Index

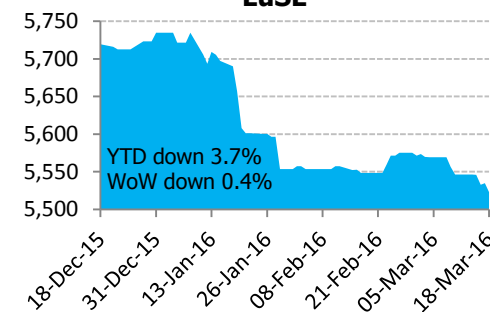


- Authorities have launched a national audit to find "ghost workers" and remove them from civil service payrolls under a corruption crackdown ordered by the president.

### Zambia



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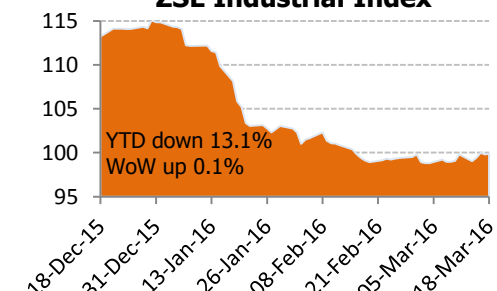


- Gvt and the IMF have begun talks on an aid program after agreeing that the country's budget deficit was not sustainable.

### Zimbabwe



#### ZSE Industrial Index



- Central Bank governor said that the country expected to receive an IMF loan in Q3:16, its 1<sup>st</sup> in nearly two decades, after paying off foreign lenders by the end of Jun-16.

## Foreign Exchange Markets

	USD/BWP	USD/MZN	USD/RWF	USD/TZS	USD/ZMW	USD/ZAR	EUR/USD	GBP/USD
<b>Wk Ending</b>								
11-Mar-16	11.10	47.64	765	2,189	11.38	15.23	1.112	1.426
<b>Daily</b>								
14-Mar-16	11.10	49.87	766	2,189	11.38	15.32	1.111	1.435
15-Mar-16	11.21	48.30	766	2,190	11.38	15.64	1.111	1.423
16-Mar-16	11.35	49.32	766	2,190	11.38	16.04	1.108	1.411
17-Mar-16	11.24	49.32	767	2,190	11.37	15.61	1.128	1.428
18-Mar-16	11.01	49.32	767	2,190	11.36	15.30	1.129	1.445
<b>WoW %Δ</b>	<b>-0.77</b>	<b>3.53</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>-0.18</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>1.31</b>
<b>YTD %Δ</b>	<b>-1.98</b>	<b>9.72</b>	<b>2.59</b>	<b>1.43</b>	<b>3.43</b>	<b>-1.73</b>	<b>3.36</b>	<b>-2.64</b>

RWF - Rwandan Franc is the currency of Rwanda, which is now part of Atlas Mara (ATMA) market currencies.

	ZAR/BWP	ZAR/MZN	ZAR/ZMW	ZAR/RWF	ZAR/TZS
<b>Wk Ending</b>					
11-Mar-16	0.725	3.13	0.750	49.7	145
<b>Daily</b>					
14-Mar-16	0.726	3.24	0.739	50.3	144
15-Mar-16	0.720	3.05	0.718	49.3	142
16-Mar-16	0.712	3.05	0.703	48.1	137
17-Mar-16	0.715	3.05	0.738	48.9	135
18-Mar-16	0.726	3.05	0.745	50.6	141
<b>WoW %Δ</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>-2.56</b>	<b>-0.65</b>	<b>1.64</b>	<b>-2.76</b>
<b>YTD %Δ</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>5.90</b>	<b>5.67</b>	<b>5.18</b>	<b>1.44</b>

## Exchange Rate Developments

- Central bankers in emerging markets are taking action to stem falls in their currencies, hit by concerns over the health of the global economy, a weaker yuan and a tumble in commodity prices.
- SA's Reserve Bank raised its benchmark repo rate on Mar 17 by 25bps to 7% in an attempt to tame rising inflation, despite fears about waning economic growth.
- The move strengthened the ZAR which had fallen sharply the previous day as investors fretted about a growing crisis engulfing the ruling ANC party and a possible rating downgrade.
- Nigeria banned dollar sales to retail Bureaux de change and stopped daily sales to the interbank market to conserve reserves, which are at 11-year lows.
- The Naira has hit record lows on the black market but at its Jan 26 meeting, the bank held rates at 11% and ruled out devaluation of the currency.
- Early this month, President Buhari rejected IMF calls to lift foreign exchange curbs and allow a more flexible rate for the Naira.
- The BWP and ZMW appreciated against the USD whilst all other Atlas Mara markets' currencies depreciated.
- The Rwandan Franc depreciated against both the USD and ZAR as the rating agency S&P revised Rwanda's outlook to negative.

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## SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS – ATLAS MARA MARKETS

Indicators	Units	Botswana	Mozambique	Rwanda	Tanzania	Zambia	Zimbabwe
Area	sq. km	581,730	799,380	26,340	947,300	752,610	390,760
Population (m)	m	2.18	26.4	11.4	48.9	15.2	13.5
Next Elections	Year	2019	2019	2017	2020	2016	2018
Nominal GDP	US\$ m	14,636	15,358	8,468	44,525	21,434	13,696
Avg GDP Growth (5 yrs: 2011-15)	%	4.9	7.0	7.0	6.8	5.7	6.2
GDP per Capita	US\$	6,709	581	743	910	1,408	1,015
Sector Contribution to GDP							
Agriculture	%	2.1	22.8	33.1	28.9	9.5	13.0
Manufacturing	%	5.5	8.9	4.8	5.6	8.1	9.9
Mining	%	22.9	4.7	1.8	3.7	7.0	8.1
Value of Exports (2015)	US\$ m	6,302	4,421	559	6,168	6,964	2,704
Value of Imports (2015)	US\$ m	7,162	9,281	2,320	9,743	8,456	6,003
Reserves	US\$ m	7,959	2,472	986*	4,094	3,055	250
Bank Deposits (Dec-15)	US\$ m	6,085	6,751	1,792	8,472	3,875	4,765
Loans to Private Sector (Dec-15)	US\$ m	4,468	5,164	1,537	7,175	2,629	3,836
Avg Inflation (2015)	%	3.0	3.6	2.5	5.6	10.0	-2.4
Inflation (Feb-16)	%	3.0	12.2		5.6	22.9	-2.2
Policy Interest Rates (Feb-16)	%	6.0	10.75	6.5	8.79	15.5	
Avg lending Rates (2015)	%	4.02	14.87	17.33	14.24	21.00	8.52
Avg Deposit Rates (2015)	%	3.93	8.90	8.24	10.79	9.00	
Mobile Penetration per 100 people		167.3	69.7	64	62.8	67.3	80.8
Internet Users per 100 people		18.5	5.9	10.6	4.9	17.3	19.9

\* 2014 level