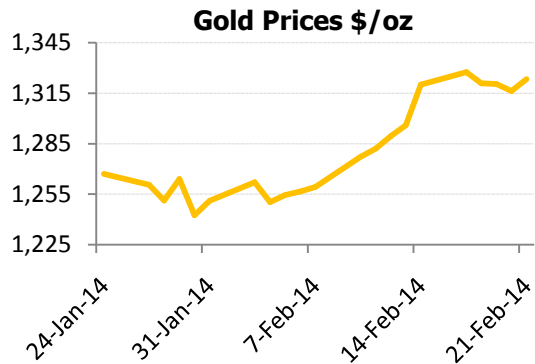


## WEEKLY ECONOMIC REVIEW

### Commodity 30-Day Price Chart

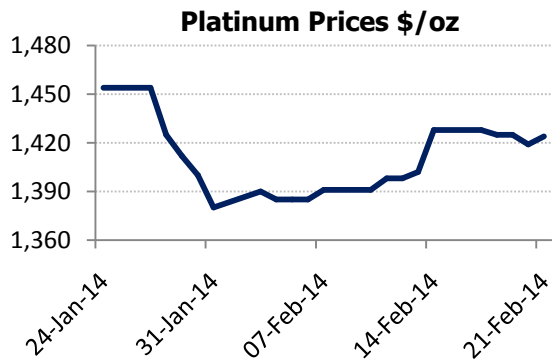


### Commodity Prices

Daily	US\$/oz	WoW %Δ
<b>14-Feb-14</b>	<b>1,320</b>	
17-Feb-14	1,328	
18-Feb-14	1,321	
19-Feb-14	1,321	
20-Feb-14	1,316	
21-Feb-14	1,323	
		<b>0.25</b>

### Commodity Developments

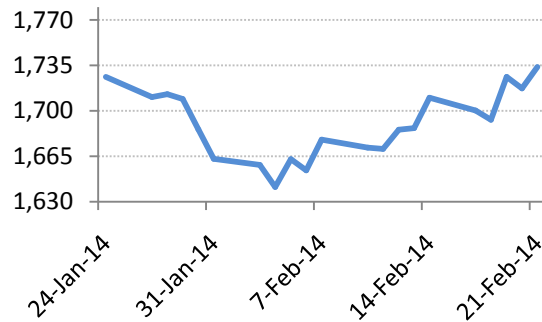
- Gold maintained its safe haven appeal backed by a series of disappointing U.S economic indicators including weak manufacturing data which sparked speculation that the Federal Reserve would slow the tapering of its bond purchases.
- Also, physical buying was strong as China alone bought 85 tonnes of the metal pushing up prices.
- The yellow metal gained 0.25% during the week trading above the \$1,300/oz mark.
- Fourth quarter US GDP estimates to be released this Friday will direct Gold prices.
- Platinum prices declined by 0.28%, hitting a low of \$1,419/oz on Thursday before rising marginally to close the week at \$1,424/oz.
- A violent attack in the turbulent, strike-hit platinum mining belt in South Africa lifted the white metal prices on Friday.
- South Africa's Northam Platinum said on Friday it suffered an operating loss of R99.5 million for the first time in 15 years after an 11-week strike at its Zondereinde mine.
- Northam's loss signals what is to come for Anglo American Platinum, Impala Platinum and Lonmin, whose workers are currently on strike.
- Continued violent strikes may push platinum prices up.



Daily	US\$/oz	WoW %Δ
14-Feb-14	1,428	
17-Feb-14	1,428	
18-Feb-14	1,425	
19-Feb-14	1,425	
20-Feb-14	1,419	
21-Feb-14	1,424	
		<b>-0.28</b>

### Commodity 30-Day Price Chart

**Aluminium Prices \$/mt**



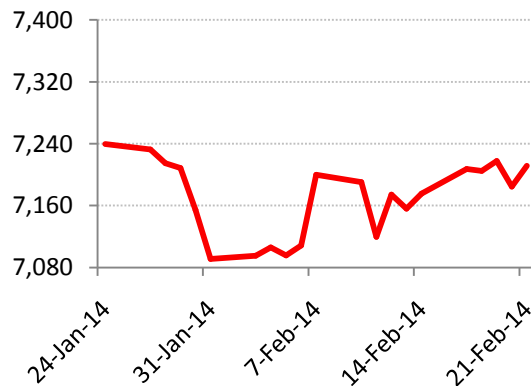
### Commodity Prices

Daily	US\$/t	WoW %Δ
14-Feb-14	1,710	
17-Feb-14	1,700	
18-Feb-14	1,693	
19-Feb-14	1,726	
20-Feb-14	1,717	
21-Feb-14	1,734	
		<b>1.37</b>

### Commodity Developments

- Aluminium prices surged by 1.37% to close the week at \$1,734/t.
- A much weaker-than-expected HSBC Flash Chinese manufacturing data for February dented base across the board on Thursday.
- However, all metals managed to pull back on Friday supported by rising demand at spot markets.

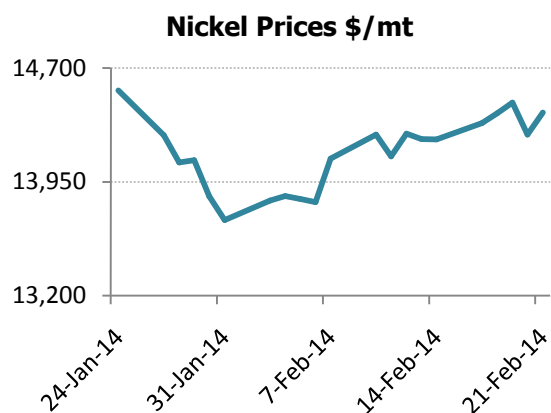
**Copper Price \$/mt**



Daily	US\$/t	WoW %Δ
14-Feb-14	7,176	
17-Feb-14	7,208	
18-Feb-14	7,205	
19-Feb-14	7,218	
20-Feb-14	7,185	
21-Feb-14	7,212	
		<b>0.50</b>

- The copper market has been weak with red metal prices almost flat.
- The metal prices have been weighed down by huge inventories.
- China's refined imports for January increased by 27% month-on-month and 63% year-on-year whilst refined exports remained fairly static implying a sharp increase in inventories.
- Data from China indicates that the Chinese growth is cooling off, weighing down hopes for higher returns on base metals.

### Commodity 30-Day Price Chart



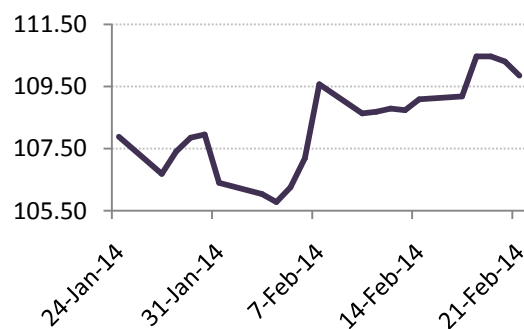
### Commodity Prices

Daily	US\$/t	WoW %Δ
14-Feb-14	14,230	
17-Feb-14	14,338	
18-Feb-14	14,403	
19-Feb-14	14,473	
20-Feb-14	14,263	
21-Feb-14	14,408	
		<b>1.25</b>

### Commodity Developments

- Nickel inventories have fallen sharply since the beginning of February by nearly 13%.
- Indonesia's ore export ban effects are now setting in.
- It is reported that Indonesia wants to have 63 processing and refining plants for minerals such as nickel, copper, lead, bauxite, iron and manganese by 2017.
- Prices however have failed to materialise as Chinese trade data suggest, as expected, that there was a surge in ore imports from Indonesia ahead of the export ban, with imports of nickel ore from Indonesia surging 21% month-on-month to 6.12 Mt, compared to 5.04 Mt in December 2013.

### Oil Brent prices \$/bbl



Daily	US\$/bbl	WoW %Δ
14-Feb-14	109.08	
17-Feb-14	109.18	
18-Feb-14	110.46	
19-Feb-14	110.47	
20-Feb-14	110.30	
21-Feb-14	109.85	
		<b>0.71</b>

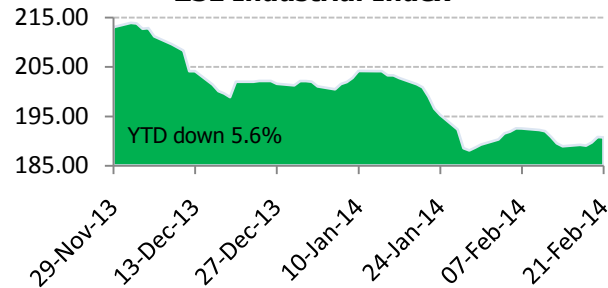
- Oil prices increased by 0.71% to close at \$109.85/bbl after a week all peak of \$110.47/bbl on Wednesday.
- Supply disruptions and a drawdown in US oil stockpiles over the past weeks due to severe cold weather supported Brent prices.

**Equities 90-Day Index Charts**

**Zimbabwe**



**ZSE Industrial Index**

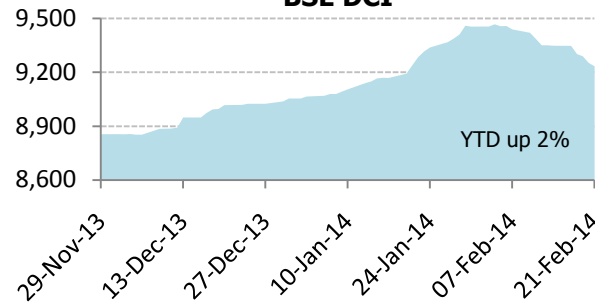


- The index gained 0.95% to close the week at 190.71.

**Botswana**



**BSE DCI**

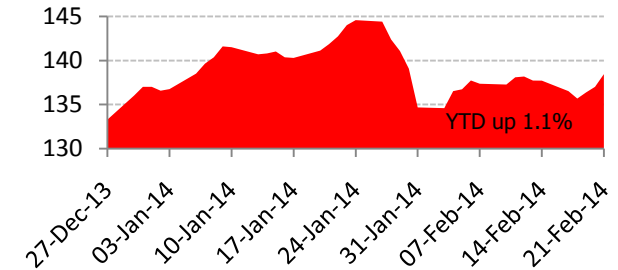


- The index lost 1.23% to close the week at 9,233 as investors wait on the sidelines to see what the reporting season has in store for them.

**Kenya**



**NSE All Share Index**

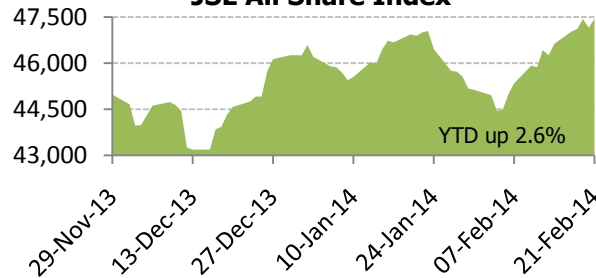


- The East African economic hub bourse gained 0.54% to close the week at 138.

**South Africa**



**JSE All Share Index**

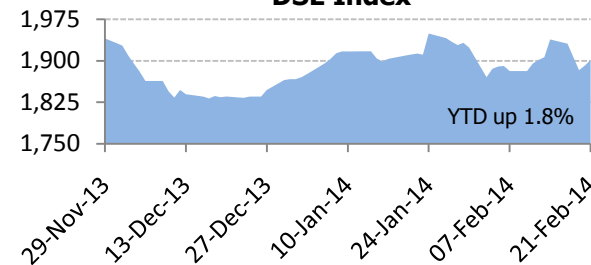


- Africa's largest bourse gained 1.77% to close the week at 47,452.

**Tanzania**



**DSE Index**

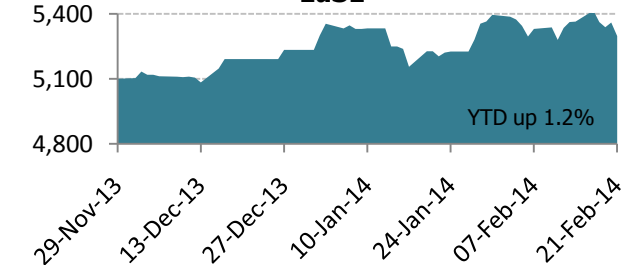


- The index lost 1.84% to close the week at 1,901.

**Zambia**



**LuSE**



- The index closed the week at 5,297 after shading off 1.25% on a week on week basis.

## Foreign Exchange Markets

	USD/BWP	USD/MZN	USD/TZS	USD/ZMW	USD/ZAR	EUR/USD	GBP/USD
<b>Wk Ending</b>							
14-Feb-14	8.985	30.36	1,610	5.698	10.995	1.370	1.669
<b>Daily</b>							
17-Feb-14	8.905	30.61	1,609	5.697	10.852	1.370	1.678
18-Feb-14	8.913	30.62	1,609	5.710	10.876	1.371	1.670
19-Feb-14	8.913	30.63	1,610	5.750	10.938	1.376	1.671
20-Feb-14	8.993	30.63	1,611	5.754	11.085	1.370	1.665
21-Feb-14	8.985	30.59	1,612	5.779	11.027	1.371	1.668
<b>WoW %Δ</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>-0.11</b>

	ZAR/BWP	ZAR/MZN	ZAR/ZMW	ZAR/TZS
<b>Wk Ending</b>				
14-Feb-14	0.816	2.74	0.522	145
<b>Daily</b>				
17-Feb-14	0.820	2.82	0.526	148
18-Feb-14	0.821	2.82	0.526	149
19-Feb-14	0.819	2.80	0.525	148
20-Feb-14	0.813	2.80	0.519	148
21-Feb-14	0.815	2.78	0.523	146
<b>WoW %Δ</b>	<b>-0.03</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.69</b>

## Exchange Rate Developments

- The USD was generally stable against major currencies during the week.
- The ZMW depreciated by 1.42%, entering its fifth consecutive weekly decline.
- Continuous weakening of the Kwacha is an indication that very little foreign exchange is coming into the country, leaving the economy exposed to higher inflation risk.
- The Rand over the week retreated against the dollar, weighed down by continued labour strife in the mines, which compounded the impact of a generally risk-averse global market environment.
- Violence in the mines may further weaken the ZAR as investors worry about a repeat of the August 2012 Marikana Mine clashes.
- The TZS and MZN surprisingly depreciated against the ZAR whilst the BWP remained stable.
- Going forward, the ZAR looks increasingly vulnerable to extended weaknesses in the near future.

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