## 2023 TRANSUNION NAMIBIA SUMMIT NAVIGATING FINANCIAL INCLUSION:

A Path to Inclusive Growth

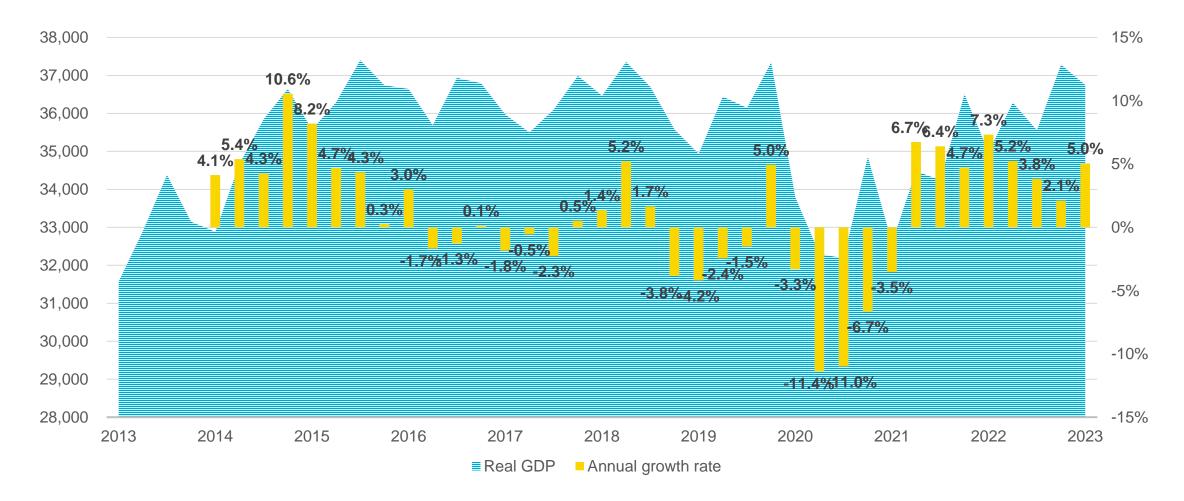
# ECONOMIC RECOVERY: where are we now and where are we headed

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## MACRO ENVIRONMENT

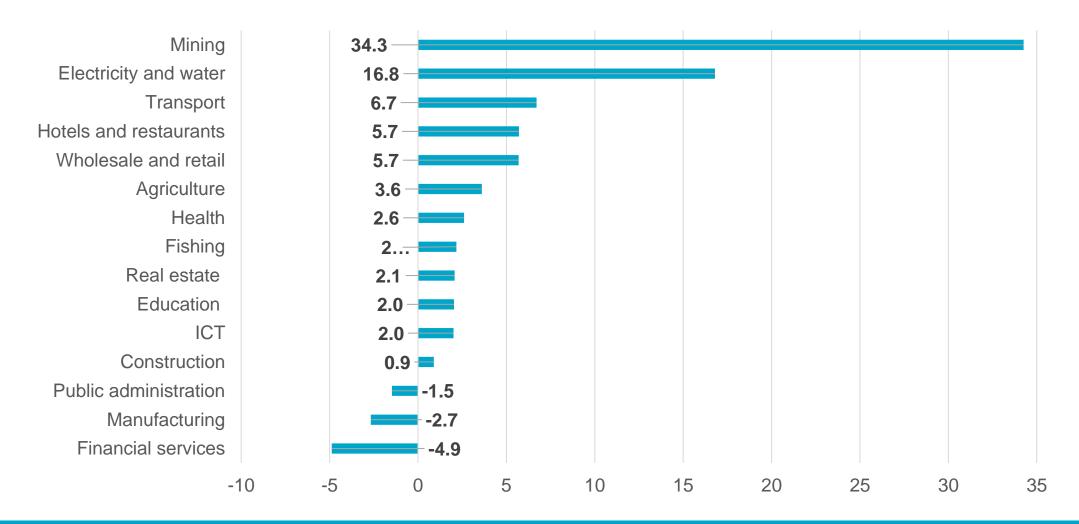
Favourable outlook remains

## Quarterly annual economic growth rates



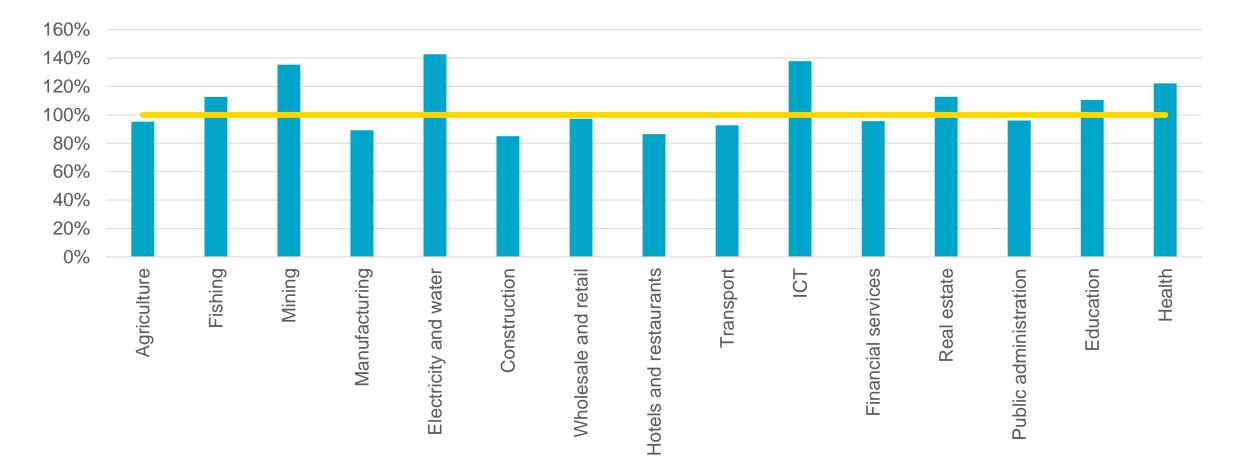


## Economic growth by industry – 1Q2023

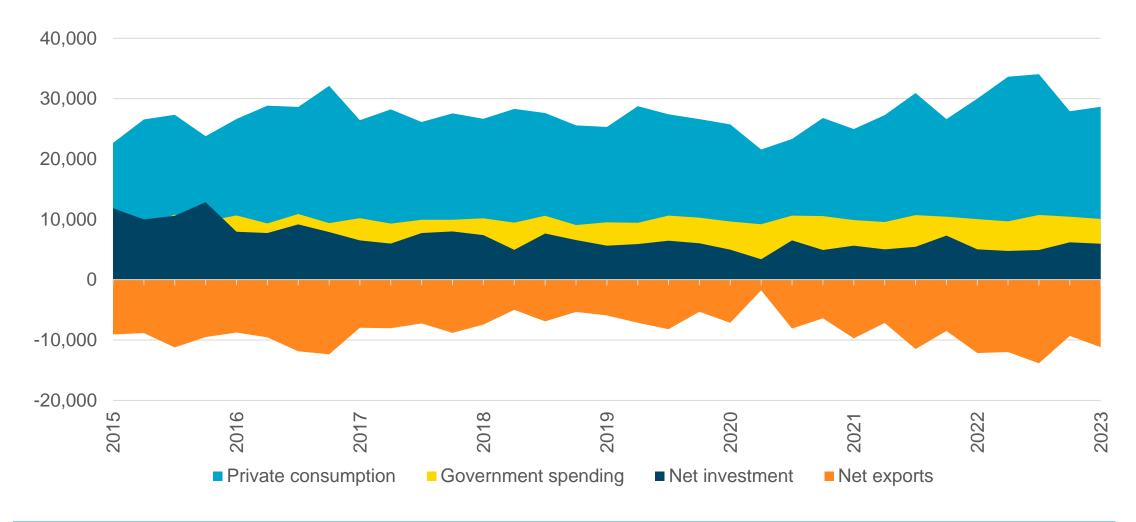


Source: Namibia Statistics Agency

## Status of Namibia's economic recovery



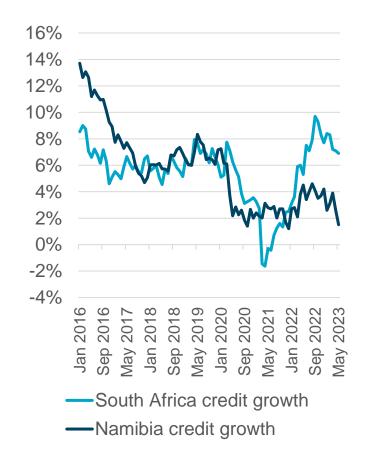
## **Components of GDP**

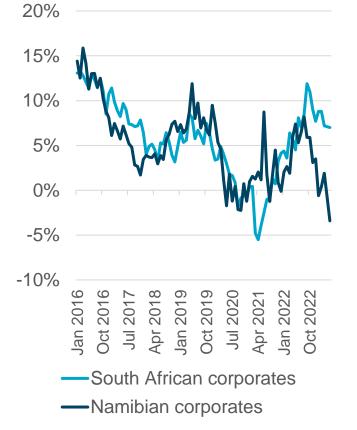


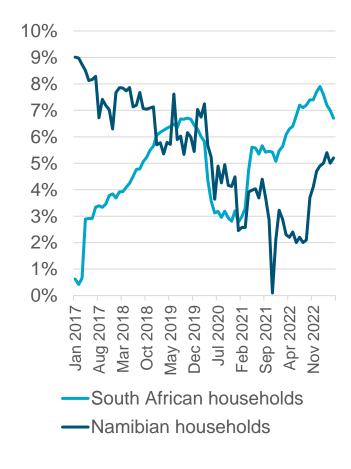
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## **Credit growth from commercial banks**







Source: Bank of Namibia

## CONSUMER ENVIRONMENT

Household budgets to remain under pressure



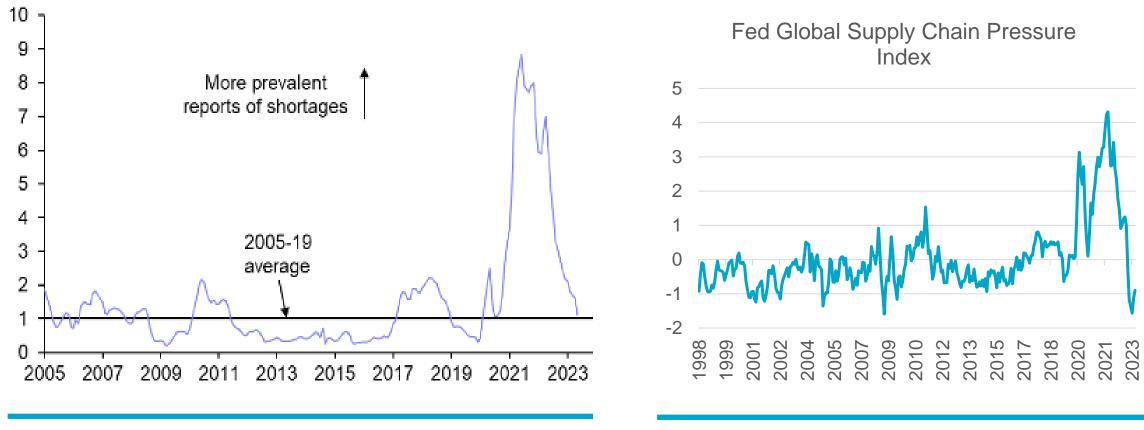
## **Global food prices are normalising**



Source: Food and Agriculture Organisation

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## Shipping costs are easing

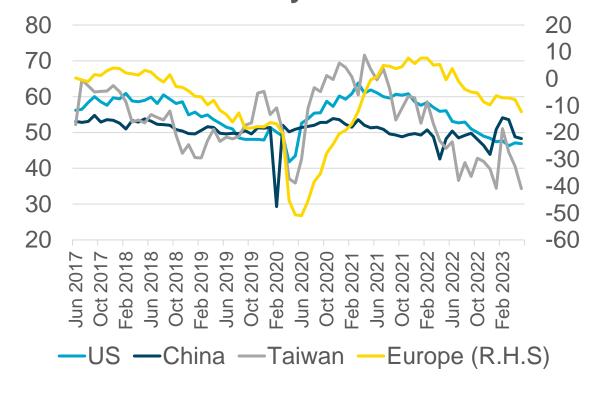


Source: Capital Economics

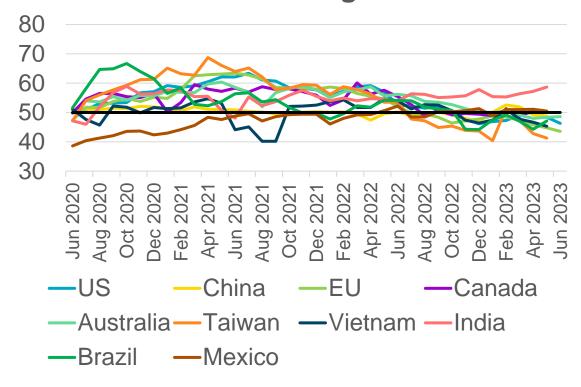
Source: Federal Reserve

## Weak external environment

**Factory orders** 



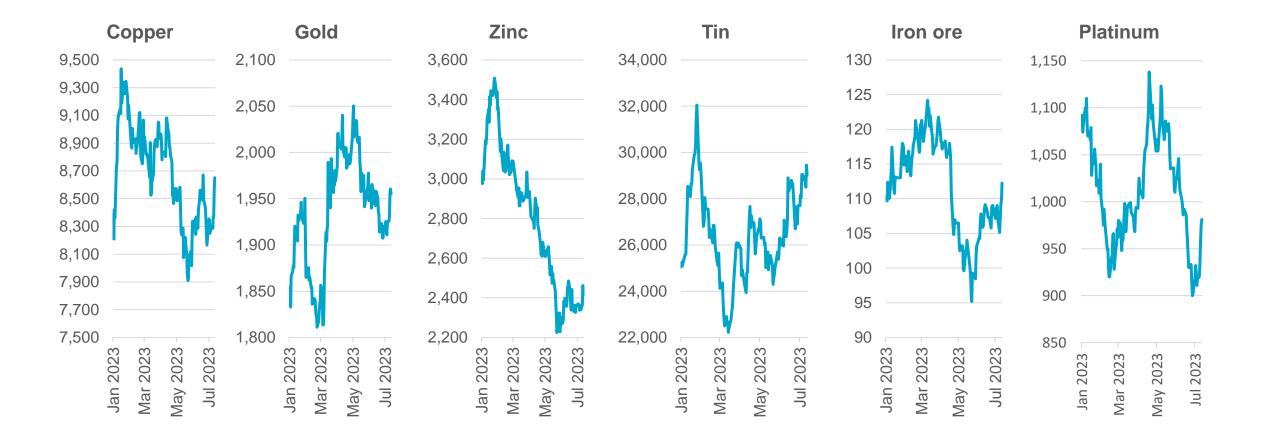
#### Manufacturing PMIs



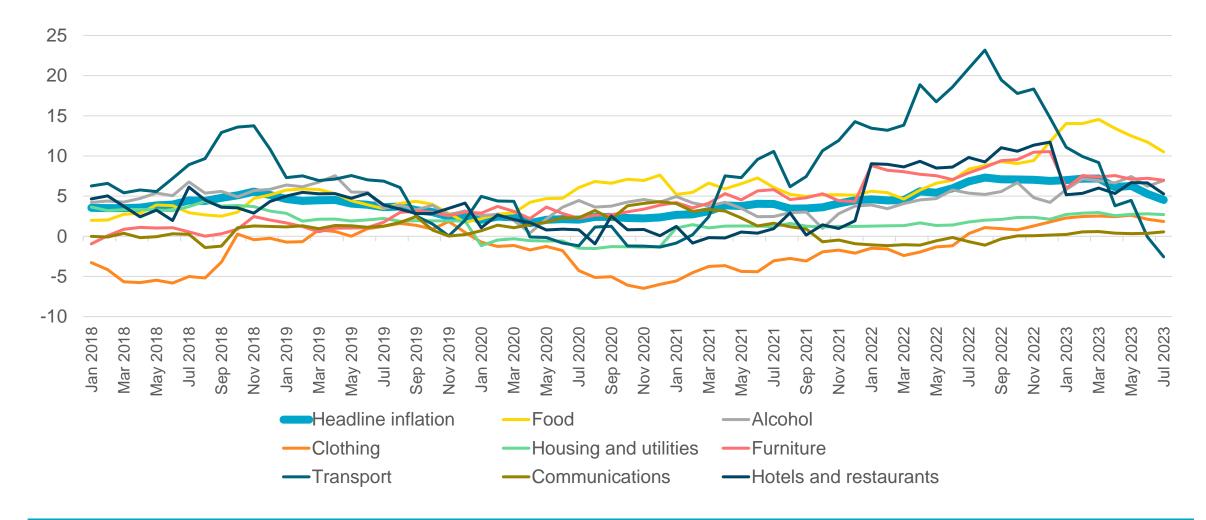
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## Lower demand for commodities



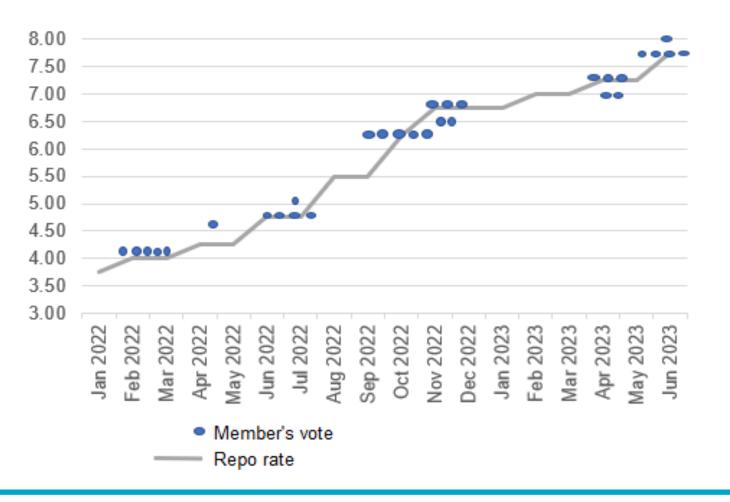
## Inflation expected to moderate further



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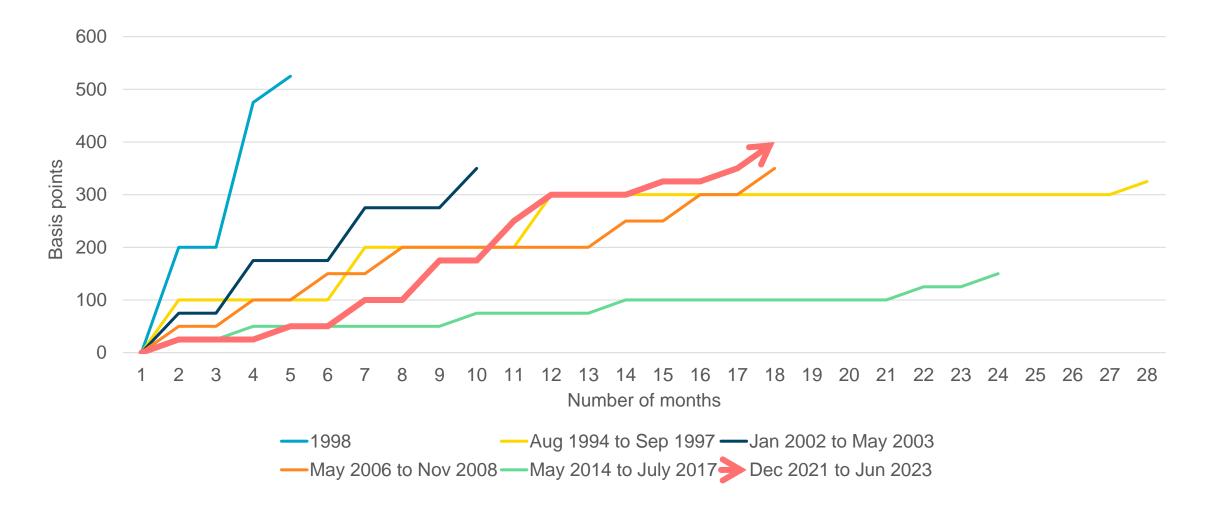
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### Interest rates to remain high for some time



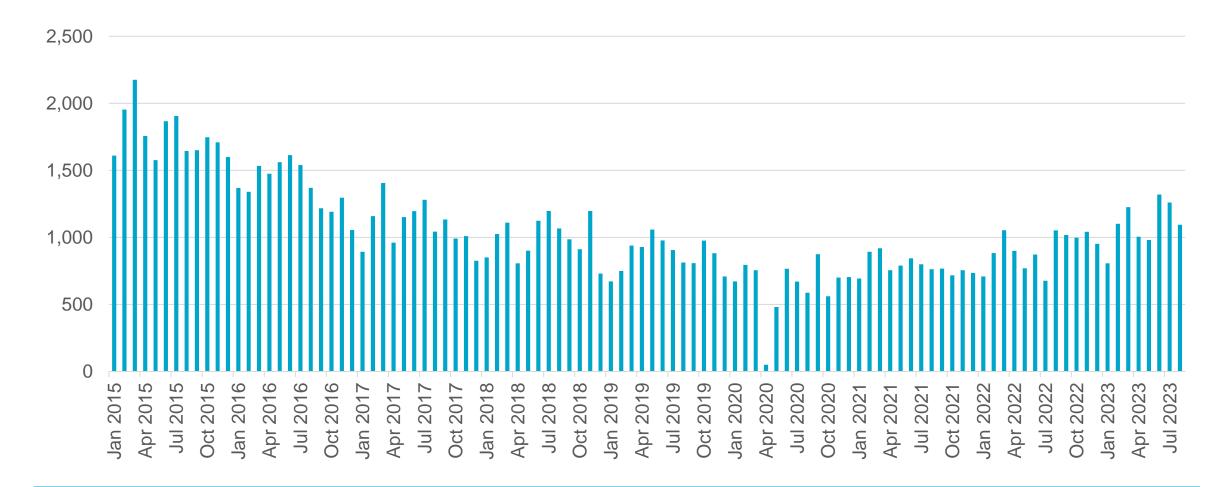
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## Rate hiking cycles in Namibia



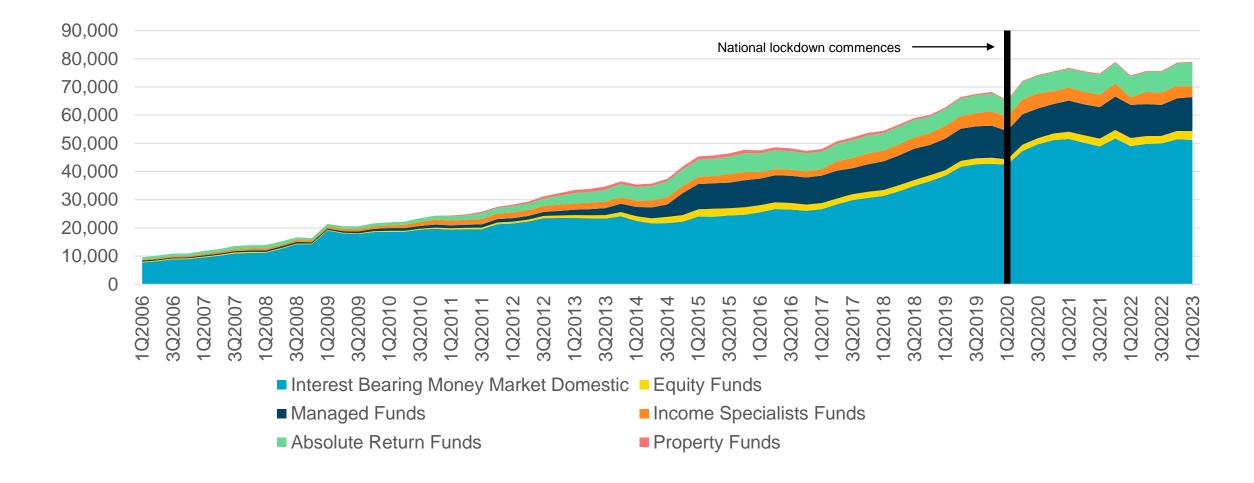
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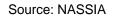
## Vehicle sales back to pre-pandemic levels



Source: NASSIA

## Safety nets





## **Regulation concerning consumers**



Minimum taxable income threshold lifted from N\$50,000 per annum to N\$100,000 per annum effective April 2024.



Corporate tax will reduce from 32% to 31% in FY 2024 and 30% in FY 2025.



FY 2023/24's Budget increased social grants: old age, disability and orphan/vulnerable children.



Importation of non-commercial second hand cars now capped at 12 years (previously 8 years).



## **Economic outlook**

| (Annual percentage changes unless specified) |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | 2021    | 2022    | 2023    | 2024    | 2025    | 2026    |
| Real GDP growth                              | 3.5     | 4.6     | 3.1     | 2.5     | 2.9     | 3.0     |
| CPI inflation                                | 3.6     | 6.1     | 5.9     | 4.6     | 4.9     | 4.9     |
| Exports of goods (\$ bn)                     | 3.6     | 4.2     | 4.2     | 4.3     | 4.4     | 4.6     |
| Exports of services (\$ bn)                  | 0.7     | 0.9     | 1.0     | 1.0     | 1.0     | 1.1     |
| Imports of goods (\$ bn)                     | 5.5     | 6.4     | 6.1     | 6.3     | 6.5     | 6.8     |
| Imports of services (\$ bn)                  | 0.9     | 0.9     | 0.9     | 1.0     | 1.0     | 1.0     |
| Exports of goods                             | 14.1    | 16.7    | 0.7     | 1.8     | 3.3     | 4.9     |
| Imports of goods                             | 35.2    | 15.6    | -4.5    | 2.4     | 3.6     | 4.1     |
| Current account (\$ bn)                      | -1.2    | -1.5    | -0.8    | -0.8    | -0.9    | -0.9    |
| Current account balance (% of GDP)           | -9.9    | -12.3   | -6.8    | -6.7    | -6.7    | -6.5    |
| Exchange rate per USD (year average)         | 14.8    | 16.4    | 18.6    | 18.8    | 18.8    | 19.2    |
| External debt total (\$ bn)                  | 8.3     | 9.0     | 9.5     | 9.9     | 10.3    | 10.8    |
| Government balance (% of GDP)                | -8.1    | -5.2    | -4.1    | -4.0    | -4.0    | -4.0    |
| Government debt (% of GDP)                   | 67.6    | 66.7    | 68.3    | 69.7    | 70.2    | 70.1    |
| Population (million)                         | 2.5     | 2.6     | 2.6     | 2.6     | 2.7     | 2.7     |
| Nominal GDP (\$ bn)                          | 12.4    | 12.6    | 11.9    | 12.6    | 13.6    | 14.3    |
| GDP per capita (\$ current prices)           | 4,918.8 | 4,906.6 | 4,582.4 | 4,772.0 | 5,049.8 | 5,242.1 |

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Source: Oxford Economics Africa

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