

South Africa Morning Sheet

- The July HIS Markit PMI due out this morning should provide additional clues on the pace and the nature of the recovery in economic activity as lockdown restrictions were lifted
- The National Treasury's provisional financing data point to a main budget deficit of R116.8bn in July

The IHS Markit July PMI is due out for release this morning at 09:15 and should be another key pulse check of the nature of the recovery in economic activity after lockdown restrictions were relaxed for most parts of the economy. This PMI, which covers a whole range of sectors including agriculture, mining, manufacturing, construction, domestic trade and other business services, printed at just 42.5 in June from 32.5 in May suggesting that overall private sector activity in these sectors had continued to shrink in June, albeit at a slower pace, even after lockdown restrictions were relaxed to Level 3. In contrast, the business activity sub-index of the Absa PMI, which only covers the manufacturing sector, showed a stronger pick up in June, rising to 64.6 from 43.2 in May. The July Absa PMI data published on Monday showed that the improvement in the manufacturing sector continued into July, but at a somewhat slower rate, with the business activity sub-index printing at 62.9.

The National Treasury (NT) yesterday published its provisional financing data for July, signaling another large deficit for the month. The provisional data reported net issuances of R174.0bn for the month, National Revenue Fund receipts of R3.6bn and an increase of R53.6bn in cash balances. These data point to a main budget deficit of R116.8bn for July, which would be up 17.8% compared with the same month last year. The detailed main budget data will only be published on 28 August and may reflect a slightly different deficit given the lumpy nature of payments and receipts. As we argued in the South Africa Q3 Quarterly Perspectives: No easy road to recovery (3 August 2020), we believe that the main budget deficit for fiscal year 2020/21 is likely to come in at 16.6% of GDP, a bit worse than the NT's projection of 14.6% of GDP at the Supplementary Budget.

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FIGURE 1 New data releases and key events

Date	Time	Event	Period	Survey	Absa	Prior	Prior-1	Comments
5-Aug	9:15	IHS Markit economy- wide PMI, index	Jul			42.5	32.5	The economy-wide PMI likely improved further in July as more firms opened for business under Level 3 of lockdown.
7-Aug	12:00	NCR Consumer Credit Market	Q1 20					The data will be a key indicator of consumer credit health before the pandemic hit South Africa.
11-Aug	11:30	Unemployment rate, %	Q2 20			30.1	29.1	Against reports of mass job losses in Q2, we believe the unemployment rate rose sharply in the quarter.
11-Aug	13:00	Manufacturing output, % y/y	Jun		-16.1		-49.4	Stats SA will release the May and June manufacturing output data on 11 August. We believe that manufacturing production rose by 30% m/m sa in May and 20% in June due to more economic activity being permitted under Level 4 and 3 of lockdown.
12-Aug	13:00	Retail sales, % y/y	Jun		-3.6	-12.0	-50.4	Retail sales likely rose further by 10% m/m sa in June due to more goods being sold under Level 3 of lockdown restrictions.
13-Aug	11:30	Mining output, % y/y	Jun		-19.6	-29.8	-50.3	Almost all mining operations were permitted under Level 3 of lockdown. Against this, we forecast that mining production rose further by 15% m/m sa in June.

R indicates "revised". Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg, Absa Research.

FIGURE 2
Review of recent key domestic data releases

Main indicators	Release date	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior	Comments
Provisional financing data	4-Aug	Jul				The National Treasury provisional financing data for July signals a main budget deficit of R116.8bn.
Absa manufacturing PMI, index	3-Aug	Jul		51.2	53.9	Activity continues to recover from low levels. The business activity sub- index of the Absa PMI remained fairly strong at 62.9 in July compared with 64.6 in June.
NAAMSA vehicle sales, % y/y	3-Aug	Jul		-29.6	-30.7	The July sales remained subdued as a result of passenger car sales which fell by 35.9% y/y to $18.9k$ units compared to a 33.3% rise in the preceding month.
Merchandise trade balance, ZARbn	31-Jul	Jun		46.6	19.7	The merchandise trade surplus was a seasonally adjusted annualised R78.4bn in Q2 compared to R203.2bn in Q1.
Producer Price Index, % y/y	30-Jul	Jun	0.6	0.5	0.4	Headline PPI inflation (i.e. PPI inflation for final manufactured goods) rose slightly to 0.5% y/y in June from 0.4% in May, mainly due to the increase in fuel prices during the month.
Main budget balance, ZARbn	30-Jul	Jun		-22.3	-52.3	June main budget data showed a deficit of R22.3bn as tax revenues cratered under the pressure of the ongoing shock of the pandemic.
Crop Estimates Committee	29-Jul	2020				The sixth total maize production forecast rose by 37.9% y/y to 15.5mn in 2020.
Headline inflation, % y/y	29-Jul	Jun	2.2	2.2	2.1	Headline inflation rose due to a lower rate of fuel price deflation in June.
Core inflation, % y/y	29-Jul	Jun	3.0	3.0	3.1	Decelerating housing cost growth seems principally responsible for pulling core CPI slightly lower in June.
Private sector credit extension, % y/y	29-Jul	Jun	6.5	5.6	6.3	Credit extension growth decelerated for both households and corporates.
Quarterly Employment Statistics	28-Jul	Q1 20				Total employment in the formal non-agricultural sector fell by $3k$ q/q to $10.2mn$ in Q1. Against the weak labour market, real average monthly earnings (including bonuses and overtime) fell by 1.7% q/q in Q1 compared to a 0.1% decline in Q4.
Statistics of Liquidations and insolvencies	27-Jul	Jun		134.0	195.0	Liquidations were down 9.7% y/y and 17.8% in May and June, respectively, with the subdued prints likely reflecting the length of time it takes to liquidate a company.
Repo rate, %	23-Jul		3.50	3.50	3.75	The 5-member committee split on the decision, with 3 voting for the cut, but 2 preferring to keep rates on hold.
Retail sales, % y/y	22-Jul	May		-12.0	-50.4	Retail sales fell by 50.7% m/m sa in April due to the 'hard' lockdown, a little worse than we had expected, but rose much more sharply than we had expected in May, by 74.2% m/m sa.
Leading indicator, index	21-Jul	May		95.7	96.3	In level terms, the leading indicator is now at its lowest since the Global Financial crisis.
Producer Price Index, % y/y	16-Jul	May	-0.1	0.4	1.2	PPI inflation eased to a low of 0.4% y/y in May from 1.2% in April due the effect of sharp fuel cuts.
Headline inflation, % y/y	15-Jul	May	2.2	2.1	3.0	Headline CPI inflation printed at just 2.1% y/y in May – the first downside breach of the target range since 2005. The outcome was mainly driven by the sharp drop in fuel prices.
Core inflation, % y/y	15-Jul	May	3.2	3.1	3.2	Core CPI inflation fell by 0.1pp to 3.1%, partly due to large-scale imputations of pricing information disrupted by the lockdown.
Mining output, % y/y	14-Jul	May		-29.8	-50.3	Mining production data came in somewhat stronger than expected in May, but the Q2 contraction on Q1 is still likely to be substantial.

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Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg, Absa Research.

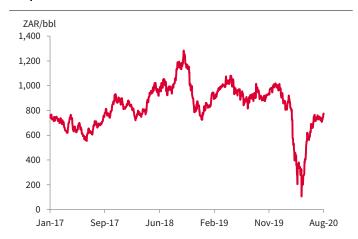
FIGURE 3 **Key market indicators**

	Previous close	Daily change	7 day change	1 month change	3 month change	1 year change	High in last year	Low over last year
USD/ZAR	17.42	1.3%	4.9%	2.0%	-6.5%	16.1%	19.09	13.99
EUR/ZAR	20.49	1.4%	5.7%	6.6%	2.0%	22.5%	20.62	15.67
GBP/ZAR	22.75	1.2%	6.1%	6.8%	-1.6%	25.1%	23.54	18.00
AUD/ZAR	12.44	1.6%	5.3%	5.1%	4.5%	23.5%	12.44	9.71
ZAR/JPY	6.08	-1.3%	-4.1%	-3.6%	5.9%	-14.2%	7.79	5.64
EUR/USD	1.18	0.3%	0.8%	4.5%	9.0%	5.5%	1.18	1.07
3m JIBAR	3.63	-3.3bp	-13.3bp	-25.0bp	-91.7bp	-321.7bp	6.88	3.63
R208	3.56	1.0bp	9.5bp	-1.0bp	-35.5bp	-304.5bp	6.85	3.46
R186 (2026)	7.56	7.5bp	12.0bp	-34.5bp	-24.5bp	-81.5bp	11.22	7.23
US 2-year	0.11	-0.4bp	-3.4bp	-4.2bp	-2.0bp	-150.8bp	1.89	0.11
US 10-year	0.51	-5.0bp	-6.8bp	-9.2bp	-11.8bp	-120.2bp	2.08	0.50
All Share	55,829	0.2%	-0.1%	3.2%	11.7%	-2.8%	59001.87	37963.01
S&P 500	3,295	0.7%	2.1%	5.6%	13.5%	10.8%	3386.15	2237.40
Gold	2,018	2.1%	2.8%	12.9%	18.0%	37.5%	2018.07	1454.25
Platinum	938	2.3%	-1.3%	15.1%	22.5%	10.3%	1020.20	586.51
Brent	44.5	1.6%	3.3%	1.3%	200.4%	-29.6%	71.55	5.62
CDS Spreads	309.13	-0.9bp	17.8bp	25.8bp	-118.7bp	134.4bp	492.47	157.78

Note: Bond yield changes are denoted in basis points.

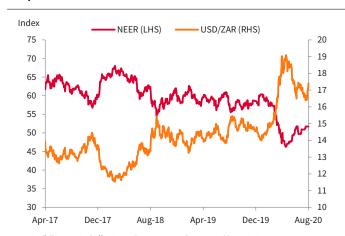
Source: Thomson Reuters, Absa Research

FIGURE 4
ZAR price of oil



Source: Thomson Reuters, Absa Research

FIGURE 6 **ZAR performance**



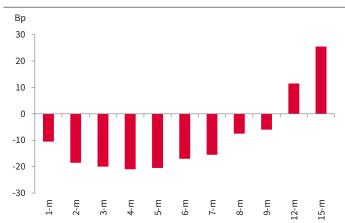
Note: Rise/fall in Nominal effective exchange rate implies ZAR ap/depreciation. Source: Thomson Reuters

FIGURE 5
SA petrol price movements, as of 03 Aug 2020

	Petrol 95 unleaded	Petrol 93 unleaded	Diesel 0.05%	Diesel 0.005%
Pump price (c/l)	1,517	1,488	1,349	1,353
Basic fuel price (c/l)	524	515	567	570
Daily over/under recovery (c/l)	40	31	-14	-13
Avg. over/under recovery (c/l)	39	28	-20	-19
o/w due to int'l price	47	36	-11	-10
o/w due to FX rate	-8	-8	-8	-8

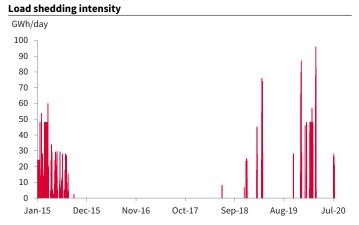
Source: CEF, Absa Research

FIGURE 7
Implied change in the reporate based on FRA curve



Note: Calculated by subtracting 3-month Jibar from the corresponding FRA rate. Source: Thomson Reuters, Absa Research

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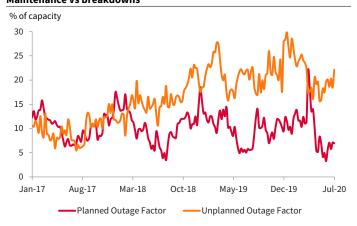
Source: Eskom, Absa Research

FIGURE 10 Latest changes in water dam levels

	As at 27 July (%)	pp∆ from previous week	pp∆ from previous year	Long-run average
Eastern Cape	51.6	0.1	-5.0	58.4
Free State	80.7	-0.5	-3.1	79.8
Gauteng	99.3	-0.1	7.5	95.0
Kwazulu-Natal	59.4	-0.4	-1.4	58.4
Lesotho	22.8	-0.5	-2.4	34.2
Limpopo	64.1	-0.5	6.6	65.7
Mpumalanga	71.2	-0.4	3.0	72.7
Northern Cape	93.9	2.5	9.5	82.6
North West	69.5	-0.1	5.0	67.4
Eswatini	74.0	-0.8	-15.1	80.1
Western Cape	60.7	-0.2	-0.7	42.9
Grand total	68.6	-0.4	-1.7	68.5

Source: Department of Water and Sanitation, Absa Research

FIGURE 9
Maintenance vs breakdowns



Source: Eskom, Absa Research

FIGURE 11 Rainfall

millimeters	May-20	% Δ from LT average	Feb-Apr average	% Δ from LT average
Eastern Cape	28.7	20.6	70.6	5.9
Free State	0.0	-100.0	77.9	17.0
Gauteng	0.0	-100.0	101.0	31.9
Kwazulu-Natal	4.8	-82.6	101.9	11.1
Limpopo	0.7	-93.6	74.4	1.0
Mpumalanga	0.2	-98.6	73.2	-13.6
Northern Cape	1.5	-88.8	30.9	-1.8
North West	0.0	-100.0	72.7	14.4
Western Cape	40.6	-27.5	19.7	-44.2
Weighted average	9.2	-55.1	57.5	2.1

Source: South African Weather Service, Absa Research

FIGURE 12
Absa exchange rate forecasts (end of period)

Period end	USDZAR	EURZAR	CNYZAR	ZARJPY	GBPZAR	AUDZAR
Monthly						
Jun-20	16.50	17.99	2.32	6.48	20.30	10.40
Jul-20	16.30	17.83	2.30	6.57	20.11	10.33
Aug-20	16.20	17.75	2.29	6.61	20.02	10.30
Sep-20	16.00	17.60	2.27	6.69	19.84	10.24
Oct-20	15.90	17.62	2.26	6.73	19.84	10.30
Nov-20	15.85	17.62	2.26	6.75	19.84	10.33
Dec-20	15.75	17.64	2.25	6.79	19.85	10.40
Jan-21	15.81	17.77	2.26	6.77	20.11	10.50
Feb-21	15.84	17.84	2.26	6.76	20.24	10.55
Mar-21	15.90	17.97	2.27	6.73	20.51	10.65
Apr-21	16.04	18.14	2.29	6.71	20.72	10.76
May-21	16.11	18.22	2.30	6.70	20.82	10.81
Quarterly						
Jun-20	16.50	17.99	2.32	6.48	20.30	10.40
Sep-20	16.00	17.60	2.27	6.69	19.84	10.24
Dec-20	15.75	17.64	2.25	6.79	19.85	10.40
Mar-21	15.90	17.97	2.27	6.73	20.51	10.65
Jun-21	16.25	18.40	2.32	6.68	21.03	10.92
Sep-21	16.40	18.83	2.36	6.62	21.56	11.19
Dec-21	16.60	19.26	2.41	6.57	22.08	11.45
Annual						
Dec-20	15.75	17.64	2.25	6.79	19.85	10.40
Dec-21	16.60	19.26	2.41	6.57	22.08	11.45
Dec-22	17.25	20.53	2.61	6.23	23.81	12.59
Dec-23	18.00	21.60	2.71	5.89	25.02	13.14

Source: Bloomberg, Absa Research.

FIGURE 13
Absa exchange rate forecasts (period average)

Period avg	USDZAR	EURZAR	CNYZAR	ZARJPY	GBPZAR	AUDZAR
Monthly						
Jun-20	17.01	18.56	2.40	6.31	21.06	10.81
Jul-20	16.40	17.91	2.31	6.53	20.20	10.36
Aug-20	16.25	17.79	2.30	6.59	20.07	10.32
Sep-20	16.10	17.68	2.28	6.65	19.93	10.27
Oct-20	15.95	17.61	2.27	6.71	19.84	10.27
Nov-20	15.88	17.62	2.26	6.74	19.84	10.32
Dec-20	15.80	17.63	2.25	6.77	19.84	10.36
Jan-21	15.78	17.71	2.25	6.78	19.98	10.45
Feb-21	15.83	17.80	2.26	6.76	20.18	10.52
Mar-21	15.87	17.90	2.27	6.74	20.38	10.60
Apr-21	15.97	18.05	2.28	6.72	20.62	10.71
May-21	16.08	18.18	2.30	6.70	20.77	10.79
Quarterly						
Jun-20	17.75	19.45	2.51	6.05	22.15	11.34
Sep-20	16.25	17.79	2.30	6.59	20.07	10.32
Dec-20	15.88	17.62	2.26	6.74	19.84	10.32
Mar-21	15.83	17.80	2.26	6.76	20.18	10.52
Jun-21	16.08	18.18	2.30	6.70	20.77	10.79
Sep-21	16.33	18.61	2.34	6.65	21.29	11.05
Dec-21	16.50	19.04	2.38	6.59	21.82	11.32
Annual						
Dec-20	16.36	18.02	2.32	6.60	20.54	10.55
Dec-21	16.18	18.41	2.32	6.68	21.02	10.92
Dec-22	16.92	19.89	2.51	6.40	22.94	12.02
Dec-23	17.63	21.06	2.66	6.06	24.41	12.87

Source: Bloomberg, Absa Research.

FIGURE 14

Detailed CPI inflation forecasts

Date	CPI index	СРІ % у/у	Core CPI index	Core CPI % y/y	Food CPI index	Food CPI % y/y	Brent \$/bbl	Brent R/bbl
Jan-19	109.2	4.0	109.0	4.4	109.4	3.0	59.0	815.9
eb-19	110.1	4.1	110.2	4.4	109.4	2.9	64.3	888.7
Mar-19	111.0	4.5	111.0	4.4	109.7	3.1	66.0	949.3
Apr-19	111.7	4.4	111.3	4.1	109.9	2.9	71.5	1010.6
May-19	112.0	4.5	111.3	4.1	110.2	3.2	72.1	1038.8
Jun-19	112.4	4.5	111.7	4.3	110.7	3.7	65.7	956.6
Jul-19	112.8	4.0	112.2	4.2	110.7	3.4	64.1	899.9
19-Aug	113.1	4.3	112.3	4.3	111.2	3.9	58.8	891.9
19-Sep	113.4	4.1	112.5	4.0	111.5	3.9	63.4	941.7
19-Oct	113.4	3.7	112.6	4.0	111.4	3.6	60.3	899.9
19-Nov	113.5	3.6	112.7	3.9	111.7	3.5	63.9	945.5
19-Dec	113.8	4.0	112.9	3.8	112.1	3.9	69.0	992.4
20-Jan	114.1	4.5	113.0	3.7	113.5	3.7	64.4	927.7
20-Feb	115.2	4.6	114.4	3.8	114.0	4.2	56.5	848.7
20-Mar	115.6	4.1	115.1	3.7	114.3	4.3	32.1	535.6
20-Apr	115.0	3.0	114.9	3.2	114.7	4.4	14.9	276.2
20-May	114.3	2.1	114.7	3.1	115.0	4.4	29.4	533.9
20-Jun	114.9	2.2	115.0	3.0	115.3	4.2	40.3	689.6
Jul-20F	116.3	3.1	115.5	2.9	115.4	4.3	40.3	660.6
Aug-20F	116.6	3.1	115.6	2.9	115.9	4.2	43.7	710.8
Sep-20F	116.8	3.0	115.9	3.0	116.2	4.2	45.6	733.8
Oct-20F	116.9	3.1	116.0	3.0	116.3	4.4	43.6	695.2
Nov-20F	117.0	3.1	116.2	3.1	116.6	4.4	43.8	695.5
Dec-20F	117.3	3.1	116.5	3.2	116.9	4.3	44.0	695.5
Jan-21F	117.6	3.0	116.5	3.1	118.4	4.3	44.1	695.5
Feb-21F	118.8	3.1	118.1	3.2	118.8	4.2	44.5	703.7
Mar-21F	119.4	3.3	118.8	3.2	119.1	4.2	45.0	713.7
Apr-21F	119.7	4.1	118.9	3.5	119.6	4.3	45.9	733.4
May-21F	119.8	4.8	118.8	3.5	120.2	4.5	46.5	748.1
Jun-21F	120.3	4.7	119.3	3.7	120.6	4.6	47.1	760.6
Jul-21F	121.0	4.0	119.8	3.7	120.7	4.6	47.5	771.9
Aug-21F	121.1	3.9	119.9	3.7	121.2	4.6	47.9	782.5
Sep-21F	121.5	4.1	120.2	3.7	121.5	4.6	48.3	792.2
Oct-21F	121.6	4.0	120.3	3.7	121.8	4.7	48.7	801.0
Nov-21F	121.8	4.1	120.5	3.7	121.9	4.6	49.0	808.8
Dec-21F	122.2	4.2	120.9	3.8	122.0	4.4	49.3	815.7
Quarterly averag		112	120.3	3.0	122.0		13.5	010.1
19.Q1	110.1	4.2	110.1	4.4	109.5	3.0	63.1	884.7
19.Q2	112.0	4.4	111.4	4.2	110.3	3.2	69.7	1002.0
19.Q2 19.Q3	113.1	4.1	112.3	4.1	111.1	3.7	62.1	911.2
19.Q4	113.6	3.7	112.7	3.9	111.7	3.7	64.4	945.9
20.Q1	115.0	4.4	114.2	3.7	113.9	4.1	51.0	770.7
20.Q1 20.Q2	114.7	2.4	114.9	3.1	115.0	4.3	28.2	499.9
20.Q2 20.Q3F	114.7	3.0	115.7	3.0	115.0	4.3	43.2	701.7
20.Q3F 20.Q4F	117.1	3.1	116.2	3.1	116.6	4.4	43.2	695.4
20.Q4F 21.Q1F	117.1	3.2	117.8	3.2	118.8	4.4	43.8	704.3
21.Q1F 21.Q2F	119.9	4.5	119.0	3.6	120.1	4.5	46.5	747.3
21.Q2F 21.Q3F	121.2	4.0	120.0	3.7	120.1	4.6	46.5	782.2
21.Q3F 21.Q4F	121.2	4.1	120.6	3.7	121.2	4.6	49.0	808.5
21.Q4F <mark>Annual averages</mark>		4.1	120.0	3.1	121.3	4.0	73.0	000.3
2015	92.0	4.6	93.0	5.5	92.0	16	52.7	665.6
			93.0	5.5		4.6	52. <i>1</i> 44.2	
2016	97.8	6.3		5.6	97.8	6.3		646.2
2017	103.0	5.3	102.8	4.7	103.0	5.3	54.8	731.1
2018	107.8	4.6	107.2	4.3	107.0	3.6	71.1	942.8
2019	112.2	4.1	111.6	4.1	110.7	3.4	64.8	935.9
2020F	115.8	3.2	115.2	3.2	115.3	4.2	41.5	666.9
2021F	120.4	4.0	119.3	3.5	120.5	4.5	47.0	760

 $Note: {}^{\star}\text{Crude oil price assumptions embedded into our inflation forecasts are based on Bloomberg consensus forecasts for Brent. Source: Bloomberg, Absa Research.}$

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FIGURE 15

Main macroeconomic variables in South Africa

	20)19		20	20			20	21						
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2F	Q3F	Q4F	Q1F	Q2F	Q3F	Q4F	2019	2020F	2021F	2022F	2023F
Output (% q/q s	aar)														
Real GDP	-0.8	-1.4	-2.0	-44.0	20.5	7.5	4.3	3.7	3.7	3.4	0.2	-8.3	2.4	1.9	1.2
Real GDP (%y/y)	0.1	-0.6	-0.3	-14.4	-10.1	-8.2	-6.7	8.8	4.8	3.8	0.2	-8.3	2.4	1.9	1.2
Private consumption Public	0.3	1.4	0.7	-17.1	2.4	3.7	2.4	2.5	2.9	3.1	1.0	-2.3	1.4	1.2	1.3
consumption	1.4	-0.2	1.1	2.1	1.8	0.6	-2.0	-2.3	-2.3	-2.2	1.5	1.2	-0.9	-2.0	-1.9
Investment	4.1	-10.0	-20.5	-66.7	6.4	4.7	9.7	9.2	9.8	10.3	-0.9	-22.7	-0.1	1.3	1.8
Exports	3.5	2.3	-2.3	-56.4	27.5	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.9	5.9	-2.5	-11.1	2.0	1.7	1.8
Imports	-8.9	-8.5	-16.7	-54.2	43.3	4.8	3.8	2.5	2.6	2.2	-0.5	-14.7	2.1	1.9	0.9
Prices (% y/y)															
CPI inflation	4.1	3.7	4.4	2.4	3.1	3.1	3.1	4.5	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.3	4.0	4.2	4.3
Core CPI inflation	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.4	4.1	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.7
PPI inflation	4.5	2.9	4.1	0.6	2	3.7	4.3	6.5	5.6	4.6	4.6	2.6	5.2	4.7	4.8
External and go	vernmen	t accounts	(% of GD	P)											
Current account	-3.7	-1.3	1.3	-0.8	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-3.0	-0.2	-2.1	-2.8	-2.9
Main budget fiscal balance*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-6.6	-16.6	-12.0	-10.3	-8.4
Main primary balance*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-2.6	-11.6	-6.7	-4.5	-2.4
Government debt*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	63.5	84.6	87.7	94.1	97.4
Interest rates a	nd exchar	ige rate (e	op)												
Repurchase rate, %	6.50	6.50	5.25	3.75	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.50	3.50	6.50	3.25	3.50	4.25	4.75
Prime rate, %	10.00	10.00	8.75	7.25	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	10.00	6.75	7.00	7.75	8.25
USDZAR	15.17	13.98	17.80	17.38	16.00	15.75	15.90	16.25	16.40	16.60	13.98	15.75	16.60	17.25	18.00

Note:*For fiscal year commencing 1 April.

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