



HEI Fixed Income Market Commentary

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- During the period under review, the South African rand strengthened against the US dollar. In the US, investors await the release of the US FOMC minutes later this week
- The bond market recorded an increase in the yield of benchmark government bonds as shown in Figure 1. Specifically, the yield of the GC2026 bond rose from 8.75 percent to 8.85 percent. In addition, there was an increase in the yield of the GC2030 issue from 10.72 percent to 10.86%, as presented in Table 1
- The increase in Namibian Bond yields was explained by market instability and political occurrences in South Africa
- When the risk associated with investing in a bond is considered to be high, investors may require a higher yield to offset the increased risk. As a result, the bond's yield rises, which is reflected in the bond spreads displayed in Figure 2
- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) meetings scheduled from February 20th to February 24th, 2023, to determine whether South Africa will be placed on the grey list or not, may affect the performance of the bonds in the coming week

Table 1. Namibia Government Bonds

Bonds	Coupon	Maturity	YTM (%)	YTM (%)	YTM (%)	DTDΔ	Prices
			01-Feb-23	16-Feb-23	17-Feb-23	(bps)	17-Feb-23
GC23	8.85	15-Oct-23	8.84	8.42	8.53	10.97	100.18
GC24	10.5	15-Oct-24	7.45	7.75	7.87	12.60	103.99
GC25	8.5	15-Apr-25	8.18	8.51	8.64	12.50	99.72
GC26	8.5	15-Apr-26	8.45	8.75	8.85	9.70	99.05
GC27	8	15-Jan-27	8.64	8.98	9.11	12.60	96.40
GC28	8.5	15-Oct-28	9.88	10.14	10.23	8.30	92.69
GC30	8	15-Jan-30	10.41	10.72	10.86	14.30	86.34
GC32	9	15-Apr-32	11.34	11.53	11.62	8.50	85.44
GC35	9.5	15-Jul-35	12.22	12.35	12.36	1.40	82.04
GC37	9.5	15-Jul-37	12.72	12.91	12.97	5.20	77.62
GC40	9.8	15-Oct-40	12.89	13.04	13.08	3.74	77.59
GC43	10	15-Jul-43	13.55	13.65	13.61	-4.00	75.24
GC45	9.85	15-Jul-45	13.67	13.78	13.73	-4.88	73.15
GC48	10	15-Oct-48	13.64	13.82	13.78	-4.00	73.93
GC50	10.25	15-Jul-50	13.85	14.02	14.02	-0.25	73.77

-0-17-Feb-23 -0-01-Feb-23 Spreads 16.0 350 300 14.0 250 12.0 200 10.0 150 8.0 227 213 201 100 166 156 6.0 111 117 109 50 32 28 4.0 7 2.0 50 **GC23** GC24 **GC25 GC26** GC28 **GC30 GC35** GC40 GC43 GC45 GC48 **GC**50 GC27 **GC32 GC37**

Figure 1. Namibia Bond Yield: 01-Feb-2023 vs. 17-Feb-2023

Source: BoN & HEI Research

■16-Feb-23 ■17-Feb-23 252.77 **250.52** 163.36 **166.10** 156.90 **155.59** 96.10 **108.58** 76.59 **76.39** 54.36 **54.46** GC24/R2023 = 19.57 30.81 **28.01** 19.50 13.30 GC25/R2023 GC26/R186 GC27/R186 GC28/R2030 GC30/R2030 GC32/R213 GC35/R209 GC40/R214 GC43/R2044 GC45/R2044 GC48/R2048 GC50/R2048 GC37/R2037

Figure 2. Namibia vs. South Africa Bond Spreads: 16-Feb-2023 vs. 17-Feb-2023

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