



**MASI flat**

During the week, the MASI remained steady at 14577.62 points. A total of 761,397 shares were transacted during the week at a total consideration of K20.42mn compared to 8,428,797 shares traded at a total value of K95.48mn the previous week. Year to date return on the MASI stands at 9.4% (2016: -7.9%). (Source: MSE).

**Corporate updates**

NBM announced an after tax profit of K16.61bn for 2016 (2015: K13.67bn). The 24.21% jump is largely attributed to an increase in interest income which grew by 41.1%. A final dividend of K8.14 per share has been proposed by the board. (Source: The Daily Times, 05<sup>th</sup> April 2017)

NBS recorded a net loss of K4.33bn for the year 2016 (2015: K195mn net loss). The loss has been largely attributed to a drop in interest Income and sharp increase in other operating expenses. (Source: MSE)

**Kwacha appreciates**

During the week, the Kwacha appreciated against most major trading currencies but depreciated marginally against the USD. Gross official reserves decreased to USD564.68mn (2.70 months of imports) as at 05<sup>th</sup> April 2017 from USD552.85mn (2.65 months of imports) recorded on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. In the short to medium term, we expect the Kwacha to remain generally stable as the tobacco market opens.

**An increase in Treasury Bill rates**

At the Treasury Bill auction held during the week, K2.57bn was raised. The average yield increased to 22.45% from 22.0% the previous week. The auction registered a zero rejection. (Source: RBM). We expect Treasury bill yields to remain around 22% in the short to medium term.

**Interbank market**

Liquidity decreased during the week to a daily average of K3.93bn from the previous week. The weekly average overnight interbank rate marginally declined to 21.84% from 21.85%. Total volume traded on the interbank market to Thursday was K14.31bn from K21.74bn the previous week. Access to the Lombard Facility was at K17.38bn. Total maturities for the week amounted to K7.99bn. RBM withdrew from the market K24.25bn through OMOs at an average rate of 21.89%. (Source: RBM). The interbank rate is expected to decline to about 2% below the new Policy rate though upward pressure persists due to tight liquidity conditions.

Stock market indices				
	7-Apr-17		% pts Δ	31-Mar-17
MASI	14577.62	↔	0.00%	14577.62
DSI	11437.62	↔	0.00%	11437.62
FSI	2308.87	↔	0.00%	2308.87
Market capitalisation (K' bn)	8,528.20	↘	-11.89%	9,679.16
Deals	17	↘	-5.56%	18
Value of shares traded (K' mn)	20.42	↘	-78.61%	95.48
Gainers				
	Current price (K)		Δ	Previous price (K)
NONE				
Losers				
	Current price (K)		Δ	Previous price (K)
NONE				
Treasury bill yields				
Tenor (days)	4-Apr-17		Δ	28-Mar-17
91	21.50%	↕	0.50%	21.00%
182	22.47%	↕	0.47%	22.00%
364	23.37%	↕	0.37%	23.00%
All-type	22.45%	↕	0.45%	22.00%
Overall rejection rate	0.00%	↘	-34.48%	34.48%
Alloted (K' bn)	2.57	↘	-59.27%	6.31
Expected maturities				
Week ending	7-Apr-17	14-Apr-17		21-Apr-17
TBs, PNs & TNs	2,221	18,656		5,430
OMO	5,768	18,563		18,643
Inflation rates				
Month	Feb-17		Δ	Jan-17
Rate	16.10%	↘	-2.10%	18.20%
RBM - Mid exchange rates				
Currency	7-Apr-17		Δ	31-Mar-17
USD	725.74	↘	0.01%	725.70
GBP	905.87	↕	-0.69%	912.20
ZAR	52.39	↘	-7.82%	56.83
EUR	774.59	↕	-1.77%	788.54
Gross official foreign exchange reserve position				
	5-Apr-17	31-Mar-17		24-Mar-17
Reserves (USD'mn)	564.68	552.85		560.65
Import cover (months)	2.70	2.65		2.68
Government bonds (Interest due dates 30 June & 31 Dec)				
Counter bonds	(K' mn)	Maturity date		Coupon rate
MW3YNR	106,870	30-Jun-17		15.00%

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