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### Zimbabwe- The corporate demise

Zimbabwe Revenue collections for the first quarter went up 7.43% to \$834.6 million due to a 19% increase in excise duty collections underpinned by increased taxation on fuel. Corporate tax, however, collapsed 32% to \$71.6 million due to declining profitability. This comes as the Bretton Woods institution forecast that Zimbabwe's economy would grow by only 2.8% this year compared to 3.1% registered in 2014. And with the ailing corporate sector is the demise of the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, which is set to worsen with a total of 16 companies having delisted since 2009 with no new listing. A similar worrying trend is at hand with private companies, with statistics from the Master of the High Court showing that a total of 87 companies were liquidated in 2014 compared to 44 in the 2013 while companies under judicial management rose to 60 from 44.

### Investment Markets- Resources rally

Resources saw a rapid increase over the last month as the Resource 20 Index gained over 10%, driving the JSE All Share up over 4%. This was largely the result of rallies in Kumba Iron Ore and Anglo American Platinum as China stepped up measures to stimulate the economy and the US Dollar weakened on the back of disappointing economic data. This also drove gold stocks as the precious metal saw stability on the back of a more dovish tone from the US Fed. The momentum though, is expected to be short lived, as oversupply remains an issue with demand expected to decline this year.

### Economic Activities- SADC looking ahead

Lack of adequate infrastructure in schools, hospitals, airports and energy among others, continue to stifle development in Africa. In South Africa, infrastructure limitations in the energy sector alone are anticipated to slash GDP growth by 0.5% this year as power cuts affect business productivity. According to African Development Bank, Sub-Saharan Africa faces an infrastructure financing gap of approximately USD 92 billion per annum. This was reiterated by SADC leaders who convened for a summit in Harare last week where they deliberated on a spectrum of issues including infrastructure development and the recent xenophobic attacks on other SADC citizens in South Africa. Undoubtedly, it was the attacks that took centre stage with the assembly taking a conciliatory approach in addressing the issue. There was also a tabling of the draft industrialization strategy and roadmap, which is a three pronged plan focusing on industrialization, competitiveness and regional integration. One of the key points of the strategy is how SADC member countries could best benefit from natural resources through development and not just higher growth rates, which mean nothing to the marginalised poor.

### Social and Political Developments: Migrants misery

Leadership is a real challenge to most people in positions of economic and political power globally. We have written about this deficiency many times. The climbing number of migrants drowning and dying in the seas en route to Europe are glaring reminders of the vacuum of global leadership that could create a safer, better and equitable world.

And the continued xenophobic attacks and killings of non-South African people of African and Asian origin by some **African** South Africans in South Africa are a shame. Until South African business CEOs such as Mr. Peter Matlare (CEO of Tiger Brands) came out and condemned these recurring attacks - government politicians were giving excuses. The support of those inexcusable explanations was endorsed by President Mugabe of Zimbabwe at the end of SADC political leadership meeting last week in Harare. **At least Malawi, Mozambique and Nigeria sent a strong message that they will not accept this to happen any longer by making a peaceful choice of not buying SA goods in their countries.** Hopefully business leadership was showing real concern on human suffering and not just protecting its business interests in Africa because political leadership cares less about finding lasting solution. We have heard of the "African solutions for African problems" statement from some politicians in governments. **Is giving excuses a solution? Cry, the beloved Africa!**

### Parting Words of Wisdom

"If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." – African Proverb

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### Economic Indicators

	USD	Euro	Move
Rand	11.99	12.97	0.50%
Pula	9.89	10.70	-0.8%
Kenya	89.85	101.08	2.47%
Kwacha	7.41	8.02	1.10%
Naira	198.98	214.89	0.06%

	Mar	Apr	Move
Gold (\$)	1179.6	1200.1	1.73%
Oil (\$)	56.0	61.14	9.18%

Move is % change monthly against USD

### Top 10 JSE Equity Buys 2015

	Share Code	Entry Price	Target Price
1	MDC	10065	13481
2	SNT	21500	27837
3	DCT	350	447
4	OML	3470	4290
5	NED	24900	30319
6	AGL	21533	25961
7	SHF	5940	7126
8	ILV	2450	2893
9	LBH	12269	14419
10	LHC	2450	2893

Prices in SA cents

### JM BUSHHA Funds Returns

Fund Name	3 Years
CashPlus	6.13%
BondPlus	8.96%
Real Return	11.07%
Absolute AllClass	15.26%
Absolute Aggressive	13.55%
Diversified Equity	20.40%
Communities Fund	N/A
Global Investor	N/A
Afro Fund	11.07%*

\* Same as Real Return

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