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Namibia eyes N\$10.5 billion in climate finance from Green Climate Fund

Namibia is in the process of reviewing four major climate funding concept notes worth N\$10.5 billion, ahead of a planned submission to the Green Climate Fund (GCF), a senior government official has confirmed.

According to Petrus Muteyauli, Deputy Director for Multilateral Environmental Agreements in the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, the funding proposals have been developed by key institutions seeking accreditation as direct access entities to the GCF. These include the Development Bank of Namibia, Agribank, Bank Windhoek, and the Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF), with the ministry itself accredited as a delivery partner.

“In order to speed up further access to climate finance, the entities seeking accreditation as direct access entities have each proposed a concrete and impactful programme for funding from the Green Climate Fund,” said Muteyauli.

The proposed initiatives cover a range of sectors, including agriculture, energy, and water infrastructure, all aimed at increasing Namibia’s climate resilience.

Agribank has proposed the “Climate-Smart Agriculture Transformation Facility”, a N\$4.69 billion (USD 250 million) project that aims to build resilience in the agricultural sector



Crucial Dates

- Bank of Namibia Monetary Policy announcement date:
 - * 16 April 2025
 - * 18 June 2025
 - * 13 August 2025
 - * 15 October 2025
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through climate-adaptive production systems and integrated value chains.

The Development Bank of Namibia's proposal, "Enhancing Water Security in Municipalities", also valued at USD 250 million (N\$4.69 billion), seeks to address water scarcity in urban areas, exacerbated by climate change, by investing in efficient distribution systems and wastewater treatment.

Bank Windhoek's "Clean Energy Facility", valued at N\$938.5 million, is focused on decarbonising the national energy supply by supporting investments in renewable energy, low-carbon transport, and energy-efficient technologies.

Meanwhile, the Namibia Nature Foundation has submitted a N\$187.7 million proposal titled "Promoting Climate-Resilient Regenerative Agriculture in Namibia's Communal Farming Areas". The project aims to improve food security, restore degraded land, and boost incomes in northern Namibia through climate-smart,

regenerative farming practices.

Muteyauli noted that Namibia's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement includes a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 65% from a business-as-usual baseline and to enhance carbon sink capacity by approximately 5,000 metric tonnes.

"To achieve this, we need enhanced access to finance, technology, and capacity-building," he said.

He further revealed that over the past decade, Namibia has mobilised around N\$4 billion in climate finance from multilateral and bilateral sources. "Most of the funding came from the Green Climate Fund, Global Environment Facility, Special Climate Fund, and the Adaptation Fund," said Muteyauli.

Currently, Namibia has climate projects under implementation valued at approximately N\$1.3 billion, underscoring the country's commitment to climate resilience and sustainable development.



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DBN secures N\$1.5 billion AfDB loan for green energy and women led businesses

The Development Bank of Namibia (DBN) has secured a N\$1.5 billion loan from the African Development Bank (AfDB) to finance projects in renewable energy, agricultural value chains, and women-led businesses, in a move aimed at tackling Namibia's structural economic challenges.

The funding, approved on 18 December 2024 and backed by a sovereign guarantee from the Namibian government, forms part of broader national efforts to promote economic diversification, improve private sector participation, and reduce dependency on international trade.

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2023, the Development Bank of Namibia (DBN) requested 1.5 billion rand in financing from the Bank, backed by a sovereign guarantee, to support projects in strategic sectors,” the AfDB said in a statement.

The AfDB noted that Namibia continues to face significant hurdles, including limited economic diversification and constrained private investment. The facility aims to address these challenges by providing a state-guaranteed line of credit to improve access to clean energy, build local manufacturing capacity, and strengthen social protection systems.

“This intervention will significantly contribute to climate finance goals,” the AfDB said, adding that US\$40 million of the total amount is earmarked specifically for climate adaptation projects.

The financing package includes targeted support for women entrepreneurs through the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) initiative. “The AFAWA grant will provide both financial and technical assistance to promote gender mainstreaming, develop skills and strengthen the financial ecosystem,” the Bank said.

Farmers, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and local communities are also expected to benefit from improved agricultural processing, storage, and distribution infrastructure.

“DBN support will strengthen agricultural value chains, supporting processing, storage and distribution to improve productivity and food security,

benefiting farmers, SMEs and local communities,” the AfDB said.

In addition, renewable energy projects financed under the programme will focus on expanding access to clean and affordable energy. “Renewable energy projects will expand access to clean, affordable energy, reducing the country's energy dependency and promoting rural development,” the Bank added.

The programme is expected to be implemented over a three-year period and is scheduled for completion by 15 January 2028.



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Navigating new trade realities: The impact of US Tariffs on Namibia and the region

By Frederick Muller

On April 2, 2025, US President Donald Trump announced a sweeping new tariff regime that has sent ripples through global markets and international trade corridors. The policy introduces a universal baseline tariff of 10% on all US imports, effective from April 5, 2025, with targeted surcharges—including a hefty 30% tariff on South African goods. Namibia, too, has not been spared. Under the new reciprocal tariff framework, Namibian exports to the US will now face a 21% levy, mirroring our own 42% import duty on US goods.

This policy shift signals a potentially significant recalibration of Namibia's trade dynamics with the US. In 2024, Namibia exported goods worth approximately N\$4.9 billion to the US, including diamonds, dimension stone, and fish products. Imports from the US amounted to around N\$2.8 billion. The imposition of tariffs on Namibian goods will raise export costs and, inevitably, erode our competitiveness in a critical market.

The Broader Economic Impact

Beyond Namibia, South Africa stands



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to feel the brunt of these tariffs even more acutely. The US is South Africa's second-largest trading partner, and in 2024, exports to the US were valued at approximately R40 billion. A large proportion of these exports come from the automotive sector, which comprises more than 5% of the country's GDP and supports over 115,000 jobs. The 30% tariff will price many South African goods out of the US market, impacting revenue and employment, particularly in export-driven sectors.

In retaliation, South Africa may introduce reciprocal tariffs on US goods—potentially triggering a broader escalation in trade tensions. This could result in increased costs for South African consumers and businesses



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and further disrupt regional supply chains.

The South African government is already seeking to negotiate a new bilateral trade agreement with the US in an effort to de-escalate tensions and restore certainty. Such negotiations underscore the urgency of crafting mutually beneficial trade frameworks in an increasingly fragmented global economy.

Market Reactions and Investment Considerations

Unsurprisingly, financial markets have reacted strongly to this policy announcement. The final week of March and the first days of April have seen significant sell-offs across both local and global equity markets.

Meanwhile, the Namibian dollar and South African rand have depreciated sharply against the US dollar and other major currencies.

This heightened market volatility is symptomatic of broader investor uncertainty, and it may persist as global markets digest the implications of the new trade environment. Inflationary pressures are also expected to rise, adding further complexity to an already challenging economic backdrop.

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At Alexforbes, we believe in long-term, diversified investment strategies that are


built to weather exactly this kind of storm. Our philosophy of purposeful diversification ensures that your investments are not overly concentrated in any one region, asset class, or industry.

In response to the recent tariff announcements, our investment team is conducting in-depth analyses to assess the likely economic and market impacts. We are reviewing sector and regional exposures, recalibrating asset allocations where necessary, and identifying new opportunities that may arise from shifts in global trade flows.

While the immediate outlook may appear uncertain, it's important to remember that moments of disruption can also be times of opportunity. Our role is to remain steadfast stewards of your capital—continuously scanning the horizon, making prudent adjustments, and ensuring that your portfolio remains aligned with your long-term goals.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how these developments might impact your personal investment strategy, I encourage you to reach out to your Alexforbes adviser or servicing consultant.

****Frederick Muller is Managing Director at Alexforbes Investments Namibia***



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Letshego Namibia appoints Lizl Timbo as Manager of People Relations

Letshego Holdings Namibia has announced the appointment of Lizl Timbo as the company's new Manager of People Relations.

In her new role, Timbo will collaborate closely with the Head of People & Culture to implement strategic human resource initiatives across the organisation.

The company said Timbo brings over 14 years of experience in Human Resources and has a strong passion for cultivating a human-centric work environment.

Letshego Namibia described her leadership approach as being grounded in the belief that "strategy is only as good as the individuals executing it," a philosophy the company said will guide her efforts in driving an inclusive and thriving workplace culture.

Commenting on her appointment, Timbo said: "I am thrilled to serve the organisation to the best of my ability and help fulfil the mandate entrusted to me. I aim to make a lasting impact and leave behind a meaningful legacy."

Prior to joining Letshego, Timbo held key roles at MTC and the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia, where she gained experience in Human Capital Management and Corporate Services.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Psychology and has earned several specialised certifications in leadership,



human resources, executive management, performance management, labour law, and labour relations.

Timbo is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Leadership and Sustainability, reflecting what the company described as "her commitment to continuous personal and professional growth."

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Jetour enters Namibian market: What you need to know

By Max Lodewyk

Jetour, a subsidiary of China's Chery Holding Group, has been making significant strides in the global automotive market since its inception in 2018.

The brand specialises in producing crossover and SUVs and has expanded its presence to various regions, including the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Latin America and Africa. The brand has garnered significant recognition in neighbouring South Africa with young buyers seeking affordable luxury.

In line with its global expansion strategy, Jetour through Jetour Novel has entered the Namibian market, offering a range of vehicles designed to meet the modern needs of local consumers. The models available locally include:

The Jetour X70: Comes in 2 trims namely

the Momentum and Deluxe. The X70 is a spacious offering fitted with 7 seats and features a 1.5L turbocharged engine that delivers a 115 KW of power and 230 NM of torque and its paired with either a 6-speed dual clutch transmission. The entry level Momentum trim, amongst a whole host of features, comes with 19-inch alloy wheels, keyless entry rear parking sensors, a reverse camera, faux-leather with Mercedes Benz inspired seat adjustments, a 10.25 inch digital instrument cluster, wireless phone charging, an electrically operated tailgate and ambient lighting.

The Deluxe variant is further fitted with a 360 degree camera, a panoramic glass sunroof, rain sensing wipers, 6 speakers and 6 airbags whereas the Momentum is only fitted with 4.

The X70 comes with all the basic standard safety features buyers expect from a modern

vehicle including ABS and EBD, hill hold control and hill descent control, tyre pressure monitoring and buying the Deluxe means you get driver assistance aids such as blind spot monitoring, lane changing assist and rear cross traffic alert.

The X70 Plus range is priced at from N\$454,000.

The Jetour Dashing: While the X70 appeals to families, the Dashing is a more stylish offering for the seeking to turn heads. The Dashing adopts the same trim levels as the X70 and employs the same engine and transmission as well, so the power figures are exactly the same.

The Detour Dashing Momentum also comes with 19-inch alloy wheels, keyless entry rear parking sensors, a reverse camera, faux-leathering, electrical adjustable driver's seat, a 10.25 inch digital instrument cluster, wireless phone charging, an electrically operated tailgate and ambient lighting. The

Deluxe is fitted with 8 colour interior ambient lighting, a 360 degree camera, a panoramic glass sunroof, rain sensing wipers, 6 speakers and 6 airbags.

The Dashing comes with the same level of safety features as those fitted on the X70 and its starting price comes in at N\$440,000.

As standard the X70 and Dashing come with a 5 year/60 000 km service plan, a 5 year/150 000 km warranty and an impressive 10 year/1 million km warranty on the engine.

As with all Chinese vehicles, the concerns raised include parts availability, reliability, resell value and whether the tech filled interiors will last for a long time, however one thing we cannot deny is the value for money aspect and only time will tell as it relates to the long-term reliability.

***Max Lodewyk is a motoring enthusiast.**

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Dr Swart-Opperman appointed to OLFITRA Board

The Ohlthaver & List (O&L) Group has announced the appointment of Dr Christina Swart-Opperman as a Non-Executive Director to the Board of Ohlthaver List Finance Trading (Pty) Ltd (OLFITRA).

Read more: Rueeck appointed to OLFITRA board, effective 1 April 2025.

Dr Swart-Opperman has been a key figure within the O&L Group since 2016, notably serving as Chairperson of the OLFITRA Remuneration and Nomination Committee (REMCO).

Her role in this capacity has been instrumental in shaping the Group's remuneration philosophy, with a focus on fairness, strategic alignment, and excellence in talent management.

Recognised as a pioneer in Namibia's corporate sector, Dr Swart-Opperman founded the country's first Human Resource Consulting practice and broke ground as the first female partner at PwC Namibia.

Beyond the boardroom, she is also known for her philanthropic work through the Christina Swart-Opperman Aids Orphan Foundation Trust, which supports vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Her academic background includes a PhD focused on innovation and team dynamics, reflecting her deep expertise in business strategy, leadership, and people development.

Dr Swart-Opperman joins an experienced OLFITRA Board, which comprises Executive Chairman and Chairperson of the Board Sven Thieme, Chief Operations Officer Wynand Oosthuizen, Chief Experience Officer Franziska Rüeck, Chief Human Capital Officer Terence Makari, Chief Financial Officer Theresa Weitz, and Corporate Affairs Manager Gideon



Shilongo. The Non-Executive Directors include Günther Hanke, Berthold Mukuahima, Hans-Harald Müseler and Peter Grüttemeyer.

Commenting on the appointment, Sven Thieme, O&L Group Executive Chairman and Chairperson of the OLFITRA Board, said: "Dr Swart-Opperman's appointment is a testament to O&L's commitment to strong leadership, sustainable business practices and purpose-driven stakeholder engagement. We are confident that her wealth of knowledge, experience and passion will further strengthen our O&L Persona characteristics of being Authentic, Caring and Passionate."

He added: "We warmly congratulate Dr Swart-Opperman on this well-deserved appointment and look forward to her continued impact within the O&L Family."



Govt to prioritise access to urban and rural land

President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah has set a target for her administration, vowing to ensure that at least 130,000 hectares of land are added to Namibia's productive land within the next five years.

Speaking during a recent interview with Al Jazeera, titled "Namibia's First Female President: From Freedom Fighter to Reformer?", Nandi-Ndaitwah underlined the dual importance of access to land and improving its productivity as central to the country's development goals.

"The most important thing when we are talking about land is for us to ensure that we make land available and at the same time, we make it productive," the President said.

She acknowledged the historical injustices in land ownership and reiterated that land reform remains not only a policy directive but a constitutional obligation.

"The management of the land is also part of the implementation of our Constitution. Land is part of property, and the Constitution is very clear on property rights. We must develop laws, and we started with the willing buyer, willing seller approach, but we

realised it was not working. After the land conference, we introduced the land tax and began to focus on absent landowners," she explained.

Nandi-Ndaitwah noted that while the government has made progress through land acquisition and resettlement programmes, significant challenges remain.

"Government has also acquired some land and people were resettled. However, there is still a gap, and now we have developed programmes to implement the Constitution through expropriation. Currently, our land bill is on its way to Parliament, and that will guide our next strategies to ensure balanced land distribution," she said.

The President also pointed out that the land issue is not limited to agricultural use.

She stressed that urban land, especially for housing in municipalities, is becoming an increasingly urgent issue and forms part of her broader development agenda.

Land reform, she affirmed, is a cornerstone of her leadership and a key component of her mission to build a more inclusive and equitable Namibia.



Namibia Civil Aviation Authority crowned Best in Africa

The Namibia Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) has been named the Best Civil Aviation Authority in Africa, following a vote at the Aviation Week Africa (AWA) Gala Night, held in Livingstone, Zambia.

The accolade, which honours excellence in regulatory performance and aviation safety across the continent, was presented to Toska Sem, Executive Director of the NCAA, by Captain Gabriel Luembe, Director General of the Zambia Civil Aviation Authority (ZCAA).

The continental recognition celebrates outstanding performance, regulatory excellence, and a steadfast commitment to aviation safety and service delivery across Africa.

Reacting to the honour, Sem attributed the achievement to the collective efforts within the organisation.

“This award is a direct result of the tireless efforts and dedication of the NCAA staff, the visionary leadership of our Board of Directors, the continued support of our valued stakeholders, and the strong strategic guidance from our shareholder, the Ministry of Works and Transport,” she said.

She added that the milestone affirms Namibia's position as a key player in the development of safe and efficient air transport systems in Africa.

“This serves as motivation to continue raising the bar in regulatory excellence.”

Trump's tariffs trigger global market turbulence: What it means for the world and africa in particular

By Trophy Shapange

On April 2, U.S. President Donald Trump unveiled a sweeping new tariff initiative, describing it as a “historic reclaiming of America’s economic independence.”

Announcing the highest trade tariffs in more than a century, the president insisted the measures would “restore America’s wealth” and rebalance years of perceived economic disadvantage in global trade. Yet, instead of shoring up investor confidence, the announcement sent shockwaves across financial markets, triggering a global sell-off. Within days, the S&P 500 had plunged nearly 10%, and volatility spiked across asset classes, as investors and policymakers scrambled to interpret the implications.

Globally, the move has forced a rethink of investment strategies. Export driven economies, especially those heavily reliant on trade with the United States, are expected to feel the brunt of the impact. Although the U.S. economy is large and somewhat shielded by its relatively small export-to-GDP ratio, its trading partners are more exposed. European and Asian manufacturing hubs, for instance, face declining export orders, supply chain disruptions, and rising production costs. These dynamics are likely to erode profitability and suppress capital expenditure plans, especially in industries tied to global value chains.

Inflation expectations are also on the rise. As tariffs lift the cost of imported goods, central banks may be forced to revise their monetary policy stances. While the U.S.

Federal Reserve is expected to respond with at least one rate cut in 2025, primarily



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to address market dislocation rather than a sharp drop in demand. Other central banks may find themselves in a dilemma: whether to maintain accommodative policy to support growth or act pre-emptively against inflation.

In private markets, the impact of the tariffs has been more nuanced. According to investment professionals at Franklin Templeton and its affiliates, the initial optimism

that followed the 2024 U.S. elections has quickly been tempered. Uncertainty around trade policy has complicated pricing models, particularly in private equity and real estate, where investment horizons are longer and exposure to macroeconomic shifts is more pronounced.

Blair Faulstich, Managing Director at Benefit Street Partners, noted that the disruption in public markets is already creating pockets of opportunity in private credit. As traditional banks become more risk-averse, especially in sectors exposed to trade volatility, private capital can fill the financing gap. Leveraged buyouts, infrastructure projects, and distressed debt transactions are expected to gain traction as

investors seek both yield and strategic entry points.

Moreover, some investors are viewing the current dislocation as a buying opportunity. In fixed income, short-duration and inflation-protected bonds are gaining favour. High-yield instruments with limited exposure to global supply chains are also drawing attention, especially those linked to defensive sectors such as utilities, healthcare, and telecommunications.

The equity markets have been the most visibly affected. The swift and sharp sell-off that followed Trump's announcement underscored how unprepared investors were for such a radical policy shift. Many had assumed that Trump's protectionist rhetoric would soften post-election. The reality has proven otherwise.

Scott Glasser, Chief Investment Officer at ClearBridge Investments (a specialist investment manager within Franklin Templeton), highlighted that while short-term panic is understandable, long-term investors should avoid reactionary decisions. He advocates for a diversified portfolio, with an emphasis on high-quality companies,

those with solid balance sheets, strong cash flows, and consistent dividend payouts. Sectors traditionally viewed as "defensive," such as consumer staples, healthcare, and utilities, are likely to outperform in this uncertain climate.

Dividend-paying international stocks are also emerging as safe havens. With the U.S. dollar weakening due to global skepticism and renewed eurozone stimulus, foreign equity valuations are looking more attractive. In this environment, global diversification is not just a luxury, it is a necessity.

The European Union has already hinted at retaliatory measures, particularly targeting areas where the U.S. has significant competitive advantages such as technology and financial services.

China's response has been more strategic. Having spent years diversifying its export markets and reducing dependence on the U.S. economy, China has absorbed the shock more gracefully. Retaliatory tariffs were swift but measured. According to

Andrew Ness, Managing Director of Franklin Templeton Emerging Markets Equity, China's long-term strategy is clear: deepen regional trade alliances, foster domestic consumption, and build technological self-reliance.

For Africa, and Namibia specifically, the global investment turmoil presents both risks and opportunities. Africa's economies remain heavily dependent on



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commodity exports and external capital flows, making them vulnerable to global shocks.

However, in a world where capital is searching for diversification, yield, and impact, Africa's potential has never been more relevant.

A depreciating U.S. dollar enhances the competitiveness of African exports and can ease debt burdens for countries with dollar-denominated loans. In parallel, improving governance frameworks, infrastructure development, and digital transformation across several African economies are helping position the continent as an increasingly attractive investment destination.

Namibia's own economic agenda under the stewardship of President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah is gaining attention. With reforms aimed at strengthening public institutions, diversifying the economy, and promoting local enterprise development, the country is gradually emerging as a stable and investable jurisdiction.

Strategic sectors such as, energy, agribusiness, and fintech are drawing the attention of global investors. Namibia's abundant natural resources, coupled with its commitment to environmental sustainability, place it in a favorable position to attract green capital. The newly launched Namibia Sovereign Wealth Fund could also play a catalytic role in co-financing strategic investments, signaling confidence and policy alignment to the global investor community.

To fully capitalize on the shifting investment landscape, African policymakers must act decisively. First, macroeconomic stability is paramount. This means maintaining prudent fiscal policies, strengthening regulatory institutions, and ensuring transparency in public procurement and governance.

Second, regional integration must remain a priority. The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) presents a historic opportunity to build intra-African value chains, reduce trade costs, and stimulate industrial development. In an era of fragmented globalization, regional resilience

is not just desirable it is essential. Finally, African economies must embrace digitization and the fourth industrial revolution. From e-governance to digital payments and remote healthcare, technology can serve as a great equalizer, bridging gaps in access and efficiency. Countries that position themselves as digital hubs will be best placed to attract capital and talent.

While Trump's tariff announcement has triggered immediate volatility, it may also accelerate a long-term reordering of global capital flows. Investors are increasingly weighing geopolitical risks alongside financial returns. Countries that can offer stability, predictability, and impact will have a competitive edge.

For Africa, this is a moment of strategic importance. Rather than viewing the current disruption as a threat, the continent has an opportunity to redefine its role in the global economy. By adopting smart policies, building institutional capacity, and focusing on sustainable development, African nations can transform volatility into vitality.

For individual investors across the continent, the lesson is equally clear: diversify, stay informed, and adopt a long-term view. Partnering with experienced asset managers, building multi-asset portfolios, and incorporating ESG factors can help navigate global uncertainty.

As history has often shown, great shifts in global economic policy tend to reshape the investment landscape for years to come. Trump's tariff move may well mark the beginning of such a shift. Africa's response measured in policy action, investor confidence, and structural reform will determine whether it remains on the margins or steps confidently into the center of the global economic stage.

In every disruption lies the seed of transformation. For Africa and Namibia in particular, the time to act is now.

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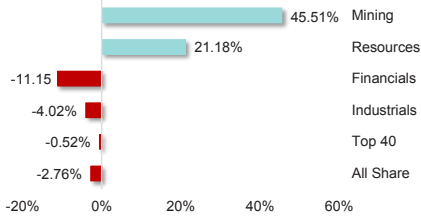
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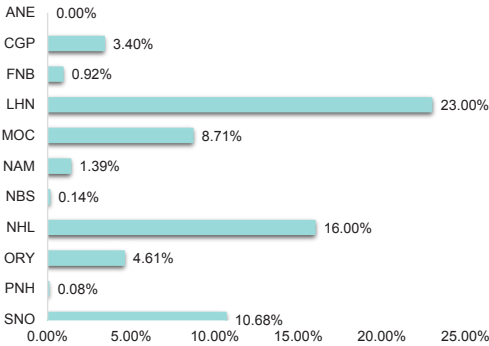
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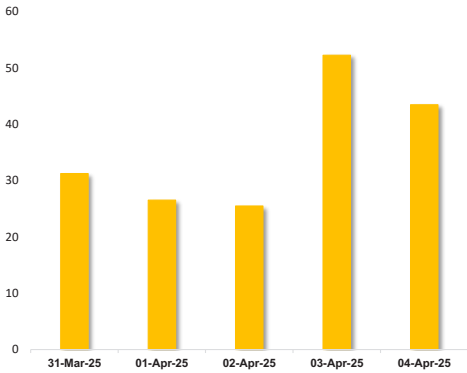
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