

# **Renewal of Cautionary**



- Choppies announced that it is in negotiations to acquire 76% of the issued shares in Kamoso Group (KG), a company operating in the fast-moving consumer goods business, and it has received conditional approval from the Botswana Competition & Consumer Authority for the acquisition.
- Previously Choppies was negotiating the acquisition of 100% of the issued shares in KG.
- P0.65 (YTD: 0.00%) PE: 7.8 PB: N/A D/Y: 0.00% Mkt Cap: P847.4mn

# **REGIONAL**

## SOUTH AFRICA

- Mar23 CPI y/y 7.1% v 6.9% (e) v 7.0% (Feb23)
- Feb23 Retail Sales m/m -0.1% v -1.0% (e) v 1.5% (Jan23)
- Mar23 Business Confidence 111.3 v 111.9 (Feb23)
- Eskom declared Stage 6 load shedding until further notice due to breakdowns in generation units at four of its power stations during the week.

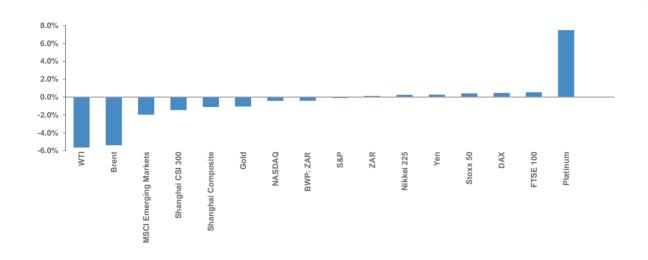
## **ZAR PERFORMANCE**

- The ZAR weakened against USD on expectations that the SARB would need to hike rates more to tame inflation, following the release of higher-thanexpected inflation data.
- ZAR 18.11 (WTD: +0.12%) v 18.09 (14 Apr 23)

# Rand weakened against the US dollar.

## INTERNATIONAL

## INTERNATIONAL SNAPSHOT- 21 APR 23 WEEKLY PERFORMANCE





- Feb23 Final Industrial Production m/m 4.6% v -5.3% (Jan23)
- Apr23 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI y/y 49.5 v 49.2 (Mar23)
- Mar23 National CPI y/y 3.2% v 3.2% (e) v 3.3% (Feb23)
- Japanese equities closed higher for the week driven by the release of positive economic data from China.
- Nikkei 225: 28,564 (WTD: +0.25%), Yen: 134.16 (WTD: +0.28%)





- Eurozone Apr23 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 45.5 v 48.0 (e) v 47.3 (Mar23)
- France Apr23 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 45.5 v 47.8 (e) v 47.3 (Mar23)
- Germany Apr23 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 44.0 v 45.7 (e) v 44.7 (Mar23)
- UK Apr23 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 46.6 v 48.4 (e) v 47.9 (Mar23)
- European markets closed in the green following the release of strong corporate earnings.
- DAX: 15,882 (WTD: +0.47%) Stoxx50: 4,409 (WTD: +0.41%), FTSE100: 7,914 (WTD: +0.54%)



- 1Q23 GDP q/q 2.2% v 2.0% (e) v 0.6% (4Q22)
- Mar23 Industrial Production y/y 3.9% v 4.4% (e) v 1.3% (Dec22)
- Mar23 Retail Sales y/y 10.6% v 7.5% (e) v -1.8% (Dec22)
- The People's Bank of China (PBOC) maintained the one-year and five-year loan prime rates at 3.65% and 4.30% respectively.
- Chinese equities closed the week in the red on news that the Biden administration aims to sign an executive order to limit investment in key parts of China's economy by American businesses.
- SHSZ300: 4,033 (WTD: -1.45%), SHCOMP: 3,301 (WTD: -1.11%)



- 15 Apr 23 Initial Jobless Claims 245k v 240k (e) v 240k (8 Apr 23)
- Apr23 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 50.4 v 49.0 (e) v 49.2 (Feb23)
- US equities ended the week in the red following the release of a number of disappointing first-quarter earnings reports.
- NASDAQ: 12,072 (WTD: -0.42%), S&P 500: 4,134 (WTD: -0.10%)



- ΔUS Crude Inventories -4,581k bbl. (14 Apr 23) v -621k bbl. (e) v 597k bbl. (7 Apr 23)
- ΔUS Oil Rigs +5; 753 (21 Apr 23) v 748 (14 Apr 23)
- ΔNorth American Oil Rigs -1; 858 (21 Apr 23) v 859 (14 Apr 23)
- Oil prices dropped on the back of fears that the looming recession could dent global oil demand.
  - WTI: \$77.87 (WTD: -5.63%)
- Brent Crude: \$81.66 (WTD: -5.39%)



- Gold closed in the red due to a stronger USD while more power cuts in South Africa added to supply side constraints, driving platinum prices up.
  - Gold: \$1,983 (WTD: -1.05%)
  - Platinum: \$1,127 (WTD: +7.49%)

# Oil prices plunge over recession fears.



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