The beds and rooms occupancy rate indices have shown positive trends since Jan 2014, with the two indices standing at 158 and 156, in August 2014. This is the first highest indices recorded in the past twelve months. The two indices are up 13.6 per cent and 26.8 per cent y/y and 10.8 per cent and 10.3 per cent m/m, respectively.

On average, the beds and rooms occupancy rate indices for the period January to August 2014 stood at 108 points and 123 points compared to 92 and 96 points y/y, represents an increase of 18.0 per cent and 28.9 per cent, respectively.

The beds and rooms occupancy indices continue to show positive trends in August 2014 as these months are generally recognized to be the Namibia's peak tourism season.

August month, recognised as the holiday's designation by many with trade fairs attracting more visitors to explore their full potential of trade, business and investment opportunities in the country.

More passenger arrivals than departures in August 2014. Arrivals stood at 37 366 and departures at 36 818 compared to arrivals and departures 37 439 and 35 183 y/y.

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## Methodology

### Background
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### Data sources
Namibia Airport Company and Hospitality Association of Namibia.

### Base year
2010