

ZimSA Business Chamber

# NEWSLETTER

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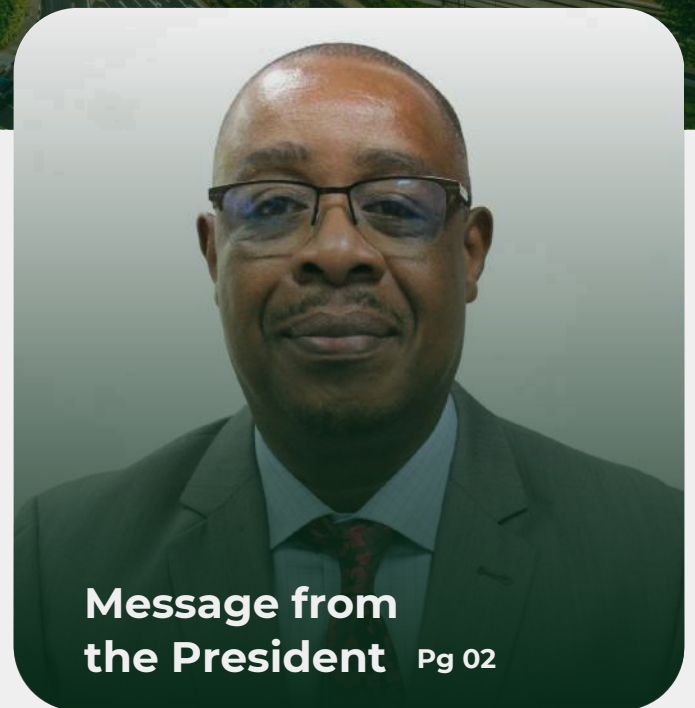
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## Message from the President

Dear Members,

As we wrap up the month of March, I would like to reflect on the growth and development we have seen across our business community. Despite ongoing global challenges, our members continue to demonstrate resilience and innovation. This newsletter highlights key initiatives, business opportunities, and upcoming events for the Chamber. We are excited to continue supporting each of you as we drive business success in South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Warm regards,

**Farai Madziwanyika**

President, ZimSA Business Chamber



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In March, we held a successful networking business breakfast at the prestigious Forvis Mazars offices in Melrose Estate, Johannesburg, where business owners from various sectors had the opportunity to share insights and establish valuable connections. The event was well-attended, and we received positive feedback from the participants.



We were honoured to have Zimbabwe's Deputy Ambassador to South Africa Mr Gwenzi deliver the opening remarks before hearing testimonies from various speakers who included Ms Edith Hatendi, the Managing Director of Nyaradzo Financial Services, Mr Cosmas Mukaratirwa, the founder and CEO of Cospharm, a large and rapidly growing pharmaceutical company now operating in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia and Botswana, Adv Chido Mafongoya, a corporate law specialist who touched on the operating & legal environment in Zimbabwe.

We were also captivated by the impressive presentation on business in the African context by Dr. Rutendo Hwindingwi, CEO of Tribe Africa Advisory before the speaker's session was rounded off by Edwin Ruzive as he showcased the hospitality opportunities offered by the Rainbow Tourism Group that he represents in their Johannesburg office. Mr. Taona Kokera, Africa Director of Project & Infrastructure Finance Advisory at Forvis Mazaar excelled as the program director, ensuring the event's seamless execution. The Zimbabwe Business Insights breakfast event was sponsored by Nyaradzo Financial Services, Forvis Mazars and Cotecna.

Stay tuned for our next event, where we aim to broaden our reach even further.

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## New Members Spotlight

We are pleased to announce the addition of our new members to our community, bringing diverse skills and perspectives to our collective business endeavours.

**Bühler Group** 

Machine industry company

The Bühler Holding AG is a Swiss multinational plant equipment manufacturer based in Uzwil, Switzerland. It is known for plant and equipment and related services for processing foods and manufacturing advanced materials amongst several other industries.

**Forvis Mazars** 

Audit, Accounting and Consulting

Forvis Mazars is an internationally integrated partnership, specialising in audit, accounting and consulting employing more than 40,000 professionals in over 100 countries.



**Fastjet Limited**



Airline

Fastjet Limited is an African airline that began flight operations in 2012. It is headquartered in Johannesburg and serves regional flights between South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### EU Trade Mission to Zimbabwe

As part of our continued efforts to expand trade between Zimbabwe, South Africa and beyond, the Chamber is taking part and exhibiting at the upcoming EU Trade Mission to Zimbabwe towards the end of May 2025 where several EU based companies will be in Harare on the hunt for opportunity. As the chamber, we feel this will be an opportune time to network and link stakeholders wherever possible. Please keep an eye out on our website for further details as they become available.



### Cheese and Wine evening

A winter evening in a wood burning fireplace warmed room will be calling shortly for an evening of cheese and wine for some of our strategic members. This event offers a chance for individuals to interact and exchange business ideas, supporting an environment conducive to networking and making contacts.

### Trade Missions

We will be organizing a series of trade missions in the coming months. These missions will provide businesses with the opportunity to explore new markets and forge strategic partnerships between Zimbabwe and South Africa and across the region. Watch the website and our social platforms for further details.





# INDEPENDENCE DAY

Zimbabwe turns 45 on Friday 18 April 2025. The ZimSA Business Chamber joins the country in celebrating this milestone. We wish the Ambassador of the Republic of Zimbabwe to South Africa, H.E Ambassador David Hamadziripi, the Consul General of the Zimbabwe Consulate Mr. Eria Phiri and their respective teams, all the best in their preparations for the festivities and celebrations that will be held in commemoration of this milestone.



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## Spotlight on Zimbabwe-South Africa Business Relations

The Zimbabwe-South Africa trade relationship remains a cornerstone of our economic growth. Recent developments, such as the reduction in trade barriers and the expansion of joint ventures have paved the way for greater collaboration in sectors such as agriculture, mining, and manufacturing.

In the coming weeks, we will be hosting a roundtable discussion on maximizing the potential of this bilateral relationship, focusing on leveraging cross-border trade and investment opportunities. This will be an essential session for any business looking to expand into regional markets.

## Industry Insights

### Agriculture & Agro-processing

February saw a significant increase in cross-border agricultural exports, with South African businesses capitalizing on Zimbabwe's rich farming sector.

Upcoming policy changes regarding export regulations could offer new avenues for growth. We will be expanding on these as they become clearer.

### Technology & Innovation

Both countries are seeing rapid advancements in tech start-ups, particularly in fintech and e-commerce. Entrepreneurs and businesses should explore these sectors, which are expected to continue expanding over the next year.

The recent announcement of the first AI factory being built on the continent, specifically in South Africa, is a testament to the leaps and bounds that new technologies are growing. This development will certainly be a boon not only for the region, but the continent and the globe at large.

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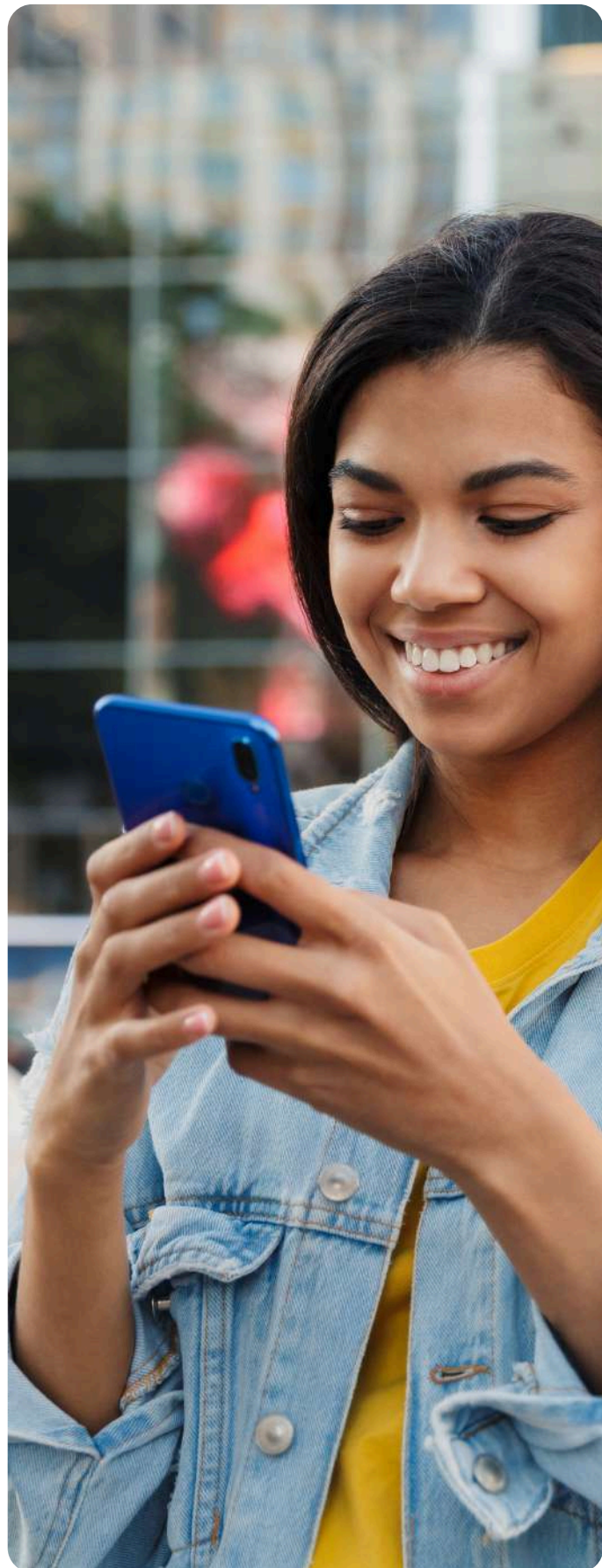
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