

## *From the desk of Marc – April 2015*

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I certainly do not propose to make comments of a political nature here, I am simply unqualified to do so. However, whether we like it or not, major events affect business and business confidence and this affects you, our client.... And have we seen some events lately.... With the defacing of statues and calls for the obliteration of history by students followed by the unrest and xenophobic attacks. What to make of all this? Well, I may not be an analyst but I personally think we as South Africans are angry, very angry and now and again that comes out in various forms. I also believe that it gets manipulated by certain parties with very dubious agenda's. We cannot but condemn these acts. For people who have not borne the brunt of the reprehensible evil that was apartheid, how they can see history as needing to be obliterated is just plain bizarre. History is history and when it's shameful, as a bunch of ours was, its still history and perhaps it is being reminded of it which will ensure that going forward we act in a way which keeps us from writing tomorrows shameful history.

The xenophobic attacks? Well, even more shameful. Anyone who loves this land the most beautiful on earth I shamelessly state, can only feel shame right now and can only condemn such acts. Will this affect business confidence? Sadly, yes I think but I also think we are to guard against kneejerk reactions in the hope that tomorrow brings a better day. If SA could defeat the evils of grand apartheid, I firmly believe there is little she cannot overcome.

Till next time..

*Marc*