

Editor's Note

Welcome to our May issue. It was lovely to see so many of you at bauma Munich last month. We've featured some highlights of the show – including the world's biggest vibro hammer, page 38.

Our cover story is on Kenya, one of Africa's top 10 fastest economies. It has a predicted 6.1 per cent GDP growth this year, largely thanks to its stable macroeconomic environment promoting private sector investment into the country and allowing multiple sectors to flourish especially, construction and finance, page 26.

Elsewhere in the issue, we examine Deloitte's latest report on construction trends across the continent where it seems the transport sector is leading the way in creating demand for projects, page 40.

Our economist, Moin Siddiqi provides an in-depth report on fintech and e-commerce in Africa, and how tech start-ups raised investment worth US\$33.4mn, page 20.

Finally, African Utility Week/POWERGEN Africa will be taking place on 14-16 May in Cape Town and will be acting as a vital discussion platform for many issues including how to tackle the ongoing drought in the Eastern Cape, page 12.

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