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**Distribution**

**Bata gives Power to Mr Price Sport**

**Pinetown, KZN, SA** – Bata SA will supply its Power sports brand to the Mr Price Sport chain as "part of a 5-year growth strategy", according to a release. Power is one of the brands Bata is reintroducing to SA. The range Mr Price Sport will carry is "its latest collection of lifestyle to high-performance athletic shoes". Power is also currently sold via online retailer Zando.

**Arno comeback planned**

**Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA** – Arno, the men's brand created by Villani Shoes, now owned by the Ismail Cassim & Sons Group, will be relaunched for summer, marketing manager **Akbar Cassim** said on Friday. "There are some exciting plans and developments," he said. "Watch this space."

**Villani 'would like to continue'**

**Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA** – **Michele Di Lembo**, who took over Villani Shoes after the death of his father, Marco, in 2021, would like to continue with the business, and is looking at bringing in new stock next year. "I'm still supplying a few retailers from existing stock," he said, "but I'm not doing much beyond covering overheads. "I worked with my father, on-and-off, for over 4 years, I know the suppliers in Italy and Turkey, and I know the customers. I still have the Gian Luca men's leather brand, and I would like to continue with that. "Business at the moment is very difficult, and I also have a very small IT business to run, so I don't expect to be able to give Villani the time it needs before the end of this year."

**Manufacturing**

**Slow for most**

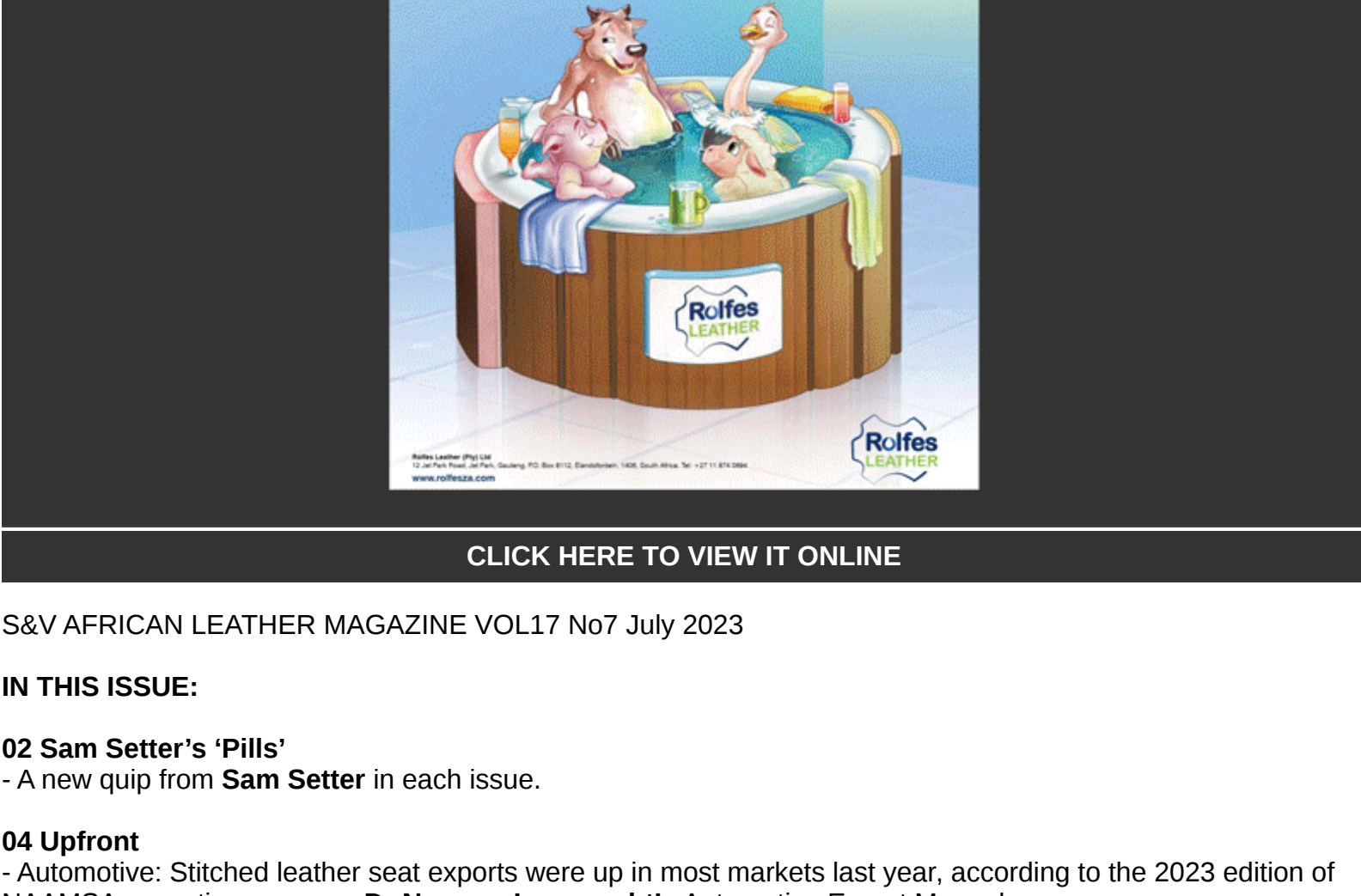
**Pinetown, KZN, SA** – Leather orders are below where they should be at this time of year, **Rowan Allison** of Midland Leather said last week.

"We hear that chains are sitting on stock from last winter," he said. "Most of the bigger factories are quiet, although some of the smaller factories are quite busy, both ladies' and men's."

"There is business, but it's subdued, and there isn't any obvious sign of change."

**In case you missed it!**

**The July issue of S&V African Leather Magazine**



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**02 Sam Setter's 'Pills'**

- A new quip from **Sam Setter** in each issue.

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- Automotive: Stitched leather seat exports were up in most markets last year, according to the 2023 edition of NAAAMSA executive manager **Dr Norman Lamprecht's** Automotive Export Market.

- Game skins: UK trophy ban still being debated, and other updates by **Pieter Swart** of SA Taxidermy and Tannery Association (SATTA).

- SLTC: Everything is on hold, says treasurer **Warren Phipps**.

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- Second generation Cr-free. Second generation chrome-free has arrived, and already we know what a key component of the third generation will be, writes **H. Procter**.

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- Tanzanian visit to be followed by visits to other African countries: Report from Sustainable Leather Foundation MD **Deborah Taylor**.

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- SA hides, skins and leather trade statistics for May 2023, issued by SARS.

**Advertisers in this Issue**

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**They Said It**

**"It starts off quietly, and then dies completely by lunch time."** - **Rowan Allison**, Midland Leather, Durban, KZN, SA, describing business. I don't think it's original, but it was definitely heartfelt.

**New subscribers last week**

**Janine**, Brand Manager - PC Kids, Intershu, Germiston, Gauteng, South Africa  
**Henk Tandt**, Senior Leather Technician, Stahl Chemicals GmbH, Leinfelden Echterdingen, Germany

**Directory entries updated last week**

Brit Footwear Manufacturers (Pty) Ltd, Chatsworth, KZN, SA.  
 Nikkita Footwear Manufacturing cc, Chatsworth, KZN, SA.  
 Villani Shoes cc, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.

**Got anything you'd like to share?**

Do you have any suggestions, comments or experiences about the industry that you'd like to share with the industry? - [tony@svmag.co.za](mailto:tony@svmag.co.za)

**Birthdays this week**

- 10/07/1940: **Erwin Metzger**, Sanata Footwear, Durban, KZN, SA.
- 10/07/2014: **Colin Symons**, retired, formerly Elco Plastics, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
- 10/07/1950: **Allen Beckley**, Naked Feet, Durban, KZN, SA.
- 10/07/1970: **Shelley Zhang**, left the country, formerly Lavanda Shoes, Randburg, Gauteng, SA.
- 10/07/1972: **Annah-Mae Blair**, The New Shoe Company, Durban, KZN, SA.
- 10/07/1976: **Johan Venter**, Rolles Leather, Boksburg, Gauteng, SA.
- 10/07/1991: **Roal Boezaart**, Freedom of Movement, Pretoria, Gauteng, SA.
- 11/07/1964: **Maureen Liebenberg**, retired, formerly Barker Footwear, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
- 11/07/1945: **Roal Boezaart**, left the industry, formerly Amshu Distributors (closed), Greytown, KZN, SA.
- 11/07/1975: **Cassim Dawjee**, Moola's Fashion House, Newcastle, KZN, SA.
- 11/07/1983: **Tavonga Gonyora**, Dick Whittington Shoes, Pietermaritzburg, KZN, SA.
- 12/07/1970: **Guy Blake**, agent, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
- 12/07/1978: **Kelli Kupritz**, Dodo's, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.
- 13/07/1954: **Peter Handley**, Coventry Shoes, Durban, KZN, SA.
- 14/07/1969: **Veronica Clausen (nee Haupt)**, Clicka Heels, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.
- 14/07/1971: **Laurence Lotzoff**, Dale Footwear, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.
- 15/07/1933: **Joe Powell**, retired, formerly Footwork, Trafalgar, KZN, SA.
- 15/07/1950: **Joram Philip Wakari**, agent and retired former director of the Leather Association of Tanzania, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- 15/07/1971: **Philipp Rein**, Thurling Investments, Mossel Bay, W. Cape, SA.
- 16/07/1945: **Lex Devlin**, emigrated, formerly ACA Threads, Port Elizabeth, E. Cape, SA.
- 16/07/1956: **AR Noorhai**, Razno Agencies, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.
- 16/07/1974: **Marisca Ras**, The Health Shoe Shop, Pretoria, Gauteng, SA.

**In memoriam this week**

- 10/07/2002: **Rodger Brewitt** (b. 25/11/1947), Bata Zimbabwe, Gwelo, Rhodesia/Bata SA, Pinetown, KZN, SA.
- 10/07/2014: **Terry Thomas** (b. 12/05/1935), agent, Durban, KZN, SA.
- 12/07/2015: **Richard Delfel** (b. 02/06/1955), GST Seton Autoleathers (now Pangea), Nigel, Gauteng, SA.
- 10/07/2021: **Hessen Bernado** (b. 19/07/1959), Bagshaw Footwear, Durban, KZN, SA.
- 10/07/2021: **Willi Angeloch** (b. 30/04/1946), retired, formerly Nakara, Windhoek, Namibia.
- 15/07/2020: **Carlo Longano** (b. 22/08/1956), Bodydynamics Institute [closed], Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
- 16/07/2004: **Frederick (Fred) Howard** (b. 16/02/1918), King Tanning Company [closed], King William's Town, E. Cape, SA.

Have you let us know about your birthday, or the birthdays of your colleagues? Our readers love this section, so please become part of it. This also applies to the In Memoriam section. Help us remember former colleagues.

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**Exchange rates**

Note: For previous rates, see [HERE](#)

**1. SA Rand (ZAR)/Lesotho Loti (LSL)/Namibian Dollar (NAD)/Swazi Lilangeni (SZL)**

Source: <http://www.x-rates.com/calculator/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
03/06/2023	R20.89	R24.27	R19.49	R2.75
10/06/2023	R20.14	R23.53	R18.71	R2.62
17/06/2023	R19.91	R23.32	R18.19	R2.55
24/06/2023	R20.40	R23.78	R18.70	R2.60
01/07/2023	R20.55	R23.90	R18.83	R2.59
08/07/2023	R20.63	R24.19	R18.84	R2.61

**2. Botswana Pula (BWP)**

Source: <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
03/06/2023	14.64	17.00	13.66	1.92
10/06/2023	14.58	17.04	13.55	1.90
17/06/2023	14.49	16.97	13.24	1.85
24/06/2023	14.53	16.94	13.32	1.85
01/07/2023	14.66	17.05	13.44	1.85
08/07/2023	14.74	17.28	13.46	1.86

**3. Malawian Kwacha (MWK)**

Source: <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
03/06/2023	1094.62	1271.60	1021.25	144.14
10/06/2023	1094.60	1279.18	1017.29	142.78
17/06/2023	1020.69	1312.23	1023.44	143.62
24/06/2023	1109.83	1293.64	1017.45	141.72
01/07/2023	1146.90	1333.84	1051.01	144.92
08/07/2023	1141.81	1338.52	1042.61	144.39

**4. Zambian Kwacha (ZMW)**

Source: <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
03/06/2023	21.19	24.62	19.77	2.79
10/06/2023	21.89	25.59	20.34	2.85
17/06/2023	21.29	24.93	19.44	2.72
24/06/2023	18.65	21.74	17.10	2.38
01/07/2023	19.14	22.26	17.54	2.41
08/07/2023	19.76	23.17	18.04	2.49

**5. Zimbabwean Dollar (ZWL\$)**

Source: <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

	Euro €	GBP £	CNY ¥	Official US\$
03/06/2023	387.90	450.61	51.08	2670.02
10/06/2023	389.30	455.11	50.79	6086.33
17/06/2023	396.28	464.01	50.78	6596.76
24/06/2023	394.75	460.13	50.41	6860.23
01/07/2023	394.61	459.39	49.93	3739.79
08/07/2023	396.33	464.61	50.12	5251.06

Note: For previous rates, see [HERE](#)

**ABSA Agri Trends: Hides & skins prices**

**Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA (30 June 2023)** - The current average hide price decreased by 0.8% to R3.38/kg from R3.40/kg a week ago. The current price is 6.5% lower than the average price a month ago and 17.7% lower than the average price a year ago. The range of prices reported was as follows: Minimum price: R3.12 Maximum price: R4.50. Please note: Our methodology weights the prices we collect according to the number of hides they are sold in a month. This is done to make it more representative of the prevailing market price. NB\* Hide prices are determined by the average of the RMAA (Red Meat Abattoir Association) and independent companies. - **Marlene Louw**, senior agricultural economist, and **Nkhensani Mashimbyi**, agricultural economist, and **Zama Sangweni**, agricultural economist, Absa group.

Note: For previous prices, see [HERE](#)

**Have a look at these links**

We invite businesses to send us links to websites, Facebook pages and the like which they feel would be of interest to others. The links below are from our database:  
 Muhammad Bulbulia, formerly of retailer Joey & Sam, has asked us to highlight the website belonging to a new business, Tranquil Dawn. Joey & Sam has closed.  
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[Kalimba Reptile Park](#), Lusaka, Zambia. Crocodile farm.

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