

## ZSE rises on bullish sentiment...

	Previous	Current	Change	%Change	YTD %
<b>Industrial</b>	138.96	140.08	1.1200	0.81	3.08
<b>Mining</b>	58.56	60.12	1.5600	2.66	2.75

The ZSE remained buoyant into April as demand remained firm amidst supply constraints leaving the market reflecting a rather bullish picture. The main stream Industrial Index charged 0.81% to 140.08pts buoyed by the bullish sentiment and immediately narrowed the year to date loss for the benchmark to 3.08%. Elsewhere, the Mining Index rallied 2.66% and ended the week at 60.12pts on the back of the firming RioZim, and this helped grow its year to date return to 2.75%. The market's surges rode on the supply constraints that have seen prices tick up across the board as sellers hold back in the wake of the buy and large better than expected financials from the recent reporting season coupled with a rather promising output outlook on the agricultural front. Notable is the tobacco crop whose selling season opened mid-March and has already been reported to have already grossed \$52.4m from the sales of an estimated 20m kilograms of the golden leaf at an average price of \$2.62 per kilogram. With a bumper harvest expected on the maize crop significant savings on the import bill are anticipated and thus easing of pressure on the remittances bill.

### Weekly Risers

RISERS	PRICE	% Change
WILD.ZW	0.0035	40.00
BARC.ZW	0.0360	20.00
NMB.ZW	0.0365	9.94
MEIK.ZW	0.1315	9.58
RIOZ.ZW	0.4200	5.00
MSHL.ZW	0.0240	4.35
AXIA.ZW	0.0730	4.29
DAWN.ZW	0.0130	4.00
CFI.ZW	0.1255	3.29
ECO.ZW	0.1650	2.80

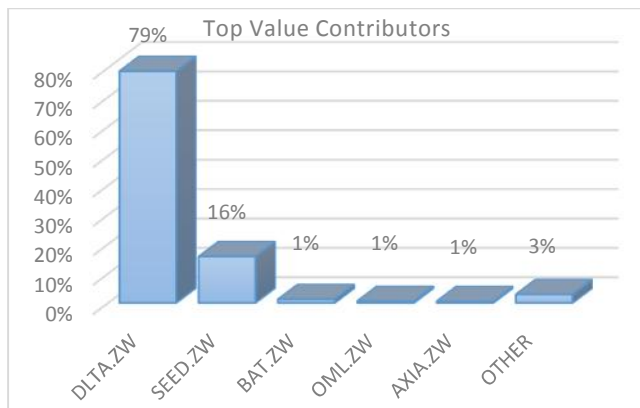
Rising stocks dominated the movers and shakers for the week at a count of nineteen gainers compared to a mere four fallers registered for the week. Brick makers Willdale headlined the risers of the week on a 40% charge that took them to a high of \$0.0035 while, banking group Barclays followed on gains of 20% as it closed \$0.0360. NMB put on 9.94% and ended the week at \$0.0365 while, Meikles was up 9.58% at \$0.1315 on firming demand in anticipation of the pending offer to minorities. Mining House RioZim extended its rising streak with a 5% lift following growing demand in the wake of a return to profitability in the financials. Construction group Masimba holdings firmed 4.35% and settled at \$0.0240 while, retail group Axia added 4.29% over the week and ended, trading at \$0.0730. Property concern Dawn firmed 4% to \$0.0130 in its first trades since the release of the results as CFI, another stock with the potential of an offer to minorities climbed 3.29% and ended at \$0.1255. Econet completed the risers set with a 2.8% lift settling at \$0.1650.

### Weekly Fallers

FALLERS	PRICE	% Change
ZIMR.ZW	0.0140	15.15
PPC.ZW	0.6325	0.39
CBZ.ZW	0.0998	0.10
SEED.ZW	0.9491	0.09

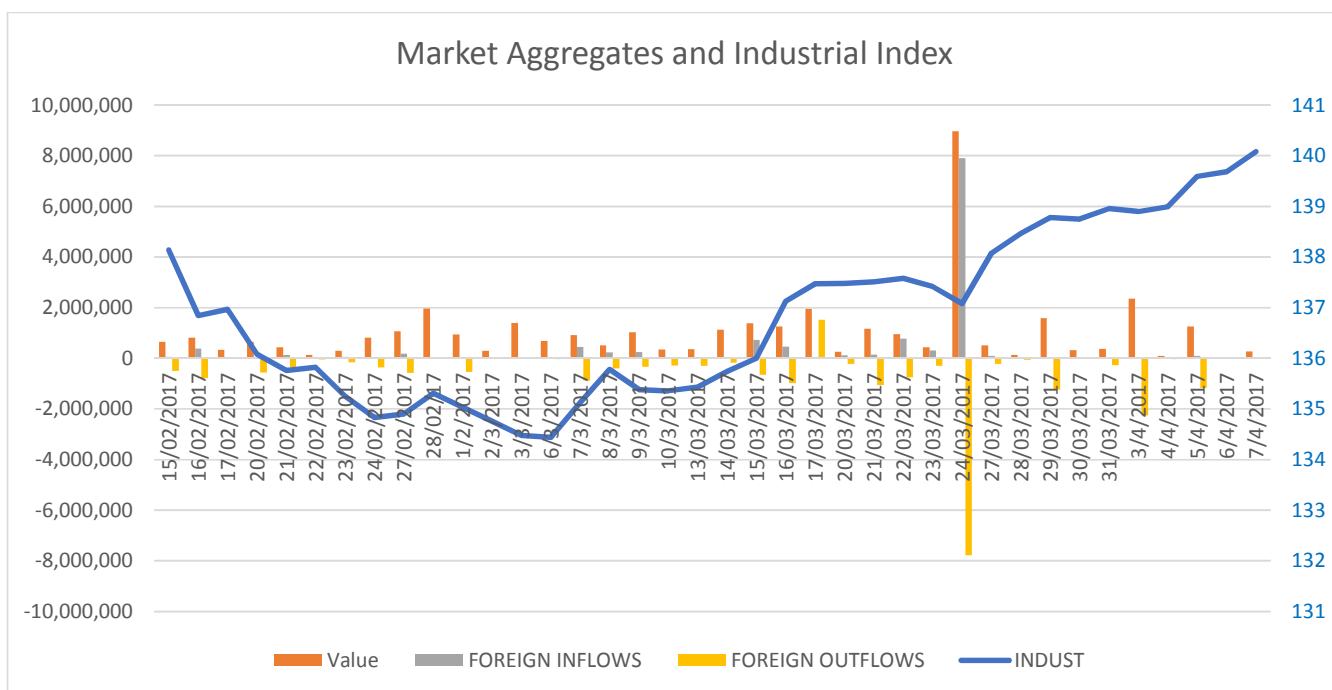
Only four counters traded softer for the week with ZHL leading the fallers as the insurance group came off 15.15% and settled at \$0.0140. Cement manufacturers PPC were down 0.39% in a rare slump for the dually listed group touching \$0.6325 albeit trading thin volumes. Banking group CBZ shed 0.10% and ended at \$0.0998 on subdued demand while, SeedCO came off by a marginal 0.09% and ended the week pegged at \$0.9491.

Mixed outcome for activity aggregates...



	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
Values	2,936,451.73	4,035,658.26	1,099,206.53	37.43
Volumes	16,676,932.00	6,467,470.00	10,209,462	61.22

Market aggregates reflected a mixed outcome on the activity measures as values of trade firmed 37.43% to \$4.0m despite a 61.22% slump in volumes of shares traded 6.5m shares. The mixed outcome could partially be explained by the skew of the market’s liquidity towards high value stocks Delta and SeedCO that accounted for a combined 95% of the weekly spend. Top volume drivers of the week were Delta, Willdale and SeedCo with respective contributions to the aggregate of 57%, 11% and 11%.



**In the news:****NESTLE TARGETS LOW END MARKET EXPORTS**

NESTLÉ Zimbabwe has commissioned new product lines as it targets the low end market. The Nestlé affordable product lines have capacity to produce 5 000 cartons per week and will contribute 10% to the group's total revenue by year-end, managing director Ben Ndiaye said at the commissioning of the lines yesterday. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/04/07/nestle-targets-low-end-market-exports/>

**HWANGE ABANDONS TENDER**

TRI-listed coal miner, Hwange Colliery Company Limited (HCCL), has put on hold the process to select a contractor to resuscitate its underground operations, closed three years ago, saying it was expensive to outsource. <http://www.financialgazette.co.zw/hwange-abandons-tender/>

**PROFIT AFTER TAX FOR SHORT TERM INSURERS UP 190%**

EARNINGS for short-term insurers nearly trebled to \$13,40 million last year from the comparable period in 2015 on the back of an increase in net premium written and a cull in operating expenses, a new report has shown. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/04/07/profit-tax-190-short-term-insurers/>

**CLOTHING INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE 165% GROWTH**

ZIMBABWE'S clothing and textiles manufacturing sector has experienced a growth trajectory over the past five years, with exports growing 165% to \$8,2 million in 2016 from 2012 figures, a latest report has shown. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/04/06/clothing-industry-experiences-165-growth/>

**DEBTORS TORMENT PADENGA**

ZIMBABWE Stock Exchange-listed crocodile skins and meat processor, Padenga Holdings' cash generation declined to US\$4,4 million for the year to December 31, 2016, from US\$13,7 million in the prior year due to increased debtors. <http://www.financialgazette.co.zw/debtors-torment-padenga/>

**UNFREIGHT RECOVERS POSTS PROFIT IN FY16**

UNIFREIGHT reported a net profit of US\$1,7 million for the full year ended December 2016 (FY16) from a net loss of US\$4,2 million in the preceding year after restructuring its business model and an aggressive cost-cutting exercise that saved over US\$5 million. <https://www.theindependent.co.zw/2017/04/07/unifreight-recovers-posts-us17mln-fy16-profit/>

**SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT IN TOBACCO PRICES**

A slight improvement in tobacco prices on the auction floors did little to cheer farmers this week, with growers of the golden leaf protesting the delays in payment. <https://www.theindependent.co.zw/2017/04/07/slight-improvement-tobacco-prices/>

**NSSA PILES PRESSURE ON ZB**



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THE National Social Security Authority (Nssa) has written to ZB Financial Holdings (ZBFH) demanding the convening of an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) where heads are expected to roll over a series of corporate governance issues rocking the group. <https://www.theindependent.co.zw/2017/04/07/nssa-piles-pressure-zbfh/>

### **ZSE TURNOVER UP 7% IN Q1**

The value of traded shares on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) was 7% up in the first quarter of 2017 to \$46 456 616 from the same period last year on the back on an increase in volume, latest statistics have shown. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/04/04/zse-turnover-7-q1/>