

## Weak demand on low liquidity weighs on the ZSE...

	Previous	Current	Change	%Change	YTD %
All share	1,641.07	1,534.34	106.7361	6.50	566.87
Industrial	5,407.17	5,040.96	366.2132	6.77	557.80
Mining	3,880.20	3,944.68	64.4759	1.66	1145.71
Top 10	1,104.45	1,004.43	100.0149	9.06	395.58

The bear market persisted into the week under review amidst tight liquidity and weak demand. The primary ZSE All Share Index fell 6.50% for the week and settled at 1534.34pts weighed down by the top capitalised stocks on the market whose own Top Ten Index was in a 9.06% sell off which left the benchmark pegged at 1004.43pts. The traditional segregated indices, the Minings and the Industrials, closed mixed as the former rose while, the latter was in the red. The Industrials cluster were 6.77% softer week on week at 5,040.96pts as the Minings gained 1.66% to settle at 3944.68pts.

RISERS	PRICE	% Change
MASH.ZW	0.6587	57.77
MSHL.ZW	2.4000	20.00
MEIK.ZW	15.7037	8.70
BIND.ZW	4.0800	2.00
NTFD.ZW	50.0000	1.83
ARIS.ZW	1.4050	1.81
AXIA.ZW	4.0462	1.16
RIOZ.ZW	9.2157	0.17
ECO.ZW	4.8069	0.13
TSL.ZW	5.3500	0.13

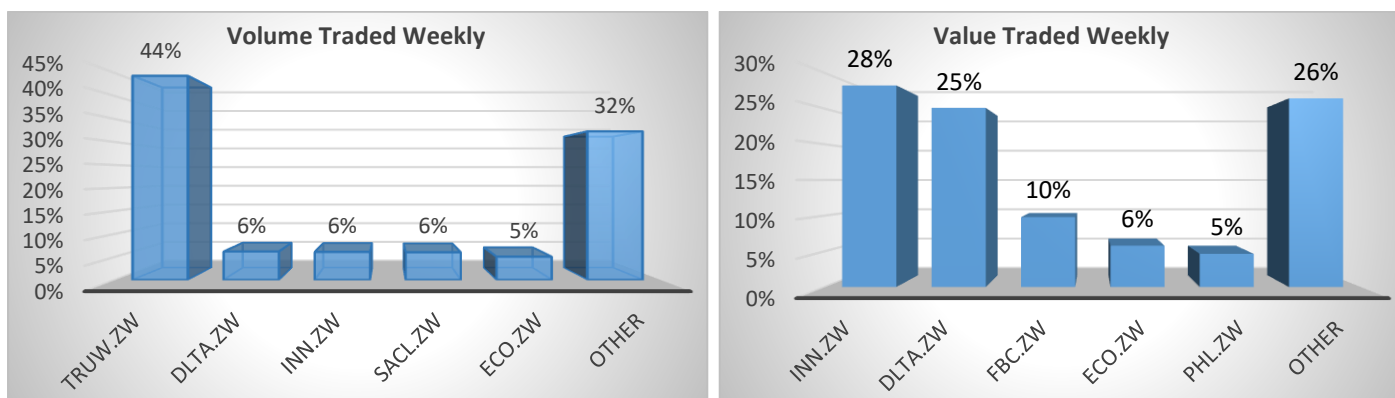
Twenty-seven stocks were down on prior week against ten risers as the market established a negative market breadth. Headlining the market slide was property group Dawn Properties that succumbed 25% to \$0.7500 ahead of the anticipated offer to minorities by African Sun. Banking group CBZ fell 24.39% and ended the week pegged at \$40.0000, where demand could be established in the wake of profit taking. Packaging group Nampak dropped 17.83% and settled at \$0.9501 as First Capital Bank retreated 16.16% to \$0.5031.

African Sun was likewise 8.74% softer at \$1.5000 as demand continued to wane while, stationery group ART fell 8.48% as it closed at \$2.0570. Dairibord fell 8.20% and closed at \$8.40 with Simbisa succumbing 7.33% to \$6.0262 as the selloff in the fast foods group continued. Innscor and Afdis completed the top fallers of the week as they added their weight to the downside on the market.

FALLERS	PRICE	% Change
DAWN.ZW	0.7500	25.00
CBZ.ZW	40.0000	24.39
NPKZ.ZW	0.9501	17.83
FCA.ZW	0.5031	16.16
ASUN.ZW	1.5000	8.74
ARTD.ZW	2.0570	8.48
DZL.ZW	8.4000	8.20
SIM.ZW	6.0262	7.33
INN.ZW	18.7665	6.15
AFDS.ZW	16.0000	5.88

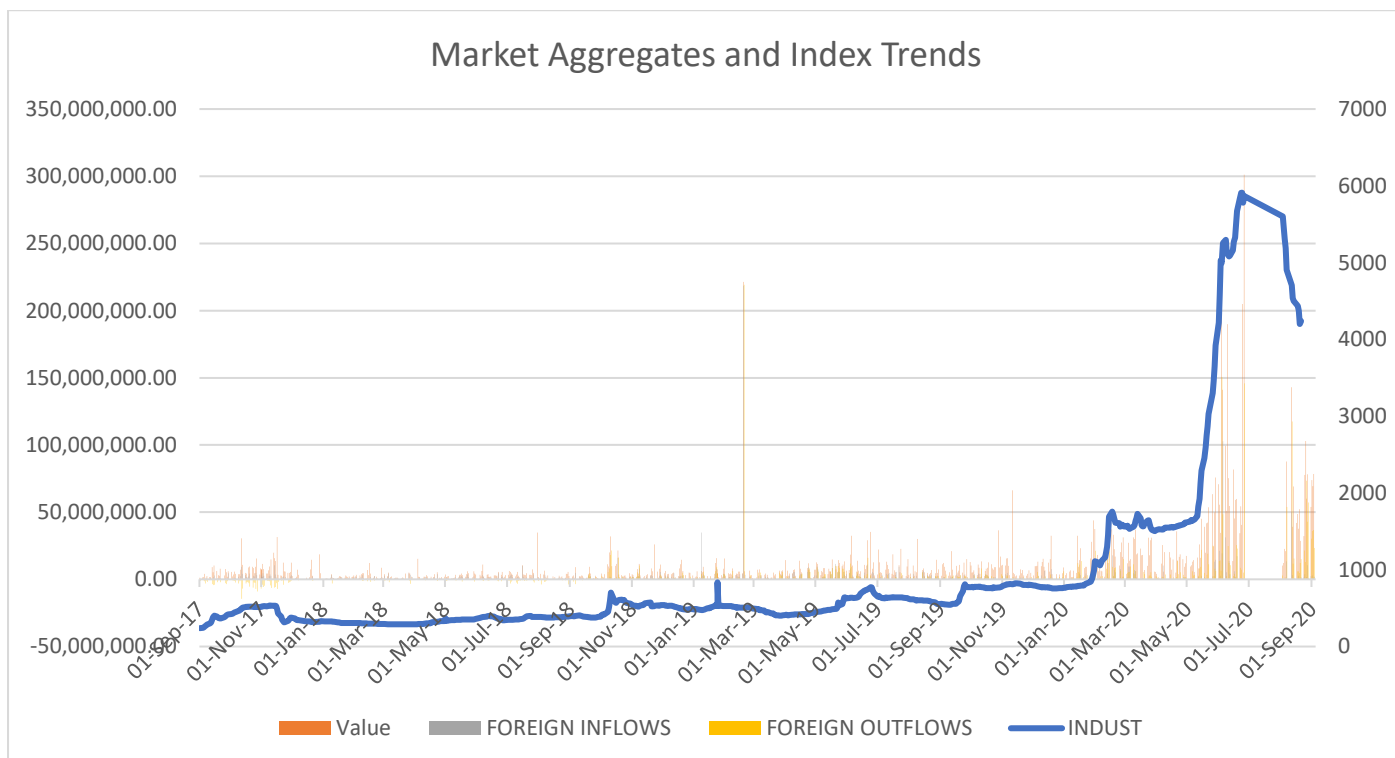
Meanwhile, ten stocks were in the loss mitigation effort headlined by property group MASH which had a cumulative 57.77% weekly gain and closed at \$0.6587 with Masimba Holdings following on a 20% jump that took it to \$2.4000 as demand resurged in the duo. Diversified group Meikles went up 8.70% and settled at \$15.7037 closing with firm bids. Nickel miners Bindura gained 2% week on week as it closed at \$4.0800 while, food processing and packaging group National Foods continued to enjoy strong demand that took the group to \$50.0000. Agriculture based group Ariston added 1.81% to \$1.4050 with Axia adding 1.16% to \$4.0462. Other gains were in RIOZ +0.17% and ECO +0.13%.

### Mixed outcome on aggregates as spend slumps...



	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
<b>Values</b>	339,533,329.75	139,080,701.61	200,452,628.14	59.04
<b>Volumes</b>	27,003,200	33,794,500	6,791,300	25.15

A drop in the market spend underlined a low demand that has characterised the market in recent weeks. The market spend was 59.04% lower than prior week at \$139.08m and this was driven by Innscor, Delta and FBCH that made respective contributions to the totals of 28%, 25% and 10%. Volume traded stood at 33,794,500 and was 25.15% higher than previous week as trades were skewed towards lower value stocks. Apparel retailers Truworths accounted for 44% of the volumes as it emerged the main driver of the volume aggregate.



**In the News**

ZIMBABWE Stock Exchange-listed Cassava Smartech's consolidated revenues for the six months ended August 31, 2020 (H1 FY21) increased by 443% in nominal terms, from the same period last year largely driven by an increase in transactional values due to hyperinflation. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2020/10/cassava-revenue-rises-443/>

A TEAM of Italian engineers undertaking software installation at Proplastics' new plant in Harare had to abort the project during the first half of the year after being recalled to Rome as the COVID-19 pandemic grounded world economies, the firm said this week. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2020/10/italians-recall-proplastics-plant-engineers/>

REGIONAL cement maker PPC says its unit in Zimbabwe recorded approximately 25% sales volume growth between August and September this year compared to the same period last year. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2020/10/robust-growth-at-ppc/>

FINANCIAL group, CBZ Holdings Limited saw a near 39% increase in profit-after-tax to \$1,82 billion in first half of the year due to a 100% rise in non-interest income.

The increase in the profit after tax was from a 2019 comparative of \$1,31 billion. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2020/10/cbz-h1-profit-after-tax-up-39/>

First Mutual Holdings (FML) shareholders, have given a thumbs-up to a deal that will see the insurance group's two main units placed under a Botswana based holding company. <https://www.herald.co.zw/fml-shareholders-approve-restructuring/>

A good work ethic and a sense of accountability in the running of Impala Platinum's Zimbabwe subsidiary, Zimplats, are some of the factors that have ensured solid financial returns for the company despite the unfavourable socio-economic conditions in that country. <https://www.herald.co.zw/leadership-accountability-behind-good-zimplats-returns/>

Econet Wireless Zimbabwe (Econet) says demand for its virtual self-service platforms is surging as customers adapt, amid ongoing social distancing measures during the Covid-19 pandemic. <https://www.herald.co.zw/just-in-surge-in-demand-for-econets-self-care-solutions/>

Listed piping systems producer, Proplastics, volumes grew 64 percent in the third quarter compared to the same period last year after a stellar recovery from Covid-19 pressures that saw volumes drop 18 percent in interim to June 2020. <https://www.herald.co.zw/proplastics-volumes-margins-in-rebound/>

The Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) ended September 7,5 percent higher and investors may have made a killing on real returns, if inflation for the month comes out lower. <https://www.herald.co.zw/zse-in-record-monthly-turnover/>

LISTED agriculture implements manufacturer, Zimplow, recorded improved profitability in the first half of 2020 as most unit boosted revenues despite the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic to help the group post a 12 percent growth in revenue to \$479 million from \$428 million the prior year comparative, in inflation-adjusted terms. <https://www.herald.co.zw/zimplow-interim-results-defy-covid-19/>

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