

ZSE soars as industrials' YTD return tops 23.01%...

	Previous	Current	Change	%Change	YTD %
Industrial	167.98	177.79	9.8100	5.84	23.01
Mining	69.63	69.63	0.0000	0.00	19.01

Bullish winds continued to blow on the ZSE in the week under review spurred by surging demand across the board amidst growing demand for equities. The benchmark Industrial Index charged by 5.84% for the week and ended pegged at 177.79pt; with this gain the industrials closed on a cumulative 23.01% year to date return. The Mining Index had another dismal week of subdued activity resulting in it closing unchanged at 69.63pts while, its year to date return stood at 19.01%. Spurring the demand in equities, has been the slight better than anticipated financials in the recent reporting season and this week SeedCO gave the market a good dose of good financials after reporting a 40% increase in revenues and a 66% surge in profit before tax as operations in Zimbabwe propelled the outcome. The seed company also reported plans to demerge regional operations and separately list them on a regional exchange. Elsewhere, sugar manufacturers Hippo also reported a significantly improved performance for the year to March 2017 posting earnings of \$7.7m against a loss position in the prior year. Both SeedCO and Hippo found their places amongst the top weekly risers as the market rewarded their stellar performances.

Weekly Risers

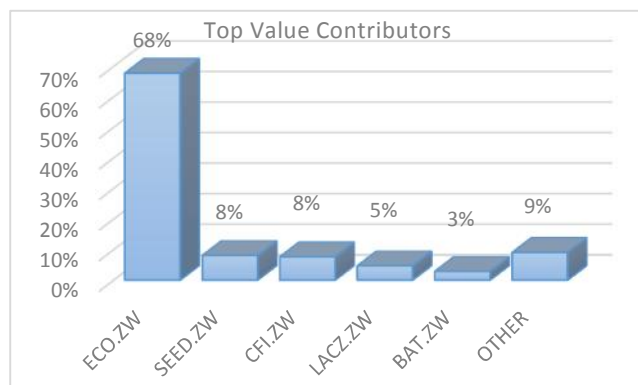
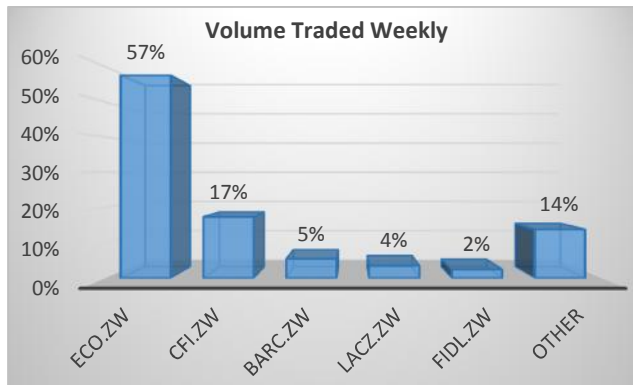
RISERS	PRICE	% Change
ZIMP.ZW	0.0100	33.33
NPKZ.ZW	0.0384	20.00
HIPO.ZW	0.6125	17.22
MEIK.ZW	0.2851	14.04
MASH.ZW	0.0205	13.89
ARIS.ZW	0.0090	12.50
DLTA.ZW	1.1020	12.45
SIM.ZW	0.2000	11.11
SEED.ZW	1.1000	8.91
INN.ZW	0.6510	8.50

It was a riser's only week as bulls continued to charge on the market. Thirty two counters were in the black leaving the market with a positive market breadth as the ZSE charged. Leading the market charge was news group Zimpapers that surged 33.33% and ended at \$0.0100 while, packaging and processing group Nampak Zimbabwe put on 20% and touched \$0.0384. Sugar manufacturers Hippo went up 17.22% as the market cheered its FY17 outcome while, diversified group Meikles put on 14.04% and closed at \$0.2851 on firm demand; property group Mash surged 13.89% and closed pegged at \$0.0205. Agricultural based group Ariston was up 12.50%, as the market's top capitalised stock Delta led the momentum stocks in anchoring the market gains after putting on 12.45% over the week and settling at \$1.102. Simbisa was up 11.11% at \$0.2000 with SeedCO climbing 8.91% on growing demand following the release of its financials for the full year to March 2017. Diversified group Innscor went up 8.50% and ended the week at \$0.6510 as it completed the top risers of the week

Other heavies to trade upwards included cigarette manufacturers BAT that was up 2.7% on firm demand taking the group to a year to date high of \$17.1000. Dually listed regional cement manufacturers PPC climbed 2.2% and ended at \$0.6675 while, the other dually listed stock Old Mutual firmed 0.55% to closing the session with a volume weighted average price of \$3.7908. The dually listed fungible stocks have seen their price on the local market trade at an average 50% premium to the price obtaining in other markets as they have

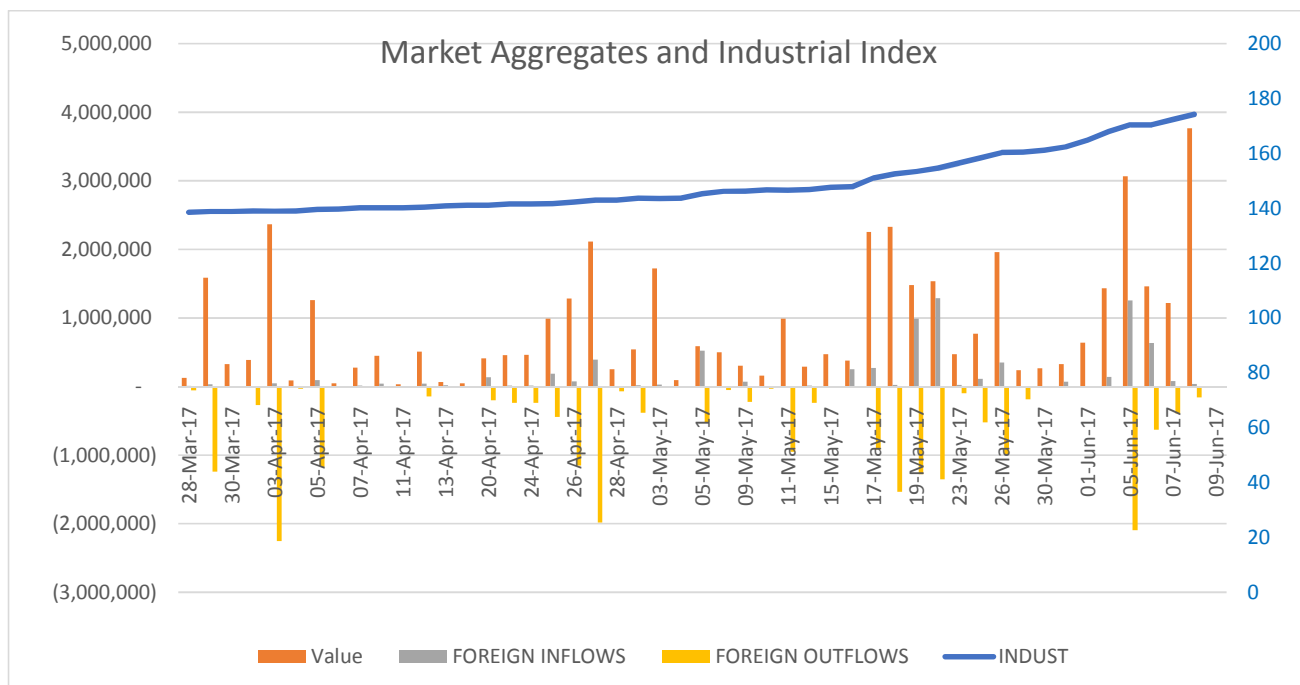
gradually become one avenue for repatriating funds in the wake of failed and delayed remittances.

Econet anchors market activity...



	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
Values	2,901,360.59	13,557,908.92	10,656,548.33	367.29
Volumes	8,859,888.00	45,008,647.00	36,148,759	408.00

Activity aggregates spiked in the week under review spurred by growing demand and spats of supply as profit taking sets in on selected counters. Volumes of the week were up 408% with Econet driving the bulk of the aggregate as the group accounted for 57% of the total. The market spend ballooned 367% spurred largely by Econet which again was the most liquid stock on the market driving 68% of the value of trades as other notable trades were seen in SeedCO and CFI which made circa 8% contributions each to the weekly total.



In the News

Hippo back in the black on low imports

Listed sugar concern, Hippo Valley Estates Limited, is back in the black after posting a \$7,7 million profit during the year ended March 2017 from a \$8,8 million loss in the comparable period last year on the back of better pricing and low imports into the market.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/06/09/hippo-back-black-low-imports/>

SeedCo PAT up

Seed producers, Seed Co, recorded a 41% increase in net earnings for the year ended March 31, 2017 to \$20,7 million on the back of increased revenue emanating from a strong demand for maize seed.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/06/09/seed-co-pat-command-agric/>

Meikles appoints new MD for hospitality

MEIKLES Limited has appointed Carol White as managing director of Meikles Hospitality, becoming the first female executive to hold such a post.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/06/08/meikles-appoints-white-head-hospitality-unit/>

Zimra surpasses May revenue target

THE Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (Zimra) has surpassed its May target with gross collections rising 17% to \$307,35 million on the back of intensified audits and enforcement activities, the government's revenue collector has said.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/06/07/zimra-surpasses-may-revenue-target/>

Tobacco deliveries increase by 13%

A TOTAL of 144,2 million kg of tobacco valued \$415,7 million has been sold as of Wednesday last week, as deliveries to the country's auction floors increase, latest statistics from the Tobacco Industry Marketing Board (TIMB) have shown.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/06/06/tobacco-deliveries-increase-13/>

Supermarkets record sales growth

ZIMBABWE's retail sector continues to record sales growth, despite the explosion of informal trade, thanks in part to the increased use of formal electronic payment methods as the country's bank note shortage persists.

<http://www.financialgazette.co.zw/supermarkets-record-sales-growth/>

FMB in Zimbabwe for long time

BARCLAYS Plc last week announced the sale of its stake in Barclays Bank Zimbabwe to First Merchant Bank (FMB) of Malawi, stunning a market that had been intrigued by a lawsuit the previous week by 63 workers seeking to block the transaction.

<http://www.financialgazette.co.zw/were-investing-in-zimbabwe-for-the-long-haul-fmb/>

Nicoz stops sale of cluster homes

Tight market conditions and economic uncertainty rocking the property market have forced listed short-term insurer, Nicoz Diamond (Nicoz), to hold the sale of its cluster homes, the company has said.

<https://www.theindependent.co.zw/2017/06/09/nicoz-stops-sale-cluster-homes/>

Econet still refusing to share infrastructure

Information Communication Technology minister Supa Mandiwanzira says Econet Wireless is still refusing to fully share its infrastructure despite a legal framework put in place.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/06/05/econet-still-refusing-share-infrastructure-govt/>



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