

ZSE at record highs as bull run extend ...

	Previous	Current	Change	%Change	YTD %
All share	500.00	693.69	193.6900	38.74	201.50
Industrial	1,654.38	2,289.51	635.1300	38.39	198.76
Mining	857.80	1,294.78	436.9800	50.94	308.89
Top 10	401.95	584.39	182.4400	45.39	188.33

The ZSE sustained a rally into the second week of May culminating in whopping gains in all the market's indices as the stock market corrects to reflect the inflationary economic environment. Of the four benchmarks we review, all surged with the least gain of 38.39% being seen in the Industrial Index as it brisked past the 2,000pts mark and close at 2,289.51pts while, the resources led the market charge as the Mining index went up by a cumulative 50.94% for the week. The All Share Index added 38.74% for the week to 693.69pts while, the Top Ten Index firmed 45.39% and closed pegged at 584.39pts. Meanwhile, a flurry of trading updates from the companies underlined heavily discounted valuations on the market as companies reported earnings that more than doubled in most cases though declining consumer spend appears a real threat to operational sustainability.

RISERS	PRICE	% Change
ZPI.ZW	0.3120	106.62
ARTD.ZW	1.5000	101.34
EDGR.ZW	0.6350	98.38
MMDZ.ZW	0.1055	91.82
OKZ.ZW	3.7416	73.47
SACL.ZW	0.1380	72.50
TURN.ZW	0.4320	67.44
TRUW.ZW	0.1670	67.00
ZIMR.ZW	0.7200	63.64
CSZL.ZW	5.2567	61.74

The unprecedented bullish charge on the market saw record performance with all forty-seven active counters on the market this week closing in the black with no bears showing. Only five counters saw growths of less than 10% while, fifteen counters posted cumulative weekly gains of at least 50% as the bulls charged. Headlining the market charge was property stock ZPI which more than doubled its value with a 106.62% surge taking it to \$0.3120 as stationery group ARTD ballooned 101.34% and had its price pegged at \$1.5000.

Apparel retailers Edgars joined the surges on a 98.38% in the wake of its FY 2020 and closed at \$0.6350. Pharmaceutical group Medtech, seemingly spurred by the recent high demand for hygiene products in the face of the Covid 19 pandemic, went up 91.82% and closed at \$0.1055 while, retail giant OKZIM put on 73.47% to end the week pegged at \$3.7416. Sugar processing and packaging group Star Africa put on 72.50% buoyed by the market wide resurgent demand and closed at \$0.1380 while, construction products manufacturers Turnall was up 67.44% and ended at \$0.4320.

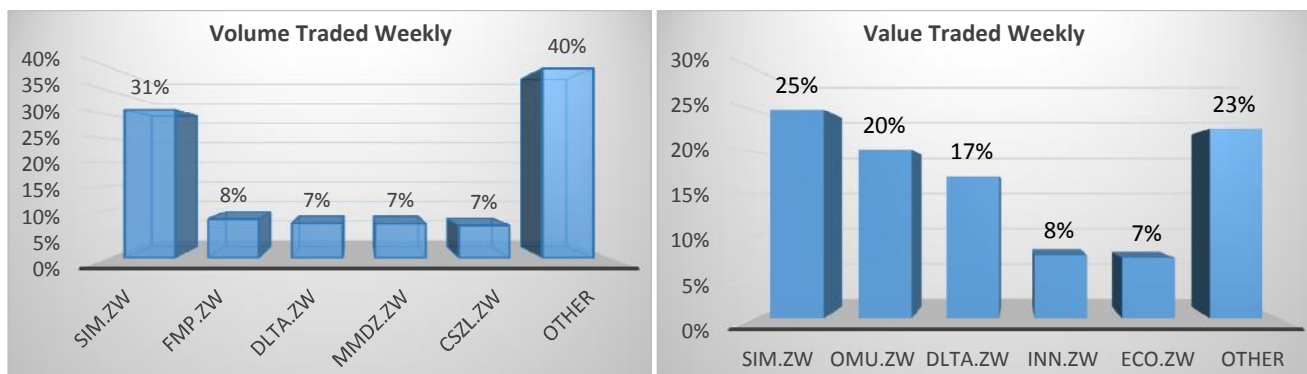
The market's rising tide was more pronounced in mid-tier stocks as seen in their dominance of the top ten gainers for the week. Truworths was not to be outdone as the apparel retailer similarly surged 67% and closed at \$0.1670, as demand filtered across the board. Insurance group ZHL ballooned 63.64% and closed at \$0.7200. The market's top capitalised stock Cassava added its weight to the market charge as it anchored the top ten risers on a 61.74% surge that took it to an all-time high of \$5.2567.



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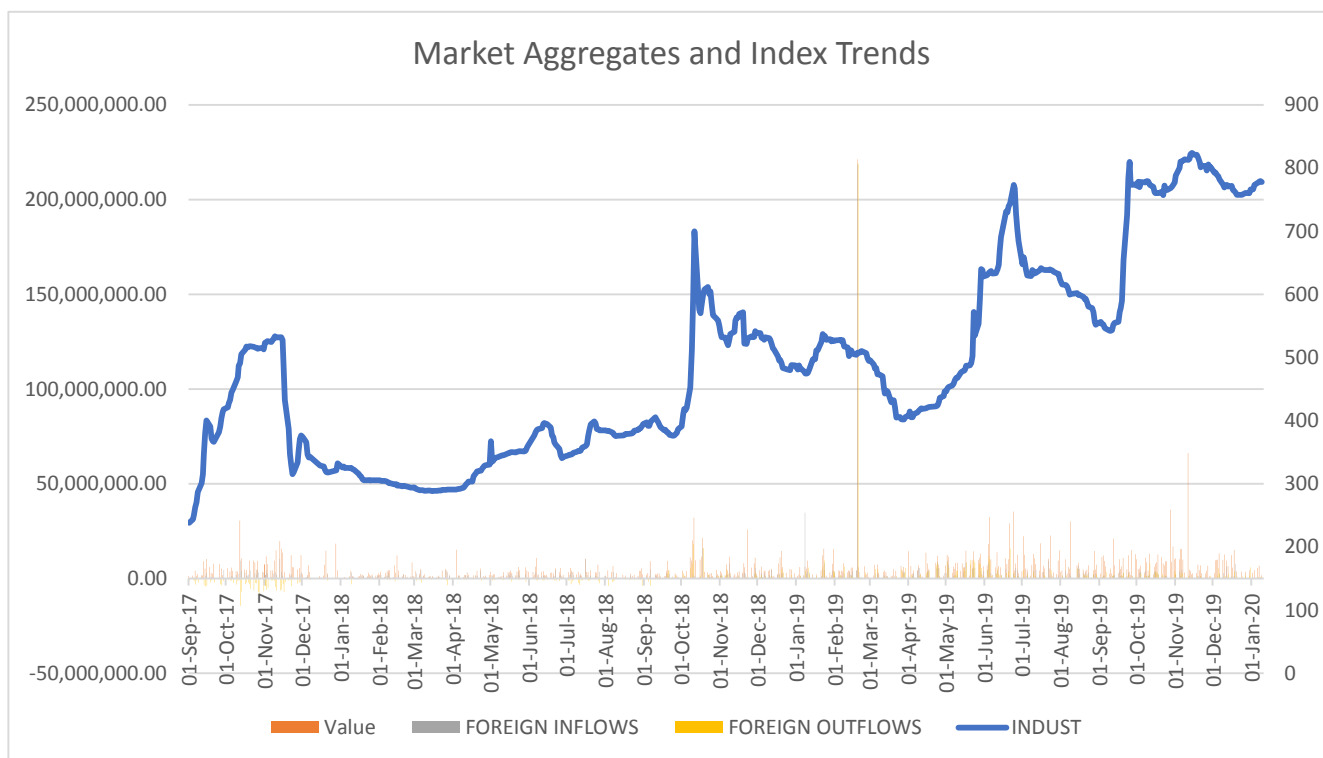
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Simbisa emerged the market favourite as volumes and values surge...



	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
Values	53,096,137.74	111,107,904.17	58,011,766.44	109.26
Volumes	18,299,767.00	29,449,564	11,149,797	60.93

The market enjoyed a boost in activity which saw volumes surge 60.93% to 29.45m shares while, value of trades ballooned 109.26% and closed at \$111.11m. Driving the weekly volumes was Simbisa and First Mutual Properties which accounted for a combined 39% of the weekly aggregate. Value of trades at \$111.11m were driven by market heavies Simbisa, Old Mutual and Delta that claimed 25%, 20% and 17% of the aggregate, respectively.



In the News

Listed firm, Zimre Holdings, says income from its linchpin subsidiary – Zimre Property Holdings – were in line with initially set targets, but voids and debtors have increased as the coronavirus pandemic worsened in the later part of the quarter. <https://www.herald.co.zw/zimre-in-solid-q1-performance/>

VAYA Logistics has launched VAYA Express Shopper, a free personal shopping service that allows customers to identify and pay for the groceries they want in a shop, and a dedicated ‘express shopper’ does the shopping for them, and delivers it to them. <https://www.herald.co.zw/vaya-on-grocery-deliveries/>

Cassava Fintech International (CFI), a subsidiary of Econet Global, has launched an enhanced voice and video conferencing service that allows up to 20 people on one call. <https://www.herald.co.zw/cassava-unveils-sasai-teamtalk/>

The High Court has declared unconstitutional, a Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) exchange control directive converting sums in accounts originally designated in US dollars into Zimbabwe dollar-denominated accounts, ordering a bank to pay a particular holder of such an account in foreign currency within seven days. <https://www.herald.co.zw/high-court-reverses-rbz-currency-conversion/>

LISTED cable manufacturer Cafca says it believes it will remain in business in the foreseeable future mainly due to no foreign debts and consistent supply of raw materials, despite the effects of COVID-19 threatening the survival of businesses globally. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2020/05/cafca-hopes-to-ride-out-covid-19/>

AT a time many companies have struggled to make ends meet in the past financial year, listed agro-industrial firm Zimplow Holdings Limited has delivered a strong set of results. In the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, the company is seeing opportunities, even in the middle of unprecedented disruptions to global product chains. <https://www.theindependent.co.zw/2020/05/08/zimplow-is-eyeing-blue-chip-status-nyakudya/>

DEPOSIT-TAKING micro-finance entity Getbucks says profit after tax for the quarter ending March 31, 2020, was ZW\$17,1 million, but raised concern over the twin perils of hyper-inflation and Covid-19. <https://www.theindependent.co.zw/2020/05/15/getbucks-posts-zw17m-profit/>



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