

Profit taking as Inncor heads to VFEX...

	Previous	Current	Change(pts)	%Change	YTD %
All Share	29,944.34	27,301.03	2,643.32	8.83	40.05
Industrial	98,856.61	90,073.82	8,782.79	8.88	40.27
Top 10	19,085.82	16,645.38	2,440.44	12.79	35.21
Mid Cap	55,596.86	56,883.05	1,286.19	2.31	55.24

The market saw weakness in the week under review, spurred by profit taking in heavies as three of the benchmarks succumbed to losses. The ZSE Top Ten Index led the benchmarks' losses with a 12.79% decline that took it to 16,645pts. The primary All Share Index dropped 8.83% week on week as it ended at 27,301.03pts while, the Industrial Index was down 8.88% at 90,073.82pts. The Mid-Cap Index was the sole riser of the week gaining 2.31% to 56,883.05pts, buoyed by a rebound in African Sun and Ariston. Elsewhere, Inncor traded 14.47m shares since its announcement to move to VFEX on the 13th of December 2022 until today; the blue chip's last trading session on the ZSE as investors sought to take up cover in USD\$ traded stocks.

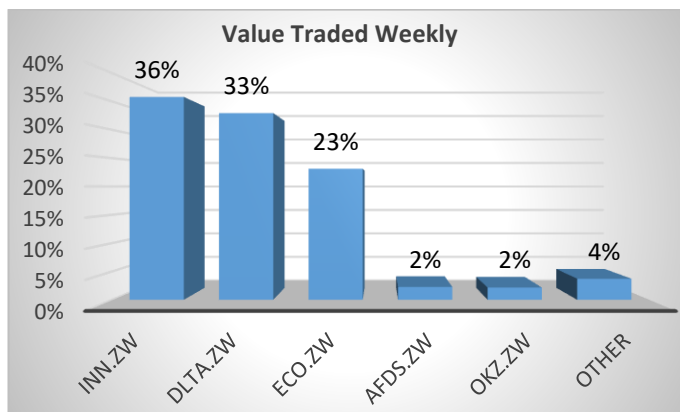
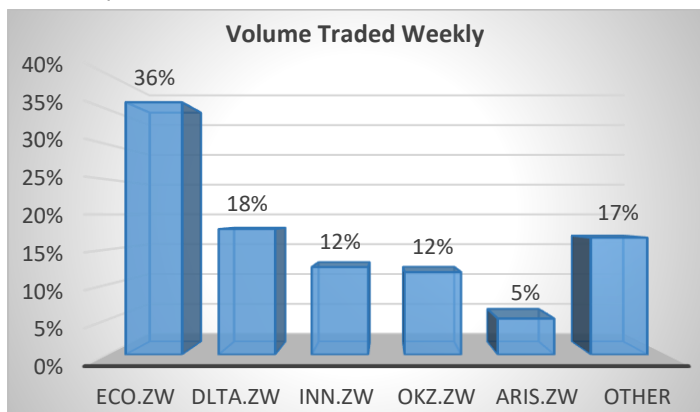
RISERS	PRICE	% Change
ASUN.ZW	62.0124	24.81
ARIS.ZW	5.0000	21.25
EDGR.ZW	13.0000	19.82
MASH.ZW	8.2000	17.13
CFI.ZW	568.6500	14.99
CAFCA.ZW	304.2500	14.98
ZIMP.ZW	5.0000	14.94
TURN.ZW	5.0039	12.64
FIDL.ZW	27.0000	12.50
MEIK.ZW	200.0000	10.56

A positive breadth emerged despite the overall market closing the week pointing southwards. Twenty-two stocks garnered some gains on the bourse against fifteen fallers with the weighting of the fallers cluster responsible for dragging the market into the red. Heavy cap Delta emerged as the worst performer of the week with a 22.98% slide to \$500.0141 on decent trading volumes. Telecoms giant Econet let go 19.94% to trade at \$175.0000, albeit on decent trading volumes. Bankers CBZ fell 15.15% and closed at \$140.0000 on weakened demand. SeedCo Limited was down 13.35% to end the week at \$200.0000, its weekly-low in swinging trades. Star Africa and Ecocash succumbed to selling pressure and shed 10.29% and 9.84% to end the week pegged at \$1.7232 and \$70.5000. Retail group Axia sank 5.07% and settled at \$133.9909 while, First Capital Bank was down 3.88% at \$18.2567 by the close of week.

FALLERS	PRICE	% Change
DLTA.ZW	500.0141	22.98
ECO.ZW	175.0023	19.94
CBZ.ZW	140.0000	15.15
SEED.ZW	200.0000	13.35
SACL.ZW	1.7232	10.29
EHZL.ZW	70.5000	9.84
AXIA.ZW	133.9909	5.07
FCA.ZW	18.2567	3.88
ZIMR.ZW	8.7500	3.81
GBZW.ZW	22.5000	2.17
DLTA.ZW	500.0141	22.98

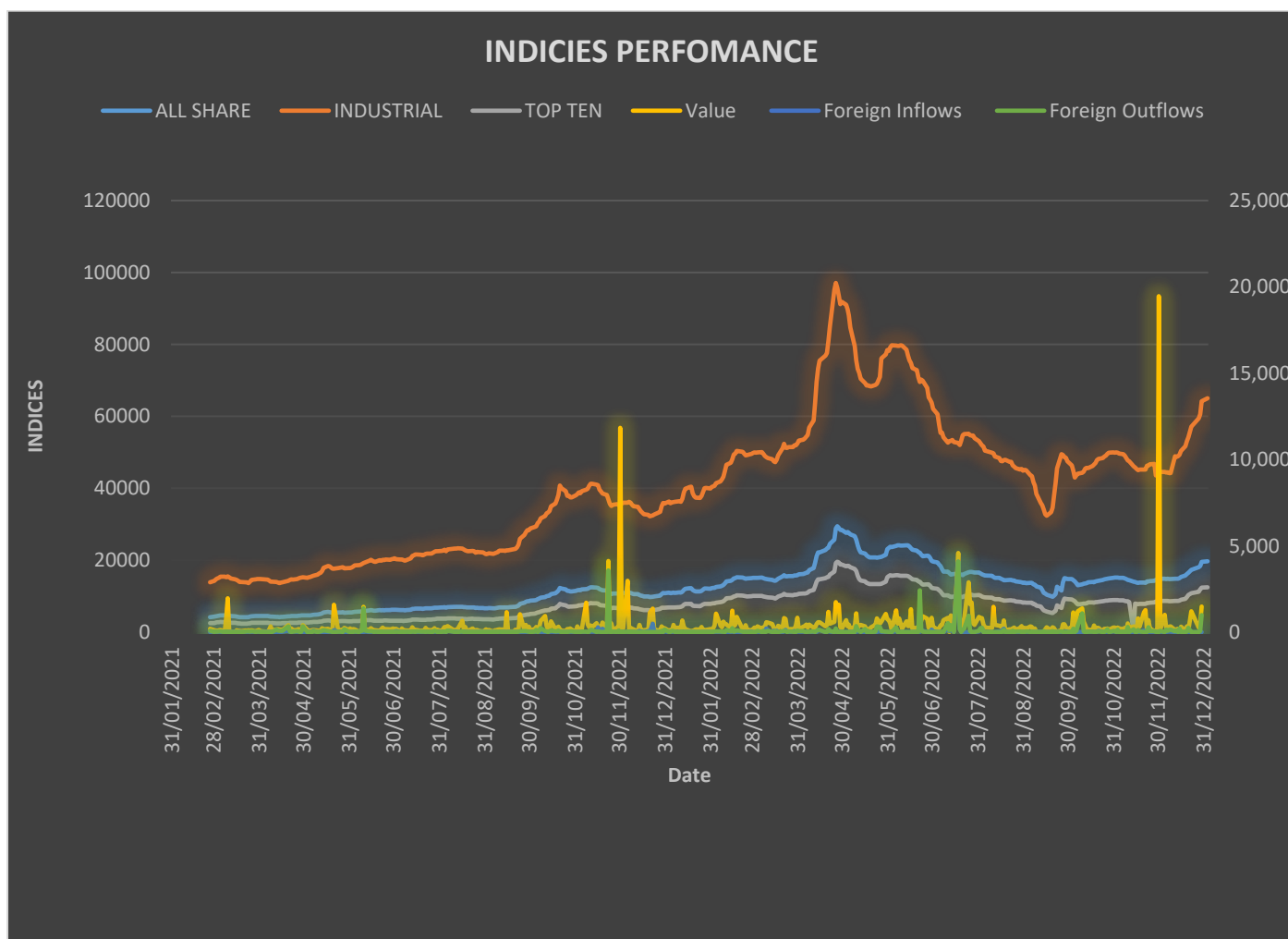
The loss mitigation effort was led by hotelier African Sun that has been in high demand shoring 24.81% over the week and settling at \$62.0124. Agriculture concern Ariston followed after surging 21.25% to \$5.0000, closing bid at \$5.2500 for the week. The duo of Edgars and Mashonaland Holdings added gains of 19.82% and 17.13% as they ended at \$13.0000 and \$8.2000 in that order. Persistent demand in CFI Holdings saw the counter firming up 14.99% by end of the week in rare trades while, CAFCA and Zimpapers went up 14.98% and 14.94% week on week to \$304.2500 and \$5.0000 respectively. Troika of Turnall, Fidelity and Meikles were the 8th, 9th and 10th winners to close at \$5.0039, \$27.0000 and \$200.0000 individually, where supply could be found.

Weekly totals weaken...



	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
Values	9,865,715,352.75	8,162,495,024.25	1,703,220,328.50	17.26
Volumes	56,266,900	28,695,000	27,571,900	49.00

The value of trades was down 17.26% at \$8.16bn while, the volumes exchanged in like manner retreated 49.00% and closed at 28.70m shares. Econet drove the volume aggregate of the week claiming 36% of the total. Driving the value outturn of the week were the trio of blue chips in Inncor, Delta and Econet that made corresponding contributions of 36%, 33% and 23%.



NEWS

Zimbabwe Stock Exchange-listed retail group Meikles Limited, says it has been forced to reduce operating hours due to the excessive power outages. The country has been reeling under rolling power cuts of up to 21 hours daily after the Zambezi River Authority (ZRA) ordered the Zimbabwe Power Company (ZPC), a subsidiary of Zesa Holdings, to scale down operations at the Kariba South Hydro Power Station due to low water levels last year.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/business/article/200007526/power-outages-weigh-down-meikles>

Zimbabwe's best commercial bank, NMB, returned to Kwekwe as it opened its newest branch, the 13th overall, in the industrial and mining city. NMB closed the Kwekwe branch in 2020 as it accelerated its digital transformation, which meant it had to reduce a physical presence in some locations at the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the launch of the bank, the chief banking officer Loyd Kazunga mentioned that the opening of the new bank is to push our strategic thrust of being customer centric.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/business/article/200007422/zims-best-bank-returns-to-kwekwe>

The country's largest sugar producer Goldstar has closed its Harare refinery citing 'an exorbitant rise' in raw sugar prices. In a statement, Goldstar Sugars commercial executive, Revesai Gwenhamo said the increase in prices of raw sugar have made it difficult for the company to continue operations and have engaged suppliers for a way forward.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/business/article/200007442/goldstar-shuts-down-harare-sugar-refinery>

Hippo Valley Estates hinted that its sugar production for the upcoming 2023/24 season will be marginally above levels achieved in the 2022/23 season after the company suffered a drop in output for the nine months ended December 31, 2022. Mr Canaan Dube, the company's chairman highlighted in a trading update that the sugar industry's output was up 2%. Total cane milled by the company increased by 3% during the period under review but however, one of the company's two production lines malfunctioned in November 2022, forcing an early shutdown of the line for the remainder of the season. As a result, 27 001 tonnes of cane had to be diverted to the Triangle sugar mill for crushing.

<https://www.herald.co.zw/hippo-valley-forecasts-higher-sugar-output/>

The government has entered into fresh negotiations with an unnamed lender to ink fresh power funding deals as part of efforts to address the country's power crisis. Export-Import Bank of India has already made available US\$310 million to bolster the rehabilitation and expansion of Hwange Thermal Power Station but authorities said more funding was required.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/business/article/200007469/govt-courts-new-bank-for-power-deal>

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