

Bear market persists ...

	Previous	Current	Change(pts)	%Change	YTD %
All share	10,596.90	9,914.76	682.14	6.44	277.08
Industrial	35,020.17	32,739.96	2,280.21	6.51	273.87
Top 10	6,668.26	6,137.22	531.04	7.96	270.94

The week under review did not bring much respite to the ZSE as the bearish sentiment persisted, amidst seemingly tight liquidity. All three indices in our analysis closed trending southwards with the All-Share Index ending the week 6.44% softer at 9914.76pts, weighed down by the market heavies that suffered the brunt of selloffs to see the Top Ten Index drop 7.96% to settle at 6137.22pts. The traditional Industrial Index dropped 6.51% to end the week at 32739.96pts. Meanwhile, the local currency which continued to lose ground against the greenback on the auction market since inception, will close the year at a rate of 108.6660 after the RBZ-MPC Committee resolved that the last auction for the year was on the 14th of December and the first auction of 2022 will be on the 11th of January.

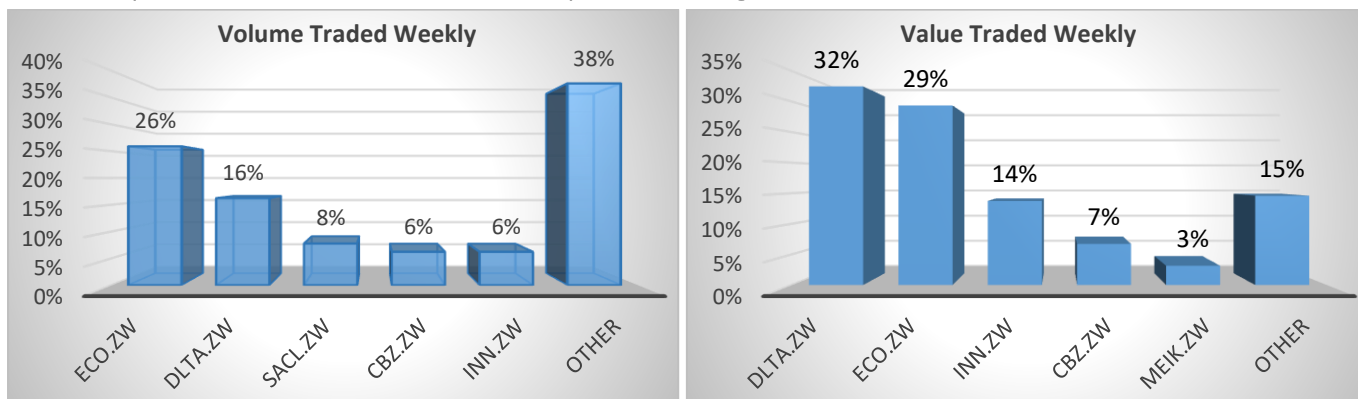
RISERS	PRICE	% Change
RTG.ZW	7.0000	40.00
ASUN.ZW	7.0000	16.67
MMDZB.ZW	22.6667	13.33
NMB.ZW	11.0000	11.11
CFI.ZW	80.0000	10.80
FIDL.ZW	11.0000	10.00
WILD.ZW	2.9020	3.64
RIOZ.ZW	38.0000	2.70
FMP.ZW	7.8000	2.58
FBC.ZW	33.2500	1.11

For the second successive week thirty laggards were cause of the market's bloodbath. The week under review closed with a negative breath of eighteen as twelve gainers failed to reduce the losses. Hoteliers RTG and African Sun topped the winners table on a 40% surge to \$ 7.0000 in the former and a 16.67 rise to a similar \$7.0000 in the latter. MedTech Class B shares inched up 13.33% to trade at \$22.6667, albeit on scanty scrip exchanged. Bankers NMB overturned prior week's losses on a 11.11% increase to close at \$11.0000 as agricultural concern CFI improved to 10.80% to close at \$80.0000. Fidelity Insurers and Willdale were 10.00% and 3.64% stronger to trade at \$11.0000 and \$2.9020 individually. RioZIM, the only mining firm that remains on the bourse recovered 2.70% to \$38.0000. First Mutual Properties grew to \$7.8000 on a 2.58% lift while, FBC capped the top ten gainers on a 1.11% advance to close at vwap of 33.25000.

FALLERS	PRICE	% Change
MASH.ZW	2.6780	34.44
MEIK.ZW	106.8273	31.03
DZL.ZW	34.0000	29.17
TURN.ZW	3.9961	20.08
HIPO.ZW	260.0000	17.46
ARTD.ZW	9.0000	17.43
FCA.ZW	3.0044	13.95
UNIF.ZW	29.5385	13.12
LACZ.ZW	80.0000	12.09
OKZ.ZW	21.1360	11.93

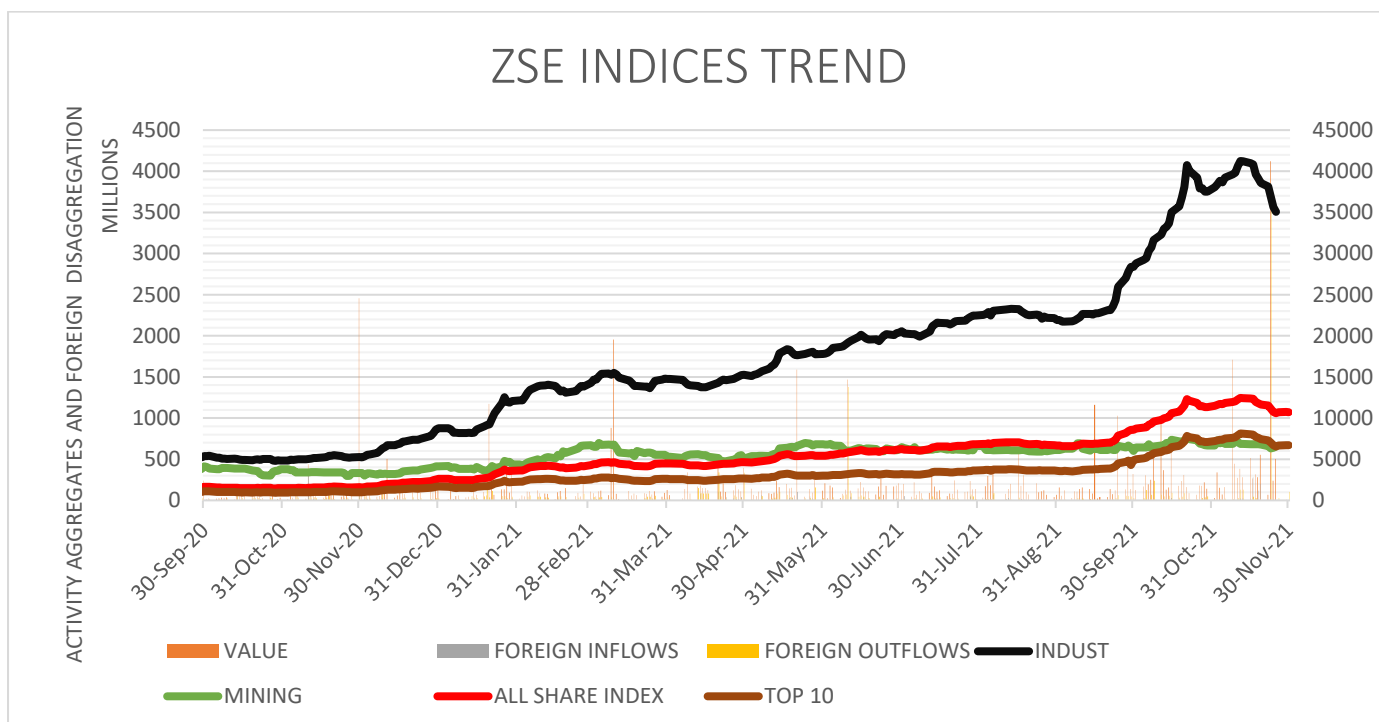
Mashonaland Holdings took the biggest knock of the week on a 34.44% nosedive to trade at \$2.6780, where demand could be found. Conglomerate Meikles recoiled 31.03% to \$106.8273 as Dairibord followed on a 29.17% plummet to settle at \$34.0000. Turnall and Hippo Valley tumbled 20.08% and 17.46% to trade at \$3.9961 and \$260.0000 in that order. Art Corporation was 17.43% softer at \$9.0000 while, bankers First Capital dropped 13.95% to \$3.0044. Unifreight closed at \$29.5385, closing 13.12% softer week on week, on selling pressure. Lafarge Cement succumbed 12.09% to \$80.0000 as erratic trades were recorded in the week. Retailer Ok Zimbabwe fell 11.93% to \$21.1360 having traded a low of \$21.0000 in Friday's trading session.

Blue Chips contribute to turnover on profit taking ...



	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
Values	1,044,832,534.50	763,604,105.25	281,228,429.25	26.92
Volumes	16,299,100	10,913,100	5,386,000	33.04

The Blue-Chip counters were the stocks of choice in the week notwithstanding profit taking on the ZSE. Delta, Econet, Innscor and CBZ accounted for a combined 85% of the weekly turnover. The value traded declined 26.92% to close at \$763.6m with volumes in like manner declining 33.04% to 10,913,100 shares which exchanged hands. The twosome in heavy caps of Econet and Delta topped the volumes traded claiming 42% of the outturn.



In the News

Zimbabwe's business sector has warned that an introduction of a hard lockdown will suffocate the economy amid fears the recent spike in new infections would force the government to opt for the route to contain the spread of the Covid-19 virus. <https://businesstimes.co.zw/business-frets-over-lockdown/>

Zimbabwe's tight fiscal consolidation and a projected 5% economic growth next year faces a test as the government is expected to increase its expenditure ahead of the 2023 polls. <https://businesstimes.co.zw/elections-to-rattle-fiscal-consolidation/>

Zimbabwe's yellow metal export receipts rose 7.6% to US\$1.057bn by mid-November this year from US\$982.3m during the same period last year due to improved gold deliveries. <https://businesstimes.co.zw/gold-export-receipts-top-us1bn/>

The 2022 National Budget sailed through Senate yesterday, two weeks after lawmakers had threatened to reject the Finance and Appropriation Bill arguing the government's statement of expenses and income was "useless". <https://businesstimes.co.zw/senate-approves-2022-national-budget/>

Meikles Limited is engaging the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (Zimra) for tax relief to facilitate its proposed demerger of Tanganda and the listing of the agricultural concern on the local bourse, Business Times can report. <https://businesstimes.co.zw/meikles-engages-zimra-for-tax-relief/>

The Zimbabwean economy is widely expected to grow in 2022 with the government forecasting a 5,5% real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicts a modest growth of 3,1% for the same period while the World Bank is closely aligned to government expectations as it expects the economy to grow by 5,1%. <https://www.theindependent.co.zw/2021/12/17/notable-risks-for-zim-economy-in-2022/>

Following the latest forex auction overseen by the RBZ, ZW\$108,666 was exchanged for a single dollar, reflecting a tiny appreciation of the local currency of less than 1% from a week ago. This week's ZW\$ gain becomes the second in a space of four weeks in a year characterised by weekly depreciations. <https://www.theindependent.co.zw/2021/12/17/interbank-weekly-review-4/>

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