

## Bullish sentiment takes benchmarks to record highs...

|            | Previous  | Current   | Change(pts) | %Change | YTD % |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------|-------|
| All share  | 14,077.59 | 15,228.52 | 1,150.93    | 8.18    | 38.48 |
| Industrial | 46,553.45 | 50,358.54 | 3,805.09    | 8.17    | 38.56 |
| Top 10     | 9,393.29  | 10,211.38 | 818.09      | 8.71    | 47.29 |
| Mid Cap    | 22,583.29 | 24,222.31 | 1,639.03    | 7.26    | 17.06 |

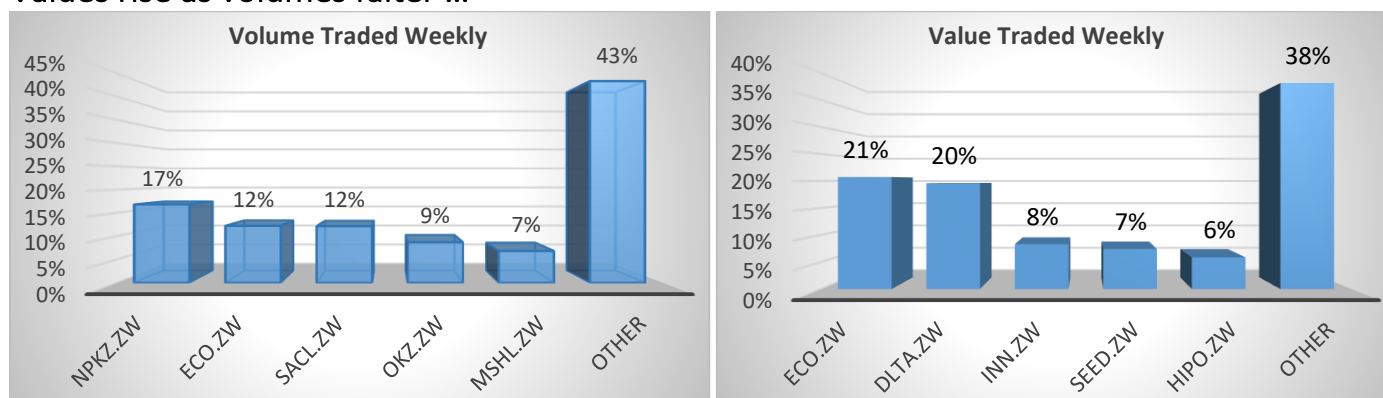
A rallying week on the ZSE saw all benchmarks close at record highs as bulls charged. The ZSE All Share Index surged 8.18% to close at 15228.52pts while, the Industrial Index put on 8.17% as it ended at an all-time high of 50358.54pts. Heavy cap stocks enjoyed the upsurge also as the Top Ten Index added 8.71% and ended the week pegged at 10211.38pts. The Mid-Cap Index inched up 7.26% for the week and closed at 24222.31ptas mid-tier counters traded mixed. In a trading update for the quarter ended December 31, 2021, Meikles Limited reported a 123% and 39% growth in revenue in historical and inflation-adjusted terms respectively.

| RISERS  | PRICE     | % Change |
|---------|-----------|----------|
| SEED.ZW | 194.3000  | 36.20    |
| NTFD.ZW | 1799.5050 | 28.54    |
| SACL.ZW | 1.7693    | 25.16    |
| OKZ.ZW  | 35.0000   | 22.26    |
| EDGR.ZW | 5.4647    | 20.53    |
| ECO.ZW  | 139.9787  | 17.32    |
| ARTD.ZW | 11.5000   | 15.00    |
| AFDS.ZW | 143.7297  | 13.15    |
| SIM.ZW  | 174.9068  | 12.57    |
| CSZL.ZW | 79.9492   | 12.35    |

Seedco limited was the leading riser out of the week's thirty-eight winners, as it soared to \$194.300 on a 36.20% rise, where demand could be found. National Foods and Star Africa rose 28.54% and 25.16% to settle at \$1799.5050 and \$1.7693 apiece. Retailer OK Zimbabwe went up 22.26% while, clothing apparel Edgars recovered 20.53% to \$5.4647. Telecoms Econet upward trend continued as it increased to \$139.9787, having reached its all-time high of \$140.0000 during the week under analysis. Art Corporation was 15.00% firmer to close at a vwap of \$ 11.5000 as the firm secured a new tissue converting line for its subsidiary, as distillers Afdis traded 13.15% higher at \$143.7297 in sporadic exchange of shares in the counter. Simbisa Brands posted a 12.57% gain to settle at \$174.9068. Cassava Smartech sealed the top ten risers set on a 12.35% uplift to \$79.9492.

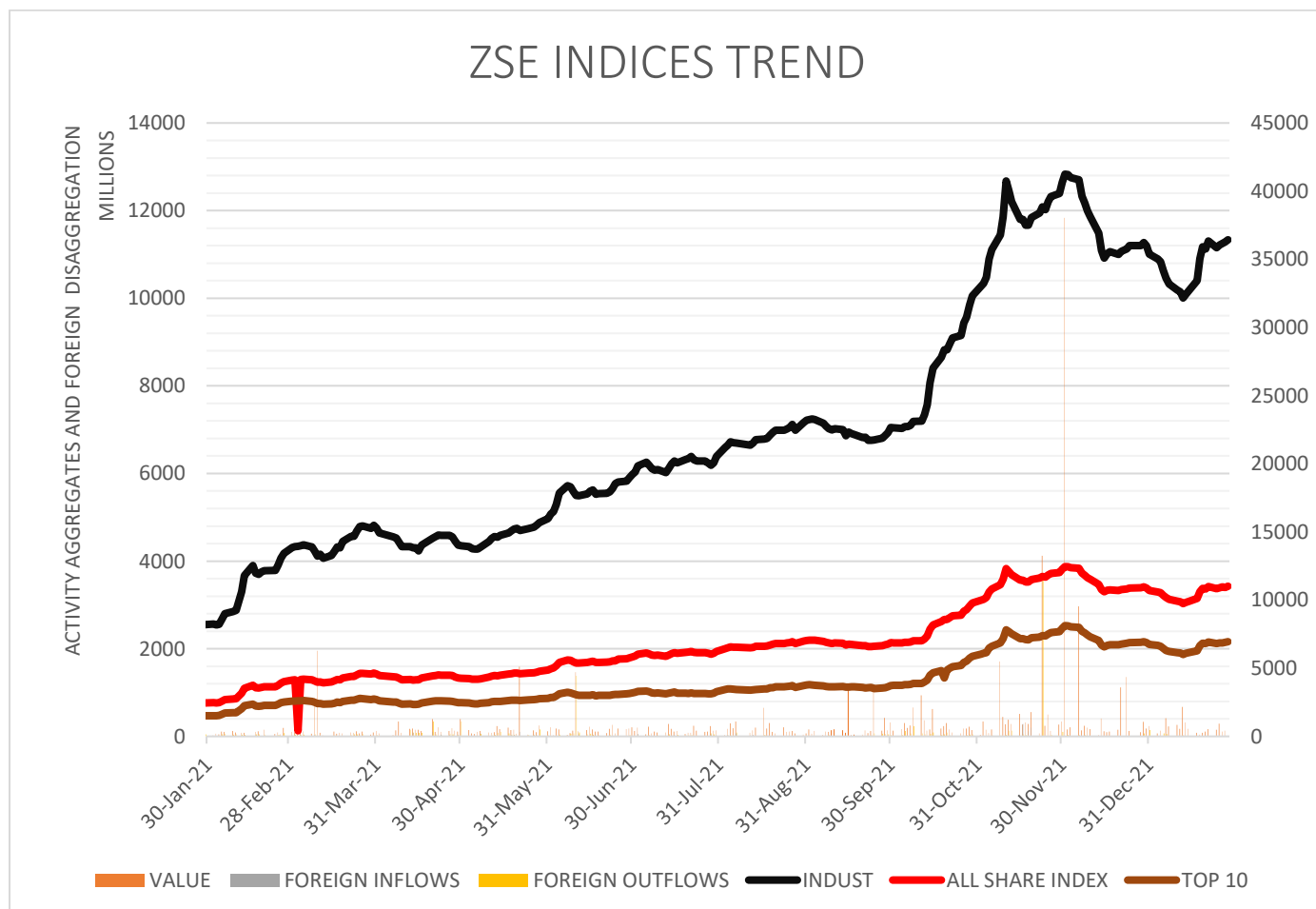
| FALLERS | PRICE   | % Change |
|---------|---------|----------|
| ZBFH.ZW | 65.0000 | 17.67    |
| WILD.ZW | 3.0383  | 15.26    |
| GBH.ZW  | 1.5632  | 13.35    |
| TRUW.ZW | 2.0000  | 9.15     |
| MMDZ.ZW | 23.0000 | 8.00     |
| FIDL.ZW | 11.0000 | 4.35     |
| ARIS.ZW | 3.3917  | 3.51     |
| GBZW.ZW | 5.0000  | 3.47     |
| LACZ.ZW | 82.0500 | 3.47     |
| TANG.ZW | 76.1731 | 1.79     |

Fifteen fallers were recorded to leave the market with a positive breadth of thirteen. ZB Bankers were the top casualty of the week on a 17.67% slump that saw it close at \$65.0000. Brick manufacturers Willdale and General Beltings were 15.26% and 13.35% softer to settle at \$3.0383 and \$ 1.5632 respectively. Truworths weakened 9.15% to \$2.0000 as MedTech Holdings lost 8.00% to \$23.0000. Fidelity dropped 4.35% to \$11.0000 as Ariston Holdings followed on a 3.51% fall to \$ 3.3917. Financial Institution Getbucks retreated 3.47% to \$5.0000 while, Lafarge traded 3.47% lower at \$82.05000. post resumption of production at its cement mills that was disrupted since October last year following roof collapse at the cement maker's Harare factory. Tea processor Tanganda decreased 1.79% to \$76.1731 in its third week of trading as the price seemed to stabilize in the name.

**Values rise as volumes falter ...**


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|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|---------|
| <b>Values</b>  | 2,195,296,620.50 | 3,089,513,052.75 | 894,216,432.25 | 40.73   |
| <b>Volumes</b> | 43,223,200       | 38,821,800       | 4,401,400      | 10.18   |

The value for the week improved 40.73% to \$3.01bn while, volumes in contrast declined 10.18% as highly priced counters dominated the trades. Econet, Delta, Inncor and Seedco contributed 21%, 20%, 8% and 7% in that order of the turnover. A combined 57% of the volume outturn was attributable to the quintet of Nampak, Econet, Star Africa, OK Zimbabwe, and Masimba Holdings.



**In the News**

Nedbank Zimbabwe has met the minimum capital requirement of US\$30 million set by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) after raising additional funds through a rights issue, the central bank announced yesterday. In its February 2022 Monetary Policy Statement, the central bank reported that as at December 31 2021, 13 of the 18 operating banking institutions had met the new minimum capital requirement of US\$30 million. However, this excluded POSB which the RBZ said had no statutory minimum capital requirement.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2022/02/nedbank-complies-with-rbz-capital-threshold/>

The Cabinet on Tuesday resolved that all borders be opened after the country successfully contained the fourth wave of Covid-19 that was fuelled by the Omicron variant. In a post-Cabinet briefing, Minister of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services Monica Mutsvangwa said new Covid cases now average less than 1 000 per day compared to a daily average of 4000 in December 2021. <https://www.herald.co.zw/border-re-opening-to-boost-tourism-sector/>

ART Corporation (ART) says it has secured a new tissue converting line for its subsidiary, Softex Tissue Products Limited, which is expected to be operational within the third quarter of the company's financial year. Last year ART completed the acquisition of a 50 percent stake in Softex, which was held by Nampak Zimbabwe to make it a 100 percent owned subsidiary. The transaction involved the acquisition of 1 448 500 shares in Softex for a consideration of US\$800 000. <https://www.herald.co.zw/art-acquires-new-tissue-line-for-softex/>

THE Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) has approved the proposed unbundling and liquidation of Arden Capital, the investment holding company of hospitality group, African Sun. The approval is, however, subject to certain conditions that will see the group re-propose the transaction to shareholders with the new conditions prescribed by RBZ. Arden Capital advised its shareholders on December 20, 2021, and January 17, 2022 that the conditions precedent to the proposed unbundling and voluntary liquidation had lapsed following delayed approval of the transaction by the apex bank. <https://www.herald.co.zw/liquidation-of-afrisun-parent-gets-rbz-nod/>

Lafarge Zimbabwe has resumed production at its cement mills that was disrupted since October last year following roof collapse at the cement maker's Harare factory. The incident disrupted normal production, negatively affecting volumes and financial performance of the company in the last quarter of the firm's trading period. "Further to the cautionary announcement dated January 6, 2022, shareholders and members of the investing public are advised that following the roof collapse over the cement mills on October 11, 2021, the cement mills have since been restored back to normal.

<https://www.herald.co.zw/lafarge-returns-to-full-production/>

In a trading update for the quarter ended December 31 2021, the Meikles group said the projected economic growth in 2022 brought optimism about prospects in the last quarter of its financial year. Group revenue from continuing operations was ahead of the same period of the previous financial year by 123 percent and 39 percent in historical cost and inflation adjusted terms respectively, during the period under review. The company said group revenue for nine months ended December 31, 2021 grew by 131 percent and 33 percent in historical cost and inflation adjusted terms respectively as a result its focus would be on cost management to mitigate the adverse impact of rising inflation to profit margins. <https://www.herald.co.zw/meikles-revenue-in-strong-growth/>

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