

Another milestone in country’s external arrears clearance...

The Zimbabwean government this week announced the African Development Bank (AfDB)’s setting aside of funds to clear the country’s arrears to the same institution under Pillar II of the Transition Support Facility. However, the final decision on the package rests with the AfDB Executive Board with the window period open until December 2016. This comes a week after the IMF applauded Zimbabwe for meeting targets and implementing the second phase of the Staff Monitored Programme. These announcements are confidence boosters to Zimbabwe as it engages International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and Bilateral Creditors in external payment arrears clearance. Latest data from Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency shows that inflation for the month of August 2015 was almost flat on previous month having fallen of 0.305% to 97.65pts. Relative to August 2014, the index fell 2.768% from 100.43. On the ZSE, mixed June interims continued to filter with the market eagerly awaiting Inncor Group and subsidiaries finals likely all to be released next week.

Industrials in marginal ease while minings lose traction...

Indices

	Previous	Current	Change (pts)	% Change	YTD %
<i>Industrial</i>	134.11	133.83	0.2800	0.21	17.79
<i>Mining</i>	29.10	25.94	3.1600	10.86	63.83

Industrial heavies registered mixed trades resulting in the Index’s marginal 0.21% ease to 133.83pts. BAT slipped 0.43% to \$11.70, Inncor was down 0.42% to \$0.5875 while, on the other hand Delta inched 0.30% to \$0.8500, ECONET firmed 1.78% to \$0.2750 and SEEDCO & DZL were unchanged at \$1.000 and \$0.0832 respectively. It was a different story in resources with the Index falling 10.86% to end at 25.94pts as Bindura tumbled 20% to \$0.016 as selloffs continued unabated in the wake of gloomy outlook on global commodity prices. Other miners Hwange and Rio were steady at \$0.0340 and \$0.1200 respectively whilst Falgold registered not trades.

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Risers
ZSE in mixed trades ...

Symbol	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
FIDL.ZW	0.0780	0.0950	0.0170	21.79
NICO.ZW	0.0140	0.0170	0.0030	21.43
TURN.ZW	0.0070	0.0080	0.0010	14.29
ZIMR.ZW	0.0100	0.0110	0.0010	10.00
PHL.ZW	0.0882	0.0900	0.0018	2.04
ECO.ZW	0.2702	0.2750	0.0048	1.78
FBC.ZW	0.0700	0.0710	0.0010	1.43
ZPI.ZW	0.0079	0.0080	0.0001	1.27
MSHL.ZW	0.0099	0.0100	0.0001	1.01
DAWN.ZW	0.0171	0.0172	0.0001	0.58

Activity took place in 36 stocks with distribution of 11 losers, 13 gainers and 12 unchanged. However, fallers dominated on both benchmarks and were led by BINDURA down 20% to \$0.016. NMB that reported an impressive 128% growth in profitability to \$3.1mn fell 11.11% to \$0.032 demanded price while, its peer CBZ gave up 0.67% to \$0.0894 on sustained divestments. Retailers OKZIM and EDGARS joined the fray with the former dropping 10% to \$0.063 and the latter declining 6.25% to \$0.075. Edgars in its half year financials bemoaned diminishing consumer spending on low disposable incomes due to weak economic fundamentals. Meikles shed 9.09% on continued profit taking while Pearl dropped 8.33% to \$0.0220 in its first trade post interims released with an almost flat performance in comparison to prior period. Tightly held TSL dipped 4.17% to \$0.1725 on the back of limited demand. Thinly traded multi-listed financial group Old Mutual lost 0.88% to \$2.5275 as investors maintained a wait and see attitude on the stock. Closing the list was BAT that let go 0.43% to \$11.7000.

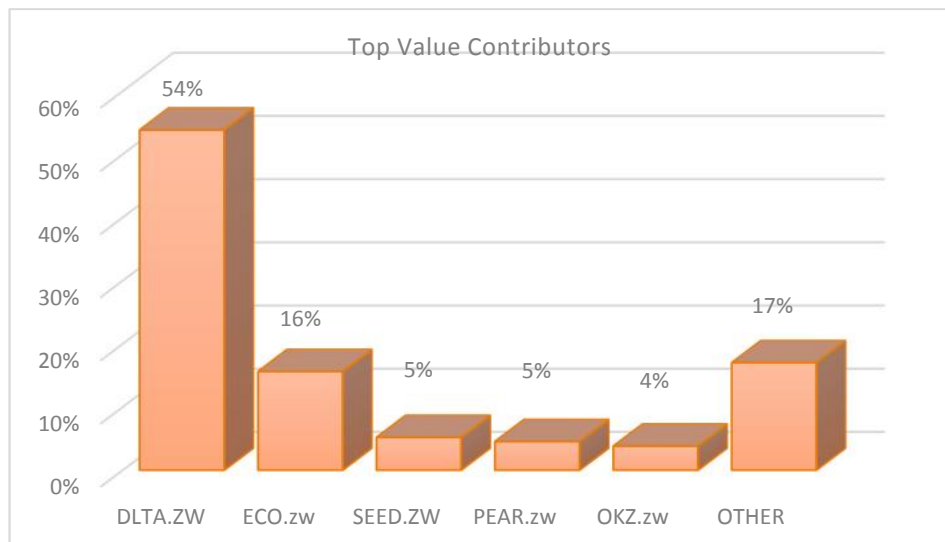
Fallers
ZIMRE group dominate risers...

Symbol	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
BIND.ZW	0.0200	0.0160	0.0040	20.00
NMB.ZW	0.0360	0.0320	0.0040	11.11
OKZ.ZW	0.0700	0.0630	0.0070	10.00
MEIK.ZW	0.1100	0.1000	0.0100	9.09
PEAR.ZW	0.0240	0.0220	0.0020	8.33
EDGR.ZW	0.0800	0.0750	0.0050	6.25
TSL.ZW	0.1800	0.1725	0.0075	4.17
OML.ZW	2.5500	2.5275	0.0225	0.88
CBZ.ZW	0.0900	0.0894	0.0006	0.67
BAT.ZW	11.7500	11.7000	0.0500	0.43

Zimre and its associates Fidelity, Nicoz, and ZPI rallied the ZSE with gains of 10% to \$0.0110, 21.79% to \$0.0950, 21.43% to \$0.0170 and 1.27% to \$0.008 in that order. This follows the holding company's profitable HY15 outturn while the subsidiaries performance was mixed. Turnall in the week recovered 14.29% from last week's knock while Padenga went up 2.04% to \$0.090 post half year release. FBC gained 1.43% on steady demand, construction concern Masimba edged 1.01% to \$0.01 and Dawn was up 0.58% to \$0.0172. In large cap stocks, Econet was up 1.78% to \$0.2750 as demand outstripped supply at this level while DELTA notched 0.30% to \$0.8500 with unending supply showing in the brewer.

* All prices in USD

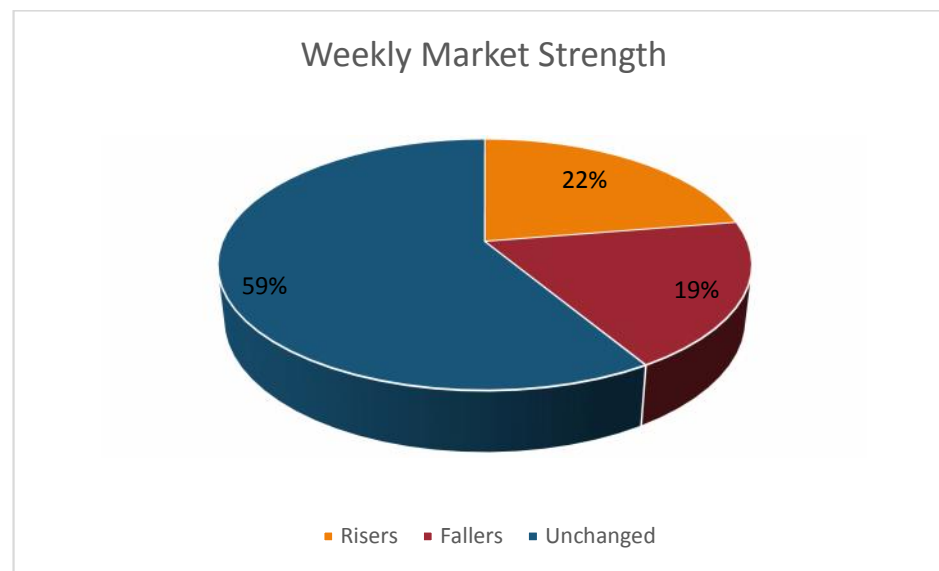
Market Aggregates and Statistics



Market turnover Aggregates

	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
Values	3,702,441.73	5,230,449.40	1,528,007.66	41.27
Volumes	24,982,029	29,987,310	5,005,281.00	20.04

It was a rejuvenated trading week in comparison to the previous week with values increasing 41.27% to \$5.2mn and volumes up 20.04% to 29.99mn shares. DELTA provided 54% of the market followed by other top cap stocks ECONET (16%), SEEDCO (5%) and OK (4%) whilst PEARL came in with 5%. Besides PEARL's 36% share of volumes, other significant contributions came from top traded stocks Delta (11%), OKZW (10%), ECONET (10%) and CBZ (7%).



In the news...

Econet to launch cross border remittance

Zimbabweans in South Africa will from next month be able to send money home directly through EcoCash following approval of the service in South Africa. Econet and its partners have received all the necessary approvals from the South African authorities and are nearing completion of a successful soft launch. <http://www.herald.co.zw/econet-to-launch-cross-border-remittance/>

NIEEB demands explanation on Mwana board changes

The National Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment Board has demanded a written explanation from Mwana Africa regarding changes to its board of directors. <http://www.herald.co.zw/nieeb-demands-explanation-on-mwana-board-changes/>

RBZ licences NSSA building society

Government has licensed a new building society which is expected to spearhead low-cost housing under the auspices of the National Social Security Authority. <http://www.herald.co.zw/rbz-licences-nssa-building-society/>

CFI, Fidelity strike land deal

Listed concern CFI Holdings says it has successfully concluded a Sale and Purchase Agreement and a Debt Assumption and Compromise Agreement to dispose of 81% of its property investment company, Langford Estates to Fidelity Life Assurance Ltd. <http://www.herald.co.zw/cfi-fidelity-strike-land-deal/>

Pearl revenues declines by 3.85%

PEARL Properties has recorded a 3,85 % drop in revenue to \$5,6 million for the eight months ended August 31, 2015 due to a decline in rental income. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2015/09/18/pearl-revenues-declines-by-385/>

FML records 2pc increase in gross premiums

FIRST Mutual Holdings Limited (FML) has recorded a 2% growth in gross premium written (GPW) for the eight months to August 31, 2015 on the back of improved performance from the health insurance business. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2015/09/18/fml-records-2-increase-in-gross-premium/>

Moxon's Meikles grabs global award

Zimbabwe Stock Exchange listed diversified conglomerate, Meikles Limited (Meikles) has been ranked among top African companies by the World Economic Forum for its sterling contribution in the country. <http://www.dailynews.co.zw/articles/2015/09/12/moxon-s-meikles-grabs-global-award>

AfDB writes off Zim's \$600m debt

The African Development Bank (AfDB) says it will unveil funds to Zimbabwe aimed at clearing the country's over \$600 million debt. <http://www.dailynews.co.zw/articles/2015/09/16/afdb-writes-off-zim-s-600m-debt>

Fidelity in \$2m downpayment for Langford estate

Fidelity Life has made a \$2 million deposit for Langford Estate and the balance would be paid over seven years as it accelerates its housing development thrust, managing director Simon Chapereka has said. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2015/09/18/fidelity-in-2-million-downpayment-for-langford-estate/>

Proplastics posts \$262,000 profit

Proplastics Limited has posted a profit of \$262 896 for the first six months ending June 30, a 43% rise over the same time period last year on the back of an increase in revenue. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2015/09/18/proplastics-posts-262-000-profit/>

Director snaps up 69 million Mwana shares

RESOURCES group Mwana Africa's non-executive director Scott Morrison has acquired nearly seven million of the company's ordinary shares at 0,92 pence per share representing 0,50% of the company's issued ordinary share capital, the company announced on Tuesday. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2015/09/17/director-snaps-up-69-million-mwana-shares/>

Zim annual inflation flat at -2.77%

YEAR-ON-YEAR inflation for the month of August stood at -2,77%, flat on the previous month, as deflationary pressures persist. The figure for August remained the same as in the previous month when rounded to decimal places. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2015/09/17/zim-annual-inflation-flat-at-277/>

Non performing loans ratio down

The non-performing loan ratio has continued on a downward trend retreating to below 13% and heading towards the single digit target set by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe <http://www.herald.co.zw/non-performing-loan-ratio-down/>

Government validates Hwange's debt

Government is validating the money it is owed by Hwange Colliery Company in tax liabilities to the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority before undertaking a debt-to-equity swap. <http://www.herald.co.zw/govt-validates-hwanges-debt/>

African distillers start exporting to Malawi

Wines and spirits maker, African Distillers has started exporting to Malawi while also working on venturing into Zambia and Mozambique. Afdis managing director Cecil Gombera said the company is working towards exploiting new market opportunities and is also anticipating ciders growth ahead of market performance. <http://www.herald.co.zw/african-distillers-starts-exporting-to-malawi/>

Edgars stores records 13% profit

Clothing retailer Edgars Stores has recorded a 13% jump in after-tax profit to \$1,2 million for the 26 weeks to July driven by the group's extended credit repayment facility and various promotions introduced to stimulate consumer spending. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2015/09/16/edgars-stores-records-13-profit/>

ZHL bounces back to profitability

ZIMRE Holdings Limited has recorded a profit for \$1,1 million for the half year ended June 30, 2015 attributed to a decline in net claims. The profit was achieved after a loss of \$50 000 during the same period last year. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2015/09/14/zhl-bounces-back-to-profitability/>



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