

ZSE succumbs to weekly losses, despite Friday rebound...

	Previous	Current	Change(pts)	%Change	YTD %
All share	22,183.37	20,797.23	1,386.14	6.25	89.12
Industrial	73,164.00	68,625.85	4,538.15	6.20	88.82
Top 10	14,330.29	13,359.56	970.72	6.77	92.70
Mid Cap	39,167.07	37,366.59	1,800.48	4.60	80.59

Bears continued to dominate the ZSE amidst sustained selling pressure across the board. The Top Ten Index emerged as the top casualty from the market carnage shedding 6.77% over the week and closing at 13,359.56pts. The primary All Share Index fell 6.25% week on week to 20,797.23pts on the back of the heavy cap counters' losses and the Mid-Caps which also had their own index shedding 4.60% to 37,366.59pts. The traditional Industrial Index fell 6.20% to settle at 68,625.85pts. Meanwhile, General Beltings has issued a cautionary advising shareholder and investing public that its major shareholder, wishes to consummate an offer to minority shareholders transaction in compliance with provisions of the ZSE listing rules and the Companies Act.

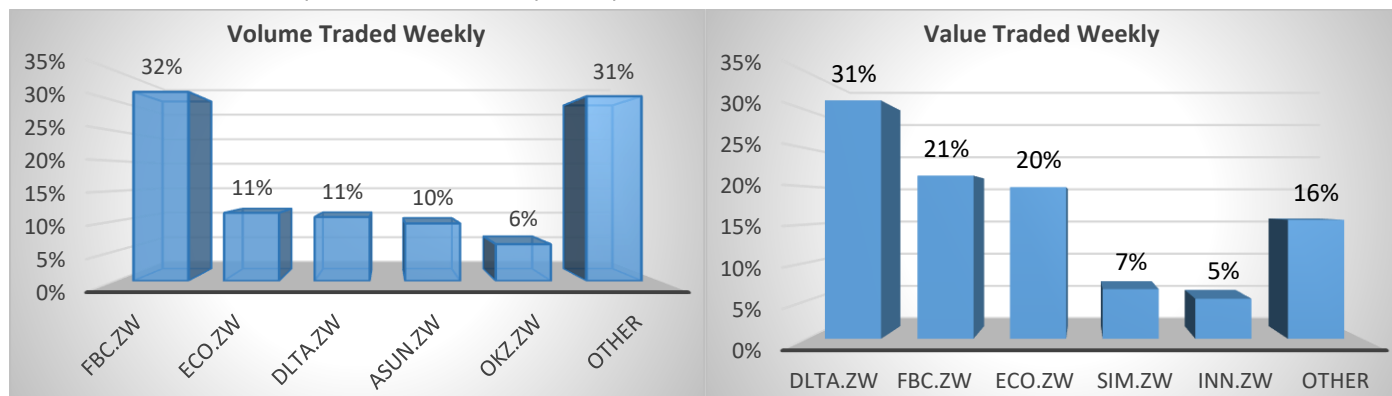
RISERS	PRICE	% Change
ARIS.ZW	4.2000	22.41
MASH.ZW	3.7800	17.13
CFI.ZW	264.0000	14.78
ZIMR.ZW	5.3074	5.94
ZBFH.ZW	83.0000	4.47
ASUN.ZW	13.5553	4.24
ZIMW.ZW	25.6000	2.40
LACZ.ZW	153.0000	1.40
NMB.ZW	34.5000	0.15
DZL.ZW	50.0266	0.05

Laggards dominated the market as thirty-two weekly fallers were recorded against ten gainers to see the market set a negative weekly breadth. Turnall and Hippo headlined the fallers' as the former shed 28.33% to \$4.3000 while, the latter was 17.50% softer at \$330.0000. Nampak Limited was 17.30% down at \$15.8000 followed by bricks manufacturer Willdale that came off 16.99% to settle at \$2.5625. First Mutual Holdings let go 15.75% to close at \$16.0069 while, National Tyre Services withdrew two weeks' gains on 15.25% slump to end the week at \$13.6667. Ecocash Holdings came off 14.50% on sustained selling pressure and capped the week at \$98.5091, as TSL dropped 14.16% to end pegged at \$98.0000. Mining house RIOZIM retreated 13.73% and closed the week at \$110.0000 amidst patchy shares trading in the name while, clothing retailer Edgars dropped 13.45% to close at vwap of \$4.3002.

FALLERS	PRICE	% Change
TURN.ZW	4.3000	28.33
HIPO.ZW	330.0000	17.50
NPKZ.ZW	15.8000	17.30
WILD.ZW	2.5625	16.99
FML.ZW	16.0069	15.75
NTS.ZW	13.6667	15.25
EHZL.ZW	98.5091	14.50
TSL.ZW	98.0000	14.16
RIOZ.ZW	110.0000	13.73
EDGR.ZW	4.3002	13.45

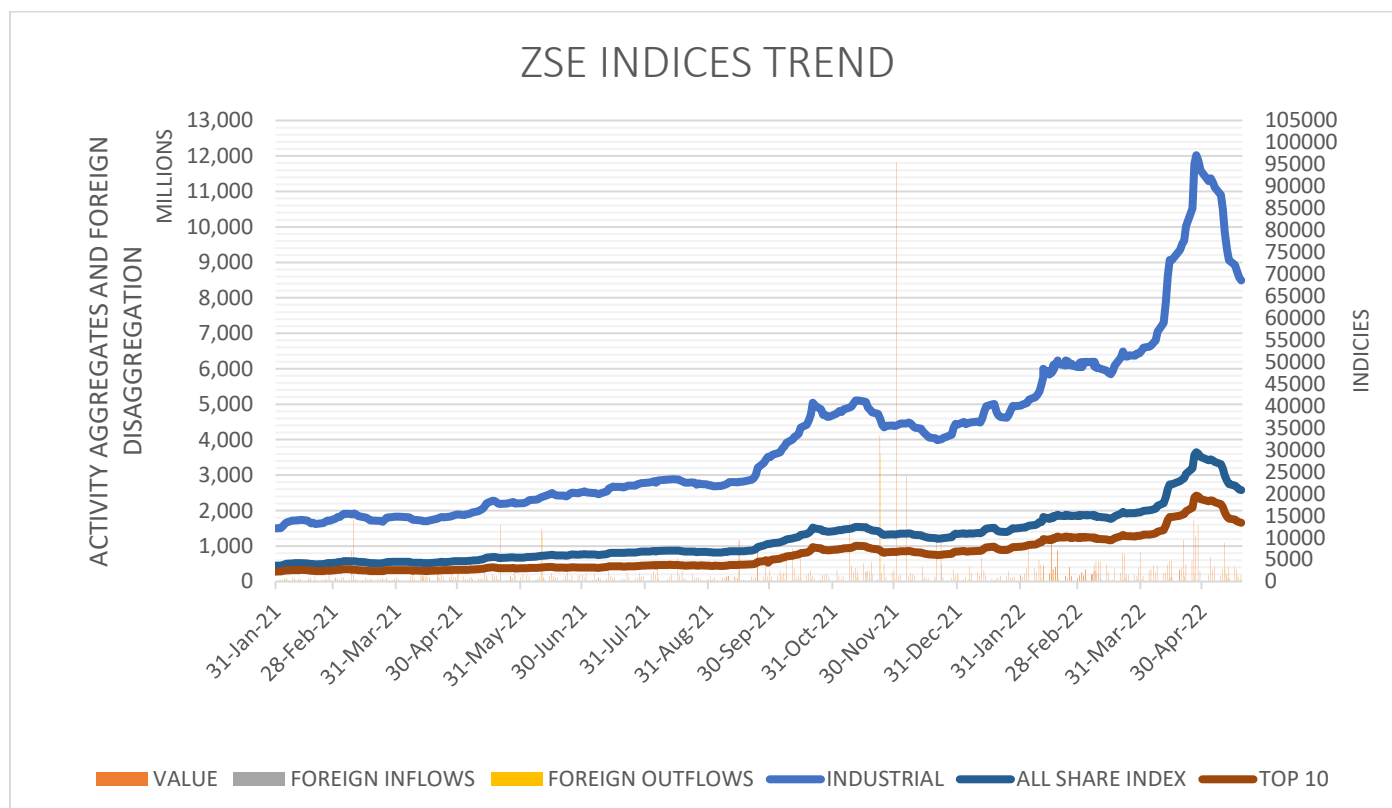
There were however some gains on the market with Agric concern Ariston leading after posting a 22.41% surge that took it to \$4.2000 on resurgent demand while, Mashonaland Holdings closed on a 17.13% climb to \$3.7800. CFI Holdings rising streak continued with a 14.78% gain to \$264.0000, as Zimre Holdings added 5.94% to \$5.3074. Bankers ZB Holdings rose 4.47% to trade at \$83.0000 as the group reported that it will merge its banking units before year end to create an operation that conforms to central bank capital requirements. African Sun and Zimplow went up 4.24% and 2.40% to trade at \$13.5553 and \$25.6000 respectively. Lafarge was 1.40% higher at \$153.000 as bankers NMB were 0.15% stronger at \$34.50000. The tenth gainer for the week was Dairibord adding 0.05% to close the week at \$50.0266.

Value and volumes plummet, on liquidity constraint ...



	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
Values	2,214,204,414.00	1,161,176,595.50	1,053,027,818.50	47.56
Volumes	48,843,300	10,959,400	37,883,900	77.56

A dip in the spend for the week underlined the constrained liquidity on the market as value of trades came in 47.56% softer at \$1.1bn, correspondingly volumes plunged 77.56% to 10.96m shares. The top value drivers emerged to be Delta, FBC and Econet that claimed a combined 72% of the aggregate. FBC Bank was the top volume contributor of the week, following was blue-chip set of two: Econet and Delta that each brought in an equal 11 % of the outturn.



In the News

Hwange Colliery Company Limited(HCCL) has entered into a capital financing deal from which it will receive equipment valued at USD\$15 million in the next two years although the coal mining company did not disclose the identity of the partner in the deal.

<https://www.herald.co.zw/hwange-inks-us15m-equipment-finance-deal/>.

Rainbow Tourism Group(RTG) hotel's occupancy rate for the first quarter to March 2022 grew by 43 percent compared to the prior period last year. Growth was significantly higher than the same period last year, when occupancy surged by 12 percent as the tourism and hospitality industry began to recover from a slowdown that emanated from Covid-19 induced lockdown.

<https://www.herald.co.zw/rtg-hotel-occupancy-jumps-43pc/>

One of Zimbabwe's emerging producing companies,Livetouch Investments located in Redcliff near Kwekwe plans to inject over USD\$100 million into the construction of a second manufacturing plant to be rolled out in phases under the firm's expansion project. Although the location of the new plant is yet to be identified, Livetouch has in the past five years been scouting for limestone deposits across the country that would match the envisaged investment.

<https://www.herald.co.zw/us100m-earmarked-for-redcliff-cement-project/>

Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE)-listed integrated resource group Tharisa's acquisition of a controlling interest in platinum group metals (PGMs) miner Karo Mining Holdings, which was announced on March 31, has been ruled fair as far as the shareholders of Tharisa are concerned.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2022/05/tharisa-karo-acquisition-considered-fair-to-shareholders/>

Telecommunications companies are set to review tariffs this week as a result substantial increase in operational costs. The review comes at a time when the national power utility Zesa Holdings increased electricity tariffs on Monday by 218% to US\$0,1063/kWh from US\$0,0334/kWh to avert a potential power crisis

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ZIMBABWE Stock Exchange-listed wine and spirit maker African Distillers Limited (Afdis) has had to frequently change the price of its products due to foreign exchange volatility. The previous year was characterised by the economy experiencing COVID-19 restrictions that stifled performance.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2022/05/afdis-pricing-hit-by-currency-volatility/>

The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) says a total of US\$107,8 million was allocated to companies under the foreign exchange auction system in April. The auction system was established in 2020 to help firms access cheaper foreign currency after rates ran amok on the parallel market, threatening economic growth. The RBZ says the auction system has helped Zimbabwe avoid an industrial crisis, but recently, business leaders said the platform had failed to provide enough liquidity to help firms import raw materials.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2022/05/forex-auction-allots-us107-million/>

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