

Industrials slip as reporting season kicks off...

	Previous	Current	Change	%Change	YTD %
Industrial	136.97	134.83	2.1400	1.56	6.71
Mining	60.73	60.89	0.1600	0.26	4.07

The market weakened further as the reporting season gathered momentum amidst depressed performances, while, weak demand took its toll on the companies. Two companies released their results this week, namely BAT and CBZ with both of them seeing double digit declines in revenues along with similar drops in their bottom lines as the depressed economic activity was lamented for the lower numbers. CBZ had its total income falling 8% to \$159m and after tax profit shedding 32% to \$23.8 while, BAT found its revenues coming off 25% to \$34.1m as its after tax profits retreated 45% and closed at \$8.5m. Both companies however managed to hold on to their trading levels despite the depressed numbers. The Industrial Index succumbed 1.56% and settled at 134.83pts while, the Mining Index was in a marginal 0.26% charge to 60.89pts.

Weekly Risers

RISERS	PRICE	% Change
COLC.ZW	0.3650	1.39
PPC.ZW	0.5900	0.85
RIOZ.ZW	0.3270	0.62
BAT.ZW	15.0500	0.33
NTFD.ZW	3.5125	0.07

Tepid trading conditions continued to prevail on the market though market weakness was evident as ten counters closed the week softer against a mere five risers to set a negative weekly breadth. Colcom was the pick of cherry amongst the risers with a 1.39% lift that took its price to \$0.3650 while, regional cement manufacturer PPC's recent firm demand culminated in a 0.85% surge to \$0.5900. Cigarette manufacturers BAT rode out the storm of depressed numbers to rise 0.33% while, National Foods added a marginal 0.07% to \$3.5125 on strong demand. RioZim was the other riser putting on 0.62% to \$0.3270 in the wake of the announcement of its AGM results where shareholders approved the acquisition of Palatial Gold Mine.

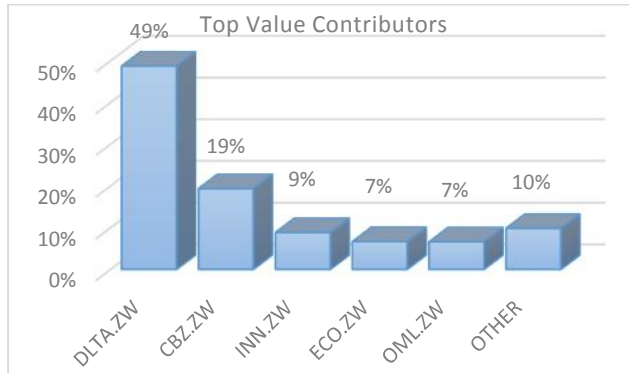
Weekly Fallers

FALLERS	PRICE	% Change
ECO.ZW	0.1400	17.65
MEIK.ZW	0.0850	15.00
NTS.ZW	0.0101	12.17
BARC.ZW	0.0220	4.35
SEED.ZW	0.9775	3.22
INN.ZW	0.4700	2.08
SIM.ZW	0.1625	1.52
OML.ZW	3.4500	1.43
DLTA.ZW	0.8125	0.91
MASH.ZW	0.0200	0.50

Eleven counters constituted the weekly fallers set underlining the overly bearish sentiment prevailing on the bourse. Telecoms group Econet led the losers of the week after letting go a hefty 17.65% and settling at \$0.1400 in the aftermath of the listing of its letters of allocation that have been split into two registers for resident and non-resident letters of allocation. Meikles was the other major casualty of the market selloff after letting go 15% of its value and settling at \$0.0850 where demand could be established. Tyre manufacturers NTS followed on the downturn shedding 12.17% for the week and settling at \$0.0101. Banking group Barclays declined by a cumulative 4.35% to \$0.0220 amidst a coterie of activity ahead of its full year results slated for early next week. SeedCO shed 3.22% as selling pressure took its toll on the group while, demand continues to be depressed. Innscor let go 2.08% and ended at \$0.4700 with multi listed financial services group Old Mutual declining by 1.43% to settle at \$3.4500. Beverages giant Delta was down 0.91% at \$0.8125 in a tumultuous week where it

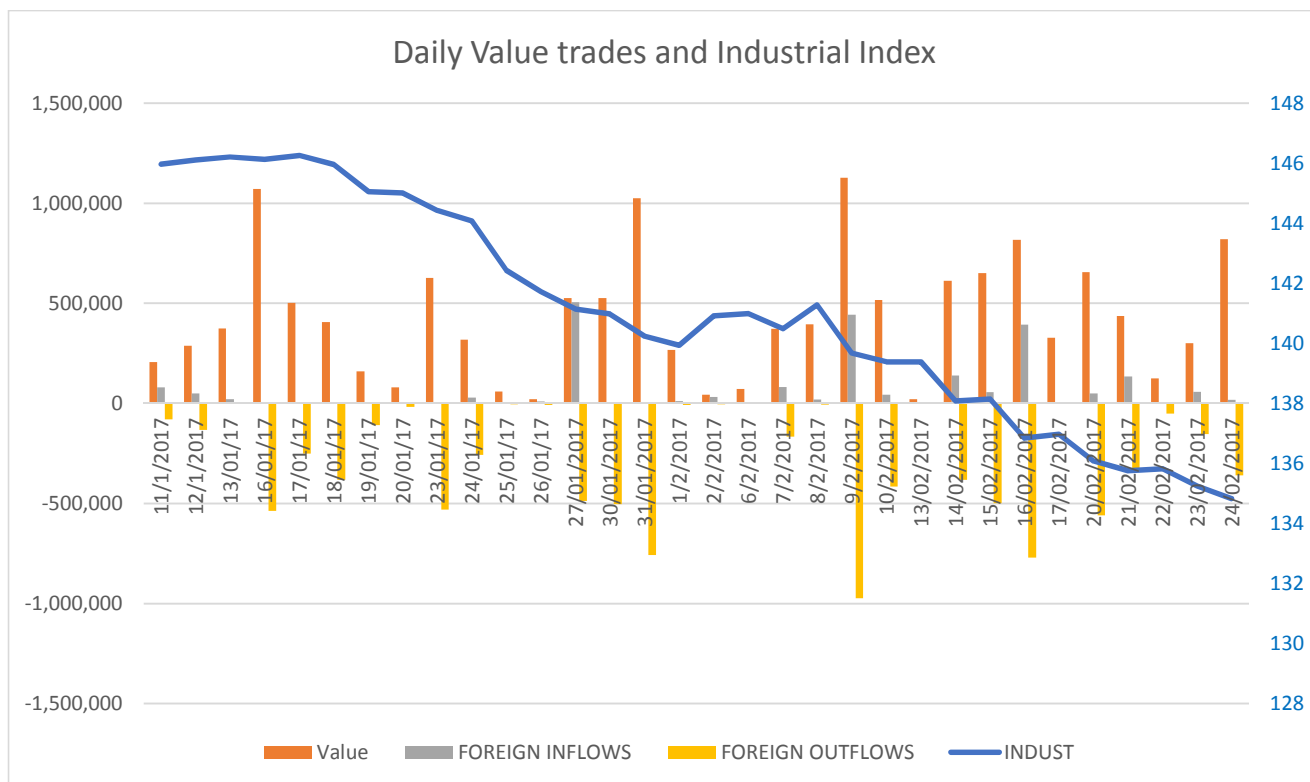
touched a low of \$0.80.

Delta dominates values in tepid trades...



	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
Values	2,427,303	2,338,337.66	88,965.00	3.67
Volumes	16,161,832	9,639,926.00	6,521,906	40.35

Weak trading activity continued to dominate the bourse with all trading aggregates coming in softer relative to the prior week outcomes. The market spend fell 3.67% and ended at \$2.34m with the main drivers of the aggregate emerging to be Delta and CBZ that accounted for 49% and 19% respectively. Volumes of the week were down 40.35% at 9.6m shares anchored by CBZ that accounted for 45% of the total.



In the news:**Econet adamant on infrastructure sharing**

Econet Wireless has insisted that it does not agree to compulsory sharing of telecoms infrastructure, despite recent statutory regulations drafted to enforce the requirement. The Postal and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (Potraz) is now looking into submissions by the telecoms giant regarding its opposition to infrastructure sharing.

<http://www.herald.co.zw/econet-adamant-on-infrastructure-sharing/>

Reduce maize producer price – Irvine

Zimbabwe's maize producer price, at \$390 per tonne is driving prices of value added products up and making poultry producers and agro processors uncompetitive in export markets, Industry and Commerce Minister Mike Bimha heard yesterday.

<http://www.herald.co.zw/reduce-maize-producer-price-irvine/>

Zimplats Revenue jumps 16 Percent

The country's biggest platinum miner, Zimplats recorded a 16 % jump in revenue in the half year to December 31, 2016 due to increase in metal prices and higher sales volumes. Platinum ounces sold during the period increased 4% to 133 937 ounces while gross revenue per platinum ounce at \$1 745 was 10% higher than the \$1 591 reported during the same period last year.

<http://www.herald.co.zw/zimplats-revenue-jumps-16-percent/>

CB trails behind on capital requirements

Mortgage lender ZB Building Society is the only financial institution yet to meet the prescribed minimum capital requirements as it trails behind its peers that have more than trebled their capitalisation levels. According to statistics from the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, ZB Building Society's core capital as at December 31, 2016 was at \$16.9 mln against the prescribed minimum capital requirement of \$20 mln.

<http://www.herald.co.zw/zb-trails-behind-on-capital-requirements/>

CBZ profit falls

CBZ Holdings saw its 2016 profit after tax dropping by 32,5% to \$28,3 million from the previous year on the back of a decline in net interest income.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/02/24/cbz-profit-falls-deposits/>

BAT Bottomline decines on weak consumer demand

Tobacco processor, British American Tobacco (BAT) Zimbabwe saw its profit after tax declining by 43% to \$8,5 million in the year ended December 31, 2016 attributed to a decline in revenue on weak consumer demand.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/02/23/bat-bottom-line-weak-consumer-demand/>

Insiza farmers adopt traditional ways of controlling stalk borer

The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) has extended the export incentive scheme to the tourism sector, recognising the industry as a quick-win in generating foreign currency, players have said.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/02/21/insiza-farmers-adopt-traditional-ways-controlling-stalk-borer/>

ZAMCO stop acquisition of NPLs

The Zimbabwe Asset Management Corporation (Zamco) is set stop further acquisitions of non-performing loans (NPLs) and focus on resolution and resuscitation, as it moves to curb moral hazard in the banking sector.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/02/20/zamco-stop-acquisition-npls/>

NSSA explores new players for 30m Beitbridge Hotel

THE National Social Security Authority (NSSA) is in discussions with a number of players on possible options to turn its \$30 million Beitbridge hotel into a viable investment, an executive has said.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/02/21/nssa-explores-new-players-30m-beitbridge-hotel/>



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