

## ZSE softer on profit taking in blue chips...

	Previous	Current	Change(pts)	%Change	YTD %
All share	15,228.52	14,898.26	330.26	2.17	35.47
Industrial	50,358.54	49,258.79	1,099.75	2.18	35.53
Top 10	10,211.38	9,937.39	274.00	2.68	43.34
Mid Cap	24,222.31	24,060.88	161.44	0.67	16.28

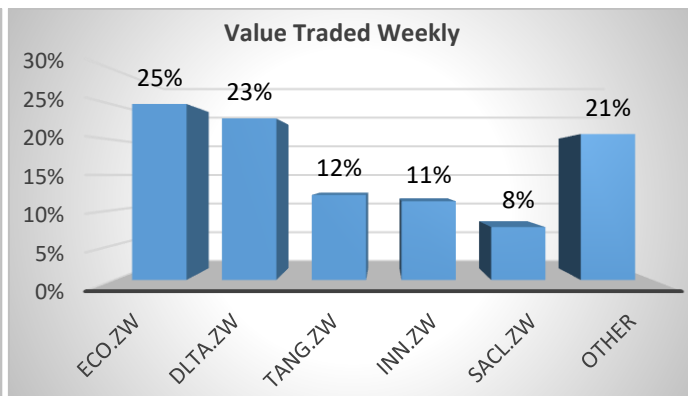
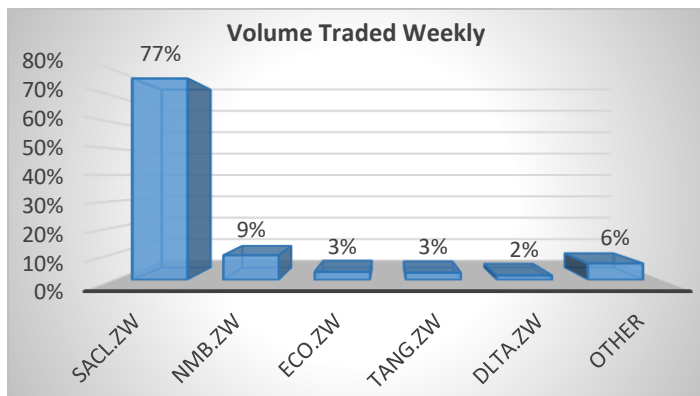
The ZSE succumbed to profit taking in the holiday shortened week to see all benchmark indices under our review closing the week in the red. The market's top capitalised stocks were the major casualties of the market carnage having seen the Top Ten Index shed 2.68% for the week and to settle at 9,937.39pts. Weighed down by the losses in market heavies, the ZSE All Share Index came off 2.17% to 14,898.26pts while, the Industrial Index was 2.18% softer at 49,258.79pts. The Mid-Cap also dropped 0.67% to end the week pegged at 24,060.88pts. The ZSE's losses saw the market break an almost two weeks' rally which culminated in the benchmark indices touching record highs amidst sustained demand for equities.

RISERS	PRICE	% Change
UNIF.ZW	30.0000	24.74
TSL.ZW	96.0000	20.00
NTS.ZW	8.0000	19.05
AFDS.ZW	170.5500	18.66
GBH.ZW	1.8184	16.33
LACZ.ZW	95.0500	15.84
NPKZ.ZW	13.5000	8.00
PROL.ZW	29.0000	5.45
FML.ZW	22.0000	4.76
ZIMR.ZW	3.8092	4.11

Small cap counter Unifreight topped the risers of the week as the logistics group rose 27.74% to settle at \$30.0000. TSL ticked up 20% during the week to end at \$96.0000 while, NTS added 19.05% to \$8.0000. AFDIS was also seen in the risers' zone as it closed 18.66% higher at \$170.5500 on firming demand. General Beltings was 16.33% up at \$1.8184 with Lafarge cement adding 15.84% to end the week pegged at \$95.0500, post the announcement that the company is now operating at full capacity, following the breakdown of one of the machines. Packaging group Nampak was 8% firmer at \$13.5000 while, Proplastics trailed after advancing 5.45% week on week to end at \$5.4500. First Mutual Holdings rolled back its previous session's losses after rebounding to \$22.0000 on a 4.76% uplift. Zimre Holdings Limited was 4.11% higher at \$3.8092 and completed the top ten winners of the week. The riser's list was mainly dominated by mid and small cap counters as the week was characterised by profit taking seen in heavies.

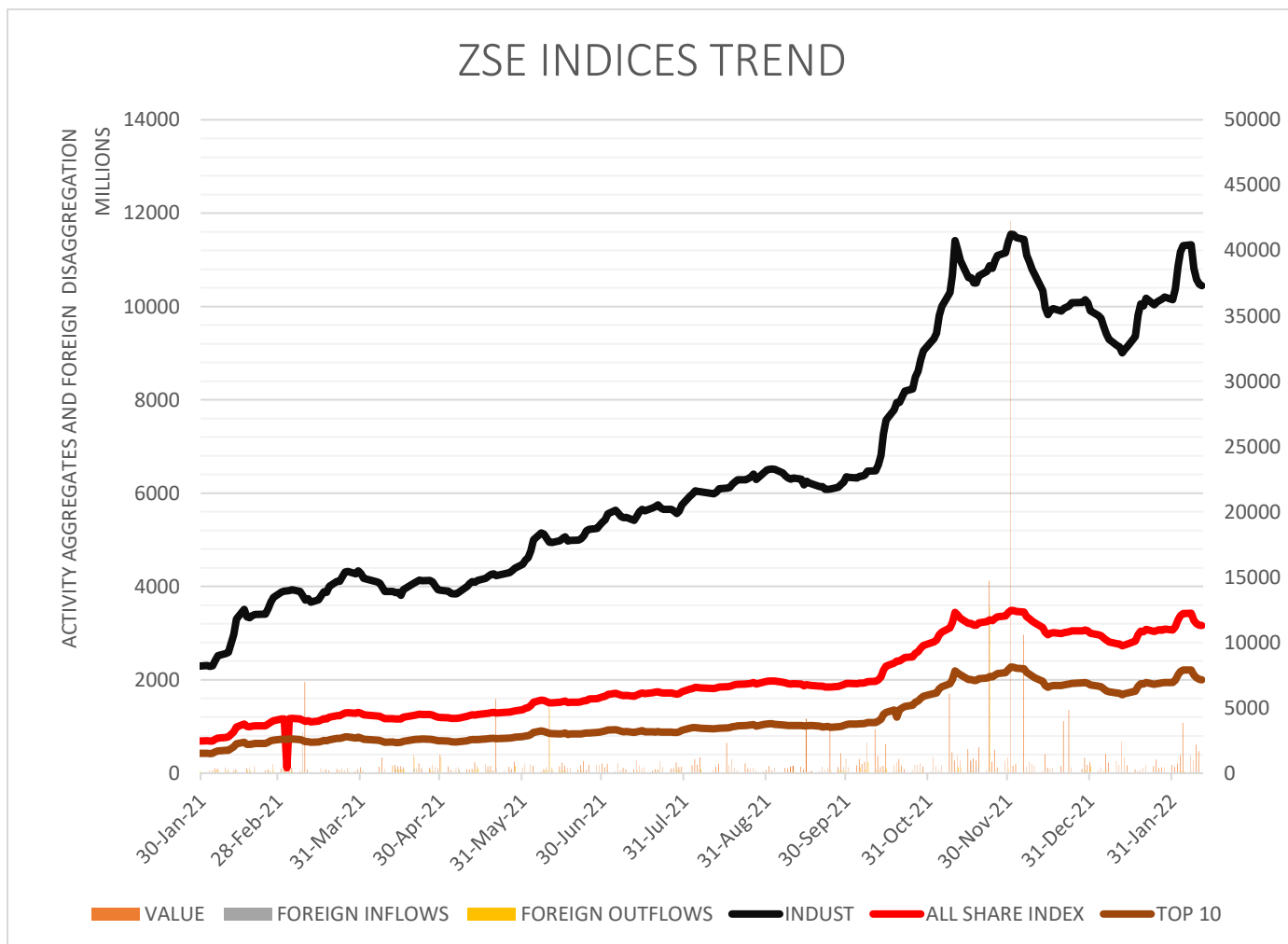
FALLERS	PRICE	% Change
EDGR.ZW	4.6525	14.86
AXIA.ZW	61.4686	12.19
ZIMW.ZW	20.0000	9.09
MSHL.ZW	45.8735	8.25
ASUN.ZW	7.8001	8.23
OKZ.ZW	32.4960	7.15
WILD.ZW	2.8420	6.46
CSZL.ZW	75.0005	6.19
MMDZ.ZW	22.0000	4.35
SACL.ZW	1.6948	4.21

A negative weekly market breadth of ten was registered as twenty-six counters lost ground against sixteen fallers while, seven remained unchanged. Edgars was the major casualty of the week as it lost 14.86% to \$4.6525 with Axia following on a 12.19% drop to settle at \$61.4686. Zimplot Holdings slumped 9.09% to \$20.0000 while, Masimba was 8.25% softer at \$45.8735. African Sun declined 8.23% to \$7.80001 while, OKZIM and Willdale let go 7.15% and 6.46% to \$32.4960 and \$2.8420 respectively. Top cap Cassava succumbed 6.19% to \$75.0005 on the back of profit taking. MedTech lost 4.35% and Star Africa was 4.21% down at \$1.6948 as it completed the top ten losers list. Other notable losers of the week were CBZ (-3.20), Simbisa (-2.77%), Delta (-2.43%), SeedCo (-2.21%), Meikles (-1.39%) and Econet (0.10%).

**Value declines as volume enhances...**


	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
<b>Values</b>	3,089,513,052.75	811,389,959.00	2,278,123,093.75	73.74
<b>Volumes</b>	38,821,800	47,234,700	8,412,900	21.67

Activity aggregates for the holiday shortened week registered a mixed outcome as volumes exchanged rose 21.67% to 47.23m shares while, values declined 73.74% to \$811.39m. Econet, Delta and Tanganda emerged as top value contributors as the trio claimed 25%, 23% and 12% respectively. The other notable value contributor was Innscor which added 11% of the outturn. Star Africa drove the volume aggregates claiming 77% of the total.



**In the News**

Listed seed producer, Seed Co posted a subdued performance in the quarter to December 31, 2021, largely due to the slow onset of the rainfall season which negatively impacted on the seed uptake, volatile currency environment, high interest rates and harsh economic conditions.

<https://businesstimes.co.zw/seed-co-in-subdued-performance/>

The National Railways of Zimbabwe (NRZ) says the deal it struck with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)'s counterpart, Societe Nationale des chemins de fer du Congo (SNCC), will boost and transform the struggling railway company. <https://businesstimes.co.zw/deal-to-boost-nrz/>

Zimbabwe's central bank governor, John Mangudya (pictured), has promised to clear all outstanding foreign currency auction system allotments backlog by the end of next month, *Business Times* can report. <https://businesstimes.co.zw/rbz-to-clear-auction-backlog-next-month/>

The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) has blamed industry for causing inflation and pushing up the parallel market exchange rate amid revelations that companies price goods and services above the auction rate despite getting cheap foreign currency. <https://businesstimes.co.zw/mangudya-dares-industry/>

Listed mining concern, Caledonia Corporations will spend US\$35m on a solar power project at its Blanket Mine in Matabeleland South Province, *Business Times* can report.

<https://businesstimes.co.zw/caledonia-to-splurge-us35m/>

National Tyre Services Limited reported a 36% volume decline in the quarter to December 31, 2021 to 38 732 from 52 608 in the prior comparative period owing to a harsh operating environment, *Business Times* can report. <https://businesstimes.co.zw/nts-q3-volumes-drop/>

THE Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) is gunning for financial institutions, bank treasury employees and commodity brokers accused of manipulating the foreign currency auction as illicit deals taint the platform. <https://www.theindependent.co.zw/2022/02/25/as-central-ups-tempo-on-forex-abuse/>

THE board of directors of Chinese miner, Sinomine Resource Group Co, Ltd (SRGCL) has written to its Hong Kong subsidiary raising concerns over purchasing Zimbabwean lithium miner, Bikita Minerals.

<https://www.theindependent.co.zw/2022/02/25/chinese-shareholder-red-flags-bikita-deal/>

RESERVE Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) governor John Mangudya says the country will this year be expediting the clearance of blocked funds to restore confidence in Zimbabwe as a safe investment destination.

<https://www.theindependent.co.zw/2022/02/25/us32-billion-blocked-funds-get-rbz-priority/>

ZIMBABWE's government this week projected a healthy growth rate in platinum output during 2022, confirming positive sentiment by a new authoritative report, which projected stronger foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows across minerals. <https://www.theindependent.co.zw/2022/02/18/zim-sees-massive-platinum-rebound/>

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