

ZSE in bearish mode as elections beckon...

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|-------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| All share | 117.29 | 114.31 | 2.9800 | 2.54 | 14.31 |
| Industrial | 394.35 | 384.22 | 10.1300 | 2.57 | 17.84 |
| Mining | 164.28 | 163.99 | 0.2900 | 0.18 | 15.16 |
| Top 10 | 122.68 | 118.87 | 3.8100 | 3.11 | 18.87 |

A bearish sentiment prevailed on the ZSE in the final week ahead of the much anticipated 2018 general elections to see all the benchmark indices close the week in the red. The primary All Share Index succumbed 2.54% week on week and settled at 114.31pts as profit taking took its toll in selected market heavies. Amongst the segregated indices the Top Ten Index fell 3.11% and settled at 118.87pts while, the Industrial Index fell 2.57% and closed at 384.22pts. The resources counters were also under selling pressure resulting in the Mining Index succumbing 0.18% and ending the week pegged at 163.99pts. The upcoming elections which are being held under one of the most peaceful environments ever experienced in Zimbabwe during a plebiscite, pitting parties that are campaigning on an economic transformation agenda which provides some hope for the country, though much hinges on the acceptability of the process and consequently the outcome. The opposition is heading into the polls with a number of unaddressed grievances against the electoral body and it can only be hoped that these will not smear the post-election period so as to set the economy on the much sought after turnaround.

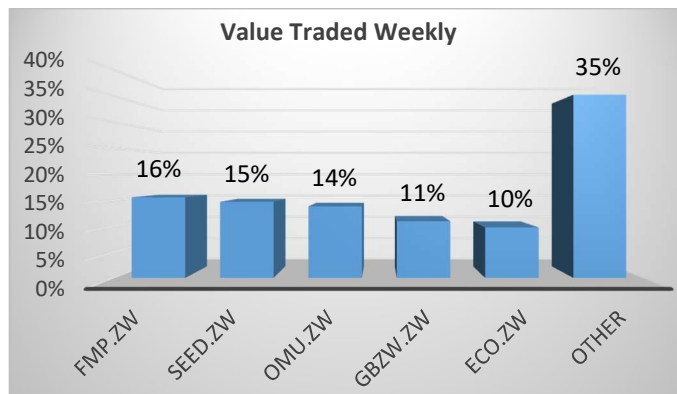
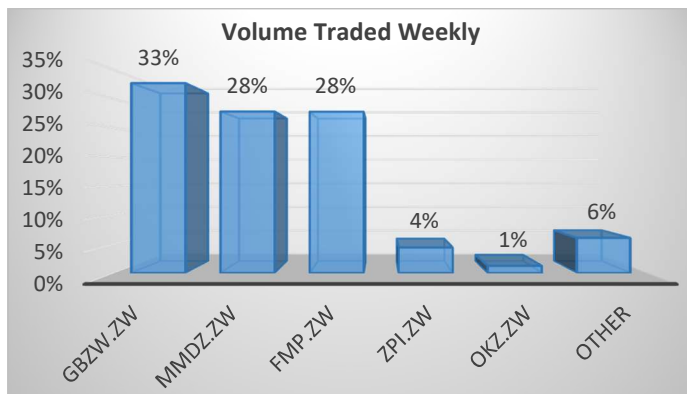
| RISERS | PRICE | % Change |
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| FMP.ZW | 0.0558 | 24.00 |
| TRUW.ZW | 0.0140 | 16.67 |
| DAWN.ZW | 0.0159 | 10.42 |
| FML.ZW | 0.1650 | 10.00 |
| SEED.ZW | 2.5800 | 5.09 |
| INN.ZW | 1.4214 | 4.71 |
| AXIA.ZW | 0.2500 | 4.17 |
| NMB.ZW | 0.1200 | 3.90 |
| NTFD.ZW | 5.6094 | 2.74 |
| SIM.ZW | 0.4800 | 2.67 |

The market recorded a negative breadth of two to underline the bearish sentiment which prevailed over the week as seventeen fallers emerged against fifteen risers. Heavies dominated the weekly shakers as punters took profits from the recent surge with the market's top stock Delta headlining the heavies declines on a 9.01% slide that took it to \$2.1496. Dually listed cement manufacturers PPC succumbed to profit taking and shed 6.25% to settle at \$1.2000. Telecoms giant Econet was also amongst the decliners falling 3.84% to \$1.2491.

| FALLERS | PRICE | % Change |
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| MMDZ.ZW | 0.0001 | 80.00 |
| ZPI.ZW | 0.0170 | 19.05 |
| FIDL.ZW | 0.1020 | 15.00 |
| MEIK.ZW | 0.3500 | 13.13 |
| DZL.ZW | 0.1330 | 11.33 |
| GBZW.ZW | 0.0333 | 10.00 |
| DLTA.ZW | 2.1496 | 9.01 |
| OKZ.ZW | 0.2200 | 6.46 |
| PPC.ZW | 1.2000 | 6.25 |
| TURN.ZW | 0.0135 | 6.25 |

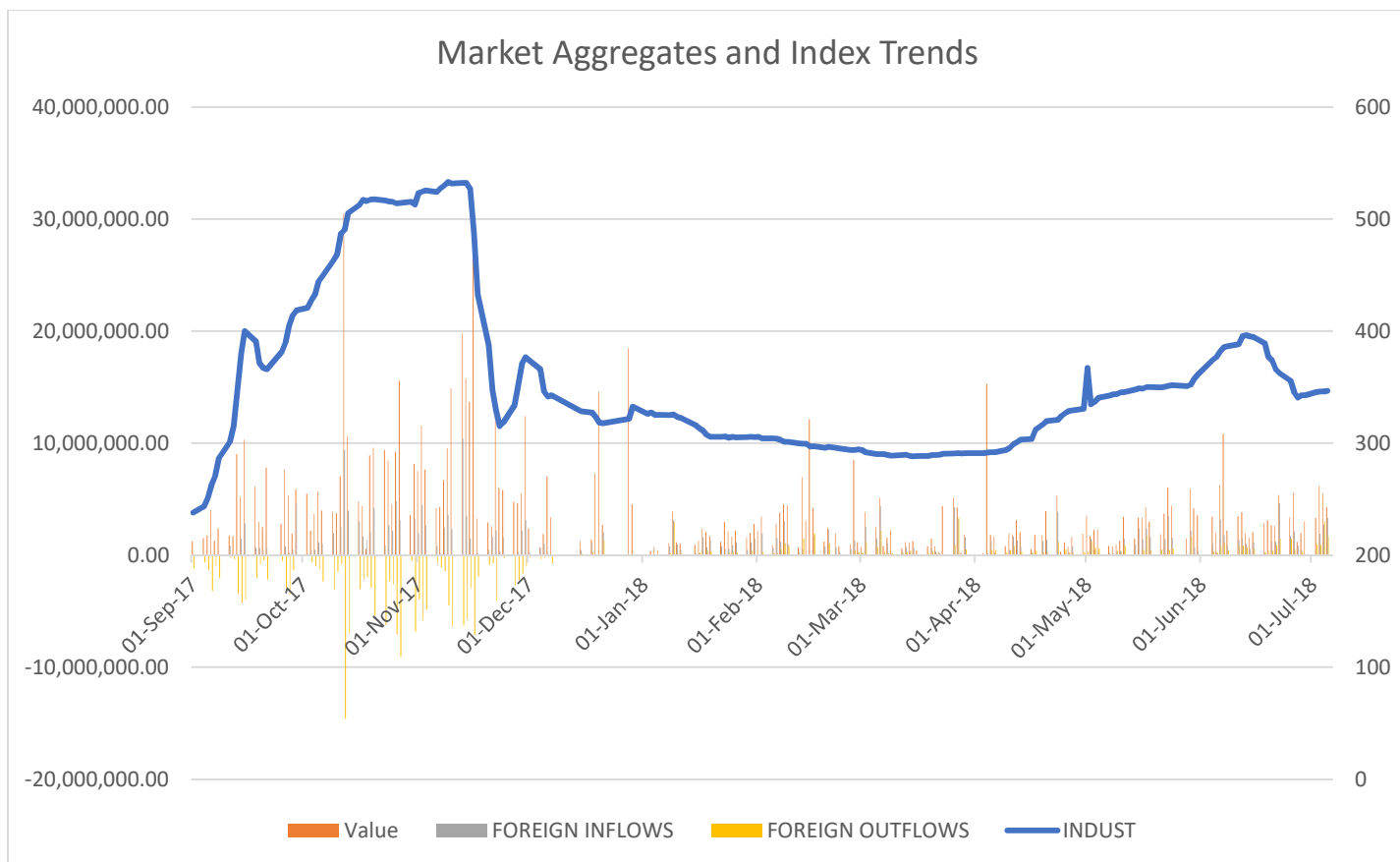
Leading the weekly fallers was pharmaceutical group Medtech which closed the week 80% softer at \$0.0001 while, property group ZPI followed after letting go of 19.05% and settling at \$0.0170. Life assurers Fidelity were 15% softer at \$0.102 on weak demand while, Meikles shed 13.13% and settled at \$0.3500. Dairibord dropped 11.33% and closed at \$0.1330 as GetBucks fell 10% to \$0.0333 amidst heavy trading in the counter. Retail giant OKZIM fell 6.46% and settled at \$0.2200 as Turnall capped the top fallers set on a 6.25% slide to \$0.0135.

Leading the loss mitigation on the market was property group FMP that firmed 24% on resilient demand and closed at \$0.0558 as in excess of 60m shares exchanged hands in the group. Apparel retailers Truworths followed after putting on 16.67% and closed the week at \$0.0140 while, property group Dawn firmed 10.42% and closed the week at \$0.0159. Amongst the heavy weight gainers were SeedCO which added 5.09% and settled at \$2.5800, Innscor that added 4.71% to \$1.4214 and Simbisa that fell 2.67% to \$0.4800.

Block trades in FMP and Get bucks highlight trading week...


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| Values | 25,067,313.90 | 21,833,084.26 | 3,234,229.64 | 12.90 |
| Volumes | 328,158,283.00 | 219,195,440 | 108,962,843 | 33.20 |

The market saw a slower trading week as the top aggregates closed softer week on week. Values of the week were 12.90% softer at \$21.8m while, volumes were 33% down at 219m shares. Getbucks, Medtech and FMP anchored the volumes of the week with a combined contribution of 89%. Market spend was driven by FMP(16%), SEED (15%) and Old Mutual (14%).



In the News

Agribank has obtained a \$30 mln line of credit from the Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa (IDCSA) to support the agriculture sector. [#Herald](#)

Private Hwange coal miner, Makomo Resources, says it expects to ramp up its production in the third quarter of this year to surpass last quarter's figures by 50% following acquisition of new machinery. [#Newsday](#)

The 146 000 small – scale tobacco farmers have finally achieved the 236 mln kilogrammes of the golden leaf achieved in 2000 when production reached its peak. [#Dailynews](#)

The Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (Zimra) performed beyond expectations in the first half of 2018 after gross collections hit \$2.41 bln against the budgeted \$2.10 bln, driven by excise duty, net value added tax on local sales and individuals. [#Herald](#)

Telecoms giant Econet has launched an innovative short-term motor vehicle insurance service, EcoSure Moovah. [#Herald](#)

CBZ Holdings Limited is holding its breaths while Americans investors comb through records of its international transactions to determine the extent of any branches by the bank of Washington's sanctions on targeted individuals with whom it may have transacted. [#Fingaz](#)

President Mnangagwa has challenged Potraz to be more transparent in the deployment of the universal services fund to ensure broader access to postal and telecoms services. [#Herald](#)

Meikles Limited, intends to expand its Victoria Falls Hotel in the resort town as it positions itself to capitalise on the anticipated boon in the tourism sector driven by the expected economic growth. [#Herald](#)

Nssa has launched an operation to probe companies compliance with Nssa Act's requirements on social security schemes. [#Dailynews](#)

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