

ZSE closes January in the red...

The market capped the month with another weekly loss as prices continued plummeting in the face of low demand. Bearish trends continued into the New Year and have since seen the ZSE succumb to further losses with the main stream Industrial Index and shedding a cumulative 10.28% year to date while, the Mining Index lost 17.59%. Sustained selloffs on the ZSE accounted for much of the declines on the bourse as the market's allure continued to diminish in the face of rising uncertainties in the operating environment coupled with a tense political climate more so with the regular tabloid reports of divisions in the major political parties. Policy uncertainty has in some way contributed to the loss of the allure of the market, in particular the conflicting positions coming from government officials on the implementation of indigenization and economic empowerment regulations. Meanwhile, the reporting season resumed though it failed to spur market despite some decent performances in the face of the challenging environment. Amongst those to report the noteworthy one was diversified group TSL that enjoyed a marginal increase in revenues but saw an 8% decrease in operating profit and reported a profit after tax of \$4.1m. Other financials were published by ginners COTTCO that are currently suspended on the ZSE, which saw their performance suffer from the low cropping in cotton as farmers shun the crop for higher value options.

Industrials and Resources descends...

Indices	Previous	Current	Change (pts)	% Change	YTD %
<i>Industrial</i>	103.38	103.04	0.3400	0.33	10.28
<i>Mining</i>	19.77	19.53	0.2400	1.21	17.59

Late gains in the final two sessions of the week failed to mitigate the market losses as the main stream Industrial Index ended the week down 0.33% at 103.04pts.

The resources were similarly trending south as the Mining Index came off 1.21% to 19.53pts largely weighed down by the falling nickel miners Bindura.

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Risers

Symbol	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
SACL.ZW	0.0060	0.0080	0.0020	33.33
ECO.ZW	0.1955	0.2297	0.0342	17.49
CFI.ZW	0.0572	0.0606	0.0034	5.94
BARC.ZW	0.0385	0.0390	0.0005	1.30
INN.ZW	0.2050	0.2070	0.0020	0.98
PHL.ZW	0.0698	0.0700	0.0002	0.29
SEED.ZW	0.8239	0.8250	0.0011	0.13

Faller

Symbol	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
WILD.ZW	0.0020	0.0015	0.0005	25.00
OML.ZW	1.8082	1.6999	0.1083	5.99
DLTA.ZW	0.5493	0.5289	0.0204	3.71
HIPO.ZW	0.3700	0.3575	0.0125	3.38
BIND.ZW	0.0103	0.0100	0.0003	2.91
FIDL.ZW	0.0974	0.0950	0.0024	2.46
SIM.ZW	0.1595	0.1585	0.0010	0.63

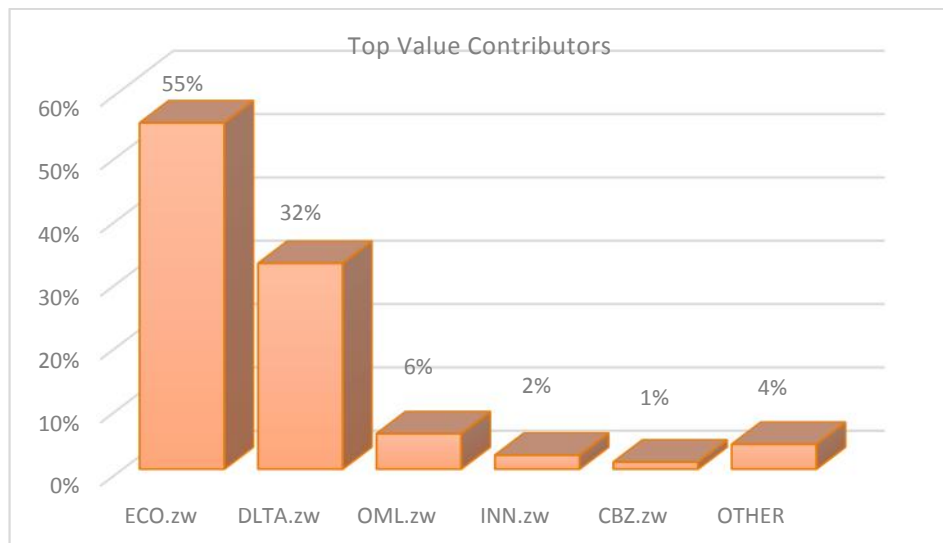
* All prices in USD

A week of mixed performances...

Surprise resurgent demand in selected stocks created a mixed outlook on performance of the ZSE shares as the market closed with an even distribution on the winners and fallers spectrum. The risers and fallers were seven apiece with the fallers led by brick manufacturers Willdale that that let go 25% of its value and touched a year to date low of \$0.0015. Diversified financial services group Old Mutual followed on a 5.99% decline to \$1.6999. Beverages giant Delta extended its free-fall since the turn of the New Year with a 3.71% decline that took it to \$0.5289. Agro-Industrial concern Hippo was down 2.91% at \$0.3575 while, Bindura succumbed 2.91% and closed at \$0.0100. Completing the shakers of the day were Fidelity and Simbisa that fell 2.46% and 0.63% to close the week trading at \$0.0950 and \$0.1585.

The weekly losses were mitigated by gains in seven stocks led by sugar processors Star Africa that surged 33.3% and closed the day at \$0.0080 on a sudden spat of demand. Econet continued to enjoy the resurgent demand that culminated in the telecoms group adding 17.49% for the week and settling at \$0.2297. CFI followed on the risers adding 5.94% and closing at \$0.0606 though the group closed the week suspended with the market awaiting official communication from the exchange on the reasons for suspension. Banking group Barclays added 1.30% to \$0.0390 while Innscor followed with a 0.98% uplift that took it to \$0.2070. Other gains of the week were seen in crocodile skin producers Padenga that rose 0.29% to \$0.0700 while SeedCO capped the risers of the week on a 0.13% uplift that took its price to \$0.8250

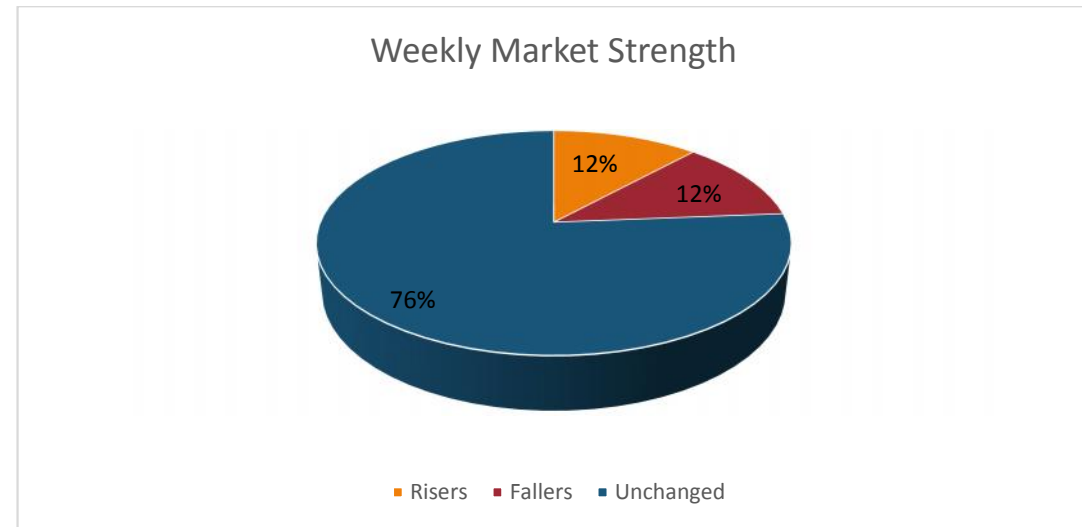
Market Aggregates and Statistics



Market turnover aggregates

	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
Values	2,112,445.50	3,259,596.87	1,147,151.37	54.30
Volumes	13,882,308	16,060,426	2,178,118.00	15.69

Activity aggregates showed an improvement for the week with the value of trades growing 54.30% to \$3.26m with Econet and Delta emerging the main drivers of the aggregate at a combined 87% contribution to the total. Volume aggregates improved 15.69% to 13.88m anchored by trades in Econet which accounted for 55% and a combined 25% which came from Nicoz Diamond and Delta.



In the news...

Workers demand shares in Hwange Colliery

WORKERS at the struggling coal miner Hwange Colliery Company Limited (HCCL) have demanded that they become the company's shareholders after their outstanding salaries exceeded the firm's shareholders' funds. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2016/01/29/workers-demand-shares-in-hwange-colliery/>

We here to stay-Simbisa

Listed fast-foods concern, Simbisa Brands says it is here to stay in Zimbabwe and will open drive -thru stores throughout the country cementing its foothold in the competitive business. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2016/01/29/we-are-here-to-stay-simbisa/>

Zimra to realize \$40m from tax amnesty

The Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (Zimra) Commissioner-General Gershem Pasi says the taxman assessed about \$40 million tax claims during its tax amnesty last year. <https://www.dailynews.co.zw/articles/2016/01/27/zimra-to-realise-40m-from-tax-amnesty>

ZSE halts trading of CFI shares

THE Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) yesterday issued CFI Holdings with a trading halt, which suspended the trading of shares, charging that there was information asymmetry at the listed agri-industrial concern. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2016/01/28/zse-halts-trading-of-cfi-shares/>

Murowa diamond to invest \$60m

Murowa Diamonds has committed \$60 million in the next four years as part of its expansion and development programme to increase revenue and ramp up output, signalling its confidence in the future of the diamond sector. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2016/01/28/murowa-diamonds-to-invest-60-million/>

Govt targets 7pc increase in dairy production

Government is targeting growth of 7% in the dairy sector over the next five years to be financed from proceeds of the levy on pasteurised milk imports. <http://www.herald.co.zw/gvt-targets-7pc-increase-in-dairy-production/>

ZSE drafts debt market conventions

The Zimbabwe Stock Exchange has come up with proposed debt market conventions meant to standardise trading of fixed income securities on the stock exchange <http://www.herald.co.zw/zse-drafts-debt-market-conventions/>

Barbours eyes growth

Meikles Limited a subsidiary of Barbours Stores is looking at achieving further growth this year following its return to profitability, a senior company official said. <http://www.herald.co.zw/barbours-eyes-growth/>

Zim mobile penetration up 13pc in 2015-Potraz

The mobile penetration rate in Zimbabwe increased by 1.3% to 92.8 percent in the third quarter of last year showing a continued rise in the use of the cell phone as the most handy communication device, latest data that the industry regulator released shows. <http://www.herald.co.zw/zim-mobile-penetration-up-13pc-in-2015-potraz/>

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