

## ZSE weakness extends as the first half closes...

	Previous	Current	Change	%Change	YTD %
<b>All share</b>	108.76	102.11	6.6500	6.11	2.11
<b>Industrial</b>	362.49	342.79	19.7000	5.43	5.14
<b>Mining</b>	162.47	161.28	1.1900	0.73	13.26
<b>Top 10</b>	111.21	103.04	8.1700	7.35	3.04

Market weakness extended for another week to see the ZSE close lower with all four benchmark indices ending in the red. The primary All Share Index was down 6.11% at 102.11pts as we entered the home stretch to elections slated for 30 July 2018. Amongst the segregated indices, the ZSE Top Ten Index was the main casualty of the market decline, shedding 7.35% and settling at 103.04pts while, the Industrial and Mining Indices succumbed 5.43% and 0.73% respectively as they settled at 161.28pts and 342.79pts. Suffice to say, the market managed to hold on and closed the first half of the year in the black reflecting in the 2.11% return on the All share Index with the Mining Index leading the performances on the segregated indices after posting a 13.26% return. For the week under review, the market closed with a negative weekly breadth of nine as eighteen stocks traded softer against nine risers.

RISERS	PRICE	% Change
ARIS.ZW	0.0168	20.00
UNIF.ZW	0.0252	20.00
EDGR.ZW	0.0650	6.56
HIPO.ZW	1.6000	6.31
ASUN.ZW	0.0720	5.88
DZL.ZW	0.1300	3.17
NMB.ZW	0.1157	0.61
BAT.ZW	25.0000	0.20
NTFD.ZW	5.4600	0.18

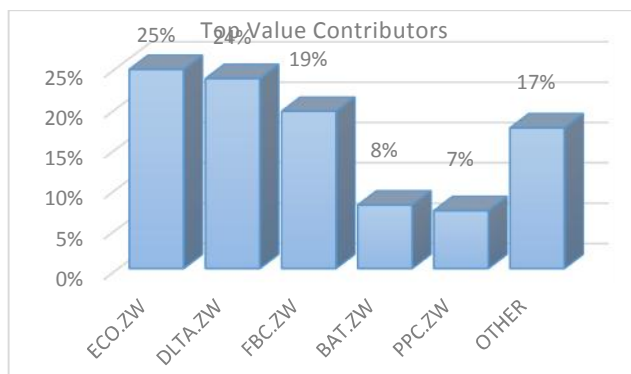
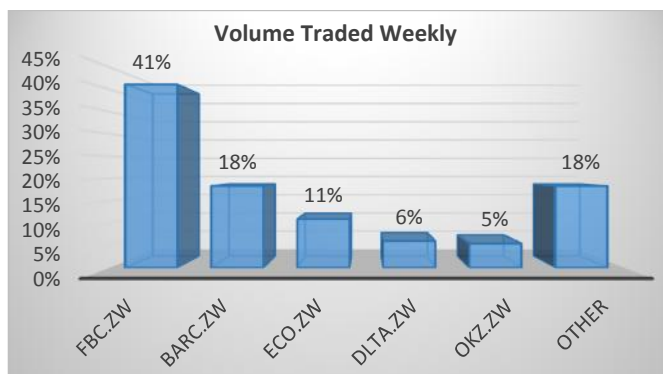
Market heavies weighed heavily on the performance of the indices as the top shakers for the week were dominated by the top capitalized stocks. Innscor led the market retreat as the light manufacturing group succumbed 20.18% and settled at \$1.1800. Old Mutual's re-entry on the ZSE after hiving off Quilter Plc saw the diversified financial services group let go 19.14% and settling at \$4.8533. Another notable heavy to trade softer was SeedCo which shed 12.16% and settled at \$2.0203 as investors await the proposed unbundling of regional operations and subsequent listing of same on a regional exchange.

FALLERS	PRICE	% Change
INN.ZW	1.1800	20.18
OMU.ZW	4.8533	19.14
SACL.ZW	0.0130	18.75
SEED.ZW	2.0203	12.16
AXIA.ZW	0.2200	12.00
TSL.ZW	0.4000	11.11
OKZ.ZW	0.1997	8.65
CBZ.ZW	0.1025	8.56
BARC.ZW	0.0650	8.45
MEIK.ZW	0.3302	8.28

Sugar processing and refiners Star Africa succumbed 18.75% for the week and settled at \$0.0130 in the wake of another dismal performance in which they posted a reduced loss of \$3.8m. Retailers Axia shed 12% and settled at \$0.2200 while, TSL was 11.11% softer at \$0.4000. OKZIM and CBZ were down 8.65% and 8.56% as they capped the week at \$0.1997 and \$0.1025 respectively. Banking group Barclays let go 8.45% and settled at \$0.0650 on weakening demand while, Meikles completed the fallers set on an 8.28% slip to \$0.3302.

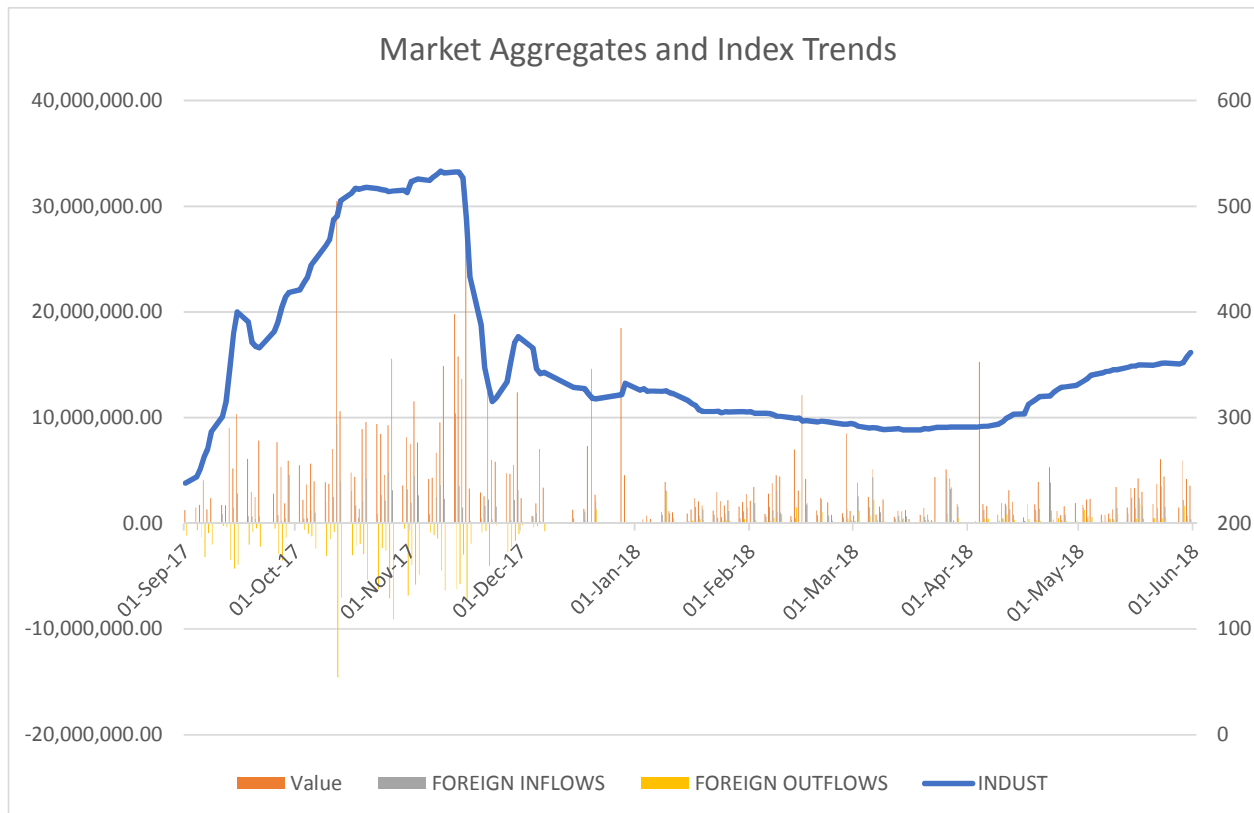
Mitigating the market losses were gains in nine counters led by Ariston that firmed 20% to \$0.0168 with Unifreight following on a similar gain margin to \$0.0252. Apparel retailers Edgars firmed 6.56% on surging demand to \$0.0650. Hippo closed at \$1.60 after a 6.31% rise as Natfoods anchored the risers on a 0.18% lift.

Activity aggregates soften...



	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
Values	16,642,984.45	15,136,450.51	1,506,533.94	9.05
Volumes	56,026,124.00	32,604,124	23,422,000	41.81

The market had a slower week activity wise as the main aggregates closed softer. Volumes of the week were 41.8% softer at 32.6m shares, though the skew of the activity towards the higher value stocks saw values soften by a smaller margin of 9.05% to \$15.14m. The top volume drivers for the week were FBC - 41%, Barclays - 18% and Econet claiming 11%. Values of the week were driven by Econet with 25%, Delta accounting for 24% and FBC that claimed 19% of the aggregate.



**In the News**

Zimbabwe's sugar production is projected to increase by 17% to 460 000 metric tonnes in the 2018/19 season, mainly due to higher volumes of better quality sugarcane available for crushing. [#Newsday](#)

Old Mutual Plc is set to dispose of a 34.1% stake of its 54% equity stake in Nedbank to come down to 19.9% in the next 6 months after its managed separation strategy this week. Nedbank, which is South African owned, has operations in Zimbabwe. [#ZimIndependent](#)

Herbert Nkala has retired as chairman of African Sun Limited after more than three years at the helm, with the hospitality group expected to announce his successor in the coming days. [#Newsday](#)

The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) says it has raised over \$1 billion through the issuance of savings bonds to mop up excess liquidity from the market and fund Government expenditure. [#BusinessWeekly](#)  
EcoCash plans to further reduce its tariffs soon, the mobile money service's chief executive officer Natalie Jabangwe Morris has disclosed. [#Fingaz](#)

Royalties on Zimbabwean-mined diamonds have remained punitive, scaring away investors and disadvantaging local players, diversified resources firm RioZim has said. [#Fingaz](#)

BancABC and Zimnat on Tuesday night officially launched a bancassurance partnership under which the pan-African financial services provider will sell insurance products underwritten by the latter. [#Dailynews](#)

PPC Zimbabwe, has written a letter to the Local Government ministry demanding a reversal of the acquisition of the property, which had been allocated to several residents. [#Dailynews](#)

Profits for the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange-listed entity Hippo Valley Estates for the year to March 31, 2018 jumped 42% to \$11 mln compared with \$7.7 mln reported in the prior year despite depressed sugar production. [#Herald](#)

President Mnangagwa yesterday challenged Old Mutual Limited to consider investing in the country's agricultural sector and help fund commercial infrastructure in line with global trends and development. [#Herald](#)

Old Mutual Limited yesterday relisted its shares on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE), undertook a standard listing on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) and secondary relistings on stock exchanges of Malawi, Namibia and Zimbabwe. [#Herald](#)

President Mnangagwa is today expected to commission the construction of the \$1 bln Hwange 7 and 8 Power extension project as his administration continues to drive the country towards energy self-sufficiency as a key economic enabler. [#Herald](#)

Insurance giant Old Mutual Zimbabwe has liberalized its B class shares that were previously open to trading among locals as part of the company's indigenization plan. [#Dailynews](#)



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