

ZSE cap September with gains in benchmarks...

	Previous	Current	Change	%Change	YTD %
Industrial	98.89	98.96	0.0700	0.07	13.84
Mining	25.69	26.61	0.9200	3.58	12.28

The resurgent demand that emerged in the latter part of last week spurred the market to gains in the final week of the month despite weaknesses registered in the final two sessions. The main stream Industrials capped the week on a 0.07% gain to 98.96pts as the overly bullish sentiment prevailed. Interest in the market rode largely on the recent string of financial results from a number of companies that were scampering to meet the September deadline for the June reported date. This week the market saw financials from Axia, Edgars, Fidelity, Unifreight, ZHL, and ZPI, which all enjoyed profitable outcomes despite the challenging trading environment. The Mining Index, in a rare spat of activity saw itself adding 3.58% for the week and closed at 26.61pts with the main driver of the resources gains being Bindura which gained 7.14% and closed the week at \$0.0120 while RioZim also chipped in after adding 2.22% to \$0.1748.

Weekly Risers

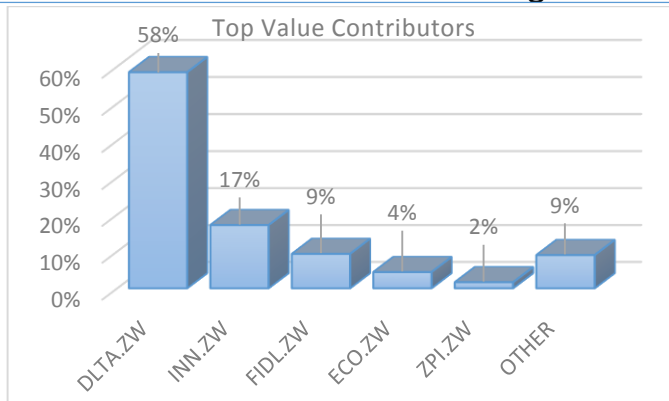
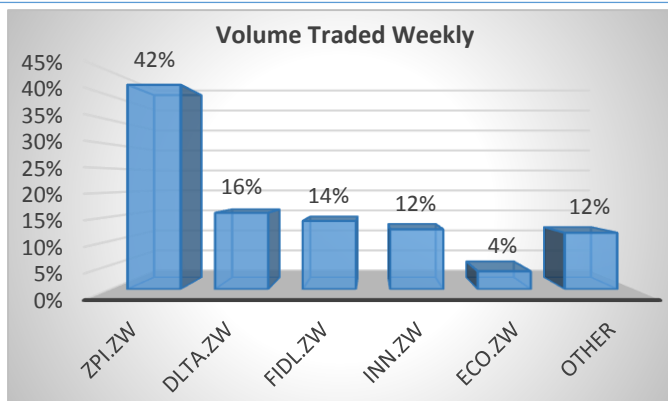
RISERS	PRICE	% Change
AXIA.ZW	0.0360	↑ 12.50
SACL.ZW	0.0084	↑ 12.00
BIND.ZW	0.0120	↑ 7.14
OML.ZW	2.9000	↑ 6.32
PHL.ZW	0.1140	↑ 3.07
OKZ.ZW	0.0340	↑ 3.03
RIOZ.ZW	0.1748	↑ 2.22
SEED.ZW	0.5975	↑ 1.70
BAT.ZW	12.2000	↑ 1.67
DAWN.ZW	0.0160	↑ 1.27

It emerged to be a risers week as a bullish sentiment particularly in the earlier sessions swept across the board. A total of sixteen counters registered positive price movements against five that traded softer to see the market set a positive breadth of eleven. Expected gains from this huge positive breadth were however pegged back by the skew of the fallers towards the weighty heavy cap stocks. Axia led the market charge after rallying 12.50% to \$0.0360 as investors gave a nod to its full year results to June 2016. Sugar refiners Star Africa emerged as a surprise top gainer with a 12% improvement in price to \$0.0084. Old mutual surged 6.32% to its year to date high of \$2.9000 as recent solid demand was rewarded with improved price. Likewise Padenga's rising impetus took its price to \$0.1140 after a cumulative 3.07% gain for the week. OKZIM and SeedCo were up 3.03% and 1.7% as they closed pegged at \$0.0340 and \$0.5975 respectively. Other gains for the week were in BAT up 1.67% and Dawn up 1.27%.

Weekly Fallers

FALLERS	PRICE	% Change
LACZ.ZW	0.2000	↓ 9.09
SIM.ZW	0.1200	↓ 8.40
DLTA.ZW	0.6000	↓ 1.64
ECO.ZW	0.1960	↓ 0.51
HIPO.ZW	0.1990	↓ 0.50

There were five fallers for the week led by cement manufacturers Lafarge which saw its price come off 9.1% to \$0.2000 where demand could established in a post results selloff. Fast foods group Simbisa retreated 8.4% as recent demand failed to hold ground. Delta reversed all recent gains after shedding 1.64% and settled at \$0.6000 where the stock closed well offered with a distant bid reflecting at \$0.5700. Telecoms giant Econet trended southwards and lost 0.51% over the week to close trading at \$0.1960 as investors await the release of their interim results to August 2016. Hippo completed the fallers set on a 0.50% decline leaving the sugar producer at \$0.1990.



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Values	2,770,313.65	6,346,659.12	3,576,345.47	129.10
Volumes	11,668,961.00	38,164,937.00	26,495,976.00	227.06

There was a marked improvement in trading activity over the week spurred largely by resurgent local demand, lured by the depressed prices that are presenting opportunities for bargains. The market's value of trades topped \$6.34m after a 129% surge with market's top valued stock, Delta claiming the lion's share of the trades. An estimated 58% of the market spend was expended in Delta alone while other notable contributors to the value aggregate were Innscor accounting for 17% and Fidelity with 9%. The volumes exchanged over the week ballooned 227.06% and ended at \$38.2m shares propelled mainly by property stock ZPI whose contribution to the total stood at 42%. Other drivers of the aggregate were Delta, Fidelity and Innscor that made respective contributions of 16%, 14% and 12%.

In the news:**Zimre holdings posts \$12m profit**

ZIMRE Holdings Limited (ZHL) recorded a profit of \$1,2 million for the half-year ended June 30, 2016 from \$1,1 million in 2015 due to a decline in operating and administrative expenses.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2016/09/30/zimre-holdings-posts-12m-profit/>

Simbisa posts \$3m profits

Simbisa Brands Limited posted a profit-after-tax of \$3,1 million in the nine months ending June 30 on the back of a growth in customers across the region.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2016/09/29/simbisa-posts-3m-profits-eyes-acquisitions/>

Imports accelerate despite restrictions

ZIMBABWE'S imports increased by 13% to \$444 million in August 2016, despite government having introduced Statutory Instrument 64 of 2016 to stem the tide, latest data from the national statistics agency has shown.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2016/09/29/imports-accelerate-despite-restrictions/>

Fidelity PAT 66 pc down

FIDELITY Life Assurance of Zimbabwe Limited posted a profit after tax of \$985 253 for the half-year ended June 30, 2016 compared to \$2,9 million recorded same period last year on the back of an increase in net claims and benefits.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2016/09/28/fidelity-pat-66-rising-claims/>

Lafarge agrees to provide resources for roads rehab

LAFARGE Cement Zimbabwe has agreed to provide some of their resources, mainly in technical expertise, to try and help in the rehabilitation of the country's road infrastructure.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2016/09/29/lafarge-agrees-provide-resources-roads-rehabilitation/>

Zimre Property records 56pc increase in profit

ZIMRE Property Investment Limited has recorded a 56% increase in after tax profit to \$571 907 for the half-year ended June 30, 2016 spurred by an increase in revenue and a reduction in staff costs.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2016/09/26/zimre-property-records-56-profit/>

NMBZ to get USD 15m line of credit

NMBZ Holdings said the legal processes for the \$15 million line of credit from two European development finance institutions (DFIs) were still on-going and the money would be accessed at a later stage.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2016/09/26/anti-govt-protests-byo-activists-seek-block-remand/>

Chloride operating at full throttle

Art Corporation's battery manufacturing subsidiary, Chloride Zimbabwe is now operating at full capacity after seeing increased volumes following restrictions introduced by government on imported batteries under Statutory Instrument 20 of 2016 in February.

<http://www.herald.co.zw/chloride-operating-at-full-throttle/>

Pepsi has started plant construction

Pepsi has begun construction work at its first Zimbabwean \$30 mln plant despite the worsening economic situation in the country.

<http://www.herald.co.zw/varun-beverages-starts-pepsi-plant-construction/>

Govt to clear Hwange colliery debts

Government expects to clear a significant portion of Hwange Colliery Company's debts by early next month to pave way for the implementation of new strategies aimed at reviving the company.

<http://www.herald.co.zw/govt-to-clear-hwange-colliery-debts/>

Hippo sugar production up 7pc

Sugar manufacturer Hippo Valley Estates Limited anticipates sugar production for the year to 2017 to reach an estimated 220 000 tonnes, an increase of 7% from prior year levels.

<http://www.herald.co.zw/hippo-sugar-production-up-7pc/>

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