

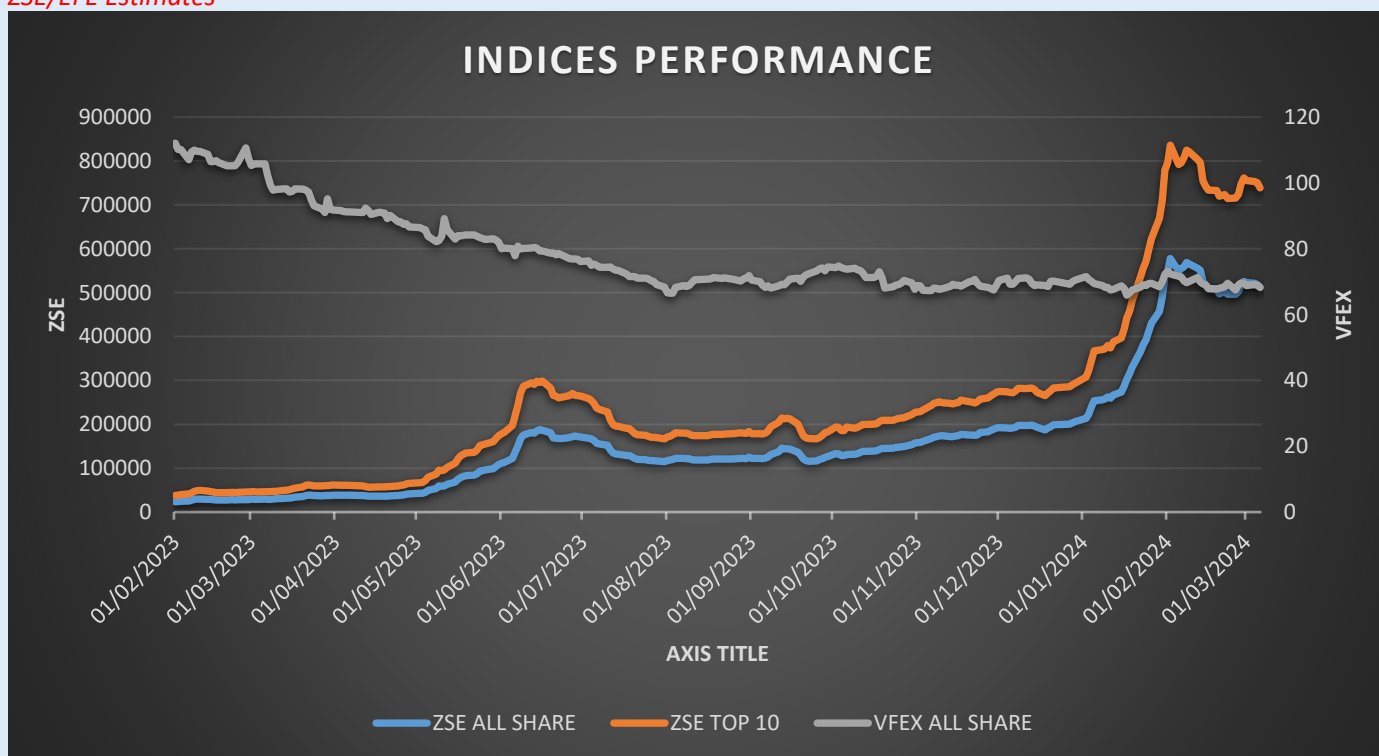
MARKET REVIEW...

ZSE retreats in the month of February as profit taking in selected heavies set in...

The ZSE reversed prior months' gains in February as the All-Share Index retreated 3.16% to 525,570.76pts, mainly weighed down by heavies that experienced selling pressure and the cautionary stance taken by market players awaiting announcement of the monetary policy. The Blue-Chip Index was 4.29% lower at 235,643.91pts as Delta, Econet and Meikles mainly traded in the negative territory during the month while, the Agriculture Index parred off 6.72% to end at 1,401.85pts. On the contrary, the Mid Cap Index jumped 15.53% to settle at 2,092,048.38pts as sellers in heavy cap counters switched into mid-cap counters. The ETF Index was 22.16% higher at 7,168.70pts.

	Jan-24	Feb-24	(%) CHANGE	YTD%
All Share	542,743.66	525,570.76	3.16	149.28
Agriculture	1502.8416	1,401.85	6.72	126.10
Top 10	246,209.92	235,643.91	4.29	161.58
Mid Cap	1,810,753.42	2,092,048.38	15.53	129.02
ZSE ETF	5,868.10	7,168.70	22.16	55.42

ZSE/EFE Estimates



ZSE/EFE Estimate

Gainers and Losers for the Month

RISERS				FALLERS			
Symbol	Current	Change	%Change	Symbol	Current	Change	%Change
ARTD.ZW	190.0000	100.0000	111.11	MEIK.ZW	2422.5000	4327.5000	64.11
CAFCA.ZW	8800.0000	4377.5000	98.98	DZL.ZW	1050.6667	730.9841	41.03
NMB.ZW	2900.0000	1415.6000	95.37	TANG.ZW	1942.5000	1329.1139	40.63
EDGR.ZW	399.0000	174.3000	77.57	SEED.ZW	2350.1822	1110.4076	32.09
BFCA.ZW	35.0000	15.0000	75.00	DLTA.ZW	8542.8367	2718.0442	24.14
FML.ZW	3600.0000	1502.5500	71.64	PROL.ZW	1350.0000	350.0000	20.59
MASH.ZW	302.1000	122.1000	67.83	ECO.ZW	1806.2022	348.7862	16.19
TSL.ZW	2174.9502	852.4502	64.46	AFDS.ZW	3999.9875	547.4125	12.04
FIDL.ZW	622.0000	213.0000	52.08	SACL.ZW	8.2775	0.7960	8.77
RTG.ZW	367.6500	122.7162	50.10	BAT.ZW	46813.0000	2.7000	0.01

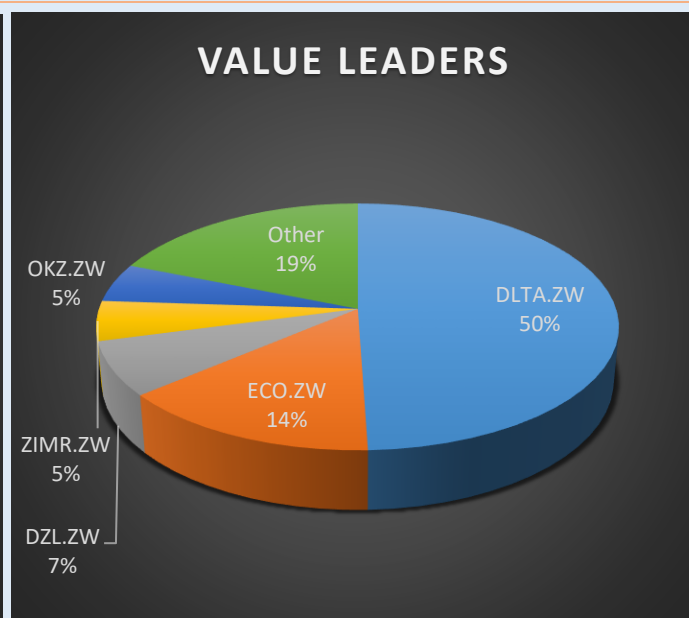
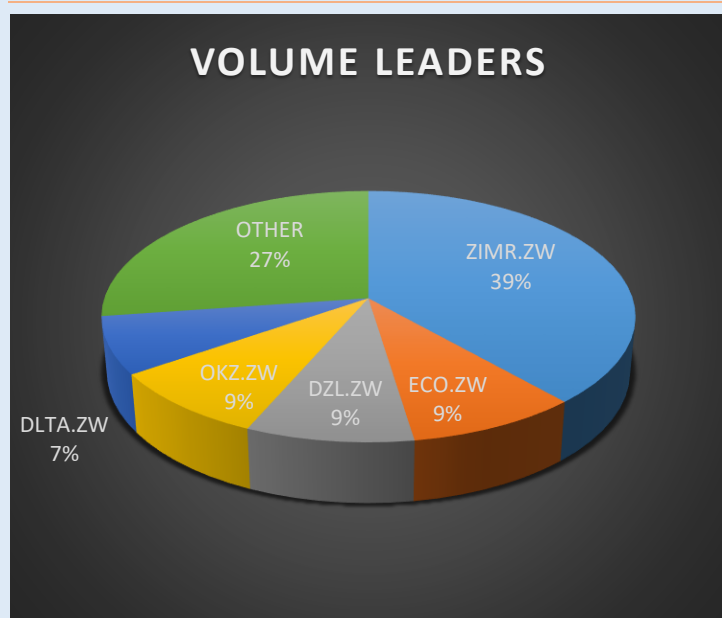
ZSE/EFE Estimate

The market closed with a positive breadth of twenty, as thirty-one bulls charged against eleven laggards during the month. On the pole position was conglomerate ART that garnered 111.11% to end at \$190.0000, where supply could be found while, cable manufacturer CAFCA charged 98.98% to settle at \$8,800.0000. Bankers NMB soared 95.37% to end pegged at \$2,900.0000 while, apparel retailer Edgars that is trading under a cautionary jumped 77.57% to close at \$399.0000. BridgeFort Capital Class A notched up 75.00% to \$35.0000 as it continued with its plans to acquire Diaspora Kapita and list on the VFEX while, First Mutual Limited edged up 71.64% to \$3,600.0000 as it announced that it will be appealing the US\$53m corrective measure set by IPEC on their subsidiary First Mutual Life. Mashonaland Holdings capped the month pegged at \$302.1000 following a 67.83% ascent while, TSL advanced 64.46% to end trading at a VWAP of \$2,174.9502. Life Assurer Fidelity gained 52.08% to close at \$622.0000 as scrappy 4,200 shares exchanged hands during the month while, hotelier RTG fastened the top ten gainers list of the month on a 50.10% increase to \$367.65000.

Heavies dominated the losers set of the month with Meikles headlining on a 64.11% plunge to \$2,422.5000 while, Dairibord plummeted 41.03% to end pegged at a VWAP of \$1,050.6667. Tea producer Tanganda shed 40.63% to \$1,942.5000 post its Q1 trading update in which they reported a decrease in packed tea sales by 14% to 549 tonnes while, seed technology company SeedCo local parred off 32.09% to close at \$2,350.1822. Beverages group Delta was 24.14% weaker at \$8,542.8367 as demand in the counter continued to wane while, Proplastics retreated 20.59% to end at \$1,350.0000. Telecommunication group Econet that is trading under a cautionary shed 16.19% to \$1,806.2022 while, Afdis dropped 12.04% to close at \$3,999.9875. Sugar refiner Star Africa retreated 8.77% to close trading at \$8.2775 while, BAT lost a negligible 0.01% to settle at \$46,813.0000 as 2,600 shares traded in the counter.

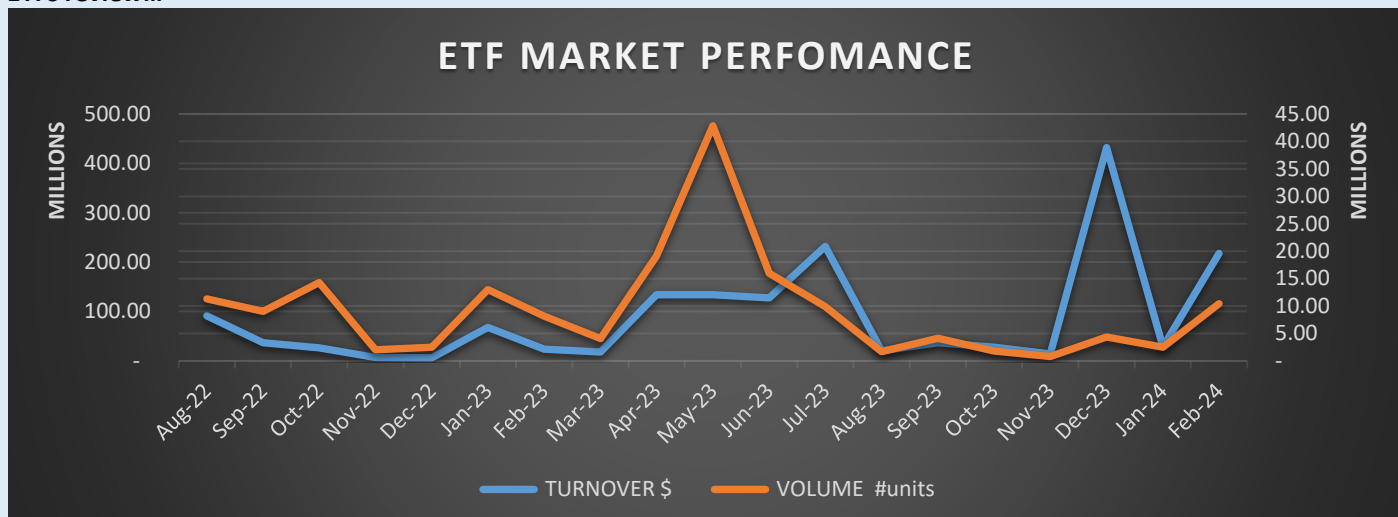
Volume and Value leaders...

	JAN-24	FEB-24	CHANGE	%CHANGE
Values	119,933,099,287.00	103,563,308,219.20	16,369,791,067.80	13.65
Volumes	84,476,190	74,093,100	10,383,090	12.29



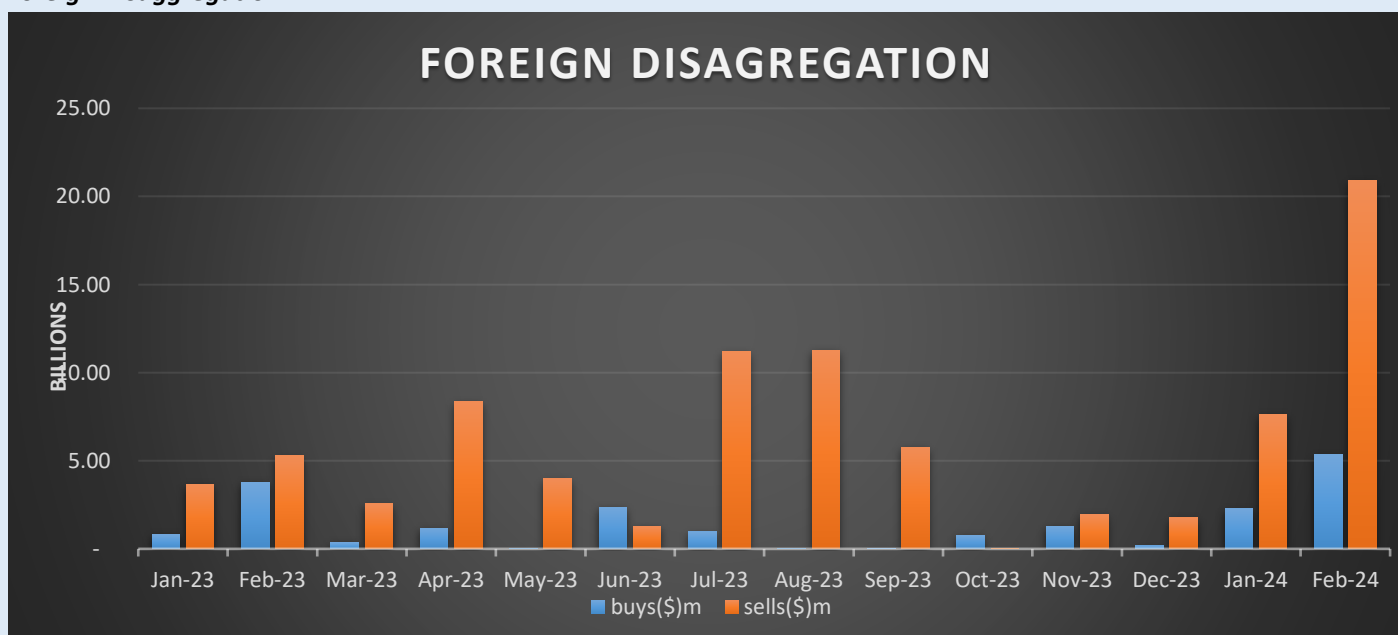
ZSE/EFE estimates.

Activity aggregates were depressed in the session as volumes traded faltered by 12.29% to see 74.09m shares worth \$103.56bn exchanged hands, representing a 13.65% decline in turnover. The major volume driver of the month was Zimre Holdings Limited that claimed 39% of the aggregates while, other notable volume drivers were Econet, Dairibord and OK Zimbabwe as they claimed 9% each of the total. Turnover leaders of the month were Delta that claimed a huge chunk of 50% while, Econet trailed on a 14% contribution of the total.

ETFs review...

ZSE/EFE estimates...
ETF Index advances further ...

Symbol	Previous	Current	Change	%Change	Volume(units)	Value (\$)
MIZ.ZW	10.95	20.0000	9.05	82.65	147,361	2,362,760.25
MCMS.ZW	511.9029	615.000	103.0971	20.14	2,596,476	1,557,501,400.00
DMCS.ZW	15.53	18.5556	3.0256	19.48	983,040	18,074,200.96
OMTT.ZW	89.6841	91.4246	1.7405	1.94	1,068,129	96,453,467.28
CSAG.ZW	7.55	7.5900	0.04	0.5298	1,737,000	14,199,503.00
TOTALS					6,532,006	1,688,591,331

The ETF Index continued to rise month on month as it edged up 22.16% to 7,168.70pts, widening its YTD gains to 55.42%. Headlining the gainers amongst the funds was the Morgan & CO MIZ that jumped 82.65% to end the month trading at \$20.0000, trailed by its sister fund the Morgan & Co Multi Sector ETF that rose 20.14% to \$615.0000 as they declared a dividend of US0.00506cents and US0.0437cents respectively. The Datvest MCS advanced 19.48% to close trading at \$18.5556 while, the Old Mutual Top 10 ETF rose by 1.94% to settle at \$91.4246. The Cass Saddle ETF eked out narrow gains of 0.53% to close at \$7.5900. The Morgan & Co MCS was the most active fund during the month as it claimed 40% of the volume traded and 92% of the turnover.

Foreign Disaggregation...

ZSE/EFE Estimates

TOP FIVE FOREIGN BUYS BY VALUE

TOP FIVE FOREIGN SELLS BY VALUE

COUNTER	VOLUME	VALUE (\$)	COUNTER	VOLUME	VALUE (\$)
DLTA.zw	535,200	4,014,639,070.00	DLTA.zw	1,249,339	13,743,536,322.50
NPKZ.zw	1,787,300	893,650,000.00	ZIMRE.zw	21,486,008	3,913,305,900.00
ZIMRE.zw	1,645,100	361,160,100.00	NMB.zw	919,594	1,569,792,937.70
CAFCA.zw	11,200	50,400,000.00	FBC.zw	276,400	774,277,860.00
ECO.zw	7,000	14,399,100.00	FMP.zw	956,100	571,699,995.00

ZSE/EFE Estimates

The trend of capital outflow continued in the month of February as sells of \$20.88bn were registered against buys of \$5.34bn to leave the market with a negative outflow position \$15.54bn. Investors’ favourite picks in the month of February were Delta, Nampak and ZHL while, outflows were mainly in Delta, ZHL and NMB.

Victoria Falls Stock Exchange

VFEX caps February on a 3.83% loss...

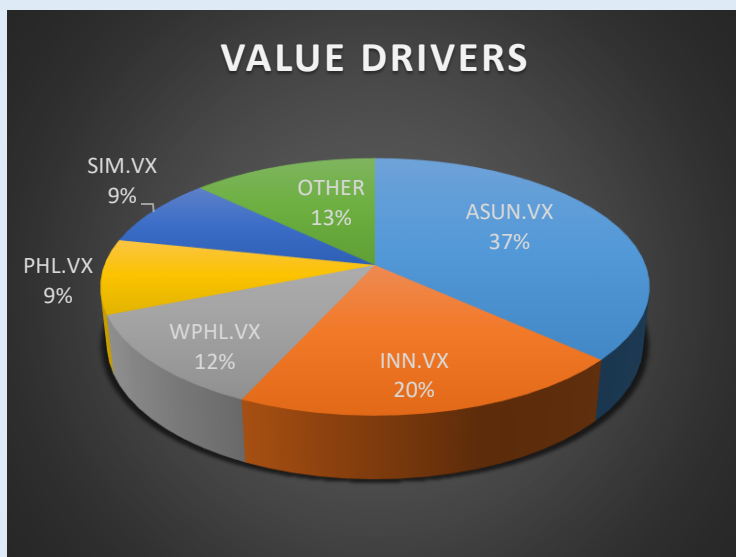
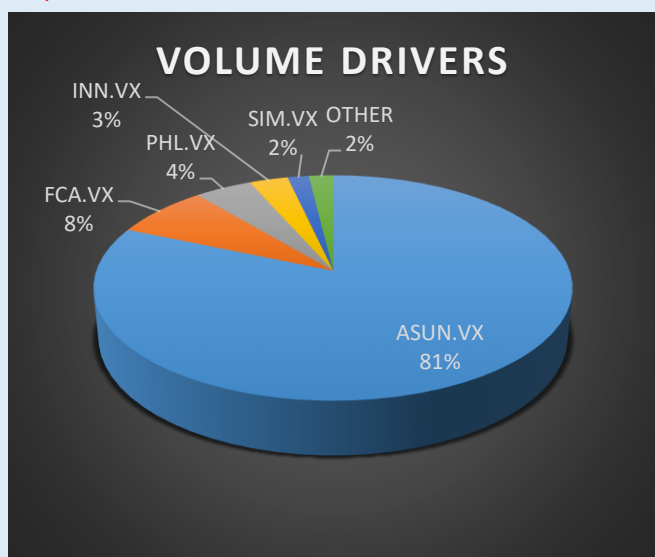
VFEX MARKET PERFORMANCE

	JAN-24	FEB-24	(%) CHANGE	YTD(%)
VFEX ALL SHARE	102.52	98.59	3.83	1.41

VFEX Volumes and Values

Counter	Price	%(change)	Counter	Price	%(Change)
FCA.VX	0.0253	26.50	PHL.VX	0.1495	-16.81
BIND.VX	0.0110	10.00	ASUN.VX	0.0300	-14.29
CMCL.VX	18.0000	8.76	ZIMW.VX	0.0350	-11.62
WPHL.VX	10.000	0.00	SIM.VX	0.3412	-7.93
			NED.VX	11.0500	-7.92

ZSE/EFE estimates



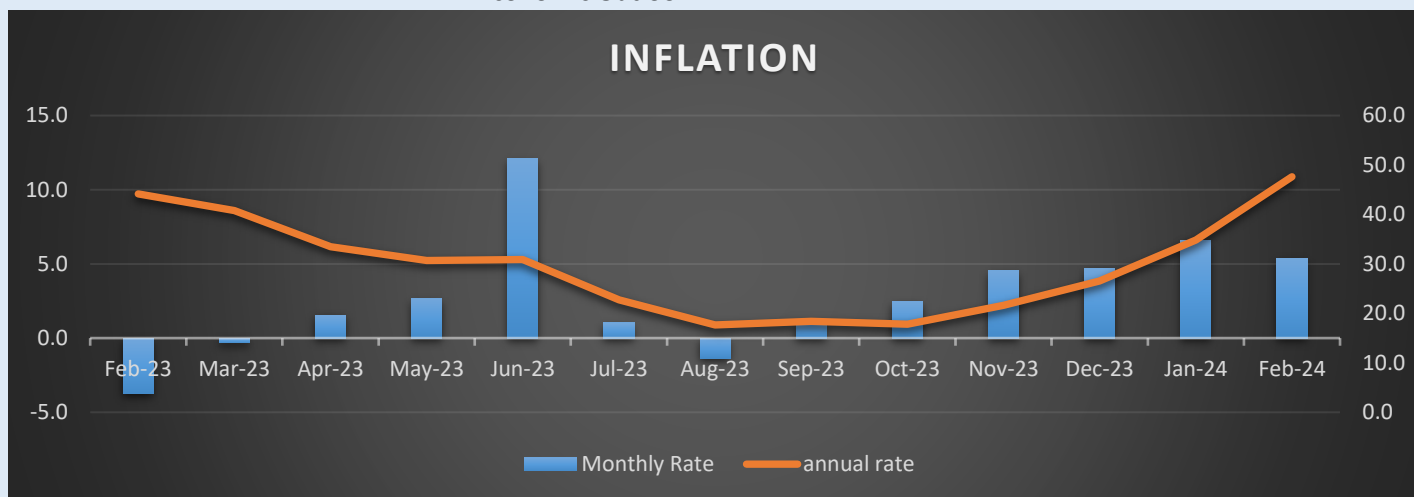
The VFEX market reversed prior month’s gains as it parred off 3.83% to settle at 98.59pts and closed with YTD losses of 1.41%. The market closed with a negative breadth of six as nine counters faltered against three that advanced while, one sailed stable. Gold miner and crocodile farmer Padenga shed 16.81% to end pegged at \$0.1495 while, hotelier African Sun eased 14.29% to close at \$0.0300. Zimplow was 11.62% lower at \$0.035 while, fast foods producer Simbisa dropped 7.93% to \$0.3412. Depository receipts for Nedbank plummeted 7.92% to close at \$11.0500. Trading in the positive category was First Capital that notched up 26.5% to end at \$0.0253 while, mining company Bindura garnered 10.00% to \$0.011. Caledonia Mining Company gained 8.76% to end the month pegged at \$18.0000.

Financial Results...

SIMBISA BRANDS LIMITED RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2023			
Current Price:	DEC 2022 USD\$	DEC 2023 USD\$	% change
Revenue (m)	136.63	146.75	7.40
Operating profit (m)	20.19	24.67	22.20
PBT (m)	15.39	13.54	12.03
PAT (m)	11.99	10.06	16.08
Basic EPS (cents)	1.74	2.10	17.14

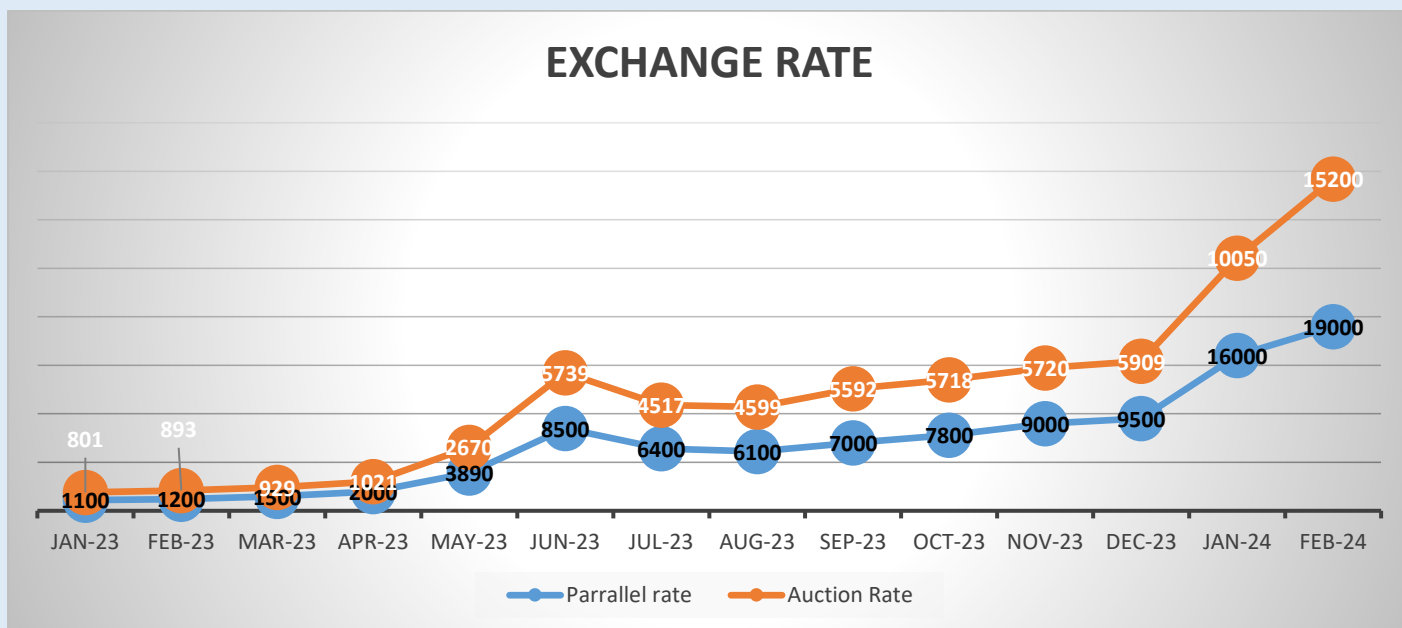
- Declared an interim dividend of USD 0.62 cents per share.
- Thirty-seven new stores were opened in the period under review bringing its total network to 568 stores.
- The 7% growth in revenue was primarily driven by higher average spend per customer which increased by 9%.
- Customer count growth increased by 1%.
- Total number of deliveries in Zimbabwe increased by 24%.
- **Hippo Valley Estates Released its Q3 trading update.**
 - Total sugar produced declined by 6% to 194,684 tonnes.
 - Hippo valley had a sales market share of 52.54%
 - Domestic sugar sales fell by 18%
 - Export sales increased by 68%
 - Revenue at the end of third quarter grew by 77% to \$977bn.
- **NAMPAK released Q1 trading updates for quarter ended December 2023**
 - Paper volumes increased by 5%
 - Metal volumes fell by 31%
 - Plastics volumes increased by 13%
 - Total tonnage sold increased by 8%
 - Group revenue increased by 19% to \$172.5bn
 - Declared a dividend of US0.20 cents.
- **ART released its Q3 trading update.**
 - Revenue increased by 67% to \$58.9bn
 - Volumes fell by 9% due to reduction in paper, where tissue converting unit was shut down for 2 months.
 - Export volume declined by 7% as paper exports were curtailed, in order to minimize the impact of foreign currency surrender requirements given the prevailing unfavourable market rates.
 - Batteries volumes declined by 15%
 - Eversharp volumes increased by 19%
 - Mutare estates volumes increased by 16%
- **SeedCo Limited released Q3 trading update for the quarter ended 31 December 2023**
 - Revenue grew by 41% to \$266.5bn
 - Operating profit surged by 1,582% to \$484.6bn
 - Volume sold fell by 28% as a consequence of delayed rains and diminished enthusiasm for cropping due to the El-Nino phenomenon.

Economic Outlook



Source: ZIMSTAT/ EFE

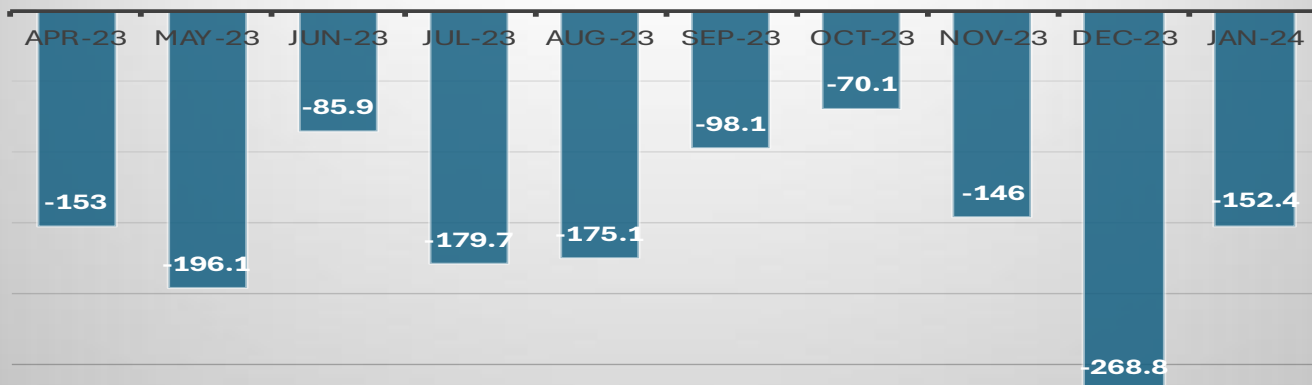
Inflation in the month of February slowed down as economic players took a cautionary stance waiting for the 2024 Monetary Policy Announcement. Zimbabwe's month on month inflation rate for February 2024 was 5.4%, shedding 1.2 percentage points from the previous month. Annual inflation closed at 47.6% after gaining 12.8 percentage points from January's values. In the month of February Food and Non-Alcoholic beverages had the highest CPI contribution on the month on month with an inflation rate of 3.5%, followed by housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels that contributed 1.4%. Going forward the inflation dynamics are likely to be determined by the direction which will be taken by the monetary authorities, how the new currency will be structured and how the current capital projects being undertaken by government will be financed.



SOURCE: RBZ/EFE ESTIMATES

The Zimbabwean currency continues to depreciate in the month of February as both the interbank and parallel market rates depreciated heavily, despite various assurances by fiscal authorities that they will defend the local currency. The interbank market rate commenced the period at US\$1-ZWL\$10,050 and closed the period at \$15,200 representing a 51% depreciation over the period. The parallel rate also followed suit during the month as it declined by 19% to US1: ZWL\$19,000. The parallel market rate is currently at ZWL\$19,500 against an interbank rate of ZWL\$16,270.40 which reflects a 19.85% premium between the two. There is need for the Government to create more demand of the local currency through enacting laws for payment of statutory obligations in local currency. The economy is likely to remain skewed towards the USD usage in the current year as market players prefer a currency they will be able to use to import essential raw materials given that the auction market is no longer operational.

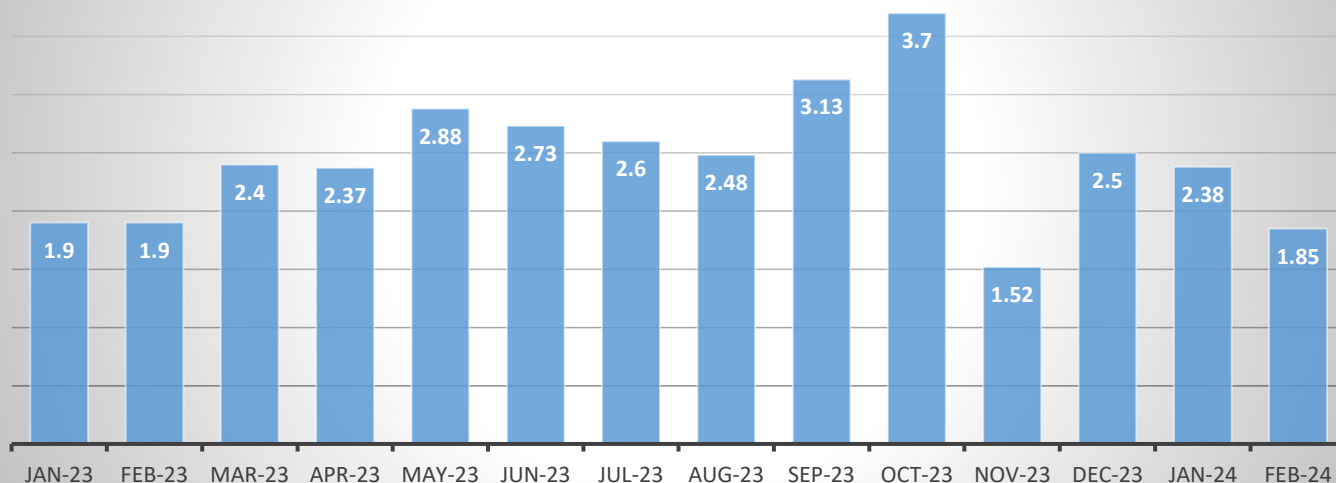
MERCHANDISE TRADE BALANCE



Source : RBZ/ Zimstat

A negative trade balance persisted in the month of February as imports declined by 22% to close at US\$629.70m while, exports for the same period fell by 1.87% to end with a net value of \$540.30m. This resulted in a negative trade balance of \$154.2m translating into a 42.8% decrease from the deficit which was obtained in January. Our major exports during the year were Industrial supplies that claimed 91% of the total, while, food & beverages claimed 4.3%. In the imports category, Industrial supplies claimed 35.8% of total while, fuels and lubricants and capital goods contributed 19.3% and 19.2% respectively. Major export destinations were South Africa, UAE and China as they accounted for seventy-one percent of the export value. As EFE, we are of the view that the trade deficit is likely to continue throughout the year as agriculture commodities will top the list of imports given the drought the nation is experiencing, in the same vein exports are likely to decline due to low agricultural output. Export growth in Zimbabwe is mainly being hampered monetary issues, high cost base and restrained access to process raw materials and more recently drought due to El-nino effects.

ZIMBABWE GOLD PRODUCTION 2024 (TONNES)



SOURCE: FPR/EFE ESTIMATES

Gold deliveries declined by 21.99% in February to 1.85tonnes from 2.38 tonnes in January this year. The decline is attributed to payment challenges that were obtaining at Fidelity Printers and Refineries. Small scale deliveries in February were 31.76% lower at 864.31kg while, large scale producers delivered 988.69kgs during the month. Gold production is likely to increase during the year especially from primary producers as the rural community shifts focus to artisanal mining given that the farming season has not produced the desired incomes.

Zimbabwe drought situation

Zimbabwe has been grappling with recurrent droughts in recent years and the situation is expected to worsen in 2024 due to the effects of climate change and erratic rainfall patterns. The current drought challenge in Zimbabwe is likely to have far-reaching consequences on the country's economy, particularly in the agricultural sector and related industries.

Agriculture contributing significantly to the country's GDP and employment. The drought is expected to severely impact crop production, leading to food shortages and increased reliance on imports. This will strain the country's foreign currency reserves and potentially drive-up food prices, affecting household incomes and purchasing power. Industries that rely on agricultural inputs, such as food processing, textile, and beverage production, may experience disruptions in their supply chains, leading to potential production cuts or increased operational costs due to the need for imported raw materials.

The rural economy in Zimbabwe is heavily dependent on agriculture, and the drought will have a devastating impact on rural communities. Loss of income and livelihoods: Many smallholder farmers and rural households rely on subsistence farming and livestock rearing for their income and sustenance. Crop failures and livestock losses due to the drought will significantly reduce their earning potential, leading to increased poverty and food insecurity. Reduced economic activities: The drought may lead to a decline in economic activities in rural areas, such as trade, transportation, and small-scale enterprises that depend on agricultural income. This could further exacerbate poverty and limit economic growth in rural regions.

Energy sector: If the drought leads to reduced water levels in reservoirs and rivers, hydroelectric power generation may be affected, potentially causing electricity shortages and disruptions to industrial and commercial activities.

To mitigate the impact of the drought, the Zimbabwean government and international organizations may need to implement measures such as providing emergency food aid, supporting smallholder farmers with drought-resistant crops and irrigation systems, promoting water conservation practices, and developing long-term strategies for climate change adaptation and resilience in the agricultural sector.

ZSE TOP 20 MARKET CAPITALISATION AS AT 29.02.2024

Zimbabwe Stock Exchange - Market Capitalisation Report				
COMPANY	SHORT	LISTING	NO OF SHARES	MARKET CAP
	NAME	STATUS	GLOBAL	(RTGS\$)
Delta Corporation Limited	DLTA.zw	Active	1,324,168,145	11,312,152,226,077
Econet Wireless Zimbabwe Limited	ECO.zw	Active	2,992,163,203	5,404,451,760,018
CBZ Holdings Limited	CBZ.zw	Active	522,661,465	4,129,025,573,500
Ecocash Holdings Zimbabwe Limited	EHZL.zw	Active	4,194,797,929	2,806,319,814,501
First Mutual Holdings Limited	FML.zw	Active	690,143,060	2,484,515,016,000
FBC Holdings Limited	FBC.zw	Active	671,949,927	1,935,215,789,760
NMBZ Holdings Limited	NMB.zw	Active	404,171,689	1,172,097,898,100
Hippo Valley Estates Limited	HIPO.zw	Active	193,020,564	1,099,662,550,907
British American Tobacco Zimbabwe Limited	BAT.zw	Active	20,633,517	965,916,831,321
Rainbow Tourism Group Limited	RTG.zw	Active	2,495,495,543	917,468,936,384
TSL Limited	TSL.zw	Active	360,678,838	784,458,510,844
OK Zimbabwe Limited	OKZ.zw	Active	1,296,311,827	777,787,096,200
First Mutual Properties Limited	FMP.zw	Active	1,236,075,493	729,284,540,870
Masimba Holdings Limited	MSHL.zw	Active	239,388,107	714,124,646,694
Meikles Limited	MEIK.zw	Active	256,150,741	620,525,170,073
Seed Co Limited	SEED.zw	Active	249,373,670	586,073,560,383
Mashonaland Holdings Limited	MASH.zw	Active	1,687,584,009	509,819,129,119
Tanganda Tea Company Limited	TANG.zw	Active	261,064,590	507,117,966,075
African Distillers Limited	AFDS.zw	Active	119,494,521	477,976,590,318
Zimre Holdings Limited	ZIMRE.zw	Active	1,818,218,786	430,917,852,282
OTHER COUNTERS				3,134,105,473,197
GRAND TOTAL				<u>41,499,016,932,623</u>

VFEX MARKET CAPITALISATION AS AT 29.02.2023

COMPANY	SHORT NAME	LISTING STATUS	NO OF SHARES ZIM REG	MARKET CAP (US\$)
WEST PROP HOLDINGS LIMITED	WPHL.vx	Active	30,000,000	300,000,000
INNSCOR AFRICA LIMITED	INN.vx	Active	569,876,450	254,392,847
SIMBISA BRANDS LIMITED	SIM.vx	Active	562,184,788	191,817,450
NATIONAL FOODS LIMITED	NTFD.vx	Active	68,400,108	100,719,159
PADENGA HOLDINGS LIMITED	PHL.vx	Active	541,593,440	80,968,219
SEED CO INTERNATIONAL	SCIL.vx	Active	260,576,088	75,436,777
FIRST CAPITAL BANK	FCA.vx	Active	2,160,865,929	54,669,908
AXIA CORPORATION LIMITED	AXIA.vx	Active	554,920,308	49,387,907
AFRICAN SUN LIMITED	ASUN.vx	Active	1,477,901,495	44,337,045
BINDURA NICKEL CORPORATION LIMITED	BIND.vx	Active	1,272,732,638	14,000,059
ZIMPLOW HOLDINGS LIMITED	ZIMW.vx	Active	344,580,486	12,060,317
CALEDONIA MINING CORPORATION	CMCL.vx	Active	620,984	11,177,712
NEDBANKGROUP LIMITED ZIMBABWE	NED.vx	Active	161,273	1,782,067
GRAND TOTAL			7,499,833,501	1,190,749,468

TOP PICKS

COUNTER	COMMENT
DELTA CORPORATION	It is principally a beverages company with a diverse portfolio of local and international brands in lager beer, traditional beer, Coca-Cola franchised sparkling and alternative non-alcoholic beverages. The group released its financial results for the six months ended 31 March 2023 where its revenue increased by 60% to ZWL\$536.92 billion, operating income going up by 29% to ZWL\$99.79billion adjusted inflation. and EBITDA growing by 29% to ZWL\$112.60 billion. The business has been able to grow its volumes across all its business units. Despite the difficult climate, the company has been able to increase volumes across all its business segments. Additionally, the business seeks to capitalise on the solid aggregate demand, which is primarily fuelled by remittances from the diaspora, infrastructural improvements, mining activity, and an increase in social activities. The sorghum beer market is probably going to be competitive for the Group.
INNSCOR AFRICA	The Group recorded revenue of USD 804.040m during the financial year under review, representing a growth of 14.7% over the comparative year. Revenue performance was driven by improved capacity utilisation across the Group's core manufacturing businesses, and further supported via the introduction of new product categories, category extensions, and route-to-market optimisation strategies undertaken during the financial year under review. Revenue growth was underpinned by strong sales volumes across all core categories as the Group's business units achieved improved capacity utilisation, introduced new products, and expanded product offerings across existing categories; this combined with optimal pricing strategies and growing demand from the informal market drove the Group to achieve a pleasing result.
AXIA CORPORATION	Axia Corporation Limited is a retail enterprise that sells specialty homeware furniture and electrical appliances through 38 nationwide retail outlets; and retails automotive spares across multiple channels with a footprint that stretches to Zambia and Malawi. The company's FY results for the year ended 30 June 2023 showed a 32% increase to revenue to ZWL\$75.53 billion as PBT rose 146% to ZWL7.42 billion from prior period (2021). The group generated cash of ZWL\$2.724 billion from operations which was a 148% surge from comparative period, and it plans to use some of this money towards setting up a 10000-bed production facility. The group is in the process of moving to the VFEX.
NATIONAL FOODS	National Foods Holdings Limited manufactures a branded portfolio of essential food stuffs and stockfeed. Today, its products are the cornerstone of basic food nutrition in Zimbabwe. Operating profit before interest, equity accounted earnings and tax for the year was US\$ 23.4 million, 16.5% below last year, in summary due to our strategy to moderate price increases and the higher operating costs. As with last year, there were significant losses on the 'financial loss' line, largely on account of translating the Group's various ZWL monetary positions, as once again consistency of product supply was prioritised to certain market channels, even when it resulted in financial losses.
SIMBISA	Simbisa Brands Limited released their HY24 results in which a revenue growth of 7% was witnessed as customer count improved by 4%. The company opened 37 new stores to bring their total network to 568 stores. Simbisa is aiming to expand its footprint through strategic store opening and driving customer loyalty. The group has 33 stores in the pipeline which will add to the existing stores once completed. The company will continue enhancing efficiencies, improve operating margins, maximise returns and generate attractive returns for their investors. The company declares constant dividends religiously as they recently declared an interim dividend of USD\$0.0062 per share.
FBC HOLDINGS	FBC Holdings Limited achieved a profit before tax of ZWL427 billion and a profit after tax of ZWL366 billion, a reflection of the resilience of the Group's diversified business model and ability to adapt to the challenging environment. Net transactional revenues amounted to ZWL56,9 billion for the half year ended 30 June 2023 on account of the Group's innovation and digitalization thrust. The Group continues to invest in digital platforms and channels to widen its product offering and enhance customer convenience

	<p>in line with changes in the technological space. Automation and digitalization initiatives are being pursued to lower the cost to serve customers.</p>
<p>MEIKLES</p>	<p>Meikles Limited, a public company listed on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (“ZSE”) and London Stock Exchange (“LSE”), is pleased to present the annual report for the year ended 28 February 2023. Profit after tax (excluding investment income of ZWL 3.6 billion and ZWL 179.0 million profit on distribution of subsidiary equity to shareholders in the previous year) declined by 48% to ZWL 3.1 billion. Total comprehensive income was boosted by the exchange rate impact on the translation of foreign subsidiary and increased to ZWL 25.4 billion (Previous year: ZWL 11.1 billion).</p>
<p>MASIMBA HOLDINGS LIMITED</p>	<p>Masimba has a strong order book of US\$220 million and is well-positioned to benefit from the infrastructure boom in Zimbabwe over the next 5 years. The government has pledged to resuscitate ailing infrastructure which aligns directly with Masimba's construction services in areas of roads, housing, airports and power plants. Masimba has successfully executed many complex and high-profile projects across Zimbabwe which gives it a strong reputation and track record. The company is projected to deliver high earnings growth of 25-30% annually based on its current order pipeline and the favourable industry dynamics. Major national projects in roads, housing and airports anchor near-term growth. We believe the company's strong order book, growth trajectory, and discounted valuation make this an attractive investment.</p>

In the news...

1. Ariston is optimistic about 2024 prospects despite facing some challenges related to inflation and exchange rate volatility in 2023, leveraging on identified growth opportunities. According to the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange-listed group, these include value addition, especially in macadamia nuts, evolving technologies, investments in solar energy as well as expansion of the poultry unit.
2. Despite a slowdown in real US dollar terms in 2023, Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) are still expected to anchor this year's growth prospects on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE). Recently, the ZSE witnessed a significant development in its REITs landscape with the recent listing of the Revitus Property Opportunities REIT Fund last December, becoming the second REIT to be listed on the exchange.
3. Listed diversified crocodile breeder, Padenga Holdings Limited, is expected to cash in on its gold operations, but the high cost of energy is seen as a huge stumbling block, according to analysts' projections. Padenga says its unit, Dallaglio, through which it owns and operates the gold mining business, seeks to grow gold production organically whilst lowering the all-in sustaining cost per ounce from the mining properties already held by the group.
4. CFI Holdings registered strong growth in sales volumes across key revenue drivers in the first quarter to December 31, 2023. In the retail division, key revenue drivers experienced marked growth in sales volumes, after seeing a 16% jump to 21,453 tonnes compared to the same period the previous year. Agriculture-based industrial holding firm, CFI Holdings Limited (CFI), is seeking strategic ideas to procure raw materials to sustain operations and curb losses emanating from the effects of El Niño. The 2023/24 agricultural season is experiencing an El Niño drought characterised by erratic to below average rainfall.
5. Tanganda Tea Company Limited, has several value addition projects in the pipeline to increase profitability and manage costs. This comes as the firm experienced a loss of ZWL\$17.05 bln for its financial year ended September 30, 2023, from a profit after tax of ZWL\$4.32 bln in the prior comparable year. The loss was due to an increase in the cost of sales and expenses by nearly 56% and 65% to ZWL\$94.25 bln and ZWL\$47.25. Tanganda Tea Company says the late onset of the rainy season adversely impacted bulk tea production, resulting in a 19% decline in volumes to 1 986 metric tonnes in the quarter to December 31, 2023, compared to 2 443 metric tonnes produced in the prior year.
6. Amidst a backdrop of cheap imitations and imports, National Tyre Services (NTS) demonstrated resilience and agility, achieving commendable growth in the third quarter of 2023. Despite these obstacles, NTS remained undeterred in its pursuit of excellence and customer satisfaction. One of the key highlights of NTS' performance during the third quarter was the remarkable growth in new tyre sales volumes.
7. Listed property concern, Mashonaland Holdings Limited (Masholds) says its diversification thrust has started to pay off, with the firm focusing on increasing market share, riding on its growth drive. Masholds has a long-term strategy hinged on diversifying its portfolio. The company's thrust is to increase market share through new products and market penetration as it head hunts new tenants to fill current voids at Chiyedza House and ZB Life Towers.
8. Zimbabwe's largest retailer, OK Zimbabwe reported a 50% jump in revenues in the quarter to December 31, 2024 to ZWL\$568bn compared to the prior comparative period. The pricing regime, according to company secretary, has resulted in high instore prices that are uncompetitive against unregulated markets because there is a significant difference between the official rate and the parallel market rate due to the local currency's depreciation against major currencies.
9. Zimbabwe's largest brick-making company Willdale Limited says crippling power interruptions have severely impacted its production, causing a 16% decrease in output in the quarter to December 31, 2023. The majority of

businesses experienced 12-hour power interruptions in 2023, which had an impact on throughput and efficiency. Willdale's sales volumes consequently decreased by 9% throughout the reviewed period.

10. EcoCash Zimbabwe's leading financial technology platform, says it has further widened its merchant strategic channel partnerships with nation-wide supermarket chains, pharmacies, service stations, formal and informal retail outlets, to offer multi-currency mobile transactions to customers across the country. In a move it said is designed to provide public convenience and improve the customer experience of its consumer and business users, EcoCash said it is offering mobile payment solutions, including the payment of utility bills, merchant transactions, remittances and salary payments - over and above peer-to-peer US dollar money transfers.

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