



Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending
5th November 2021

1. INTEREST RATES

Deposit Rates

Minimum and maximum deposit rates for savings deposits were unchanged during the week ending 5th November 2021. However, both minimum and maximum deposits rates for deposits of 1- month and 3- month tenor registered declines during the same week, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Average Deposit Rates (per annum)

Date	Savings deposits (%)		1- Month deposit rates (%)		3- Month deposit rates (%)	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
8-Oct-21	2.78	4.79	8.06	13.31	9.05	14.29
15-Oct-21	2.78	4.79	8.06	13.31	9.05	14.29
22-Oct-21	2.79	5.29	8.08	13.00	9.26	14.03
29-Oct-21	2.79	5.29	8.08	13.00	9.26	14.03
5-Nov-21	2.79	5.29	8.06	12.67	9.08	13.92

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021

Lending Rates

During the week under analysis, minimum and maximum commercial bank lending rates for both individual and corporate clients declined, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Lending Rates (per annum)

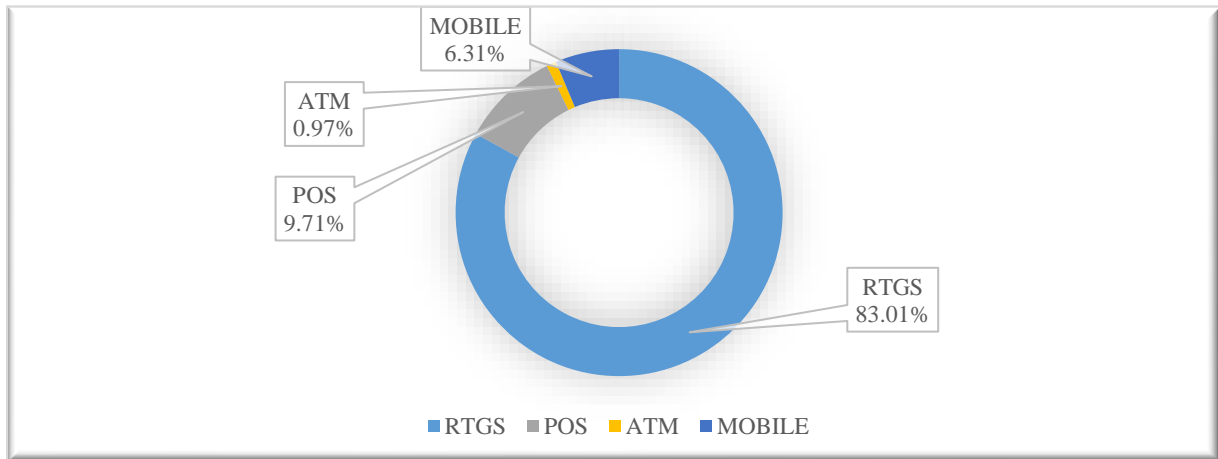
Date	Individual Clients		Corporate Clients	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
8-Oct-21	41.06	57.39	39.65	65.06
15-Oct-21	41.06	57.39	39.65	65.06
22-Oct-21	41.86	58.68	45.81	58.54
29-Oct-21	41.86	58.68	45.81	58.54
5-Nov-21	39.20	58.55	43.97	59.14

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021

2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

Transactions processed through the National Payment Systems (NPS) increased by 14.93% to \$168.54 billion, during the week under review. Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions stood at \$139.91 billion, up from \$122.62 billion recorded in the previous week. In value terms, the NPS transactions were distributed as follows: RTGS, 83.01%, POS, 9.71%; Mobile, 6.31%; and ATM, 0.97%.

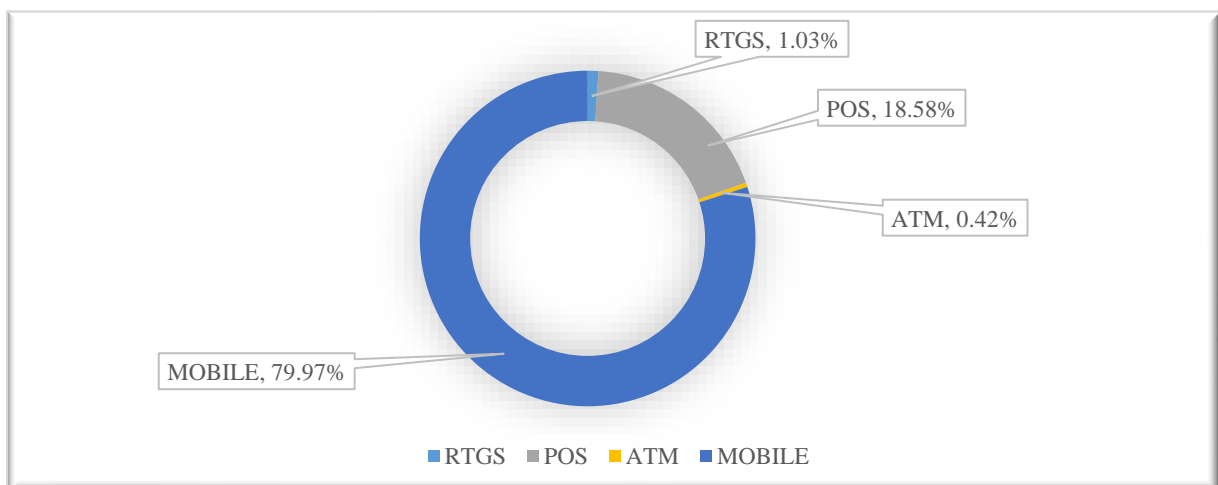
Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021

NPS transaction volumes closed the week under review at 27.48 million, reflecting an increase of 10.60% from 24.84 million recorded in the previous week. Mobile based transactions at 79.97% of the total, dominated NPS transaction volumes, followed by POS, 18.58%; RTGS, 1.03%; and ATM, 0.42%, as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Composition of NPS Transactions in Volume Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021

Table 3: National Payment Systems Activity

PAYMENT STREAM	WEEK ENDING 29 th October 2021	WEEK ENDING 5 th November 2021	% CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	PROPORTION %
Values in ZW\$ Millions				
RTGS	122,619.83	139,910.37	14.10%	83.01%
POS	14,192.48	16,359.48	15.27%	9.71%
ATM	1,326.41	1,640.96	23.71%	0.97%
MOBILE	8,502.08	10,627.53	25.00%	6.31%
TOTAL	146,640.80	168,538.36	14.93%	100%
Volumes				
RTGS	340,677	282,205	-17.16%	1.03%
POS	4,322,139	5,104,936	18.11%	18.58%
ATM	114,818	115,370	0.48%	0.42%
MOBILE	20,063,305	21,972,658	9.52%	79.97%
TOTAL	24,840,939	27,475,169	10.60%	100%

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021

3. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

In the week under review, international commodity prices for gold, copper, nickel and crude oil retreated. Platinum prices, however, firmed. Developments in commodity markets continued to be, in large part, influenced by a stronger US dollar and the Federal Reserve's decision to start tapering the pandemic-era stimulus measures. Table 4 shows the evolution of selected commodity prices during the week ending 5th November 2021.

Table 4: Metal and Crude Oil Prices for the week ending 5th November 2021

	Gold	Platinum	Copper	Nickel	Crude Oil
2021	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/barrel
Weekly Average (22 - 29 October)	1,793.82	1,028.89	9,940.50	19,957.00	84.27
1-Nov	1,790.18	1,047.50	9,875.00	19,650.00	84.75
2-Nov	1,790.98	1,053.50	9,817.00	19,825.00	84.02
3-Nov	1,772.65	1,033.00	9,825.00	19,780.00	81.36
4-Nov	1,787.13	1,042.00	9,785.00	19,590.00	80.88
5-Nov	1,797.53	1,029.50	9,740.00	19,270.00	83.72
Weekly Average (1 - 5 November)	1,787.69	1,041.10	9,808.40	19,623.00	82.95
Weekly Change (%)	-0.3	1.2	-1.3	-1.7	-1.6

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg, 2021

Gold

Gold prices reversed gains from the previous week, as the US dollar and equities gained after the US Federal Reserve announced that it would start tapering stimulus measures later this

month, in a widely expected move. Prices retreated by 0.3%, from a weekly average of US\$1,793.82 per ounce in the previous week to US\$1,787.69 per ounce, during the week under review.

Platinum

Platinum prices increased by 1.2%, from a weekly average of US\$1,028.89 per ounce to US\$1,041.10 per ounce, during the week ending 5th November 2021. The rebound followed strong demand for the metal, particularly from the jewellery industry, as the festive season approaches.

Copper

Copper prices further retreated due to the strengthening US dollar and investor concerns over the economic slowdown in China, the world's top consumer of base metals. Prices fell by 1.3%, from a weekly average of US\$9,940.50 per tonne in the preceding week, to US\$9,808.40 per tonne, during the week under analysis.

Nickel

Nickel prices eased by 1.7%, from a weekly average of US\$19,957.00 per tonne in the previous week, to US\$19,623.00 per tonne during the week under analysis. This was due to weakening demand in China and a stronger US dollar.

Brent Crude Oil

Brent Crude oil prices remained subdued during the week under review, on hopes that talks over Iran's nuclear program would result in the removal of U.S sanctions on Iranian oil, leading to an increase in global supplies. In addition, the more than expected increase in US crude oil inventories also exerted downward pressure on prices. Prices fell by 1.6%, from a weekly average of US\$84.27 per barrel to US\$82.95 per barrel, during the week under review.

4. EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS

On the foreign exchange auction market, the Zimbabwe dollar (ZW\$) depreciated against the US dollar, shedding 2.9%, from ZW\$95.5141 per US\$1 in the previous week to close the week under review at ZW\$98.2437 per US\$1. Table 5 shows developments in selected exchange rates.

Table 5: International Exchange Rates¹

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
2021					
Weekly Average (25 - 29 October)	95.5141	6.4128	131.4812	8.4717	110.9642
1-Nov	97.1361	6.3674	132.8385	8.5727	112.1777
2-Nov	97.1361	6.2834	132.6735	8.4998	112.7170
3-Nov	98.9821	6.4226	134.9129	8.5777	114.6560
4-Nov	98.9821	6.4725	135.1604	8.5777	114.7006
5-Nov	98.9821	6.4977	133.5964	8.6811	114.3840
Weekly Average (1 - 5 November)	98.2437	6.4087	133.8363	8.5818	113.7270
Appr(-)/Depr(+) (%) of the ZWL	2.9	-0.1	1.8	1.3	2.5

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021

5. EQUITY MARKETS

During the week ended 5th November 2021, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) was bullish, as reflected by gains in the Small Cap, Top 10, Top 15 and All Share indices, which increased by 12.01%, 5.75%, 5.04% and 4.56% to close at 369 643.93 points, 7 513.24 points, 8 298.69 points and 11 846.33 points, respectively.

The increase in the mainstream index was on the back of share price gains for Edgars Stores Limited (24.95%), CFI Holdings Limited (19.95%), TSL Limited (19.57%), Meikles Limited (17.61%) and National Foods Holdings Limited (17.18%). Partially offsetting the aforementioned gains were losses in share prices recorded for National Tyre Services Limited (14.29%), Masimba Holdings Limited (9.09%), Starafriacorporation Limited (8.17%), Nampak Zimbabwe Limited (7.73%) and Getbucks Financial Services Limited (7.52%).

The resources index increased by 2.86% to close the week under analysis at 6 841.96 points. This emanated from respective increases of 5.71% and 0.94% in Riozim and Bindura Nickel Corporation Limited share prices.

¹ Direct quote – the amount of domestic currency needed to exchange for 1 unit of foreign currency

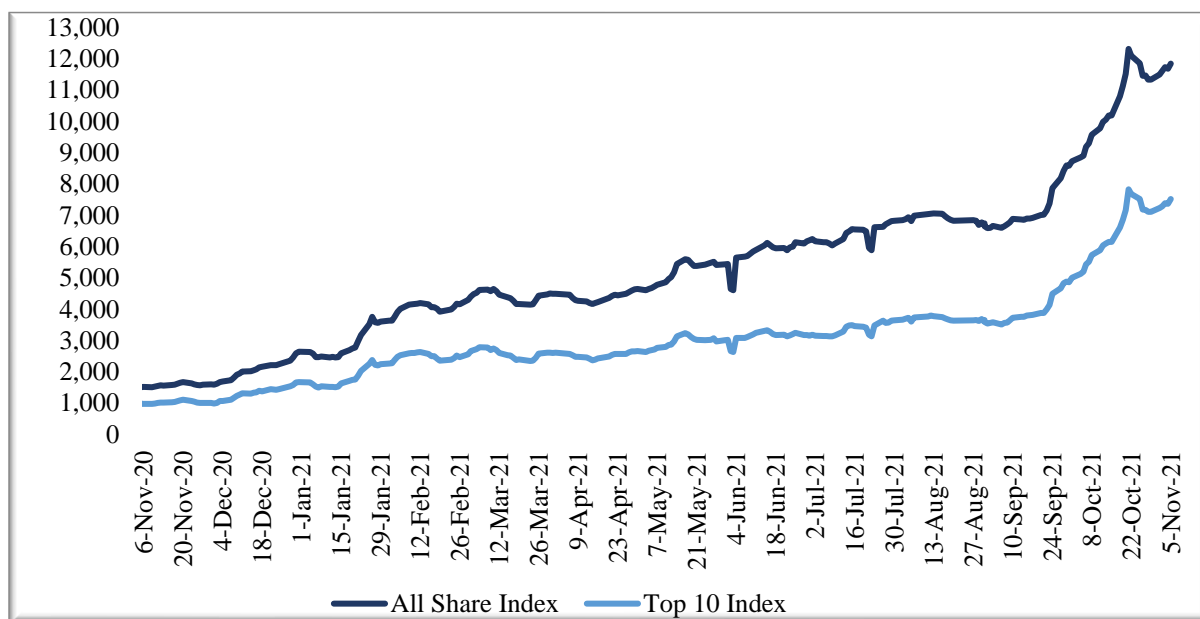
Table 6: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Statistics²

	All Share Index Points	Top 10 index (points)	Top 15 Index ³ points	Medium Cap ³ (points)	Small Cap ³ (points)	Mining Index (points)	Grand Market Capitalization (ZWL billion)	Market Turnover (ZWL million)	Volume of Shares (million)
1-Oct-21	8,719.53	4,998.20	5,688.58	20,464.29	255,411.79	6,432.53	1,048.64	1,138.05	36.28
8-Oct-21	9,570.05	5,732.26	6,428.89	20,682.54	259,144.42	6,547.32	1,157.42	1,573	25.75
15-Oct-21	10,184.95	6,142.98	6,929.79	21,528.31	316,367.25	6,810.45	1,286.46	2,214.02	37.39
22-Oct-21	12,097.36	7,678.83	8,501.10	22,864.87	324,284.55	7,448.76	1,474.57	965.56	22.72
29-Oct-21	11,329.48	7,104.99	7,900.36	21,942.11	330,018.90	6,652.04	1,378.23	781.45	19.22
5-Nov-21	11,846.33	7,513.24	8,298.69	22,207.30	369,643.93	6,841.96	1,441.02	760.67	19.66
% Change	4.56	5.75	5.04	1.21	12.01	2.86	4.56	-2.66	2.29

Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2021

Figure 3 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period 6th November 2020 to 5th November 2021.

Figure 3: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange All Share and Top 10 Indices



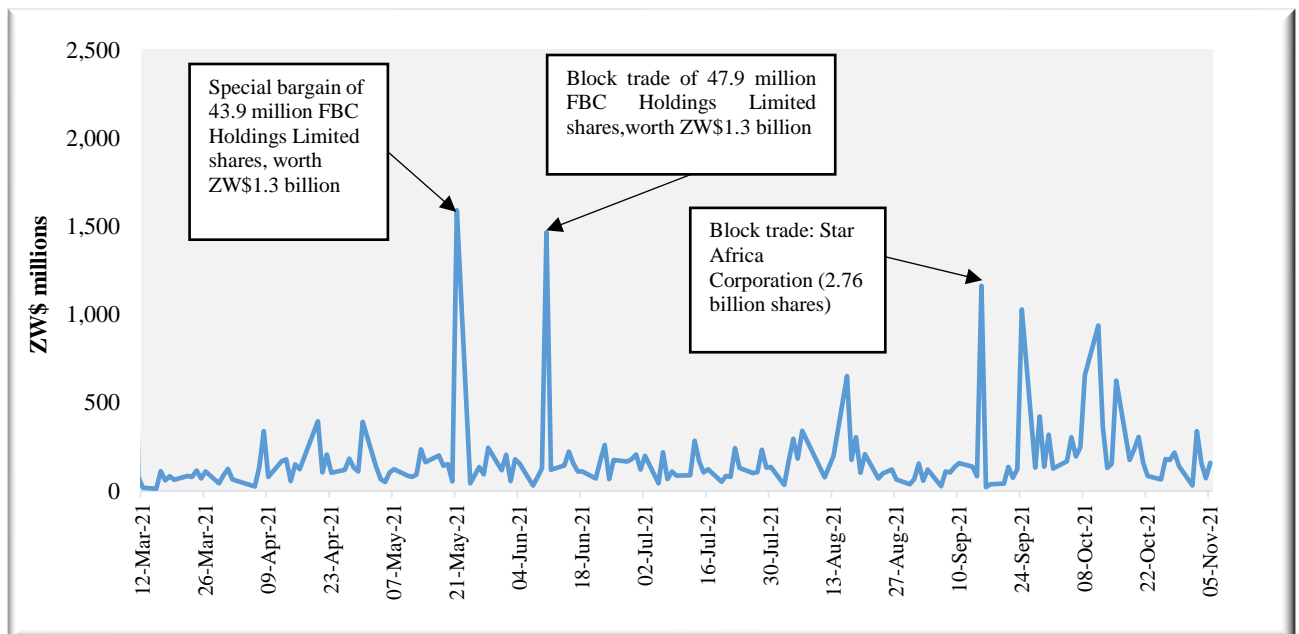
Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2021

² The Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) adopted the Global Industry Classification Standards, effective from 1 January 2020. The ZSE indices constitute the following categories; Top 10 Index; Top 15; Top 25; Medium cap and Small cap Indices.

Market Turnover and Volume

In line with the bullish sentiments experienced on the ZSE during the week under review, the cumulative volume of shares traded increased by 2.26% to 19.65 million shares. This notwithstanding, the cumulative value of shares traded decreased by 2.66% to ZW\$760.67 million. Figure 2 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 12th March 2021 to 5th November 2021.

Figure 4: Daily Market Turnover

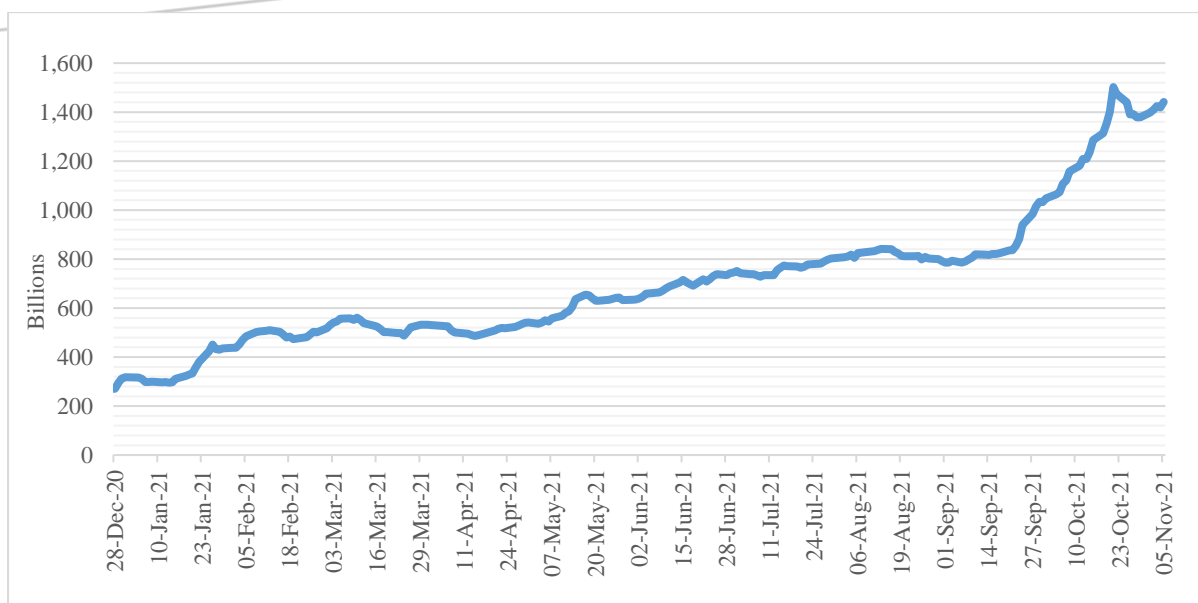


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2021

Market Capitalization

The local bourse market capitalisation rose by 4.56% to ZW\$1,441.02 billion, during the week under review, compared to the previous week's position of ZW\$1,378.23 billion. Figure 3 shows market capitalization developments for the period from 28th December 2020 to 5th November 2021.

Figure 5: Daily Market Capitalization in ZW\$ billions



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2021

Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Developments

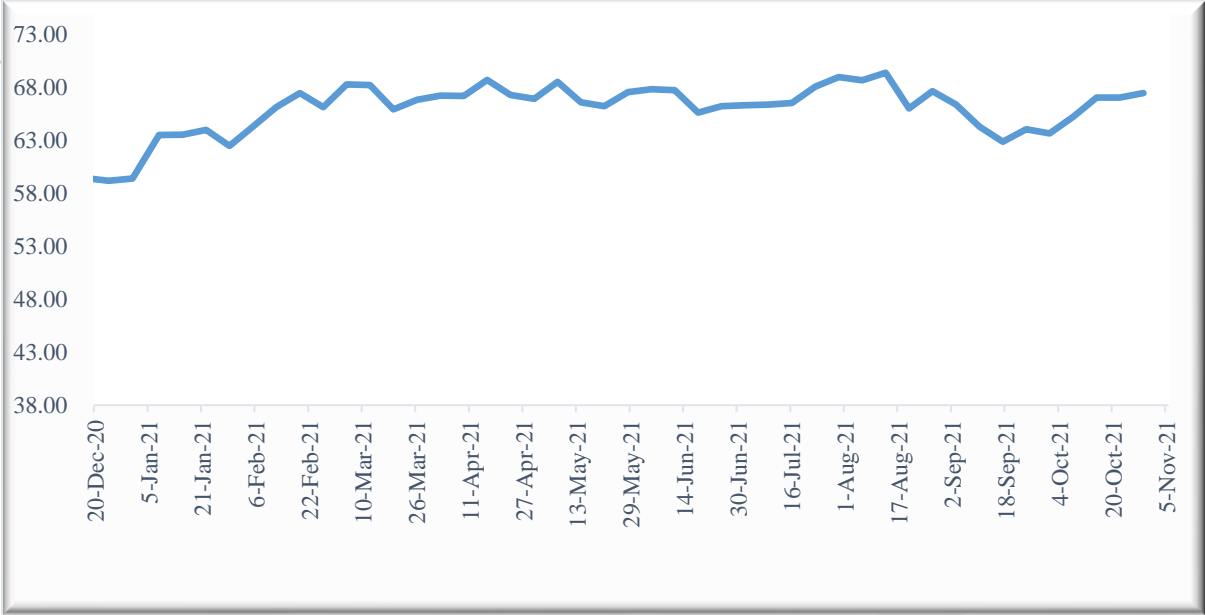
During the week ending 5th November 2021, the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All Share Index increased marginally by 0.53% to close at 67,825.34 points. JSE market capitalization, however, declined by 1.13% to ZAR19.25 trillion in the same week.

Table 7: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Statistics

Period	All Share Index (points)	Market Capitalization (ZAR trillions)
1-Oct-21	63,661.02	18.23
8-Oct-21	65,242.61	18.60
15-Oct-21	67,028.86	19.05
22-Oct-21	67,050.52	19.26
29-Oct-21	67,464.69	19.47
5-Nov-21	67,825.34	19.25
% Change	0.53	-1.13

Source: <https://www.jse.co.za/services/market-data/market-statistics>, 2021

Figure 6: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All Share Index



Source: <https://www.jse.co.za/services/market-data/market-statistics,2021>

RESERVE BANK OF ZIMBABWE

APPENDIX 1: FOREIGN EXCHANGE AUCTION RESULTS FOR MAINFX³ AND SMEFX⁴

	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	15-Oct-21	22-Oct-21	29-Oct-21	5-Nov-21	15-Oct-21	22-Oct-21	29-Oct-21	5-Nov-21
Total Bids (US\$ dollars)	32,826,554.76	37,373,661.57	39,942,897.13	36,223,877.5	9,365,574.40	11,188,380.30	11,327,283.03	10,192,606.45
Amount Allotted (US\$ dollars)	28,395,244.38	36,688,161.11	31,710,331.10	36,205,839.71	7,978,938.75	11,017,388.12	9,047,262.59	10,182,138.13
Highest Rate	95.16	102	115	120	100	105	110	120
Lowest Bid Rate	85	88.5	90	95	95.16	88.5	90	95
Lowest Bid Rate Allotted	88.5	90.0	95	96	88.5	90	95	96
Weighted Average Rate	90.0792	93.0810	97.1361	98.9821	90.0792	93.0810	97.1361	98.9821
Number of Bids Received	488	559	598	659	1196	1369	1336	1334
Number of Bids Rejected	357	39	30	51	759	79	54	67

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021

³ Main Foreign Currency Auction

⁴ Small and Medium Enterprises Foreign Currency Auction

APPENDIX 2: SUMMARY OF FOREIGN CURRENCY AUCTION ALLOTMENTS BY PURPOSE

Purpose	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	15-Oct-21	22-Oct-21	29-Oct-21	5-Nov-21	15-Oct-21	22-Oct-21	29-Oct-21	5-Nov-21
Raw Materials	11,010,262.22	13,799,777.83	13,995,057.72	12,901,079.32	2,428,873.54	3,049,941.67	2,641,419.91	2,394,317.68
Machinery and Equipment	7,822,826.32	9,877,882.27	8,412,238.04	10,654,060.05	2,482,427.55	3,460,523.13	2,938,244.92	3,758,991.50
Consumables (Incl. Spares, Tyres, Packaging)	3,010,781.10	4,290,143.67	2,993,185.24	3,359,302.18	1,215,781.53	1,869,021.43	1,334,586.82	1,434,640.59
Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals	1,139,496.66	2,181,884.67	1,568,495.54	1,847,415.04	368,996.62	356,694.20	331,653.20	412,520.43
Services (Loans, Dividends and Disinvestments)	980,656.00	1,835,546.53	1,302,000.75	2,201,160.30	608,013.90	1,096,008.34	736,398.20	1,173,402.01
Retail and Distribution	3,286,166.59	3,309,357.86	2,617,756.14	4,207,524.96	666,473.29	985,439.47	912,835.62	847,494.68
Fuel, Electricity and Gas	0.00	87,142.85	0.00	0.00	19,910.71	0.00	0.00	8,890.05
Paper and Packaging	1,145,055.49	1,306,425.43	821,597.67	1,035,297.86	188,461.61	199,759.88	152,123.92	151,881.19
TOTAL	28,395,244.38	36,688,161.11	31,710,331.10	36,205,839.71	7,978,938.75	11,017,388.12	9,047,262.59	10,182,138.13

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021