



Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending
9th December 2022

1. INTEREST RATES

Deposit Rates

During the week ending 9th December 2022, average minimum and maximum deposits rates were unchanged across all deposit classes, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Average Deposit Rates (per annum)

Date	Previous we		1- Month deposit's rates (%)		3- Month deposit rates (%)	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
11-Nov-22	20.09	20.25	55.15	59.67	57.25	61.71
18-Nov-22	20.38	20.53	55.15	59.67	57.44	62.00
25-Nov-22	20.38	20.53	55.15	59.67	57.44	62.00
2-Dec-22	18.03	18.03	55.15	59.67	51.29	61.00
9-Dec-22	18.03	18.03	55.15	59.67	51.29	61.00

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

Lending Rates

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

Table 2: Lending Rates (per annum)

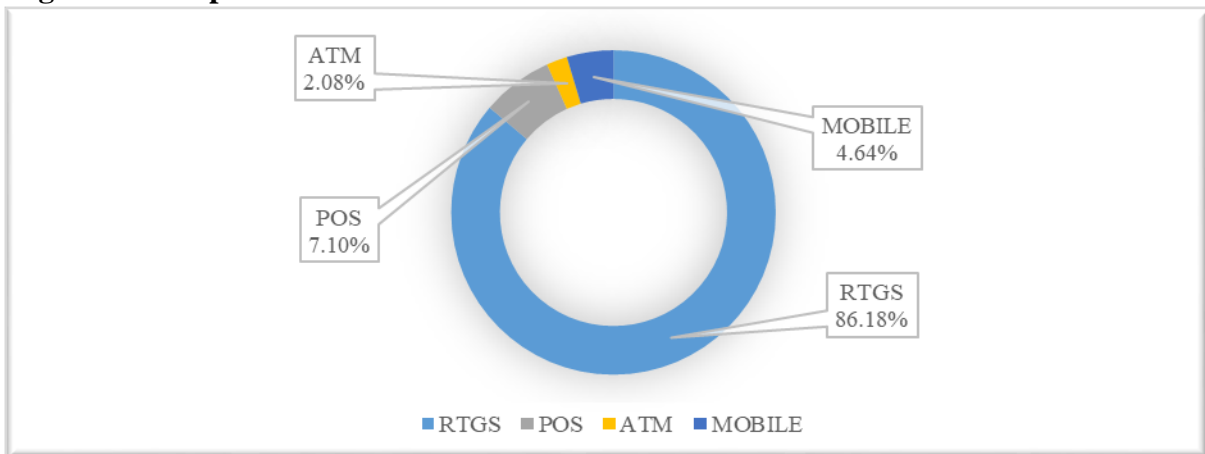
Date	Individual Clients		Corporate Clients	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
11-Nov-22	99.37	126.46	115.26	245.30
18-Nov-22	98.89	127.58	135.60	223.48
25-Nov-22	98.89	127.58	135.60	223.48
2-Dec-22	99.03	126.54	110.97	243.40
9-Dec-22	99.03	126.54	110.97	243.40

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

The aggregate value of transactions processed through the National Payment Systems (NPS) amounted to ZW\$821.81 billion, during the week ending 9th December 2022. This represented a decrease of 2.75% from ZW\$845.01 billion recorded in the preceding week. Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions also declined by 4.48%, from ZW\$741.40 billion recorded in the prior week to ZW\$708.196 billion, during the reporting week. The NPS transactions values were distributed as follows: RTGS, 86.18%, POS, 7.10%; Mobile, 4.64%; and ATM, 2.08%.

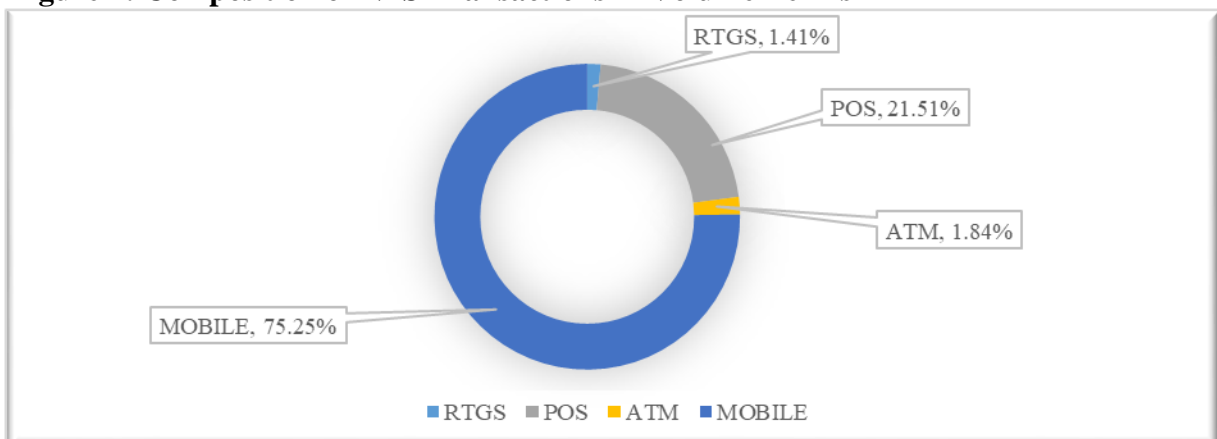
Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

In the same week, NPS transaction volumes increased by 5.44% to 15.21 million, compared to 14.42 million transactions recorded in the preceding week. The distribution of NPS transaction volumes was as follows: Mobile 75.25%; POS 21.51%; ATM 1.84%; and RTGS 1.41%, as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Composition of NPS Transactions in Volume Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

Table 3: National Payment Systems Activity

PAYMENT STREAM	WEEK ENDING 2 nd December 2022	WEEK ENDING 9 th December 2022	% CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	PROPORTION %
Values in ZW\$ millions				
RTGS	741,400.09	708,195.75	-4.48%	86.18%
POS	57,603.16	58,339.98	1.28%	7.10%
ATM	16,292.10	17,110.93	5.03%	2.08%
MOBILE	29,718.70	38,160.10	28.40%	4.64%
TOTAL	845,014.05	821,806.76	-2.75%	100%
Volumes				
RTGS	285,604	214,391	-24.93%	1.41%
POS	3,353,879	3,270,408	-2.49%	21.51%
ATM	158,180	279,666	76.80%	1.84%
MOBILE	10,608,826	11,442,973	7.86%	75.25%
TOTAL	14,422,356	15,207,438	5.44%	100%

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

3. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

During the week ending 9th December 2022, prices for gold, palladium, copper, and nickel, increased, amid a soft greenback. The U.S. dollar weakened as investors expected further interest rate hikes, amid souring inflation. The commodity price developments during the week under analysis are shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Metal and Crude Oil Prices for the week ending 9th December 2022

	Gold	Platinum	Palladium	Copper	Nickel	Crude Oil
2022	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/barrel
Weekly Average (28 Nov-2 Dec 22)	1,769.89	1,014.50	1,877.00	8,225.30	26,968.80	86.24
5-Dec-22	1785.58	1016.50	1911.50	8391.00	28680.00	82.92
6-Dec-22	1773.58	996.00	1869.50	8421.50	29271.00	79.51
7-Dec-22	1777.03	993.00	1845.00	8495.50	30660.00	78.16
8-Dec-22	1787.80	1005.50	1857.50	8606.00	29410.00	76.58
9-Dec-22	1794.58	1001.00	1926.00	8485.50	28810.00	76.82
Weekly Average (5 - 9 Dec 22)	1,783.71	1,002.40	1,881.90	8,479.90	29,366.20	78.80
Weekly Change (%)	0.78	-1.19	0.26	3.10	8.89	-8.63

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg, 2022

Gold

Gold prices increased by 0.78%, from a weekly average of US\$1,769.89 per ounce in the previous week to US\$1,783.71 per ounce, during the week under review. This followed the depreciation of the greenback against major currencies.

Platinum

Platinum prices declined by 1.19%, from an average of US\$1,014.50 per ounce in the prior week to US\$1,002.40 per ounce, during the reporting week. Prices declined on investor concerns over weak demand, amid rising Covid-19 cases in China.

Palladium

Palladium prices rose by 0.26%, from an average of US\$1,877.00 per ounce in the previous week to US\$1,881.90 per ounce, during the week ending 9th December 2022. Prices rose as the US dollar lost ground against most major currencies.

Copper

Copper prices increased by 3.10% week-on-week, from US\$8,225.30 per tonne recorded in the preceding week to US\$8,479.90 per tonne, during the week under review. The increase was reflective of a weaker U.S. dollar and investor expectations of further interest rate hikes.

Nickel

Nickel prices maintained a positive trajectory amid sustained demand, following the easing of the Chinese Zero Covid-19 policy. The price of the metal rose by 8.89% on a week-on-week basis, to close the week under review at an average of US\$29,366.20 per tonne, from US\$26,968.80 per tonne recorded in the previous week.

Brent Crude Oil

Crude oil prices declined by 8.63%, from an average of US\$86.24 per barrel recorded in the previous week to US\$78.80 per barrel, during the reporting week. Surging Covid-19 infections in China undermined the demand for crude oil.

4. EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS

Foreign Exchange Auction

On the foreign exchange auction, the Zimbabwe dollar (ZW\$) depreciated by 1.1% against the US dollar, from ZW\$651.4156 per US\$1 in the previous week to ZW\$658.8823 per US\$1, during the week ending 9th December 2022.

Table 5: Foreign Exchange Auction Exchange Rates¹

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
2022					
Weekly Average (28 Nov-2 Dec 22)	651.4156	37.9492	786.5553	50.5657	678.8800
5-Dec-22	654.8650	37.9507	808.2677	50.5243	692.9470
6-Dec-22	654.8650	37.5940	798.4457	51.0824	687.1509
7-Dec-22	661.5605	38.3142	802.4077	51.2078	692.2589
8-Dec-22	661.5605	38.5356	806.2112	51.2078	694.5734
9-Dec-22	661.5605	38.7597	811.2065	51.4724	699.8668
Weekly Average (5 - 9 Dec 22)	658.8823	38.2308	805.3077	51.0989	693.3594
Appr(-)/Depr(+) (%) of the ZWL	1.1	0.7	2.4	1.1	2.1

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

Interbank Market

On the interbank market, the Zimbabwe dollar (ZWL) depreciated by 1.1% against the US dollar, from ZWL\$653.4890 per US\$1 in the previous week to ZWL\$660.3997 per US\$1, during the week ending 9th December 2022, as shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Interbank Market Exchange Rates²

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
2022					
Weekly Average (28 Nov-2 Dec 22)	653.4890	38.0270	788.9886	50.7315	680.3345
5-Dec-22	656.7892	38.0228	810.6798	50.6750	695.1506
6-Dec-22	658.7373	37.7358	802.9399	51.3891	690.9204
7-Dec-22	661.7149	38.1679	802.9298	51.2242	692.5851
8-Dec-22	661.9627	38.4615	806.8420	51.2434	695.0952
9-Dec-22	662.7944	38.7597	812.7287	51.5731	701.2416
Weekly Average (5 - 9 Dec 22)	660.3997	38.2296	807.2240	51.2209	694.9985
Appr(-)/Depr(+) (%) of the ZWL	1.1	0.5	2.3	1.0	2.2

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

5. EQUITY MARKETS

Zimbabwe Stock Exchange

During the week under review, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) was characterised by negative trading. As a result, the ZSE All Share index lost 0.74% to close at 14 725.07 points. All indices registered losses, with the Top 10, Top 15 and Medium Cap indices declining by 1.36%, 0.99% and 0.12% to close at 8 554.60 points, 9 555.30 points and 33 247.33 points, respectively.

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

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The decline in the mainstream index largely emanated from share price losses for Mashonaland Holdings Limited (18.24%), National Tyre Services Limited (15.00%), Hippo Valley Estates Limited (14.99%), Zimbabwe Newspapers (1980) (13.83%) and OK Zimbabwe Limited (8.14%). Partially offsetting the losses were increases in share prices for Lafarge Cement Zimbabwe Limited (15.00%), Getbucks Financial Services Limited (14.74%), Unifreight Africa Limited (14.49%), Truworhs Limited (13.64%) and Masimba Holdings Limited (7.21%). The resources index³ remained unchanged at 25 478.67 points, during the week under analysis.

Table 7: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Statistics⁴

	All Share Index Points	Top 10 index ³ (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)
4-Nov-22	15,115.56	8,870.73	9,928.47	33,647.23	522,497.81	26,388.25	1,830.84	999.93	6.97
11-Nov-22	14,446.17	8,324.46	9,379.44	33,528.58	518,661.02	25,478.67	1,749.78	1,196.55	16.06
18-Nov-22	13,771.09	7,813.39	8,816.25	32,801.57	510,153.10	25,478.67	1,658.75	1,835.27	22.63
25-Nov-22	14,222.37	8,205.14	9,190.48	32,843.41	485,137.43	25,478.67	1,711.14	3,451.36	38.07
2-Dec-22	14,834.46	8,672.55	9,651.03	33,287.86	472,431.36	25,478.67	1,639.41	19,945.42	74.38
9-Dec-22	14,725.07	8,554.60	9,555.30	33,247.33	454,952.47	25,478.67	1,627.74	2,153.16	66.71
% Change	-0.74	-1.36	-0.99	-0.12	-3.70	0.00	-0.71	-89.20	-10.32

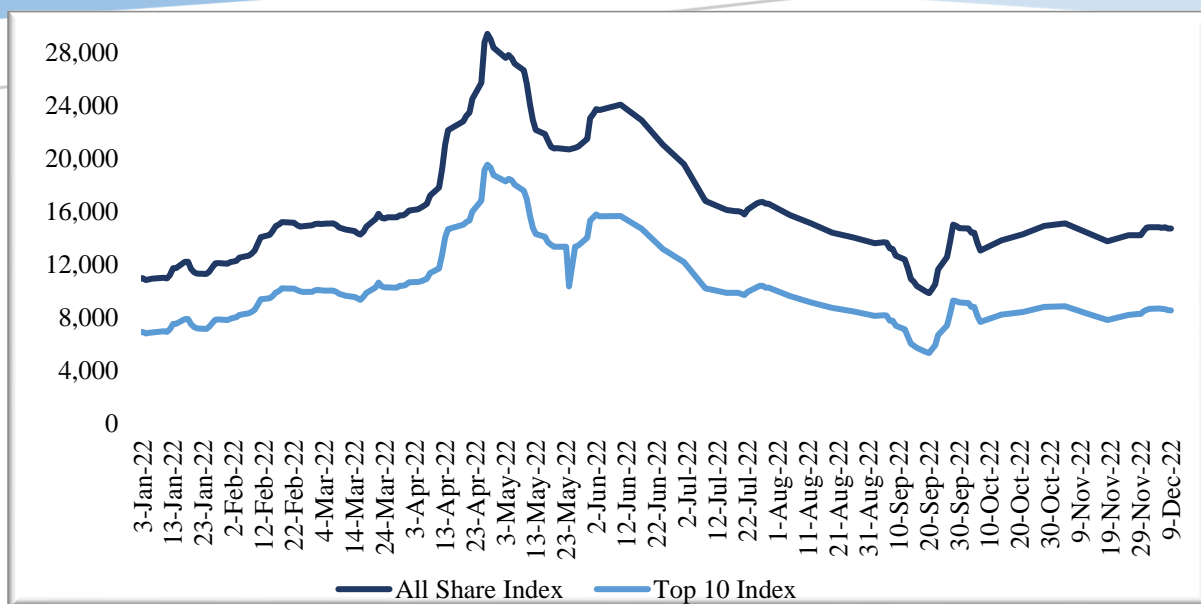
Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2022

Figure 3 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 3rd January 2022 to 9th December 2022.

³ Resource Index – Comprised RioZim Limited Share Price

⁴ 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.

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

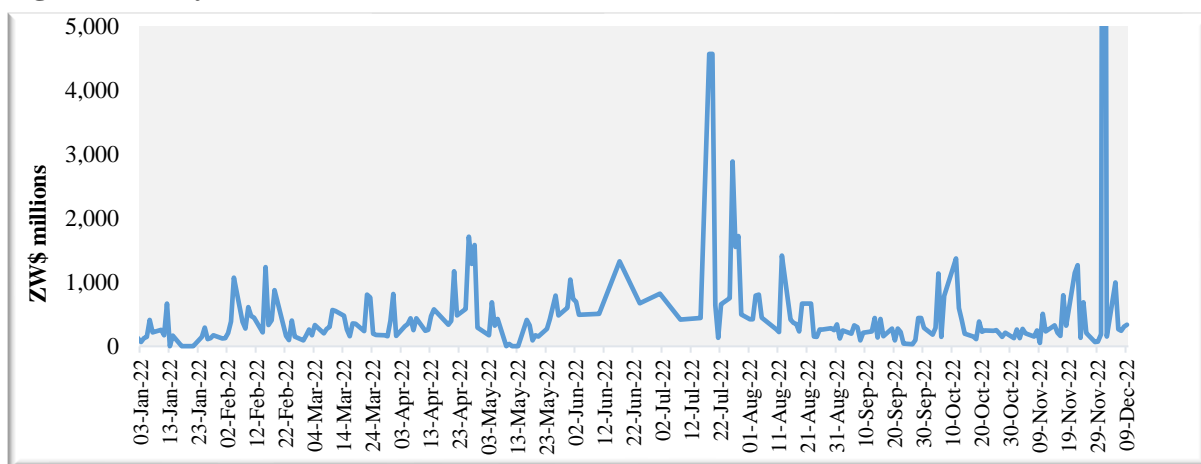


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

Market Turnover and Volume

The cumulative volume and values of shares traded on the ZSE fell by 10.32% and 89.20% to 66.71 million shares and ZW\$2.2 billion, respectively. This compares with 74.38 million shares and ZW\$19.95 billion, respectively, recorded in the preceding week. Figure 4 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 3rd January 2022 to 9th December 2022.

Figure 4: Daily Market Turnover



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

Market Capitalization

The local bourse lost ZW\$11.66 billion, or 0.71% worth of capitalization to close at ZW\$1,627.74 billion. Figure 5 shows the evolution of market capitalization for the period from 3rd January 2022 to 9th December 2022.

Figure 5: Daily Market Capitalization in ZW\$ billions

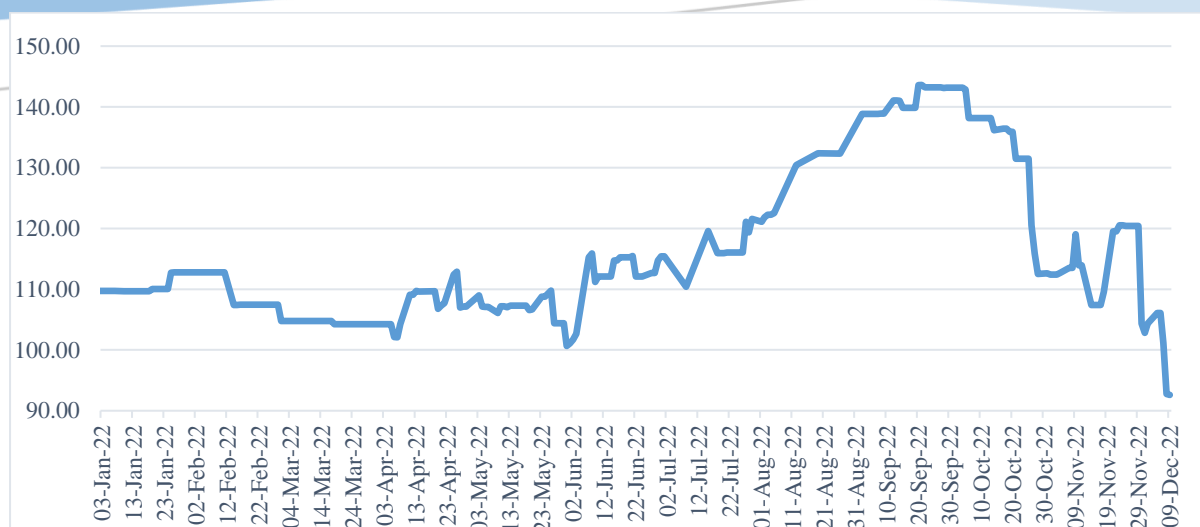


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

Victoria Falls Stock Exchange

The Victoria Falls Stock Exchange (VFEX) was also characterised by negative trading during the week ending 9th December 2022. Resultantly, the VFEX All Share index declined by 11.25% to close at 92.60 points. The cumulative volume and value of shares traded increased by 90.84% and 287.24% to 0.38 billion shares and US\$0.18 million, compared to 0.20 billion shares and US\$0.05 million, respectively, recorded in the previous week. VFEX market capitalization stood at US\$0.42 billion, a decline of 69.79% or US\$0.17 billion from US\$0.25 billion recorded in the week ending 2nd December 2022. Figure 6 shows the trend in the VFEX All Share Index (ASI) for the period from 3rd January 2022 to 9th December 2022.

Figure 6: Victoria Falls Stock Exchange All Share Index



Source: Victoria Falls Stock Exchange, 2022

Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Developments

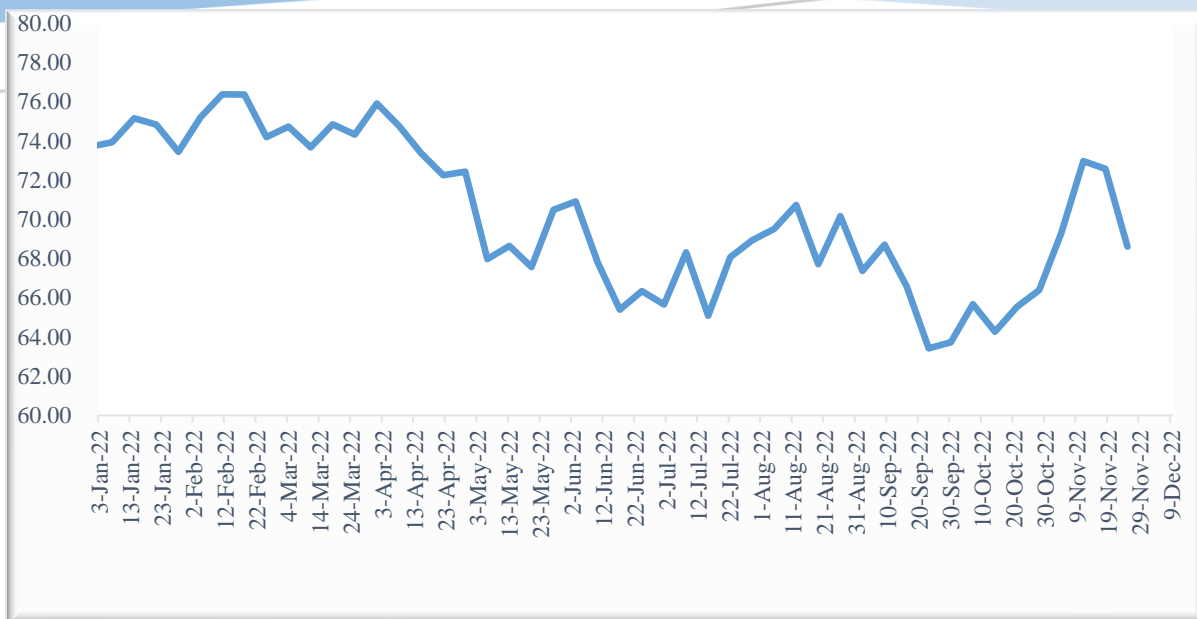
The Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All Share Index increased from 74,322.91 points in the previous week to close at 74,548.14 points, during the week ending 9th December 2022. JSE market capitalization increased by 0.37% to ZAR21.95 trillion, during the same week.

Table 8: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Statistics

Period	All Share Index	Market Capitalization
	(points)	(ZAR trillions)
04-Nov-22	69,305.19	19.99
11-Nov-22	72,982.80	20.62
18-Nov-22	72,576.86	20.86
25-Nov-22	68,614.98	20.98
2-Dec-22	74,322.91	21.87
9-Dec-22	74,548.14	21.95
% Change	0.30	0.37

Source: <https://www.jse.co.za/services/market-data/market-statistics>, 2022

Figure 7: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All Share Index



Source: <https://www.jse.co.za/services/market-data/market-statistics,2022>

RESERVE BANK OF ZIMBABWE

APPENDIX 1: FOREIGN EXCHANGE AUCTION RESULTS FOR MAINFX⁵ AND SMEFX⁶

	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	18-Nov-22	25-Nov-22	2-Dec-22	9-Dec-22	18-Nov-22	25-Nov-22	2-Dec-22	9-Dec-22
Total Bids (US\$ dollars)	11,879,207.67	13,364,555.93	14,927,728.26	11,611,744.04	1,352,749.71	1,360,318.99	1,502,476.81	1,314,538.84
Amount Allotted (US\$ dollars)	11,720,039.67	9,963,555.58	13,914,092.56	10,266,799.53	1,333,267.85	1,198,534.51	1,401,209.57	1,284,863.86
Highest Rate	675	671	678.55	678	670	673	677	675
Lowest Bid Rate	620	671	678.55	678	620	635	677	675
Lowest Bid Rate Allotted	620	635	645	655	620	635	645	655
Weighted Average Rate	639.1003	646.2415	654.8651	661.5605	639.1003	646.2415	654.8651	661.5605
Number of Bids Received	85	91	104	90	135	131	155	132
Number of Bids Rejected	2	2	2	3	7	7	4	4

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

⁵ Main Foreign Currency Auction

⁶ Small and Medium Enterprises Foreign Currency Auction

APPENDIX 2: SUMMARY OF FOREIGN CURRENCY AUCTION ALLOTMENTS BY PURPOSE

Purpose	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	18-Nov-22	25Nov-22	2-Dec-22	9-Dec-22	18-Nov-22	25-Nov-22	2-Dec-22	9-Dec-22
Raw Materials	5,066,990.64	3,604,555.93	8,010,859.24	5,632,710.55	437,588.85	402,137.60	503,463.63	495,619.80
Machinery and Equipment	1,789,981.02	2,380,110.56	1,832,584.25	1,178,715.22	483,860.83	372,503.96	414,098.19	388,883.96
Consumables (Incl. Spares, Tyres, Packaging)	1,125,086.66	887,266.17	628,158.09	897,668.55	120,689.33	158,705.29	121,555.19	123,572.10
Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals	811,466.31	498,493.23	675,184.11	400,182.54	28,249.37	26,037.83	64,239.77	36,526.82
Services (Loans, Dividends and Disinvestments)	1,606,893.13	1,414,437.87	1,576,236.16	1,629,195.33	89,119.13	72,326.33	120,709.41	101,699.68
Retail and Distribution	609,479.94	456,596.30	961,561.26	113,162.79	146,359.53	130,237.34	121,047.25	422,273.40
Fuel, Electricity and Gas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paper and Packaging	710,141.97	722,095.52	229,509.45	106,053.94	27,400.81	36,586.16	56,095.78	25,398.71
TOTAL	11,720,039.67	9,963,555.58	13,914,092.56	10,266,799.53	1,333,267.85	1,198,534.51	1,401,209.57	1,284,863.86

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022