



Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending
22nd July 2022

1. INTEREST RATES

Deposit Rates

During the week ending 22nd July 2022, average deposit rates quoted by commercial banks remained unchanged for all classes of deposits, 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 (%)
24-June-22	4.21	6.35	14.62	17.47	16.61	19.05
1-July-22	6.84	9.15	22.56	23.97	23.83	24.97
8-July-22	6.84	9.15	22.56	23.97	23.83	24.97
15-July-22	16.78	19.21	36.97	45.22	39.83	45.58
22-July-22	16.78	19.21	36.97	45.22	39.83	45.58

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

Lending Rates

The week under review saw commercial bank minimum and maximum lending rates for both individual and corporate clients remain at previous week levels, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Lending Rates (per annum)

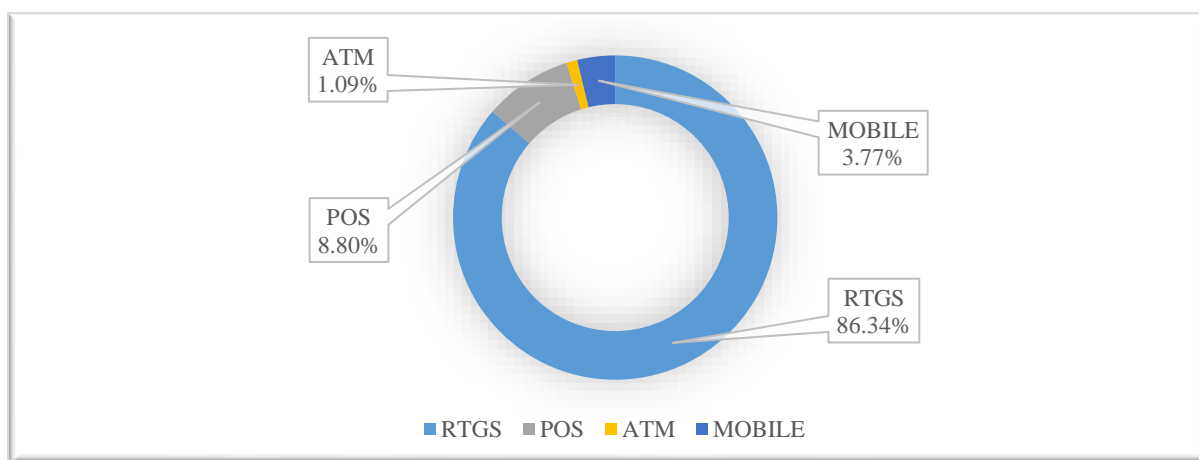
Date	Individual Clients		Corporate Clients	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
24-June-22	38.45	60.09	48.25	64.31
1-July-22	63.53	87.35	72.37	90.68
8-July-22	63.53	87.35	72.37	90.68
15-July-22	80.20	120.84	163.85	216.03
22-July-22	80.20	120.84	163.85	216.03

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

The total value of transactions processed through the National Payment Systems (NPS) stood at \$491.98 billion, during the week under review. This represented a 1.14% increase from \$486.44 billion worth of transactions processed in the preceding week. Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions rose by 1.48% to \$424.79 billion in the same week. The distribution of NPS transaction values was as follows: RTGS, 86.34%, POS, 8.80%; Mobile, 3.77%; and ATM, 1.09%.

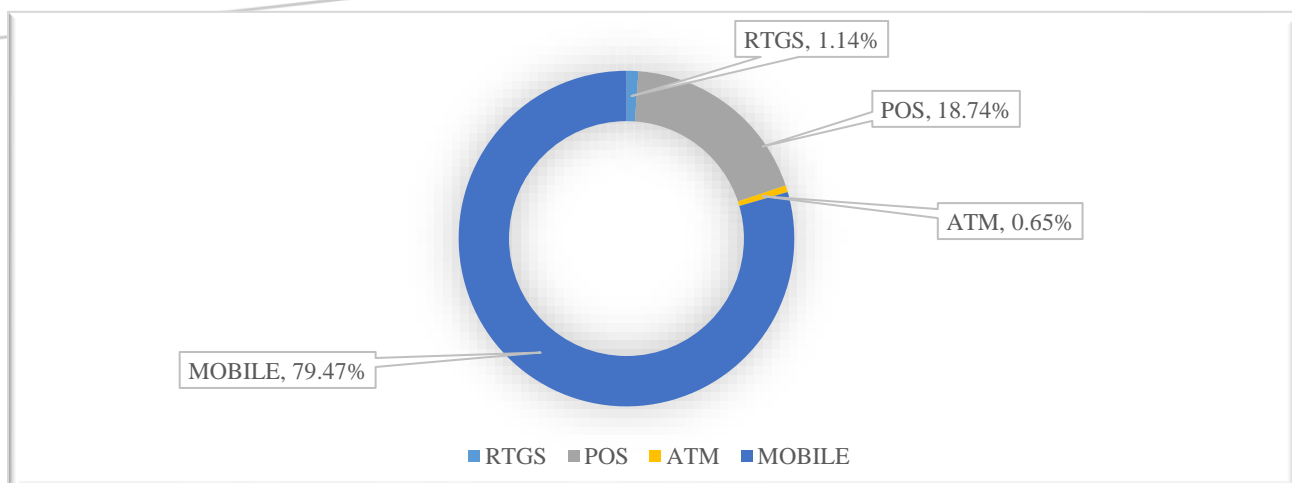
Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

During the week under analysis, NPS transaction volumes declined by 2.39%, from 20.49 million transactions in the previous week to 20.00 million transactions. The transaction volumes continued to be dominated by Mobile based transactions at 79.47% of the total, followed by POS, 18.74%; RTGS, 1.04%; and ATM, 0.65%, 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 15 th July 2022	WEEK ENDING 22 nd July 2022	% CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	PROPORTION %
Values in ZW\$ Millions				
RTGS	418,599.23	424,793.85	1.48%	86.34%
POS	42,787.30	43,283.40	1.16%	8.80%
ATM	4,604.64	5,363.57	16.48%	1.09%
MOBILE	20,450.05	18,535.16	-9.36%	3.77%
TOTAL	486,441.22	491,975.98	1.14%	100%
Volumes				
RTGS	213,494	228,497	7.03%	1.14%
POS	3,995,123	3,748,267	-6.18%	18.74%
ATM	97,164	129,272	33.05%	0.65%
MOBILE	16,180,514	15,890,915	-1.79%	79.47%
TOTAL	20,486,295	19,996,951	-2.39%	100%

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

3. TOBACCO SALES

As at day 79 of the tobacco selling season, a cumulative total of 189.54 million kilograms of tobacco had been sold. This reflected a 4.18% decline, from 197.80 million kilograms sold during the same period in 2021. A cumulative total value of US\$576.74 million of tobacco had been sold during the week under review, compared to US\$549.58 million realised in the same period in 2021.

Table 4: Weekly Cumulative Tobacco Sales: Day 79 (22nd July 2022)

	2021	2022	Variance (%)
Cumulative Quantity Sold (million kgs)	197,796,863	189,535,760	(4.18)
Average Price(US\$/kg)	2.78	3.04	9.52
Cumulative value (US\$ million)	549,576,199	576,741,274	4.94

Source: Tobacco Industry and Marketing Board (TIMB), 2022

The golden leaf was sold at a price of US\$3.04 dollars per kilogram during the period under analysis, up from US\$2.78 per kilogram realized in the corresponding period in the previous year.

4. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

On the global markets, weekly average prices for gold, palladium and copper retreated, during the week under review. Platinum, nickel and crude oil prices, however, firmed, as is shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Metal and Crude Oil Prices for the week ending 22nd July 2022

	Gold	Platinum	Palladium	Copper	Nickel	Crude Oil
2022	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/barrel
Weekly Average (11 - 15 July)	1,722.15	851.50	2,022.10	7,403.16	20,576.30	101.85
18-Jul	1,721.35	864.50	1,880.00	7,411.00	20,605.00	105.75
19-Jul	1,713.00	878.00	1,872.00	7,254.50	20,543.00	106.98
20-Jul	1,710.98	873.50	1,867.00	7,358.00	21,129.00	106.33
21-Jul	1,695.83	862.00	1,870.00	7,304.00	21,431.00	104.95
22-Jul	1,730.98	882.00	1,921.00	7,433.00	22,080.00	102.29
Weekly Average (18 - 22 July)	1,714.43	872.00	1,882.00	7,352.10	21,157.60	105.26
Weekly Change (%)	-0.4	2.4	-6.9	-0.7	2.8	3.3

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg, 2022

Gold

Gold prices marginally declined by 0.4%, from a weekly average of US\$1,722.05 per ounce in the previous week, to close the week under analysis at US\$1,714.43 per ounce. The hawkish tone from major global central banks continued to diminish the appeal of the yellow metal as an alternative investment asset, exerting downward pressure on prices.

Platinum

Platinum prices gained momentum on prospects of strong industrial demand, following the expansion of the biggest semi-conductor plant in China. Prices increased by 2.4% to

US\$851.50 per ounce during the week under review, from a weekly average of US\$872.00 per ounce in the prior week.

Palladium

Palladium prices further retreated during the week, amid expectations of an increase in the production of the mineral. Prices declined by 6.9%, from a weekly average of US\$2,022.10 per tonne in the previous week to US\$1,882.00 per tonne, during the week under analysis.

Copper

Weekly average prices for copper softened by 0.7%, from US\$7,403.16 per tonne in the previous week to US\$7,352.10 per tonne, during the week ending 22nd July 2022. Prices fell on demand concerns in China and elsewhere, due to fears of a global recession. The rise in global inventories of the base metal also exerted downward pressure on prices.

Nickel

Nickel prices rebounded by 2.8%, from a weekly average of US\$20,576.30 per tonne in the previous week to end the week under review at US\$21,157.60 per tonne. The increase was on the back of investor optimism, following reports of port expansion in Northern Russia, a development which diminished concerns about disruptions in the supply of the base metal.

Brent Crude Oil

Crude oil prices sustained an upward drift, buoyed by a retreat in the US dollar, as investors expected that the Federal Reserve interest rate hike would not exceed a full percentage point. In addition, firm prices were also sustained by tight supplies owing to geopolitical tensions emanating from the Russia-Ukraine war. Prices rose by 3.3%, from US\$101.85 per barrel in the previous week to US\$105.26 per barrel, during the week under review.

5. EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS

Foreign Exchange Auction

On the Foreign Exchange Auction, the Zimbabwe dollar (ZW\$) depreciated by 3.3% against the US dollar, from an average of ZW\$386.0599 per US\$1 in the previous week to ZW\$398.6564 per US\$1, during the week under analysis. The developments in selected exchange rates are as shown in Table 6.

Table 6: International Exchange Rates¹

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
2022					
Weekly Average (11 - 15 July)	386.0599	22.6978	459.5138	30.3946	388.4339
18-Jul	391.5339	23.0150	465.7886	30.6588	395.2938
19-Jul	391.5339	22.9095	468.4919	30.7962	397.4268
20-Jul	403.4048	23.6128	485.2376	31.6691	413.0263
21-Jul	403.4048	23.6128	483.9870	31.6883	412.4423
22-Jul	403.4048	23.6686	482.3716	31.7498	410.7479
Weekly Average (18 - 22 July)	398.6564	23.3637	477.1753	31.3124	405.7874
Appr(-)/Depr(+) (%) of the ZWL	3.3	2.9	3.8	3.0	4.5

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

Interbank Market

On the Willing-Buyer Willing-Seller (WBWS) interbank market, the Zimbabwe dollar (ZWL) depreciated by 4.0% against the US dollar, from an average of ZWL\$390.0184 per US\$1 in the previous week to ZWL\$405.7983 per US\$1, during the week under review, as is shown in Table 7.

Table 7: International Exchange Rates²

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
2022					
Weekly Average (11 - 15 July)	390.01842	22.854673	463.57262	30.6650	391.87844
18-Jul	399.4046	23.4467	475.3573	31.2785	403.44195
19-Jul	403.1787	23.5294	482.2841	31.7163	409.1896
20-Jul	404.4081	23.6407	486.4026	31.7509	414.0362
21-Jul	408.5677	23.9234	490.2207	32.0954	417.7636
22-Jul	413.4325	24.2131	494.4454	32.5419	421.1438
Weekly Average (18 - 22 July)	405.7983	23.7507	485.7420	31.8766	413.1150
Appr(-)/Depr(+) (%) of the ZWL	4.0	3.9	4.8	4.0	5.4

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

6. EQUITY MARKETS

Zimbabwe Stock Exchange

During the week under review, all major Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) indices registered marginal gains, with the Top 10, Top 15 and Small Cap indices adding 0.94%, 0.53% and 0.09%, to close at 9 960.44 points, 10 985.73 points, 509 355.56 points. However, the Medium Cap index shed 0.30% to close at 32 527.99 points.

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

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Share price gains were recorded for Willdale Limited (54.43%), Turnall Holdings Limited (20.25%), Unifreight Africa Limited (14.66%), First Mutual Holdings Limited (14.16%) and Axia Coporation Limited (12.05%). This was against share price losses for First Mutual Properties Limited (17.53%), CAFCA Limited (15%), AfDis Limited (14.84%), NMBZ Holdings Limited (13.56%) and Lafarge Cement Zimbabwe Limited (12.89%). The resources index rose by 1.82% to close at 20 385.07 points, during the week ending 22nd July 2022, from 20 021.24 points recorded in the previous week.

Table 8: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Statistics³

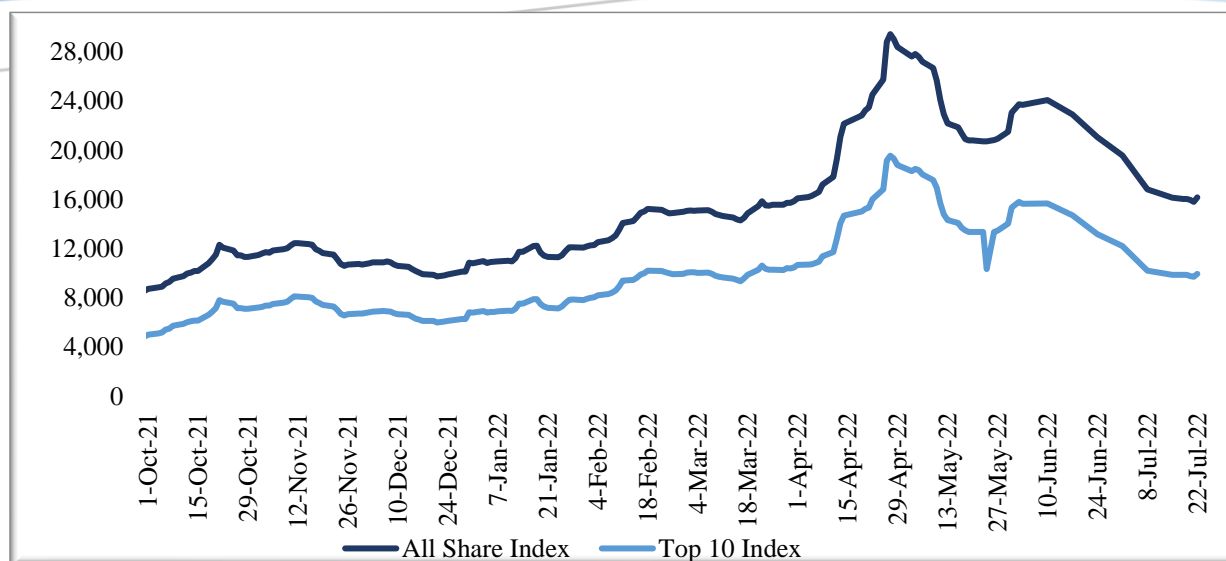
	All Share Index Points	Top 10 index ³ (points)	Top 15 Index ³ points	Medium Cap ³ (points)	Small Cap ³ (points)	Mining Index (points)	Grand Market Capitalization (ZWL billion)	Market Turnover (ZWL million)	Volume of Shares (million)
17-June-22	22,900.71	14,704.54	16,207.96	41,330.07	478,450.40	20,627.62	2,835.47	2,846.74	32.85
24-June-22	21,073.30	13,178.29	14,684.86	40,627.22	499,070.29	20,021.24	2,606.07	4,135.23	26.83
1-July-22	19,590.05	12,209.39	13,559.50	38,151.54	507,512.80	20,021.24	2,420.73	3,329.30	185.87
8-July-22	16,813.22	10,223.45	11,424.34	35,094.68	532,250.86	20,021.24	2,066.44	1,470.45	16.15
15-July-22	16,147.48	9,867.48	10,901.05	32,627.10	508,891.78	20,021.24	1,981.75	3,360.73	56.26
22-July-22	16,172.58	9960.44	10,958.73	32,527.99	509,355.56	20,385.07	1,998.54	10,590.68	47.09
% Change	0.16	0.94	0.53	-0.30	0.09	1.82	0.85	215.13	-16.30

Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2022

Figure 3 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 1st October 2021 to 22nd July 2022.

³ 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

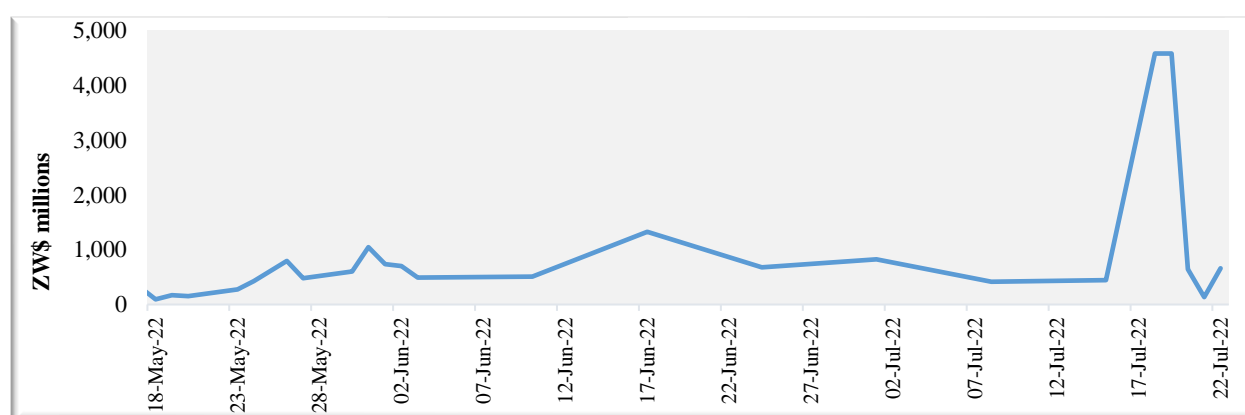


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

Market Turnover and Volume

During the week under analysis, the cumulative volume of shares traded on the ZSE decreased by 16.29% to 47.09 million shares, from 56.26 million shares traded in the prior week. The value of shares traded rose by 215.13% to ZW\$10.59 billion, compared to ZW\$3.36 billion recorded in the previous week. Figure 4 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 11th May 2022 to 22nd July 2022.

Figure 4: Daily Market Turnover



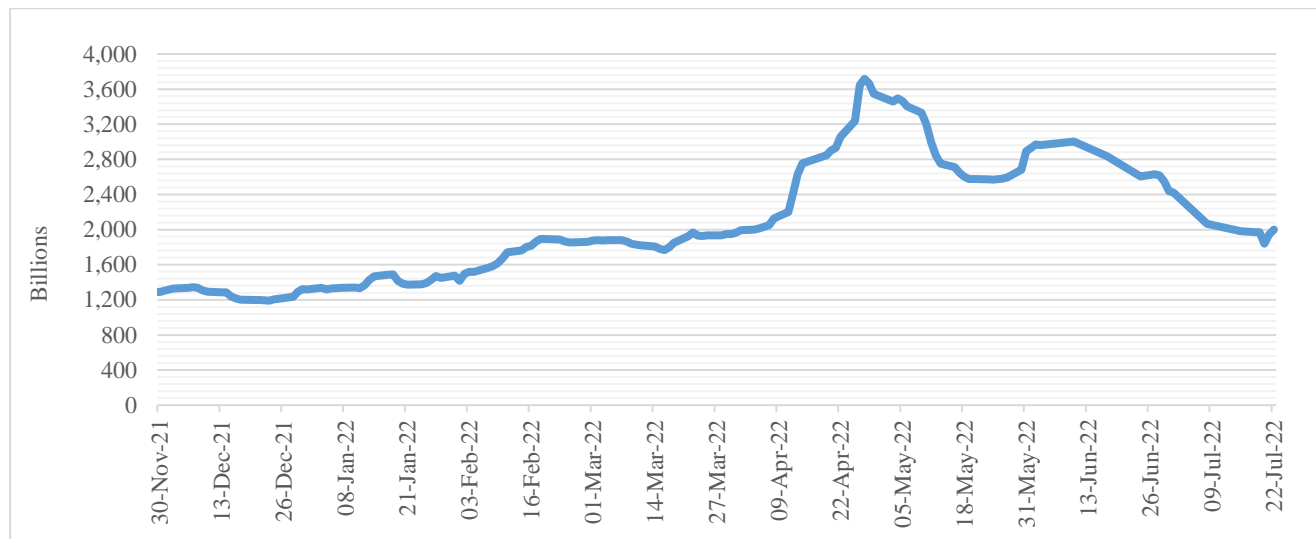
Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

Market Capitalization

In line with the positive sentiments exhibited on the ZSE during the week under review, the local bourse gained by ZW\$16.78 billion, or 0.85% worth of capitalization to close at

ZW\$1 998.54 billion Figure 5 shows market capitalization developments for the period from 30th November 2021 to 22nd July 2022.

Figure 5: Daily Market Capitalization in ZW\$ billions

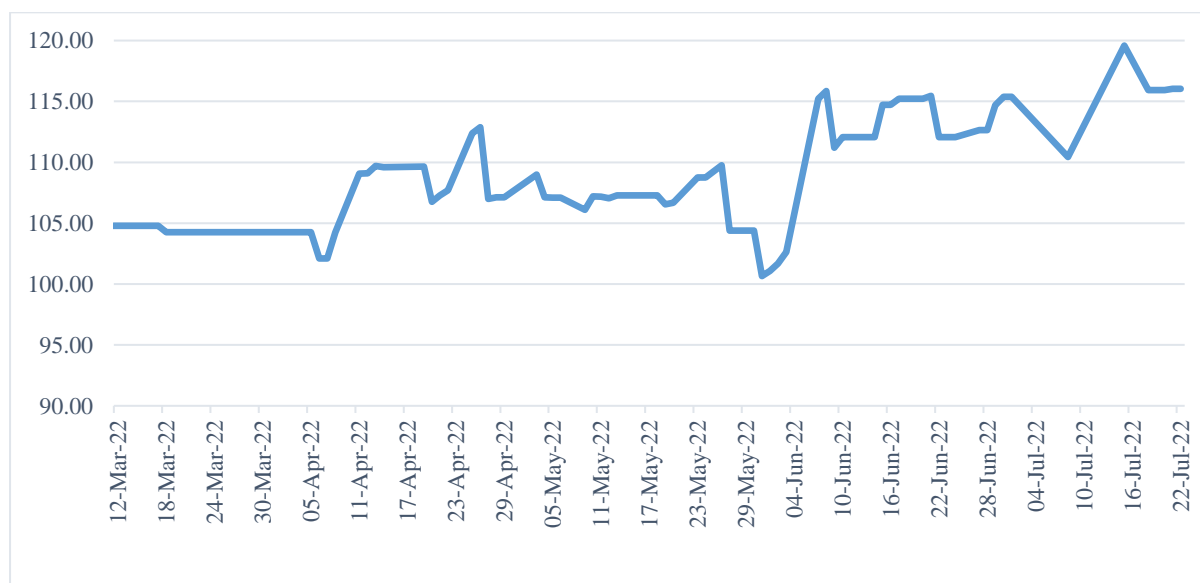


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

Victoria Falls Stock Exchange

During the week under analysis, the cumulative volume and value of shares traded on the Victoria Stock Exchange (VFEX) declined by 96.75% and 70.69% to close at 0.08 million shares and US\$0.02 million, respectively. Figure 6 shows the trend in the VFEX All Share Index for the period from 12th March 2021 to 22nd July 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 rose by 4.48% to close at 68,069.58 points, during the week under analysis. Concomitantly, ZSE market capitalization increased by 3.26% to close at ZAR19.98 trillion in the same week.

Table 9: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Statistics

Period	All Share Index (points)	Market Capitalization (ZAR trillions)
17-Jun-22	65,390.88	19.35
24-Jun-22	66,348.75	19.48
1-Jul-22	65,661.73	19.92
8-Jul-22	68,327.40	20.25
15-Jul-22	65,088.90	19.35
22-Jul-22	68,069.58	19.98
% Change	4.58	3.26

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 MAINFX⁴ AND SMEFX⁵

	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	1-July-22	8-July-22	15-July-22	22-July-22	1-July-22	8-July-22	15-July-22	22-July-22
Total Bids (US\$ dollars)	21,448,724.90	19,749,893.72	19,506,514.99	19,685,492.47	4,395,910.22	3,747,679.66	4,109,266.59	3,867,264.37
Amount Allotted (US\$ dollars)	20,849,394.61	19,678,200.34	19,506,514.99	19,161,542.54	4,390,229.79	3,714,582.77	4,053,982.01	3,762,731.31
Highest Rate	395	405	424	442	395	405	420	450
Lowest Bid Rate	345	358	368.64	385	345	357	366	382
Lowest Bid Rate Allotted	345	358	368.64	385	345	357	366	382
Weighted Average Rate	366.2687	379.2280	391.5339	403.4048	366.2687	379.2280	391.5339	403.4048
Number of Bids Received	261	232	212	214	748	661	643	594
Number of Bids Rejected	14	7	6	8	52	30	33	25

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

⁴ Main Foreign Currency Auction

⁵ Small and Medium Enterprises Foreign Currency Auction

APPENDIX 2: SUMMARY OF FOREIGN CURRENCY AUCTION ALLOTMENTS BY PURPOSE

Purpose	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	1-July-22	8-July-22	15-July-22	22-July-22	1-July-22	8-July-22	15-July-22	22-July-22
Raw Materials	10,310,884.58	10,392,012.65	9,854,894.09	10,097,040.50	1,422,968.58	1,053,813.06	1,311,715.92	1,140,296.19
Machinery and Equipment	4,942,519.66	3,713,592.90	4,331,443.64	3,897,765.28	1,482,605.26	1,325,359.34	1,311,033.71	1,388,815.64
Consumables (Incl. Spares, Tyres, Packaging)	1,374,386.40	1,126,749.29	1,259,342.76	1,089,414.52	492,563.41	465,415.84	473,074.74	419,958.82
Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals	1,044,449.46	753,905.51	701,125.19	477,217.61	131,488.80	167,888.76	175,165.41	89,833.90
Services (Loans, Dividends and Disinvestments)	1,548,564.02	1,939,083.34	1,211,749.42	1,678,373.14	364,347.78	346,621.19	429,228.96	381,314.78
Retail and Distribution	1,146,502.41	1,324,487.84	1,302,076.56	1,172,171.43	308,158.82	228,776.94	291,251.46	269,662.01
Fuel, Electricity and Gas	29,657.74	49,429.56	-	-	-	7,106.76	4,737.84	3,068.45
Paper and Packaging	452,430.34	378,939.25	845,883.33	749,560.06	188,097.14	119,600.88	57,773.97	69,781.52
TOTAL	20,849,394.61	19,678,200.34	19,506,514.99	9,161,542.54	4,390,229.79	3,714,582.77	4,053,982.01	3,762,731.31

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022