



# Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending  
11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## 1. INTEREST RATES

### Deposit Rates

During the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022, average minimum and maximum deposits rates for savings deposits and deposits of 1-month and 3 months tenor were unchanged, as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Average Deposit Rates (per annum)**

Date	Savings deposits (%)		1- Month deposit's rates (%)		3- Month deposit rates (%)	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
14-Oct-22	20.09	20.25	55.15	59.17	57.25	61.08
21-Oct-22	20.09	20.25	55.15	59.44	57.25	61.18
28-Oct-22	20.09	20.25	55.15	59.44	57.25	61.18
4-Nov-22	20.09	20.25	55.15	59.67	57.25	61.71
11-Nov-22	20.09	20.25	55.15	59.67	57.25	61.71

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

### Lending Rates

Commercial bank minimum and maximum lending rates for both individual and corporate clients remained unchanged at previous week levels, during the week under review, as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Lending Rates (per annum)**

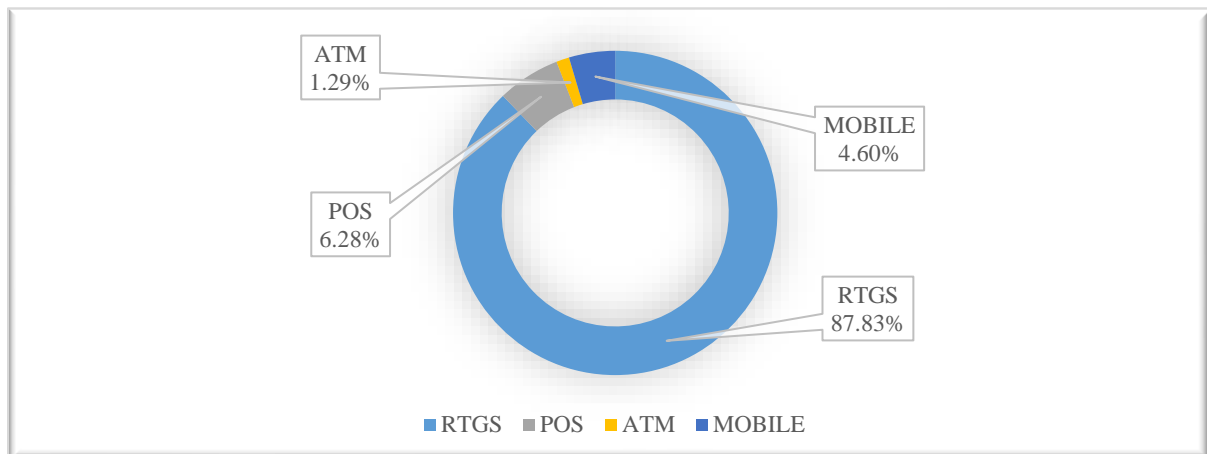
Date	Individual Clients		Corporate Clients	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
14-Oct-22	98.07	127.14	158.46	222.92
21-Oct-22	98.94	127.72	120.40	222.80
28-Oct-22	98.94	127.72	120.40	222.80
4-Nov-22	99.37	126.46	115.26	245.30
11-Nov-22	99.37	126.46	115.26	245.30

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

## 2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

The National Payment System (NPS) processed transactions valued at ZW\$766.3 billion, during the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022, representing a decrease of 12.51% from ZW\$875.88 billion recorded in the previous week. The NPS transaction values were distributed as follows: RTGS, 87.83%, POS, 6.28%; Mobile, 4.60%; and ATM, 1.29%.

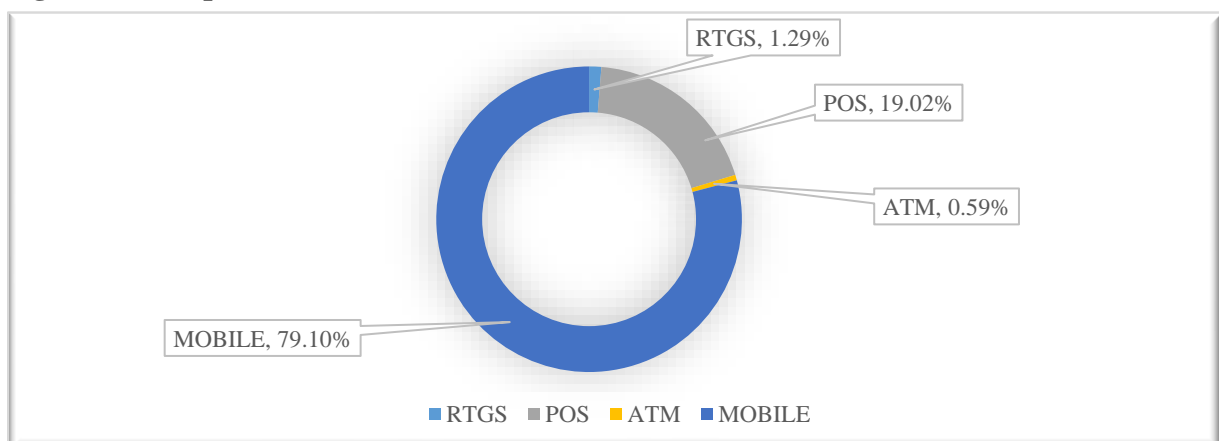
**Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms**



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

The volume of NPS transactions declined by 0.63%, from 15.88 million in the preceding week to 15.79 million, during the week under review. Mobile based transactions continued to dominate NPS transaction volumes at 79.10% of the total, followed by POS, 19.02%; RTGS, 1.29%; and ATM, 0.59%, 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 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	WEEK ENDING 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	% CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	PROPORTION %
<b>Values in ZW\$ Millions</b>				
RTGS	775,151.44	673,052.29	-13.17%	87.83%
POS	54,062.88	48,108.01	-11.01%	6.28%
ATM	17,890.23	9,891.12	-44.71%	1.29%
MOBILE	28,777.18	35,260.49	22.53%	4.60%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>875,881.73</b>	<b>766,311.92</b>	<b>-12.51%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Volumes</b>				
RTGS	247,035	203,416	-17.66%	1.29%
POS	3,559,824	3,001,886	-15.67%	19.02%
ATM	158,952	93,799	-40.99%	0.59%
MOBILE	11,919,041	12,486,437	4.76%	79.10%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,884,852</b>	<b>15,785,538</b>	<b>-0.63%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

### 3. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

International commodity prices for gold, platinum, palladium, copper, and nickel, increased during the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022. However, average prices of crude oil declined during the same week. Commodity markets were largely influenced by easing US inflation and a retreat in the US dollar.

**Table 4: Metal and Crude Oil Prices for the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

	Gold	Platinum	Palladium	Copper	Nickel	Crude Oil
2022	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/barrel
<b>Weekly Average (31 Oct- 4 Nov 22)</b>	<b>1,646.03</b>	<b>939.60</b>	<b>1,858.50</b>	<b>7,727.70</b>	<b>23,182.00</b>	<b>95.93</b>
<b>7-Nov-22</b>	1,676.00	988.00	1,907.00	8,099.00	23,811.00	97.83
<b>8-Nov-22</b>	1,673.10	1,004.00	1,930.00	8,115.50	24,012.00	95.20
<b>9-Nov-22</b>	1,707.20	1,047.50	1,871.00	8,104.50	24,688.00	92.24
<b>10-Nov-22</b>	1,756.20	1,038.00	1,975.00	8,271.50	25,949.00	95.43
<b>11-Nov-22</b>	1,771.80	1,032.00	2,056.00	8,271.50	25,949.00	95.48
<b>Weekly Average (7-11 Nov 22)</b>	<b>1,716.86</b>	<b>1,021.90</b>	<b>1,947.80</b>	<b>8,172.40</b>	<b>24,881.80</b>	<b>95.24</b>
<b>Weekly Change (%)</b>	4.3	8.8	4.8	5.8	7.3	-0.7

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg, 2022

#### Gold

Gold prices averaged US\$1,716.86 per ounce during the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022, signifying a 4.3% increase from US\$1,646.03 per ounce recorded in the previous week. The rebound was underpinned by signs of easing US inflation, coupled with the depreciation of the greenback.

## **Platinum**

Platinum prices rose sharply by 8.8%, from US\$939.60 per ounce in the prior week to US\$1,021.90 per ounce, during the week under analysis. This followed prospects of strong investment demand, as signs of easing US inflation bolstered chances that the Federal Reserve could be less hawkish on interest rate hikes going forward.

## **Palladium**

During the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022, palladium prices rose by 4.8% to US\$1,947.80 per ounce, from US\$1,858.50 per ounce recorded in the previous week. Prices rebounded on account of a weakening US dollar, amid investor speculation that the US Federal Reserve would be less aggressive in tightening its monetary policy.

## **Copper**

Copper prices remained bullish, spurred by optimism about increasing demand in top consumer, China, after the country moved to shore up its property sector and ease strict Covid-19 restrictions. Prices rose by 5.8%, from US\$7,727.70 per tonne in the previous week to US\$8,172.40 per tonne, during the week under review.

## **Nickel**

Nickel prices increased by 7.3%, to close the week under review at an average of US\$24,881.80 per tonne, from US\$23,182.00 per tonne recorded in the previous week. Prices were also buoyed by prospects of strong demand from China, following the relaxation of the country's tough Covid-19 policy stance that had dampened economic activity, reducing the demand for metals.

## **Brent Crude Oil**

Brent crude oil prices declined by 0.7%, from an average of US\$95.93 per barrel recorded in the previous week to US\$95.24 per barrel, during the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The decline was occasioned by ample supplies, evidenced by reports of a build-up in US crude oil inventories. However, news of the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions in China, the world's largest oil importer moderated the decline.

## **4. EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS**

### **Foreign Exchange Auction**

On the foreign exchange auction, the Zimbabwe dollar (ZW\$) depreciated by 0.3% against the US dollar, from ZW\$633.4072 per US\$1 in the previous week to ZW\$635.4278 per US\$1, during the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**Table 5: Foreign Exchange Auction Exchange Rates<sup>1</sup>**

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
<b>2022</b>					
<b>Weekly Average (31 Oct- 4 Nov 22)</b>	<b>633.4072</b>	<b>34.8315</b>	<b>726.3882</b>	<b>47.1600</b>	<b>625.7517</b>
<b>7-Nov-22</b>	634.2539	35.3982	719.3092	47.6987	630.9577
<b>8-Nov-22</b>	634.2539	35.7143	728.3781	47.9524	634.3192
<b>9-Nov-22</b>	636.2104	35.9066	733.9969	48.0671	640.4749
<b>10-Nov-22</b>	636.2104	35.8423	725.5353	48.0671	638.3745
<b>11-Nov-22</b>	636.2104	36.6972	745.3223	48.7052	650.3039
<b>Weekly Average (7 - 11 Nov 22)</b>	<b>635.4278</b>	<b>35.9117</b>	<b>730.5083</b>	<b>48.0981</b>	<b>638.8860</b>
<b>Appr (-)/Depr (+) (%) of the ZWL</b>	0.3	3.1	0.6	2.0	2.1

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

### Interbank Market

The interbank market saw the Zimbabwe dollar (ZW\$) depreciate by 0.3% against the US dollar, from ZW\$633.9477 per US\$1 in the week ending 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to ZW\$636.0005 per US\$1, during the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022, as is shown in Table 6.

**Table 6: Interbank Market Exchange Rates<sup>2</sup>**

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
<b>2022</b>					
<b>Weekly Average (31 Oct- 4 Nov)</b>	<b>633.9477</b>	<b>34.7710</b>	<b>727.0581</b>	<b>47.2057</b>	<b>626.2821</b>
<b>7-Nov-22</b>	634.9562	35.3357	720.1726	47.7567	631.6597
<b>8-Nov-22</b>	635.4799	35.7143	730.0778	48.0503	635.6759
<b>9-Nov-22</b>	636.3728	35.8423	734.1224	48.0820	640.4787
<b>10-Nov-22</b>	636.4098	35.8423	726.1131	48.1843	638.7063
<b>11-Nov-22</b>	636.7837	36.6300	745.2693	48.7552	650.2889
<b>Weekly Average (7 - 11 Nov 22)</b>	<b>636.0005</b>	<b>35.8729</b>	<b>731.1510</b>	<b>48.1657</b>	<b>639.3619</b>
<b>Appr (-)/Depr (+) (%) of the ZWL</b>	0.3	3.2	0.6	2.0	2.1

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

## 5. EQUITY MARKETS

### Zimbabwe Stock Exchange

During the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) was characterised by bearish sentiments. As a result, the ZSE All Share index shed 4.30% to close at 14 466.17 points. All indices registered declines, with the Top 10, Top 15, Small and Medium Cap indices declining by 6.16%, 5.53%, 0.73% and 0.35% to close at 8 324.46 points, 9 379.44 points, 518 661.02 points and 33 528.58 points, respectively.

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The decrease in the mainstream index reflected share price losses for Axia Corporation Limited (15.56%), Truworhths Limited (13.29%), Delta Corporation Limited (11.56%), Amalgamated Regional Trading (ART) Limited (11.39%) and Ecocash Holdings Zimbabwe Limited (8.54%). Partially offsetting the losses were gains in share prices of Nampack Zimbabwe Limited (13.42%), FBC Holdings Limited (11.61%), SeedCo Limited (9.12%), First Capital Bank (8.36%), and Lafarge Cement Zimbabwe Limited (3.95%). The resources index<sup>3</sup> also shed 3.45% to 25 478.67 points, during the reporting week.

**Table 7: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Statistics<sup>4</sup>**

	All Share Index Points	Top 10 index <sup>3</sup> (points)	Top 15 Index <sup>3</sup> points	Medium Cap <sup>3</sup> (points)	Small Cap <sup>3</sup> (points)	Mining Index (points)	Grand Market Capitalization (ZWL billion)	Market Turnover (ZWL million)	Volume of Shares (million)
<b>07-Oct-22</b>	13,068.97	7,685.06	8,565.36	28,877.44	495,776.26	20,925.11	1,593.30	2,540.93	114.07
<b>14-Oct-22</b>	13,831.97	8,221.85	9,181.43	29,911.28	493,268.60	24,023.36	1,683.28	3,796.71	60.58
<b>21-Oct-22</b>	14,306.79	8,415.89	9,384.98	31,672.52	499,451.17	24,023.36	1,735.40	1,127.86	13.16
<b>28-Oct-22</b>	14,933.47	8,810.56	9,842.26	32,839.64	523,569.99	23,659.53	1,809.54	1,062.36	13.13
<b>4-Nov-22</b>	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
<b>11-Nov-22</b>	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
<b>% Change</b>	<b>-4.30</b>	<b>-6.16</b>	<b>-5.53</b>	<b>-0.35</b>	<b>-0.73</b>	<b>-3.45</b>	<b>-4.43</b>	<b>19.68</b>	<b>130.28</b>

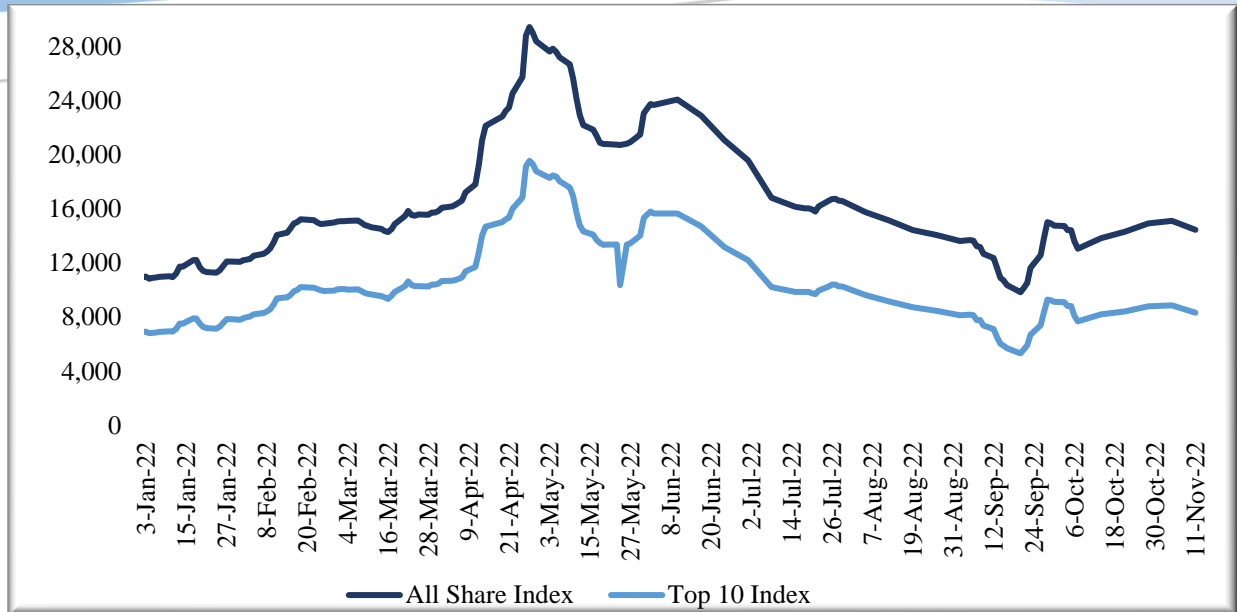
Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2022

Figure 3 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

<sup>3</sup> Resource Index – Comprise RioZim Limited Share Price

<sup>4</sup> 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**

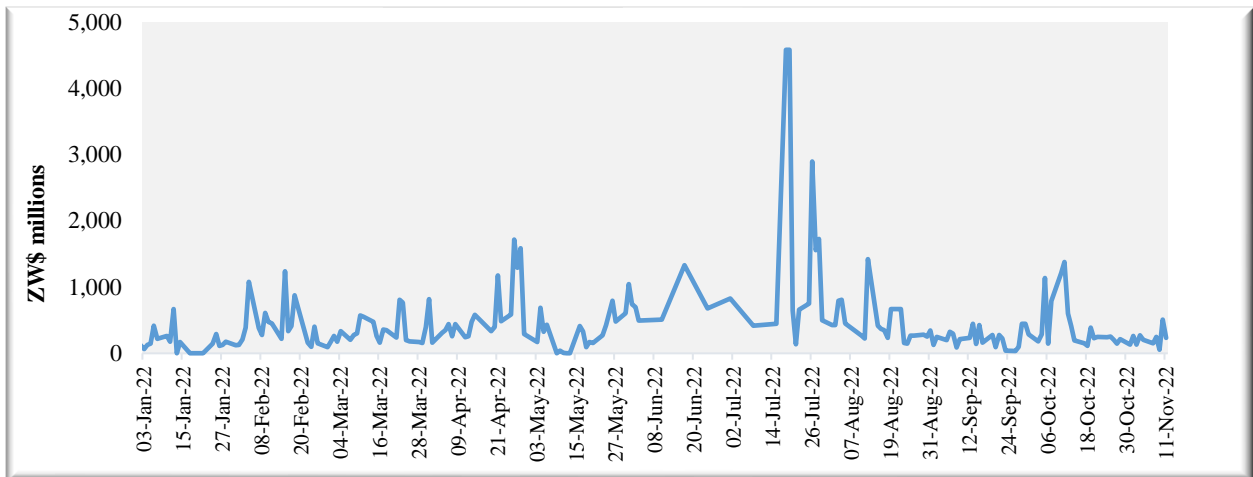


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

**Market Turnover and Volume**

The cumulative volume of shares traded on the ZSE rose by 130.28% to 16.06 million, during the week under analysis. In concomitance, the value of shares traded increased by 19.68% to ZW\$1.20 billion in the same week. Figure 4 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**Figure 4: Daily Market Turnover**



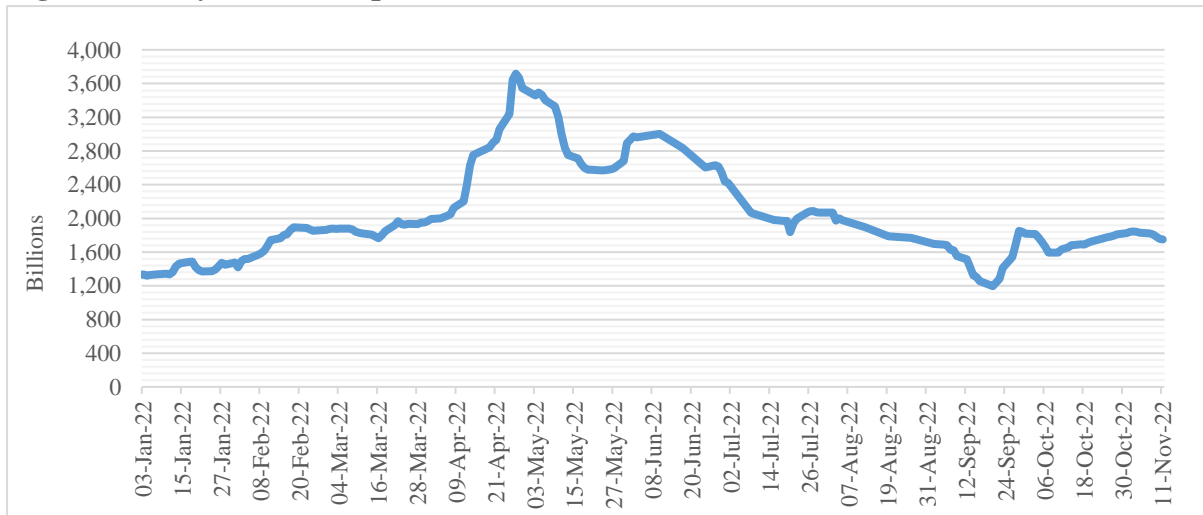
Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022



## Market Capitalization

The local bourse lost ZW\$81.06 billion, or 4.43% worth of capitalization to close ZW\$ 1 749.78 billion. Figure 5 shows the evolution of market capitalization for the period from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**Figure 5: Daily Market Capitalization in ZW\$ billions**

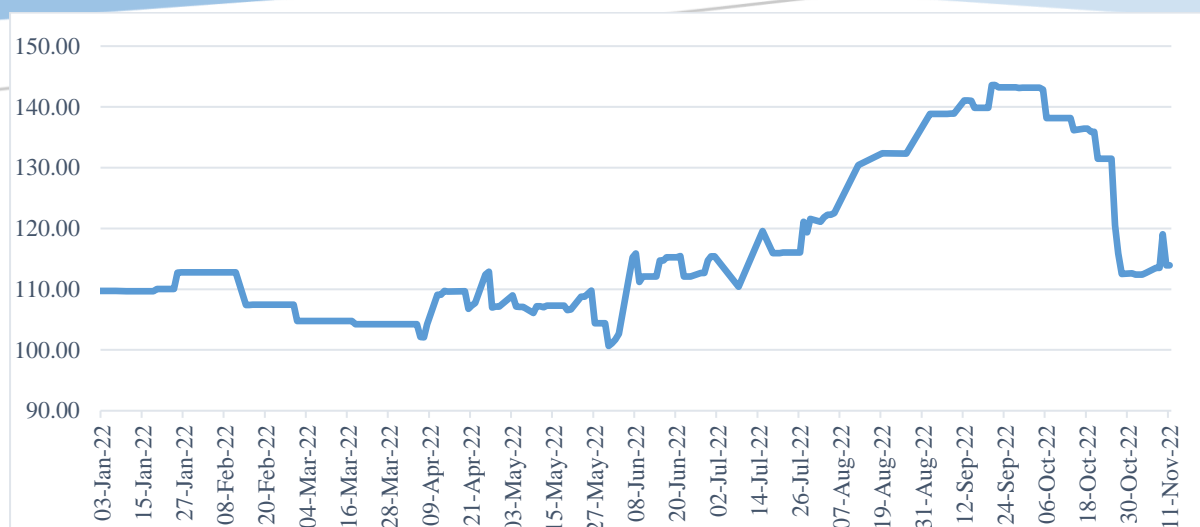


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

## Victoria Falls Stock Exchange

The Victoria Falls Stock Exchange (VFEX) was characterised by positive trading, resulting in the VFEX All Share index adding 1.15% to close at 113.96 points, during the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022. However, the cumulative volume and value of shares traded declined by 76.59% and 47.81% to 0.80 million shares and US\$0.25 million, respectively. VFEX market capitalization stood at US\$0.272 billion during the reporting week, up by 1.15% from US\$0.269 billion recorded in the previous week. Figure 6 shows the trend in the VFEX All Share Index (ASI) for the period from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**Figure 6: Victoria Falls Stock Exchange All Share Index**



Source: Victoria Falls Stock Exchange, 2022

### Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Developments

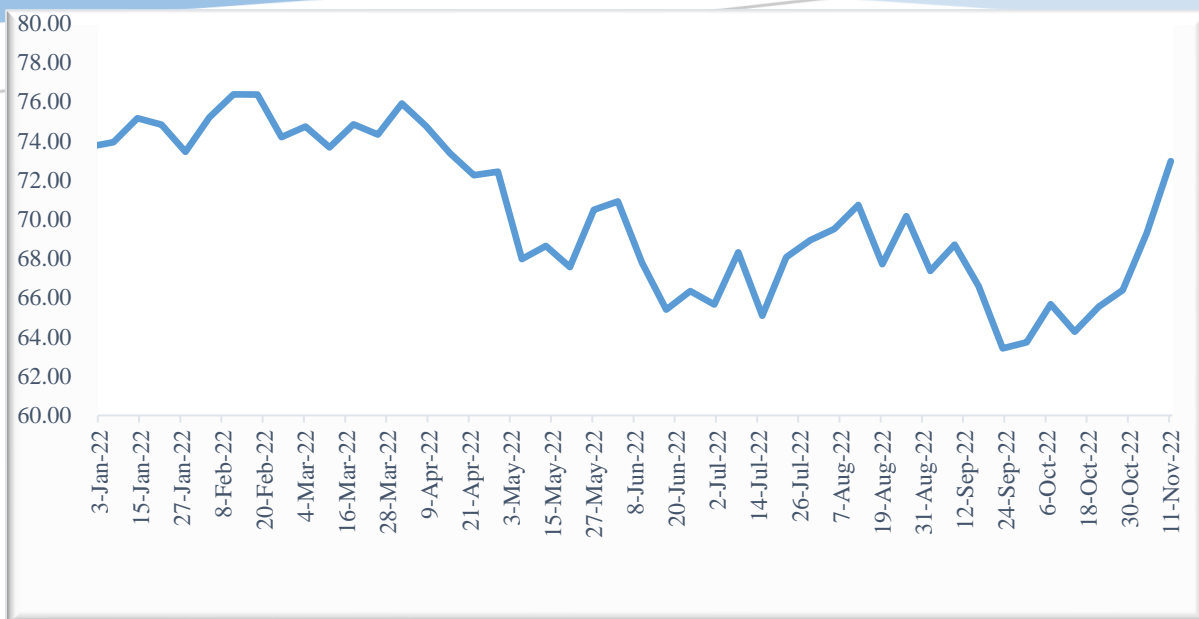
The Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All Share Index increased from 69,305.19 points in the previous week to close at 72,982.80 points, during the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022. JSE market capitalization also increased by 3.15% to ZAR20.62 trillion, during the same week.

**Table 8: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Statistics**

Period	All Share Index (points)	Market Capitalization (ZAR trillions)
<b>07-Oct-22</b>	65,675.48	18.98
<b>14-Oct-22</b>	64,271.36	18.30
<b>21-Oct-22</b>	65,539.24	18.10
<b>28-Oct-22</b>	66,385.58	18.94
<b>04-Nov-22</b>	69,305.19	19.99
<b>11-Nov-22</b>	72,982.80	20.62
<b>% Change</b>	<b>5.31</b>	<b>3.15</b>

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 MAINFX<sup>5</sup> AND SMEFX<sup>6</sup>

	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	21-Oct-22	28-Oct-22	4-Nov-22	11-Nov-22	21-Oct-22	28-Oct-22	4-Nov-22	11-Nov-22
<b>Total Bids (US\$ dollars)</b>	10,637,610.97	9,502,286.33	10,375,350.28	10,909,931.92	1,062,029.45	1,097,940.76	1,121,380.58	1,080,615.32
<b>Amount Allotted (US\$ dollars)</b>	10,637,610.97	9,502,286.33	10,375,350.28	10,814,531.92	1,062,029.45	1,097,940.76	1,121,380.58	1,080,615.32
<b>Highest Rate</b>	665	661	660	673	660	660	670	665
<b>Lowest Bid Rate</b>	605	608	610	615	603	608	612	615
<b>Lowest Bid Rate Allotted</b>	605	608	610	615	603	608	612	615
<b>Weighted Average Rate</b>	629.5204	632.1371	634.2539	636.2104	629.5204	632.1371	634.2539	636.2104
<b>Number of Bids Received</b>	68	63	73	77	106	104	109	113
<b>Number of Bids Rejected</b>	1	2	1	-	2	1	5	6

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

<sup>5</sup> Main Foreign Currency Auction

<sup>6</sup> Small and Medium Enterprises Foreign Currency Auction

## APPENDIX 2: SUMMARY OF FOREIGN CURRENCY AUCTION ALLOTMENTS BY PURPOSE

Purpose	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	21-Oct-22	28-Oct-22	4-Nov-22	11-Nov-22	21-Oct-22	28-Oct-22	4-Nov-22	11-Nov-22
<b>Raw Materials</b>	4,903,167.44	3,889,914.49	3,971,963.46	5,746,542.19	343,381.40	299,771.42	361,915.81	351,036.05
<b>Machinery and Equipment</b>	2,785,657.73	1,897,733.13	2,223,676.32	1,795,297.39	389,519.48	378,986.52	368,830.87	288,333.15
<b>Consumables (Incl. Spares, Tyres, Packaging)</b>	601,674.70	699,345.00	744,409.64	920,802.29	97,726.58	80,364.93	108,819.03	85,926.48
<b>Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals</b>	218,624.11	357,099.05	293,229.57	302,969.02	28,174.94	52,126.32	22,126.09	75,532.39
<b>Services (Loans, Dividends and Disinvestments)</b>	1,558,821.32	1,819,614.32	2,349,757.22	1,329,385.91	70,301.60	118,565.23	134,797.94	147,745.34
<b>Retail and Distribution</b>	470,150.67	788,934.34	665,513.47	670,550.34	96,487.05	113,220.70	107,426.36	66,557.29
<b>Fuel, Electricity and Gas</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Paper and Packaging</b>	99,515.00	49,646.00	126,800.60	48,984.78	36,438.40	54,905.64	17,464.48	65,484.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,637,610.97</b>	<b>9,502,286.33</b>	<b>10,375,350.28</b>	<b>10,814,531.92</b>	<b>1,062,029.45</b>	<b>1,097,940.76</b>	<b>1,121,380.58</b>	<b>1,080,615.32</b>

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022