



# Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending  
23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

## 1. INTEREST RATES

### Deposit Rates

Average minimum deposit rates for savings deposits, deposits of 1 month and 3- month tenors remained unchanged, during the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. Similarly, maximum deposit rates for savings deposits and deposits of 3- month tenor remained at previous week levels. However, maximum deposits rate for deposits of 1 month tenor marginally declined during the same week, 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 (%)
26-Aug-22	20.09	20.25	47.38	55.72	52.97	57.29
2-Sept-22	20.09	20.25	47.38	55.72	52.97	57.29
9-Sept-22	20.09	20.25	55.15	58.89	57.25	61.08
16-Sept-22	20.09	20.25	55.15	58.89	57.25	61.08
23-Sept-22	20.09	20.25	55.15	58.61	57.25	61.08

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

### Lending Rates

Commercial bank minimum lending rates for individual clients remained unchanged, while those for corporate clients declined marginally, during the week under review. Maximum lending rates for both individuals and corporate clients declined during the same week, as shown in Table 2.

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

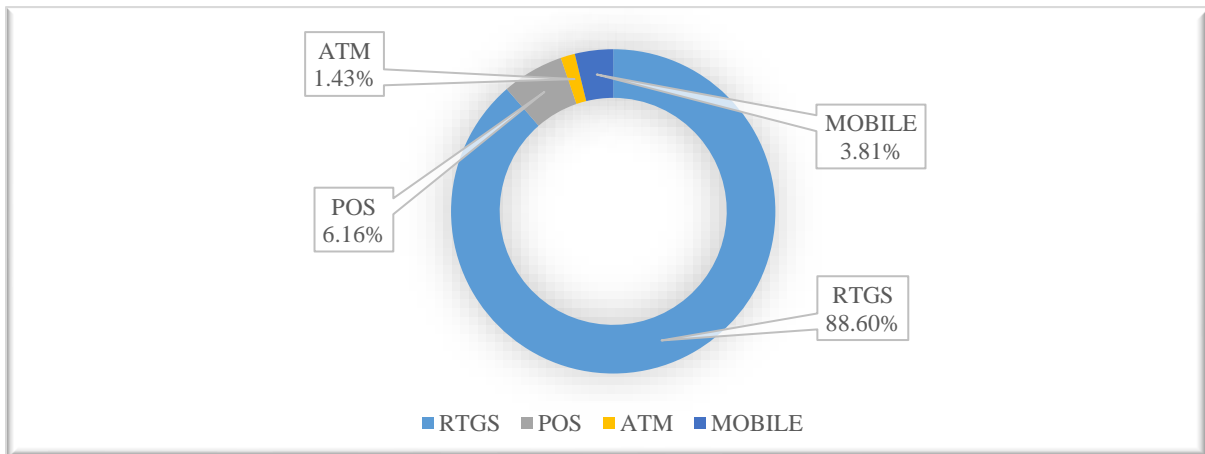
Date	Individual Clients		Corporate Clients	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
26-Aug-22	88.46	123.46	155.96	218.02
2-Sept-22	88.46	123.46	155.96	218.02
9-Sept-22	94.02	128.53	156.93	222.76
16-Sept-22	94.02	128.53	156.93	222.76
23-Sept-22	94.02	120.64	156.67	221.58

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

## 2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

The aggregate value of transactions processed through the National Payment Systems stood at ZW\$698.12 billion during the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022, up by 2.87% from ZW678.62 billion recorded in the previous week. Similarly, Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions rose by 1.41%, from \$609.94 billion in the previous week \$618.56 billion, during the week under review. In proportions, the NPS transaction values were distributed as follows: RTGS, 88.6%, POS, 6.16%; Mobile, 3.81%; and ATM, 1.43%.

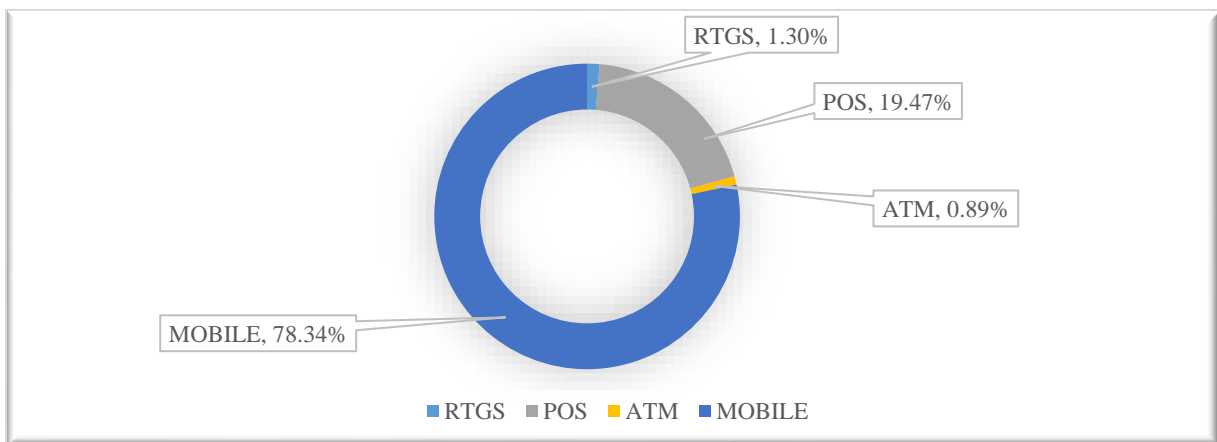
**Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms**



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

The volume of NPS transactions increased by 2.63% to 17.13 million, during the week under review, from 16.69 million in the preceding week. Mobile based transactions dominated NPS transaction volumes at 78.34% of the total, followed by POS, 19.47%; RTGS, 1.30%; and ATM, 0.89%, 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 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	WEEK ENDING 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2022	% CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	PROPORTION %
<b>Values in ZW\$ Millions</b>				
RTGS	609,936.97	618,556.76	1.41%	88.60%
POS	39,353.05	42,971.26	9.19%	6.16%
ATM	7,794.87	9,981.80	28.06%	1.43%
MOBILE	21,536.43	26,606.99	23.54%	3.81%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678,621.32</b>	<b>698,116.82</b>	<b>2.87%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Volumes</b>				
RTGS	193,576	222,747	15.07%	1.30%
POS	2,951,474	3,333,483	12.94%	19.47%
ATM	96,228	152,840	58.83%	0.89%
MOBILE	13,445,602	13,416,044	-0.22%	78.34%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,686,880</b>	<b>17,125,114</b>	<b>2.63%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

### 3. TOBACCO SALES

A cumulative total of 207.997 million kilograms of tobacco had been sold as at day 120 of the tobacco selling season. This reflected a decrease of 1.29%, from 210.725 million kilograms sold during the same period in 2021. In value terms, tobacco sales registered an 8.03% increase to US\$636.16 million, compared to US\$588.86 million realised during the same period in 2021, as shown in Table 4.

**Table 4: Weekly Cumulative Tobacco Sales: Day 120 (23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022)**

	2021	2022	Variance (%)
<b>Cumulative Quantity Sold (million kgs)</b>	210,725,122	207,997,515	(1.29)
<b>Average Price (US\$/kg)</b>	2.79	3.06	9.45
<b>Cumulative value (US\$ million)</b>	588,860,366	636,163,454	8.03

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

The golden leaf was sold at an average price of US\$3.06 per kilogram, up from US\$2.79 per kilogram realised in the same period last year.

### 4. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

Weekly average prices for platinum, palladium and nickel firmed, while those for gold, copper and crude oil declined, during the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. Table 5 shows commodity prices developments, during the week under review.

**Table 5: Metal and Crude Oil Prices for the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**

	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Platinum</b>	<b>Palladium</b>	<b>Copper</b>	<b>Nickel</b>	<b>Crude Oil</b>
<b>2022</b>	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/barrel
<b>Weekly Average (12-16 Sept)</b>	<b>1,699.96</b>	<b>902.40</b>	<b>2,151.30</b>	<b>7,937.02</b>	<b>24,060.60</b>	<b>92.74</b>
<b>19-Sept</b>	1,665.98	893.00	2,090.50	7,826.50	24,556.00	91.98
<b>20-Sept</b>	1,666.03	928.00	2,162.50	7,826.00	24,913.00	90.86
<b>21-Sept</b>	1,673.10	929.00	2,177.50	7,749.00	24,882.00	90.23
<b>22-Sept</b>	1,644.85	911.00	2,446.02	7,739.00	24,482.00	90.19
<b>23-Sept</b>	1,652.50	879.00	2,113.00	7,518.00	23,297.50	85.64
<b>Weekly Average (19-23 Sept)</b>	<b>1,660.49</b>	<b>908.00</b>	<b>2,197.90</b>	<b>7,731.70</b>	<b>24,426.10</b>	<b>89.78</b>
<b>Weekly Change (%)</b>	-2.3	0.6	2.2	-2.6	1.5	-3.2

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg, 2022

### Gold

Gold prices declined by 2.3%, from a weekly average of US\$1,699.96 per ounce in the previous week to US\$1,660.49 per ounce, during the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. Prices were adversely affected by elevated U.S. Treasury yields and a firming US dollar. The US dollar strengthened, following investor expectations of further huge interest rate hikes by the U.S. Federal Reserve.

### Platinum

Platinum prices firmed by 0.6%, from a weekly average of US\$902.40 per ounce in the week ending 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to US\$908.00 per ounce, during the week under review. This was, in large part, due to surging demand from the auto-mobile manufacturing industries.

### Palladium

Palladium prices remained bullish, rising by 2.2% from a weekly average of US\$2,151.30 per ounce in the previous week to US\$2,197.90 per ounce, during the week under review. Prices rose as supply remained low, while usable stocks continued to dwindle, keeping the market in a deficit.

### Copper

Copper prices declined by 2.6%, from US\$7,937.02 per tonne in the previous week to US\$7,731.70 per tonne, during the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. This was on the back of weak global demand, a strengthening US dollar and rising stocks on the London Metal Exchange.

## Nickel

The demand outlook for nickel remained strong during the week under analysis, in line with robust demand from electric battery manufacturers. Resultantly, the price of the base metal rose by 1.5%, to a weekly average of US\$24,426.10 per tonne, during the reporting week.

## Brent Crude Oil

Brent Crude oil prices were adversely affected by expectations of weak global demand and a stronger US dollar. Accordingly, weekly average prices eased by 3.2%, from US\$92.74 per barrel in the week ending 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to US\$89.78 per barrel, during the week under analysis.

## 5. EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS

### Foreign Exchange Auction

On the Foreign Exchange Auction, the Zimbabwe dollar (ZWL) depreciated by 2.5% against the US dollar, from an average of ZWL594.6294 per US\$1 in the previous week to ZWL609.7241 per US\$1, during the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022.

**Table 6: International Exchange Rates<sup>1</sup>**

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
<b>2022</b>					
<b>Weekly Average (12-16 Sept)</b>	<b>594.6294</b>	<b>34.2522</b>	<b>687.1783</b>	<b>45.7912</b>	<b>596.4963</b>
<b>19-Sept</b>	604.2580	34.1880	688.2806	45.9895	603.2326
<b>20-Sept</b>	604.2580	34.1880	690.7607	45.8361	605.7704
<b>21-Sept</b>	613.3681	34.6620	697.6458	46.5895	611.1005
<b>22-Sept</b>	613.3681	34.6021	690.0089	46.6801	603.1258
<b>23-Sept</b>	613.3681	34.9040	689.3955	46.5583	602.9417
<b>Weekly Average (19-23 Sept)</b>	<b>609.7241</b>	<b>34.5088</b>	<b>691.2183</b>	<b>46.3307</b>	<b>605.2342</b>
<b>Appr(-)/Depr(+)(%) of the ZWL</b>	2.5	0.7	0.6	1.2	1.5

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

### Interbank Market

On the interbank market, the Zimbabwe dollar (ZWL) depreciated by 2.7%, from an average of ZWL594.6294 per US\$1 in the previous week to ZWL610.9030 per US\$1, during the week under review, as shown in Table 7.

<sup>1</sup> Direct quote – the amount of domestic currency needed to exchange for 1 unit of foreign currency

**Table 7: International Exchange Rates<sup>2</sup>**

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
<b>2022</b>					
<b>Weekly Average (12-16 Sept)</b>	<b>594.6294</b>	<b>34.5566</b>	<b>694.3541</b>	<b>46.2759</b>	<b>602.8801</b>
<b>19-Sept</b>	603.9902	34.1297	688.0705	45.9785	602.7532
<b>20-Sept</b>	608.7014	34.4234	696.0520	46.1771	610.5295
<b>21-Sept</b>	613.3770	34.6620	697.6599	46.5971	611.2350
<b>22-Sept</b>	614.1789	34.6021	690.8604	46.5629	604.0503
<b>23-Sept</b>	614.2677	34.8432	690.4423	46.6338	603.7077
<b>Weekly Average (19-23 Sept)</b>	<b>610.9030</b>	<b>34.5321</b>	<b>692.6170</b>	<b>46.3898</b>	<b>606.4551</b>
<b>Appr(-)/Depr(+) (%) of the ZWL</b>	2.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.6

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

## 6. EQUITY MARKETS

### Zimbabwe Stock Exchange

During the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) recovered from the losses in the previous week. Resultantly, the ZSE All Share index added 12.10% to close at 11 629.65 points. All the major indices increased, with the Top 10, Top 15 and Medium Cap indices adding 17.21%, 16.03% and 3.47% to close at 6 690.83 points, 7 537.46 points and 26 741.87 points, respectively.

The increase in the mainstream index was a result of share price gains for Ecocash Holdings Zimbabwe Limited (50.86%), Axia Corporation Limited (41.38%), Econet Wireless Zimbabwe Limited (36.16%), Zimre Holdings Limited (34.23%) and Seed Co Limited (33.49%). Declines were registered in share prices of General Beltings Holdings Limited (21.24%), Turnall Holdings Limited (14.87%), CAFCA Limited (14.85%), Rainbow Tourism Group Limited (14.29%) and Tanganda Tea Company Limited (8.43%).

The mining index shed 2.10%, from 17 292.52 points recorded in the previous week to close at 16 928.69 points, during the week under review. The decline in the resources index was largely as a result of a 2.11% decline in the share price for RioZim Limited.

<sup>2</sup> Direct quote – the amount of domestic currency needed to exchange for 1 unit of foreign currency

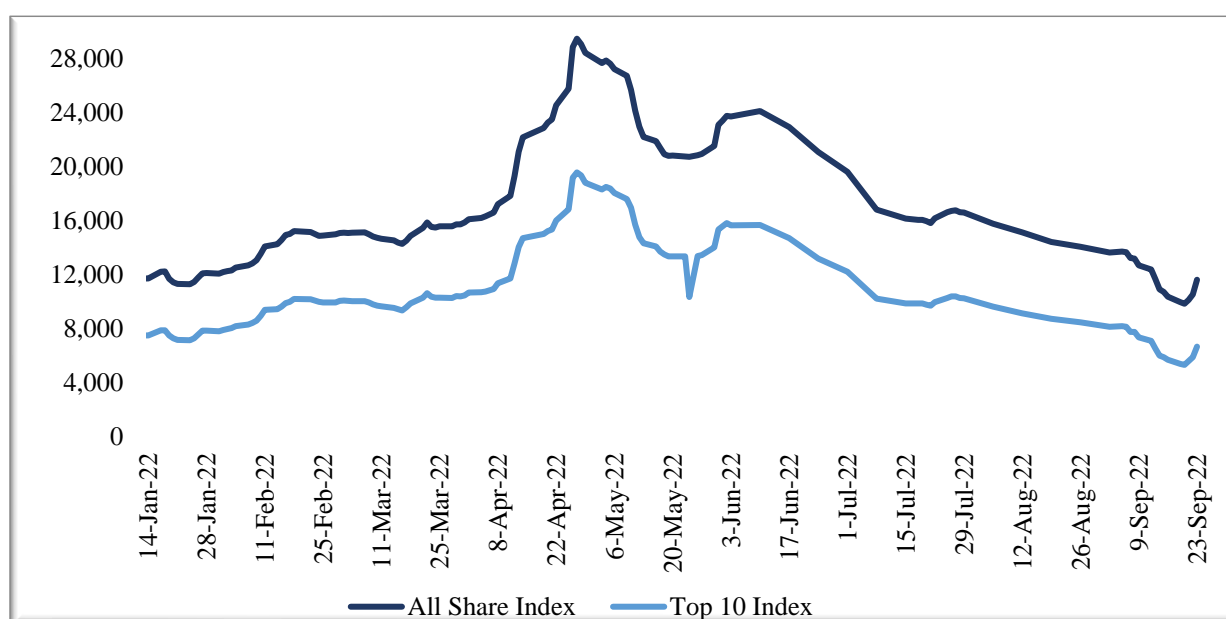
**Table 8: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Statistics<sup>3</sup>**

	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>19-Aug-22</b>	14,423.98	8,740.50	9,695.40	29,774.97	509,464.69	17,028.74	1,787.18	2,039.72	29.08
<b>26-Aug-22</b>	14,071.03	8,470.26	9,453.99	29,448.41	520,804.34	17,028.74	1,768.00	1,501.30	12.09
<b>2-Sept-22</b>	13,631.44	8,139.72	9,107.91	29,091.02	489,494.86	17,292.52	1,697.47	1,252.40	23.55
<b>9-Sept-22</b>	12,680.84	7,379.13	8,338.80	28,548.62	485,893.12	17,292.52	1,552.02	1,129.26	29.84
<b>16-Sept-22</b>	10,374.51	5,708.23	6,496.01	25,844.21	470,298.21	17,292.52	1,256.15	1,400.85	34.41
<b>23-Sept-22</b>	11,629.65	6,690.83	7,537.46	26,741.87	471,763.41	16,928.69	1,412.88	915.44	14.54
<b>% Change</b>	<b>12.10</b>	<b>17.21</b>	<b>16.03</b>	<b>3.47</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>-2.10</b>	<b>12.48</b>	<b>-34.65</b>	<b>-57.74</b>

Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2022

Figure 3 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022.

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



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

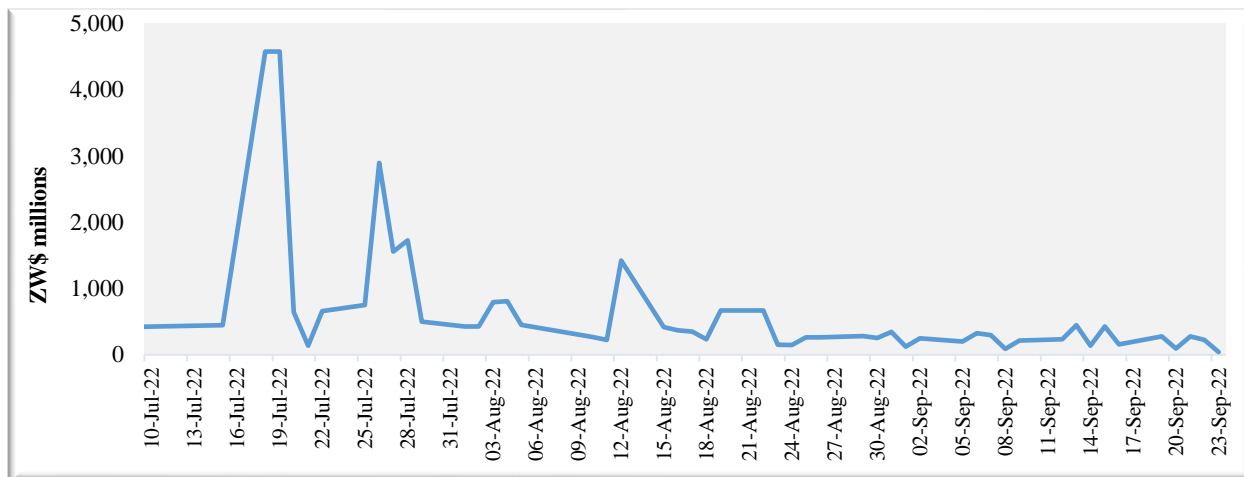
<sup>3</sup> The Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) adopted the Global Industry Classification Standards, effective from 1 January 2020. The ZSE indices constitute the following categories; Top 10 Index; Top 15; Top 25; Medium cap and Small cap Indices.



## Market Turnover and Volume

During the week under analysis, the cumulative volume and value of shares traded on the ZSE declined by 57.73% and 34.65% to close at 14.54 million shares and ZW\$0.92 billion, respectively. Figure 4 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022.

**Figure 4: Daily Market Turnover**

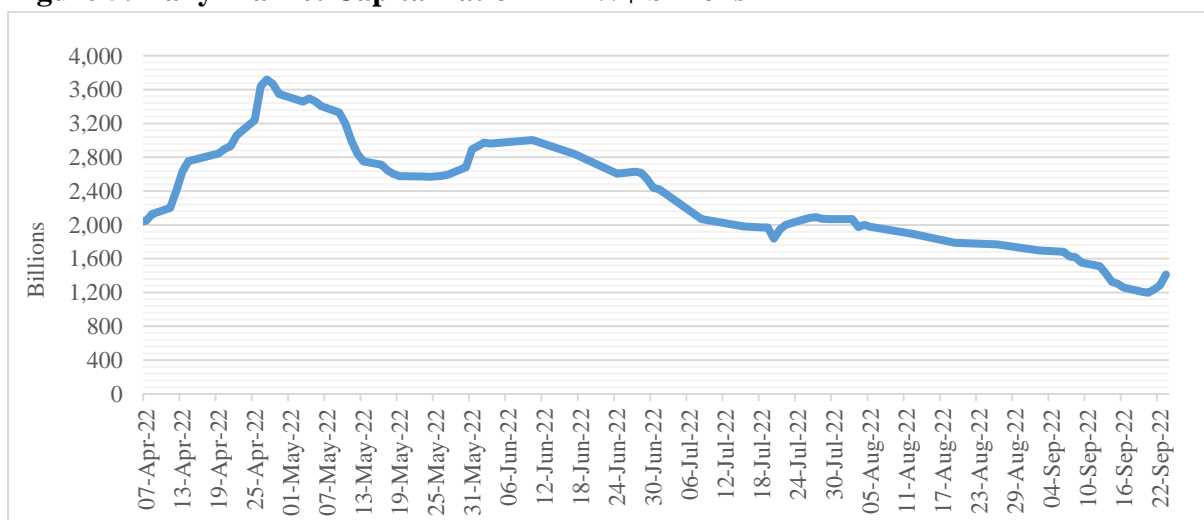


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

## Market Capitalization

Reflecting the positive sentiments on the ZSE, the local bourse added ZW\$156.73 billion, or 12.48% worth of capitalization to close at ZW\$1 412.88 billion. Figure 5 shows the evolution of market capitalization for the period from 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 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 for the fourth consecutive week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. Resultantly, the VFEX All Share index rose by 2.40% to close at 143.22 points. Trading activity was skewed towards small cap counters, resulting in a 22.96% decline in turnover value to US\$0.03 million. A decrease of 87.95% in the cumulative volume of shares traded was also recorded, during the reporting week. Figure 6 shows the trend in the VFEX All Share Index for the period from 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022.

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



Source: Victoria Falls Stock Exchange, 2022

## Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Developments

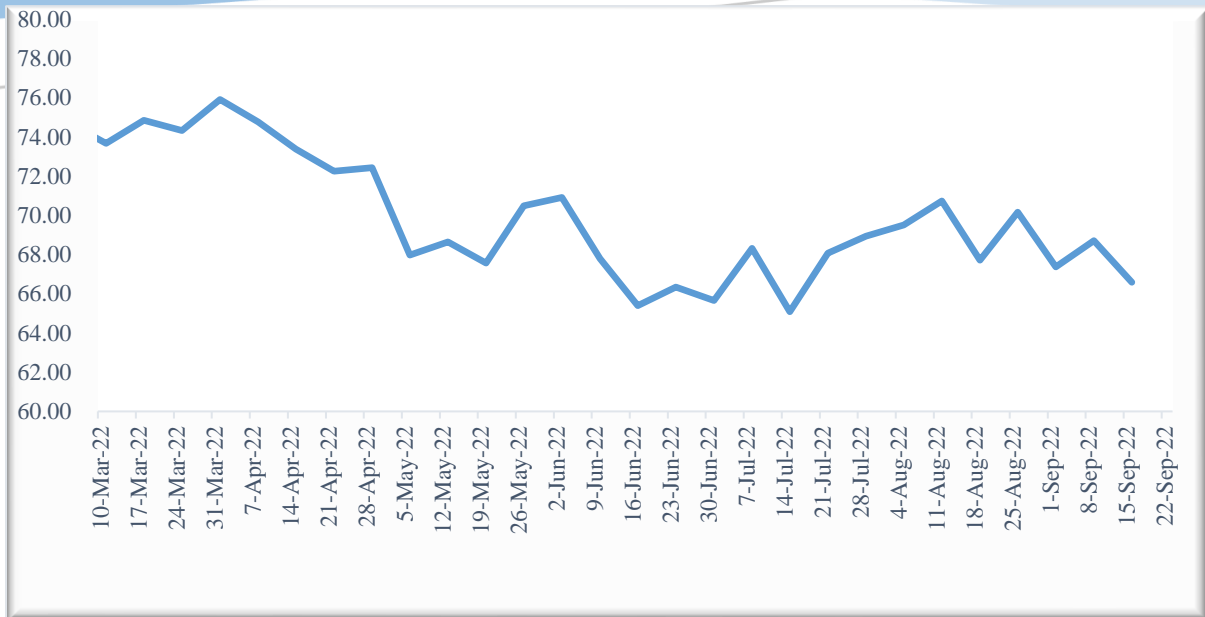
The Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All Share Index declined from 66,584.34 points in the previous week to close at 63,416.66 points, during the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. JSE market capitalization also declined by 5.57% to close at ZAR18.30 trillion, during the same week.

**Table 9: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Statistics**

Period	All Share Index (points)	Market Capitalization (ZAR trillions)
19-Aug-22	69,719.43	20.27
26-Aug-22	70,173.09	20.37
2-Sept-22	67,378.31	19.39
9-Sept-22	68,708.48	19.79
16-Sept-22	66,584.34	19.38
23-Sept-22	63,416.66	18.30
% Change	<b>-4.76</b>	<b>-5.57</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>

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## APPENDIX 1: FOREIGN EXCHANGE AUCTION RESULTS FOR MAINFX<sup>4</sup> AND SMEFX<sup>5</sup>

	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	2-Sept-22	9-Sept-22	16-Sept-22	23-Sept-22	2-Sept-22	9-Sept-22	16-Sept-22	23-Sept-22
<b>Total Bids (US\$ dollars)</b>	13,636,355.46	12,978,108.19	14,251,235.80	11,642,279.21	3,688,792.36	3,128,774.69	2,365,809.80	2,109,508.47
<b>Amount Allotted (US\$ dollars)</b>	12,681,789.09	11,489,204.90	13,429,628.61	11,562,566.29	2,643,432.75	2,659,595.81	2,196,092.29	2,099,695.45
<b>Highest Rate</b>	605	630	655	650	600	615	650	655
<b>Lowest Bid Rate</b>	520	545	570	580	520	545	570	580
<b>Lowest Bid Rate Allotted</b>	520	545	570	580	520	545	570	580
<b>Weighted Average Rate</b>	546.8254	580.1865	604.2580	613.3681	546.8254	580.1865	604.2580	613.3681
<b>Number of Bids Received</b>	144	119	127	103	405	345	266	245
<b>Number of Bids Rejected</b>	3	8	1	3	4	4	7	15

*Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022*

<sup>4</sup> Main Foreign Currency Auction

<sup>5</sup> Small and Medium Enterprises Foreign Currency Auction

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

Purpose	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	2-Sept-22	9-Sept-22	16-Sept-22	23-Sept-22	2-Sept-22	9-Sept-22	16-Sept-22	23-Sept-22
<b>Raw Materials</b>	4,799,173.49	5,760,488.91	5,583,303.10	5,481,712.32	812,525.35	881,516.22	709,780.41	544,543.20
<b>Machinery and Equipment</b>	3,800,847.08	2,496,132.5	3,879,715.95	2,897,448.71	814,009.62	766,359.84	547,943.76	664,958.47
<b>Consumables (Incl. Spares, Tyres, Packaging)</b>	1,196,777.11	875,799.93	1,012,716.98	781,648.34	345,580.06	294,407.16	237,276.90	286,454.89
<b>Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals</b>	503,678.80	200,092.27	304,550.21	353,813.31	113,816.62	130,203.79	122,190.25	92,325.75
<b>Services (Loans, Dividends and Disinvestments)</b>	1,508,324.19	1,368,718.37	1,372,699.56	1,095,578.45	352,940.17	393,672.24	360,324.06	288,805.86
<b>Retail and Distribution</b>	773,243.03	740,139.81	1,114,217.08	766,563.72	138,840.56	144,137.69	189,439.82	163,244.46
<b>Fuel, Electricity and Gas</b>	-	-	-	51,255.00	-	10,000	5,000	-
<b>Paper and Packaging</b>	99,745.39	47,833.11	162,425.73	134,546.44	65,720.37	39,298.87	24,137.09	59,362.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,681,789.09</b>	<b>11,489,204.90</b>	<b>13,429,628.61</b>	<b>11,562,566.29</b>	<b>2,643,432.75</b>	<b>2,659,595.81</b>	<b>2,196,092.29</b>	<b>2,099,695.45</b>

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022