



Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending
1st April 2022

1. INTEREST RATES

Deposit Rates

The week ending 1st April 2022 saw minimum and maximum deposit rates for all classes of deposits remain unchanged at previous week levels, 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 (%) |
| 4-Mar-22 | 3.72 | 6.29 | 12.72 | 16.03 | 13.68 | 16.84 |
| 11-Mar-22 | 3.74 | 5.85 | 12.56 | 15.06 | 14.00 | 16.42 |
| 18-Mar-22 | 3.74 | 5.85 | 12.56 | 15.06 | 14.00 | 16.42 |
| 25-Mar-22 | 3.83 | 5.94 | 13.50 | 15.61 | 14.83 | 16.95 |
| 1-Apr-22 | 3.83 | 5.94 | 13.50 | 15.61 | 14.83 | 16.95 |

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

Lending Rates

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

Table 2: Lending Rates (per annum)

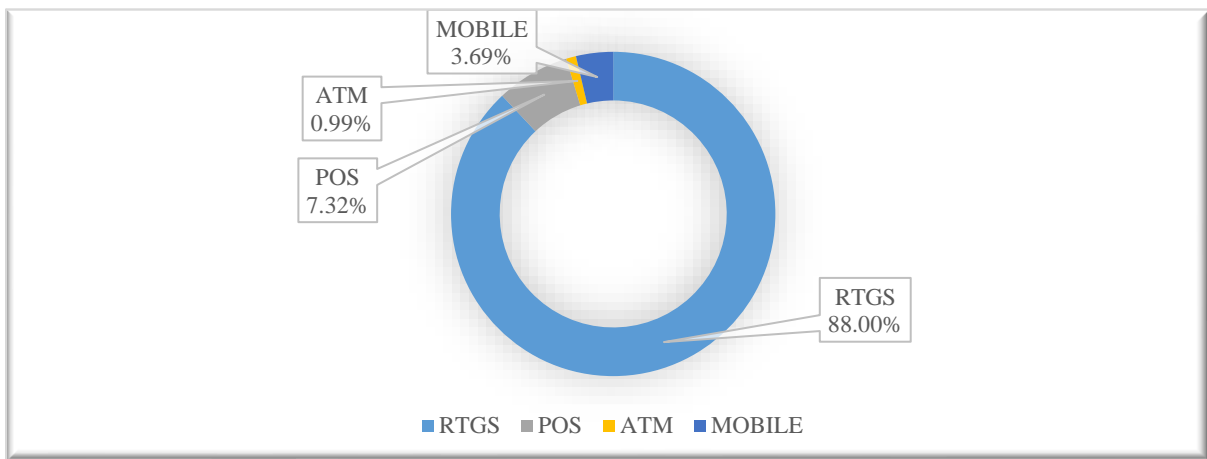
| Date | Individual Clients | | Corporate Clients | |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Minimum (%) | Maximum (%) | Minimum (%) | Maximum (%) |
| 4-Mar-22 | 40.55 | 57.28 | 45.06 | 64.02 |
| 11-Mar-22 | 39.39 | 56.23 | 44.58 | 63.90 |
| 18-Mar-22 | 39.39 | 56.23 | 44.58 | 63.90 |
| 25-Mar-22 | 40.74 | 57.83 | 43.88 | 63.78 |
| 1-Apr-22 | 40.74 | 57.83 | 43.88 | 63.78 |

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

The total value of transactions processed through the National Payment Systems (NPS) increased from ZW\$255.62 billion in the previous week to ZW\$273.26 billion, during the week ending 1st April 2022. Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions rose by 6.48% to close at ZW\$240.48 billion, during the same week. The distribution of NPS transaction values was as follows: RTGS, 88.00%; POS, 7.32%; Mobile, 3.69% and ATM, 0.99%.

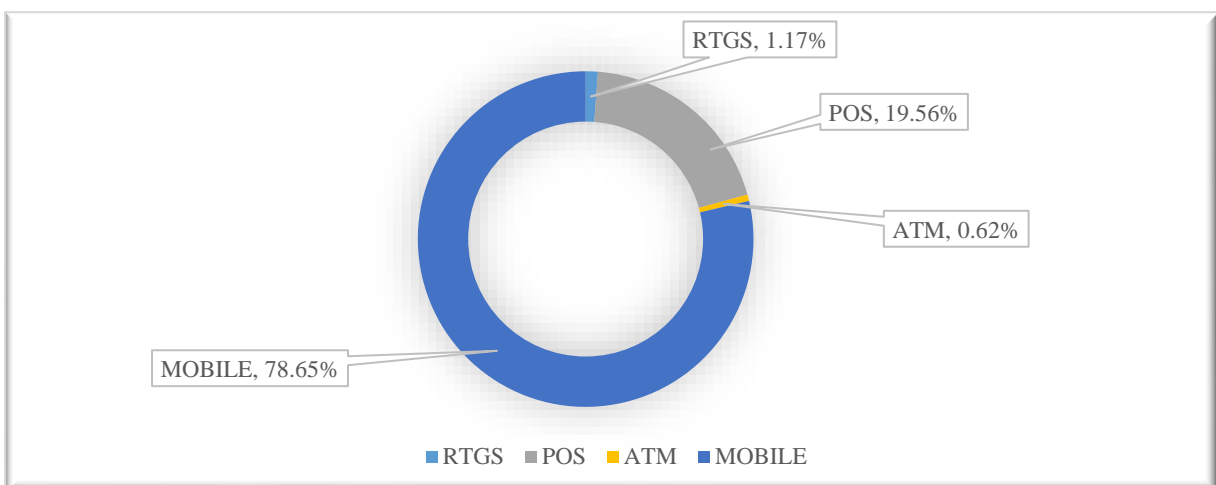
Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

During the week of analysis, NPS transactions volumes were 0.19% lower at 20.57 million, compared to 20.61 million in the previous week. The NPS transaction volumes were distributed as follows: Mobile, 78.65%; POS, 19.56%; ATM, 0.62% and RTGS, 1.17%, 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 25 th March 2022 | WEEK ENDING 1 st April 2022 | % CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK | PROPORTION % |
|--------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Values in ZW\$ Millions | | | | |
| RTGS | 225,836.79 | 240,480.90 | 6.48% | 88.00% |
| POS | 18,250.76 | 19,990.81 | 9.53% | 7.32% |
| ATM | 1,756.84 | 2,700.28 | 53.70% | 0.99% |
| MOBILE | 9,772.96 | 10,089.25 | 3.24% | 3.69% |
| TOTAL | 255,617.35 | 273,261.24 | 6.90% | 100% |
| Volumes | | | | |
| RTGS | 287,707 | 241,299 | -16.13% | 1.17% |
| POS | 3,914,912 | 4,022,889 | 2.76% | 19.56% |
| ATM | 128,247 | 127,070 | -0.92% | 0.62% |
| MOBILE | 16,278,016 | 16,179,129 | -0.61% | 78.65% |
| TOTAL | 20,608,882 | 20,570,387 | -0.19% | 100% |

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

3. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

During the week ending 1st April 2022, global prices for gold, platinum and crude oil retreated, whilst copper and nickel prices firmed. The developments in commodity prices, during the week under review, are as shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Metal and Crude Oil Prices for the week ending 1st April 2022

| | Gold | Platinum | Copper | Nickel | Crude Oil |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 2022 | US\$/ounce | US\$/ounce | US\$/tonne | US\$/tonne | US\$/barrel |
| Weekly Average (21 - 25 March) | 1,939.02 | 1,022.70 | 10,310.40 | 32,190.40 | 118.64 |
| 28-Mar | 1,932.03 | 992.00 | 10,341.00 | 32,716.00 | 110.58 |
| 29-Mar | 1,910.53 | 974.00 | 10,315.00 | 31,767.00 | 108.71 |
| 30-Mar | 1,925.83 | 992.00 | 10,361.00 | 32,932.00 | 106.87 |
| 31-Mar | 1,933.13 | 984.00 | 10,368.00 | 32,093.00 | 104.05 |
| 1-Apr | 1,931.38 | 991.50 | 10,246.00 | 32,148.00 | 104.59 |
| Weekly Average (28 Mar - 1 April) | 1,926.58 | 986.70 | 10,326.20 | 32,331.20 | 106.96 |
| Weekly Change (%) | -0.6 | -3.5 | 0.2 | 0.4 | -9.8 |

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg, 2022

Gold

Gold prices retreated after robust US jobs data drove the US dollar higher and bolstered expectations that the Federal Reserve would aggressively raise interest rates. The decline was, however, moderated as investors sought the yellow metal as a safe-haven asset, amid prospects of Western countries imposing more sanctions on Russia over its invasion of Ukraine. Prices

fell by a marginal 0.6%, from a weekly average of US\$1,939.02 per ounce in the previous week to US\$1,926.58 per ounce, during the week ending 1st April 2022.

Platinum

Platinum prices further retreated during the week under review, on concerns over a potential fall in demand in China, after the Chinese government imposed new lockdown measures to curb the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition, slackening demand from the automotive industries, particularly in Germany, exerted downward pressure on prices of the precious metal. Prices eased by 3.5% to US\$986.70 per ounce, from a weekly average of US\$1,022.70 per ounce per ounce in the previous week.

Copper

Copper prices rose during the week under analysis, supported by tight supply conditions. This, notwithstanding, gains were capped by lingering demand concerns in top consumer, China, following re-imposition of Covid-19 lockdown measures. Prices increased by 0.2%, from a weekly average of US\$10,310.40 per tonne in the previous week to US\$10,326.20 per tonne, during the week ending 1st April 2022.

Nickel

Nickel prices rebounded, supported by supply concerns related to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Ukraine is a major supplier of the base metal. Prices increased by 0.4%, from a weekly average of US\$32,190.40 per tonne in the previous week to US\$32,331.20 per tonne, during the week under analysis.

Brent Crude Oil

Brent crude oil prices retreated by 9.8%, from a weekly average of US\$118.64 per barrel in the previous week to US\$106.96 per barrel, during the week ending 1st April 2022. Prices plummeted, following the announcement by US officials of plans to release record-breaking crude oil reserves, to allay fears of shortages after the Russian/Ukraine conflict.

4. EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS

The Zimbabwe dollar (ZW\$) depreciated by 3.1% against the US dollar, from an average of ZW\$136.5515 per US\$1 in the previous week, to close the week under analysis at ZW\$140.7334 per US\$1. The developments in selected exchange rates are as shown in Table 5.

Table 5: International Exchange Rates¹

| | USD | ZAR | GBP | BWP | EURO |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 2022 | | | | | |
| Weekly Average (21 - 25 March) | 136.5515 | 9.2288 | 180.1953 | 11.8630 | 150.3996 |
| 28-Mar | 138.20 | 9.4563 | 181.6753 | 12.0929 | 151.3547 |
| 29-Mar | 138.20 | 9.4162 | 180.8880 | 11.9890 | 151.7555 |
| 30-Mar | 142.42 | 9.8135 | 186.8175 | 12.4767 | 158.2189 |
| 31-Mar | 142.42 | 9.8135 | 186.8671 | 12.4767 | 159.0165 |
| 1-Apr | 142.42 | 9.7418 | 187.0244 | 12.4270 | 157.5990 |
| Weekly Average (28 Mar - 1 April) | 140.7334 | 9.6483 | 184.6545 | 12.2924 | 155.5889 |
| <i>Appr (-)/Depr (+) (%) of the ZWL</i> | 3.1 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 |

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

5. EQUITY MARKETS

During the week ending 1st April 2022, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) maintained a positive trajectory for the third consecutive week, resulting in all major indices registering gains. The All Share, Top 10, and Top 15 indices increased by 3.31%, 3.65% and 3.32% to close at 16 098.23 points, 10 672.78 points and 11 720.54 points, respectively.

The rise in the mainstream index was a result of share price gains for Simbisa Brands Limited (29.62%), Cafca Limited (26.47%), First Capital Bank Limited (23.01%), Unifreight Africa Limited (19.64%) and Ecocash Holdings Zimbabwe Limited (formerly Cassava Smartech Holdings Limited) (19.92%). Losses were, however, registered in share prices of Edgars Stores Limited (15.87%), Zimbabwe Newspapers Limited (11.30%), National Foods Holdings Limited (5.01%), African Distillers (4.80%) and Lafarge Cement Zimbabwe Limited (3.85%) during the same period. The resources index declined by 11.28% to close at 10 015.94 points, during the week under review.

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

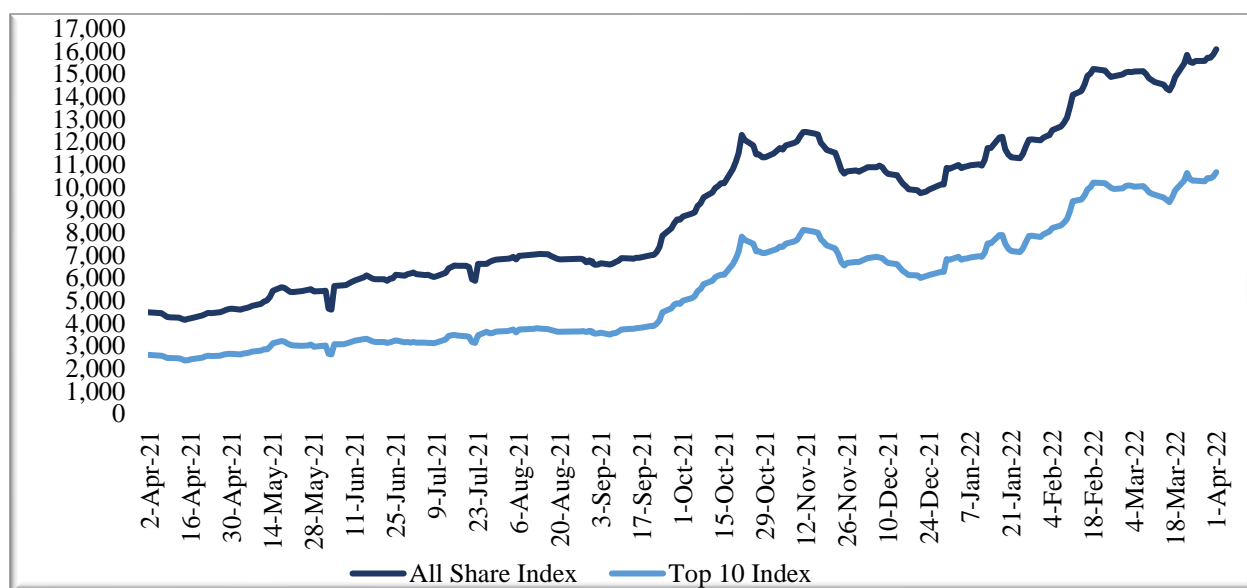
Table 6: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Statistics²

| | 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) |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 25-Feb-22 | 14,898.26 | 9,937.39 | 10,937.2 | 24,060.88 | 407,544.34 | 9,300.03 | 1,855.80 | 811.39 | 47.23 |
| 4-Mar-22 | 15,110.60 | 10,034.44 | 11,057.0 | 24,770.79 | 402,432.06 | 9,464.75 | 1,878.76 | 1,035.82 | 9.97 |
| 11-Mar-22 | 14,655.18 | 9,669.32 | 10,658.3 | 24,472.02 | 398,104.07 | 9,464.75 | 1,820.92 | 1,903.10 | 25.11 |
| 18-Mar-22 | 14,870.68 | 9,868.52 | 10,842.5 | 24,220.78 | 391,221.56 | 9,470.19 | 1,848.83 | 1,606.43 | 23.58 |
| 25-Mar-22 | 15,581.92 | 10,296.70 | 11,343.4 | 25,692.63 | 399,696.21 | 11,289.34 | 1,935.18 | 2,189.45 | 30.29 |
| 01-Apr-22 | 16,098.23 | 10,672.78 | 11,720.5 | 26,333.83 | 399,472.40 | 10,015.94 | 1,991.73 | 1,706.08 | 33.98 |
| % Change | 3.31 | 3.65 | 3.32 | 2.50 | -0.06 | -11.28 | 2.92 | -22.07 | 12.18 |

Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2022

Figure 3 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 2nd April 2021 to 1st April 2022.

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



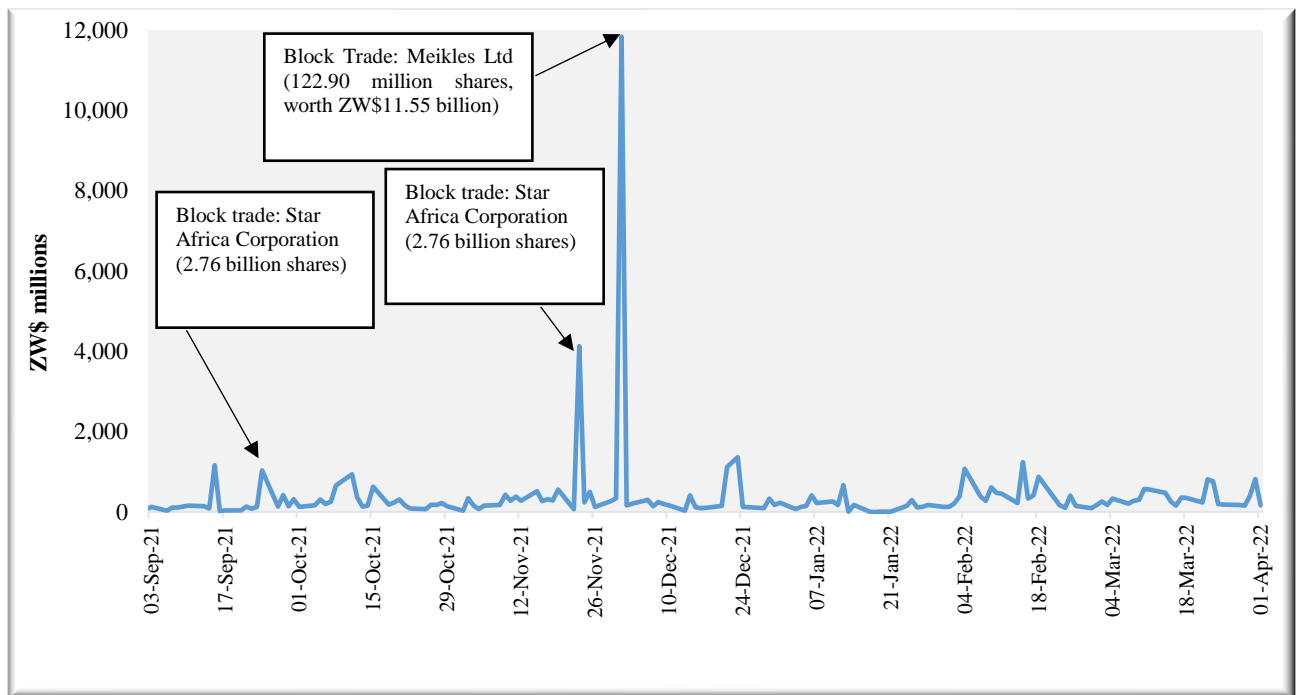
Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

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

During the week under review, the cumulative volume of shares traded on the ZSE rose by 12.20% to 33.98 million shares. Turnover value, however, declined by 22.08% to ZW\$1.71 billion. Figure 4 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period 3rd September 2021 to 1st April 2022.

Figure 4: Daily Market Turnover

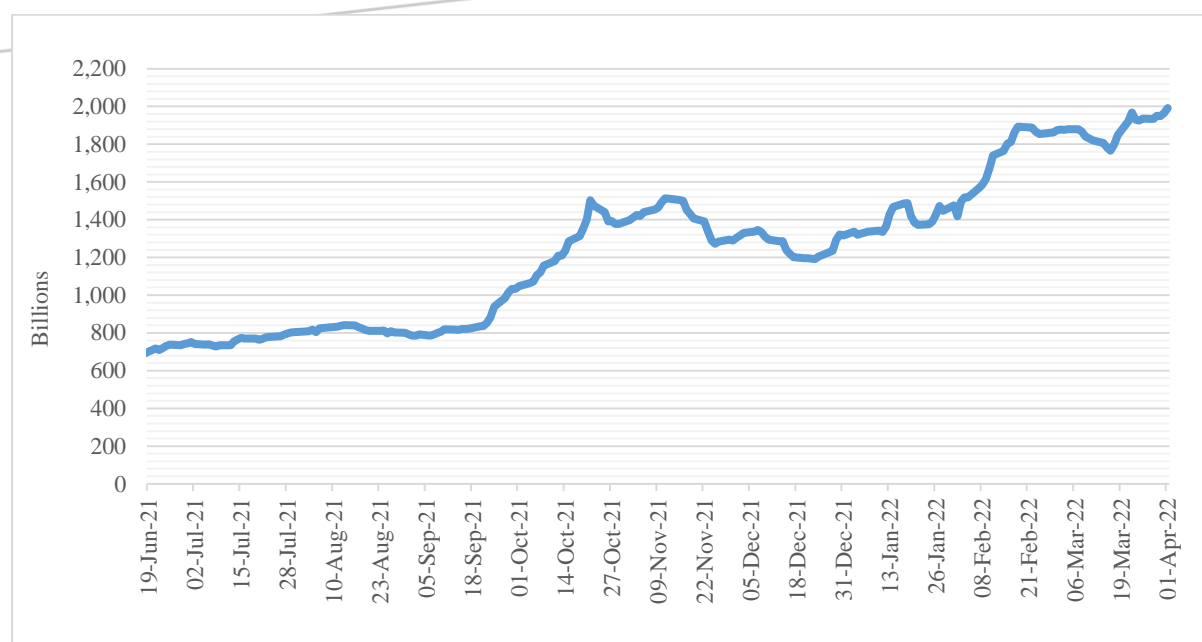


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

Market Capitalization

As a result of positive trading on the local bourse, the market added 2.92% worth of capitalization to close at ZW\$1 991.73 billion, during the week under review. This compares with the ZW\$1 935.18 billion, recorded in the previous week. Figure 5 shows market capitalization developments for the period from 19th June 2021 to 1st April 2022.

Figure 5: Daily Market Capitalization in ZW\$ billions



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Developments

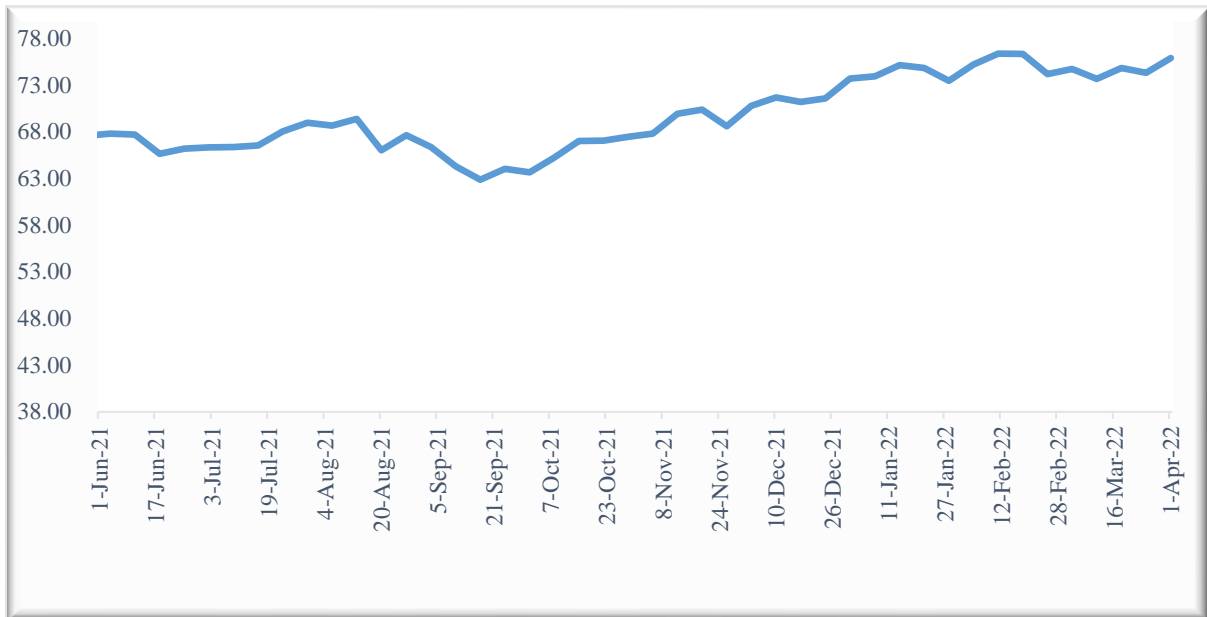
During the week under review, the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All share index increased by 2.13%, from 74,324.67 points in the previous week to 75,907.90 points. Similarly, JSE market capitalization was 2.54% higher, and closed the week under review at ZAR21.84 trillion.

Table 7: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Statistics

| Period | All Share Index (points) | Market Capitalization (ZAR trillions) |
|------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 25-Feb-22 | 74,205.69 | 21.61 |
| 4-Mar-22 | 74,734.37 | 21.38 |
| 11-Mar-22 | 73,685.89 | 21.13 |
| 18-Mar-22 | 74,847.63 | 21.43 |
| 25-Mar-22 | 74,324.67 | 21.30 |
| 1-Apr-22 | 75,907.90 | 21.84 |
| % Change | 2.13 | 2.54 |

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

Figure 6: 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 MAINFX³ AND SMEFX⁴

| | MAINFX | | | | SMEFX | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 11-Mar-22 | 18-Mar-22 | 25-Mar-22 | 01-Apr-22 | 11-Mar-22 | 18-Mar-22 | 25-Mar-22 | 01-Apr-22 |
| Total Bids (US\$ dollars) | 29,656,084.19 | 31,089,467.92 | 30,182,270.46 | 31,907,210.04 | 7,611,522.31 | 5,744,362.37 | 6,726,743.14 | 6,552,957.64 |
| Amount Allotted (US\$ dollars) | 28,632,570.60 | 30,862,194.32 | 30,182,270.46 | 31,062,799.46 | 7,209,867.35 | 5,744,362.37 | 6,625,160.56 | 6,548,579.22 |
| Highest Rate | 145.00 | 148 | 150 | 155 | 145.00 | 145 | 150 | 155 |
| Lowest Bid Rate | 127.00 | 130 | 134 | 138 | 125.5800 | 127 | 131 | 134 |
| Lowest Bid Rate Allotted | 127.00 | 130 | 134 | 138 | 125.5800 | 127 | 131 | 134 |
| Weighted Average Rate | 130.1567 | 134.0820 | 138.1979 | 142.4237 | 130.1567 | 134.0820 | 138.1979 | 142.4237 |
| Number of Bids Received | 410 | 478 | 450 | 449 | 936 | 1177 | 1102 | 1159 |
| Number of Bids Rejected | 33 | 36 | 37 | 36 | 71 | 72 | 91 | 74 |

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

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 | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 11-Mar-22 | 18-Mar-22 | 25-Mar-22 | 01-Apr-22 | 11-Mar-22 | 18-Mar-22 | 25-Mar-22 | 01-Apr-22 |
| Raw Materials | 11,787,591.18 | 13,859,233.34 | 12,202,419.26 | 12,925,745.35 | 1,782,463.49 | 1,388,421.01 | 1,530,260.33 | 1,615,444.30 |
| Machinery and Equipment | 7,085,195.79 | 7,057,444.33 | 7,377,814.72 | 7,733,877.71 | 2,229,658.99 | 1,937,748.88 | 2,341,914.36 | 2,360,898.79 |
| Consumables (Incl. Spares, Tyres, Packaging) | 1,896,608.79 | 1,949,022.49 | 2,263,608.77 | 2,750,273.25 | 1,148,388.18 | 896,069.62 | 1,009,904.53 | 978,058.20 |
| Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals | 1,572,392.12 | 1,946,033.16 | 1,410,974.56 | 1,623,231.17 | 424,077.57 | 135,024.71 | 278,587.70 | 232,066.98 |
| Services (Loans, Dividends and Disinvestments) | 1,670,724.91 | 2,075,741.46 | 2,334,215.44 | 2,462,416.33 | 751,761.21 | 649,307.99 | 554,119.87 | 575,063.56 |
| Retail and Distribution | 3,664,142.68 | 2,971,554.31 | 3,565,969.42 | 2,474,066.14 | 684,521.55 | 557,616.92 | 724,837.25 | 654,488.81 |
| Fuel, Electricity and Gas | 50,000.00 | - | - | 263,817.96 | 29,519.00 | 99475.36 | 44,593.65 | 16,436.96 |
| Paper and Packaging | 905,915.13 | 1,003,165.23 | 1,027,268.29 | 829,371.55 | 159,477.36 | 80,697.88 | 140,942.87 | 116,121.62 |
| TOTAL | 28,632,570.60 | 30,862,194.32 | 30,182,270.46 | 31,062,799.46 | 7,209,867.35 | 5,744,362.37 | 6,625,160.56 | 6,548,579.22 |

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022