



Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending
28th January 2022

1. INTEREST RATES

Deposit Rates

Minimum deposit rates for savings deposits and deposits of 3 month tenor increased, during the week ending 28th January 2020, while those for deposits of 1 month tenor remained unchanged. Maximum deposit rates for all classes of deposits increased, during the week under review, 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 (%)
31-Dec-21	3.04	4.97	10.75	14.33	11.26	15.05
7-Jan-22	3.04	4.97	10.75	14.33	11.26	15.05
14-Jan-22	3.52	5.31	12.14	15.50	12.26	15.89
21-Jan-22	3.52	5.31	12.14	15.50	12.26	15.89
28-Jan-22	3.66	5.76	12.14	15.67	13.16	16.95

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

Lending Rates

Minimum and maximum lending rates at commercial banks, for both individual and corporate clients increased, during the week under review, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Lending Rates (per annum)

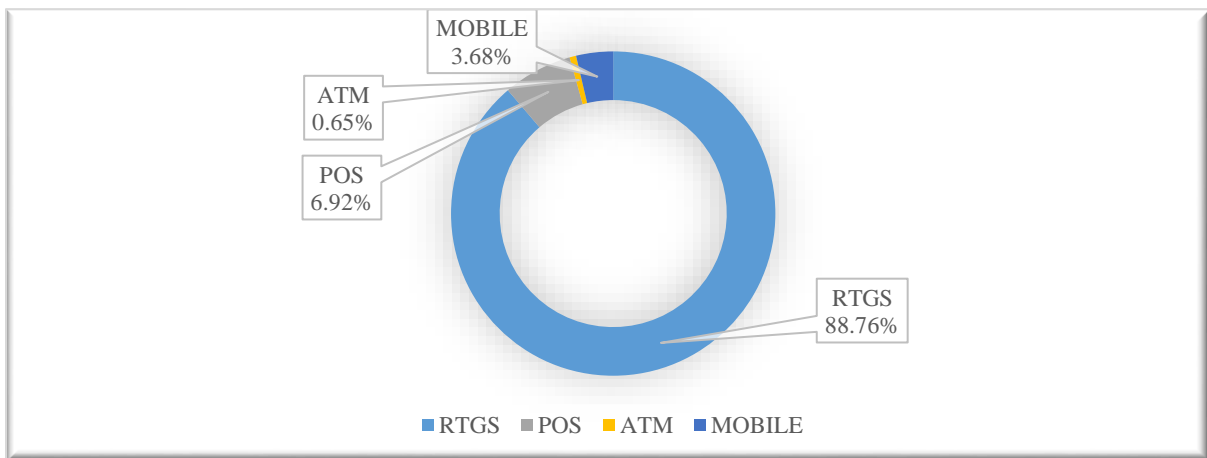
Date	Individual Clients		Corporate Clients	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
31-Dec-21	39.34	58.65	37.94	64.00
7-Jan-22	39.34	58.65	37.94	64.00
14-Jan-22	38.96	55.49	38.02	63.94
21-Jan-22	38.96	55.49	38.02	63.94
28-Jan-22	39.62	57.26	39.62	64.14

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

The value of transactions processed through the National Payment Systems (NPS) stood at \$207.91 billion, during the week under analysis. This represented a 4.72% decline, from \$218.21 billion recorded in the previous week. Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions declined by 6.07% to \$184.54 billion, during the same week. In proportions, the NPS transaction values were distributed as follows: RTGS, 88.76%, POS, 6.92%; Mobile, 3.68%; and ATM, 0.65%.

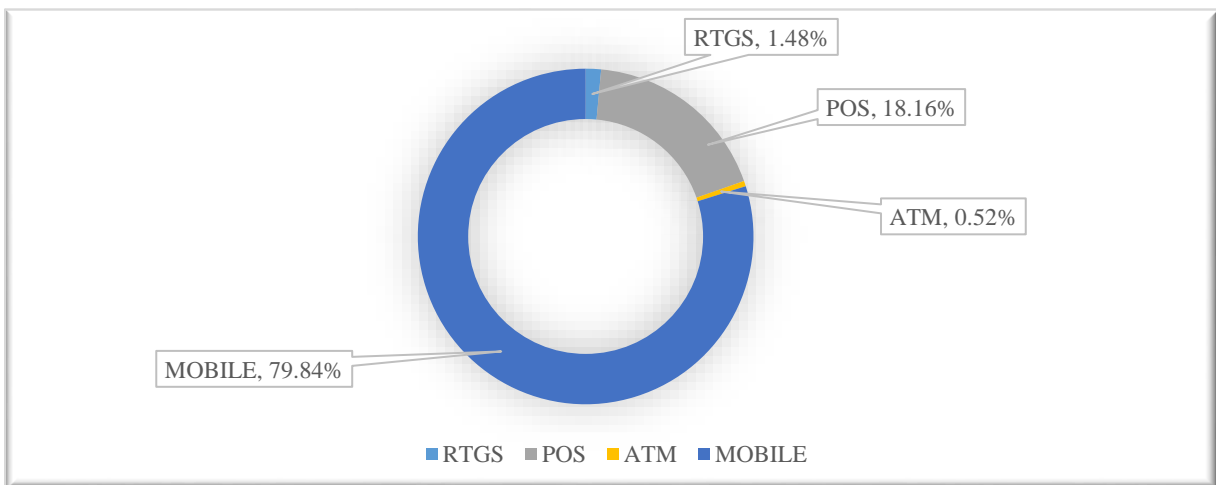
Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

The volume of NPS transactions increased by 0.49% to 20.30 million, during the week ending 28th January 2022. In volume terms, the NPS transaction volumes were distributed as follows: Mobile, 79.84%, POS, 18.16%; RTGS, 1.48%; and ATM, 0.52%, 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 21 st January 2022	WEEK ENDING 28 th January 2022	% CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	PROPORTION %
Values in ZW\$ Millions				
RTGS	196,465.46	184,538.97	-6.07%	88.76%
POS	13,719.13	14,380.99	4.82%	6.92%
ATM	903.69	1,344.54	48.78%	0.65%
MOBILE	7,126.34	7,642.08	7.24%	3.68%
TOTAL	218,214.62	207,906.57	-4.72%	100%
Volumes				
RTGS	184,227	300,932	63.35%	1.48%
POS	3,694,579	3,685,460	-0.25%	18.16%
ATM	90,906	105,575	16.14%	0.52%
MOBILE	16,227,091	16,203,128	-0.15%	79.84%
TOTAL	20,196,802	20,295,095	0.49%	100%

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

3. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

During the week ending 28th January 2022, average global prices for platinum, copper, nickel, and crude oil firmed, while gold prices retreated. Table 4 shows the developments in commodity prices, during the week under review.

Table 4: Metal and Crude Oil Prices for the week ending 28th January 2022

	Gold	Platinum	Copper	Nickel	Crude Oil
2022	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/barrel
Weekly Average (17 – 21 January)	1,830.03	1,009.10	9,809.30	23,026.40	87.54
24-Jan	1,834.93	1,026.50	9,984.00	24,320.00	86.95
25-Jan	1,841.48	1,020.00	9,763.00	22,677.00	87.93
26-Jan	1,845.20	1,050.00	9,835.80	22,604.00	89.18
27-Jan	1,811.13	1,027.50	9,952.50	23,047.00	90.05
28-Jan	1,789.18	1,004.50	9,836.80	22,793.00	89.76
Weekly Average (24 – 28 January)	1,824.38	1,025.70	9,874.42	23,088.20	88.77
Weekly Change (%)	-0.3	1.6	0.7	0.3	1.4

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg, 2022

Gold

Gold prices retreated, on prospects of the US Federal Reserve tightening monetary policy, to reign- in inflation. Accordingly, prices declined by 0.3% to US\$1,824.38 per ounce, from a weekly average of US\$1,830.03 per ounce in the week ending 21st January 2022.

Platinum

Platinum prices continued in positive territory, gaining by 1.6% from a weekly average of US\$1,009.10 per ounce in the preceding week, to US\$1,025.70 per ounce, during the week under review. The rise in prices was occasioned by tensions between Russia and the West, over Ukraine, which heightened concerns about supply disruptions, as Russia is one of the world's largest platinum producers.

Copper

Copper prices remained bullish, largely on account of a positive outlook, as the global transition from fossil fuels to copper-intensive electrification is boosting the demand for the red metal. Prices gained by 0.7%, from a weekly average of US\$9,809.30 per tonne in the previous week to US\$9,874.42 per tonne, during the week under analysis.

Nickel

Nickel prices extended gains, aided by signs of tight supplies of the base metal, amid strong demand from stainless steel producers and battery manufacturers. They rose by 0.3%, from a weekly average of US\$23,026.40 per tonne in the previous week to US\$23,088.20 per tonne, during the week under review.

Brent Crude Oil

Brent crude oil prices rose further, on concerns over supply disruptions due to ongoing geopolitical tensions in Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Furthermore, prospects of strong demand, as the Covid-19 omicron variant cases are easing around the world, also boosted prices. A 1.4% increase in the price of oil was thus recorded, from US\$87.54 per barrel in the preceding week to US\$88.77 per barrel, during the week ending 28th January 2022.

4. EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS

During the week under analysis, the Zimbabwe dollar (ZW\$) depreciated against the US dollar, shedding 2.9%, from an average of ZW\$111.1584 per US\$1 in the previous week, to close the week at an average of ZW\$114.3814 per US\$1. The exchange rate developments, during the week under analysis, are shown in Table 5.

Table 5: International Exchange Rates¹

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
2022					
Weekly Average (17 – 21 January)	111.1584	7.2244	151.4606	9.6246	126.3083
24-Jan	112.8200	7.47384155	152.9257	9.82145	127.806
25-Jan	112.8200	7.3746	152.0181	9.7822	127.6421
26-Jan	115.4223	7.5729	155.9126	9.9846	130.4853
27-Jan	115.4223	7.4906	155.0702	10.0307	129.5157
28-Jan	115.4223	7.4738	154.8278	9.9439	128.7365
Weekly Average (17 – 21 January)	114.3814	7.4772	154.1509	9.9125	128.8371
<i>Appr(-)/Depr(+) (%) of the ZWL</i>	2.9	3.5	1.8	3.0	2.0

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

5. EQUITY MARKETS

During the week ending 28th January 2022, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) recovered from the losses of the previous week, resulting in all major indices registering gains. The All Share, Top 10 and Top 15 indices rose by 7.03%, 9.46% and 8.80% to close at 12,120.10 points, 7,864.28 points and 8,642.03 points, respectively.

The increase in the mainstream index was a result of share price increases for First Mutual Holdings Limited (26.02%), Econet Wireless Zimbabwe Limited (19.48%), General Beltings Holdings Limited (18.47%), CBZ Holdings Limited (18.83%) and Turnall Holdings Limited (17.25%). Partially offsetting the aforementioned gains were losses in share prices of Fidelity Life Assurance Limited (18.91%), Getbucks Financial Services Limited (16.66%), Mashonaland Holdings Limited (11.54%), Edgars Stores Limited (9.11%) and African Sun Limited (6.77%). The resources index remained unchanged as RioZim Limited traded at previous week price level.

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

Table 6: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Statistics²

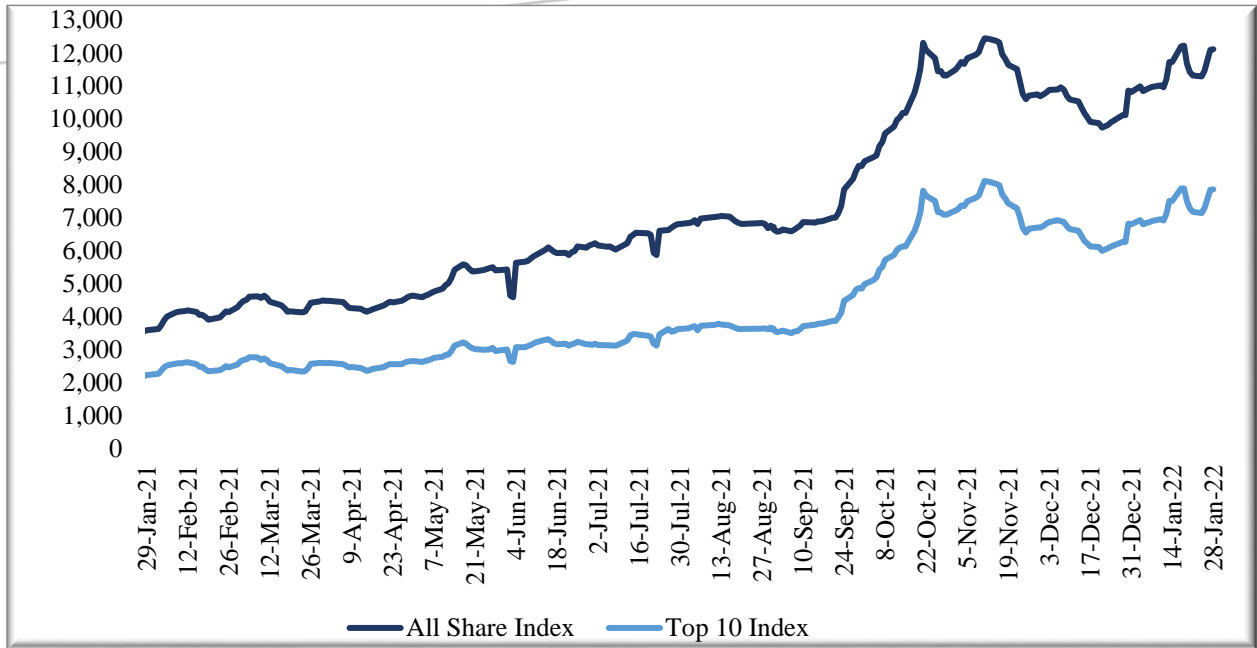
	All Share Index Points	Top 10 index (points)	Top 15 Index ³ points	Medium Cap ³ (points)	Small Cap ³ (points)	Mining Index (points)	Grand Market Capitalization (ZWL billion)	Market Turnover (ZWL million)	Volume of Shares (million)
24-Dec-21	9,895.68	6,130.95	6,760.90	19,334.87	380,623.83	7,739.08	1,203.99	2,747.06	44.19
31-Dec-21	10,822.36	6,811.43	7,529.37	20,407.26	402,753.21	7,815.37	1,317.21	831.60	26.79
7-Jan-22	10,973.50	6,911.60	7,670.42	20,668.38	417,650.07	7,815.37	1,336.23	975.91	15.74
14-Jan-22	11,733.61	7,523.41	8,317.55	21,131.63	398,369.22	7,815.37	1,466.64	1,276.87	43.41
21-Jan-22	11,324.01	7,184.86	7,943.10	21,013.11	371,740.14	8,196.79	1,371.63	478.90	8.04
28-Jan-22	12,120.10	7,864.28	8,642.03	21,155.21	374,941.96	8 196.79	1,447.817	851.58	13.43
% Change	7.03	9.46	8.80	0.68	0.86	0.00	5.55	77.82	67.04

Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2022

Figure 3 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 29th January 2021 to 28th January 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.

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

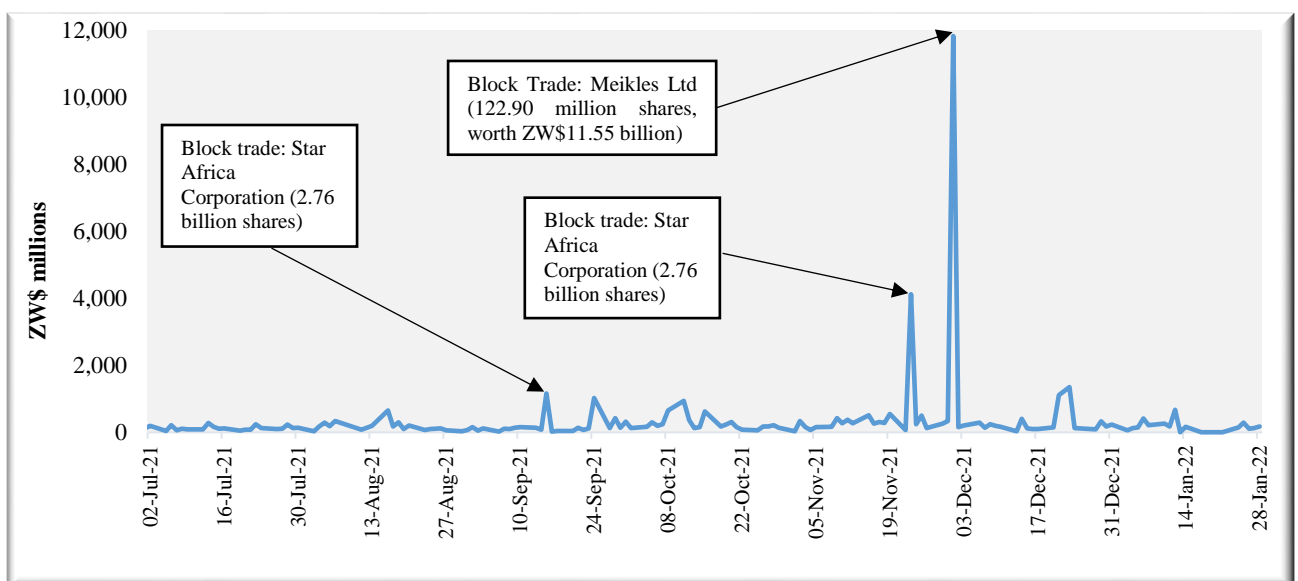


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

Market Turnover and Volume

The week under review saw the cumulative volume and value of shares traded on the ZSE increase by 67.15% and 77.82% to 13.43 million shares and ZW\$851.58 million, respectively. Figure 4 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 2nd June 2021 to 28th January 2022.

Figure 4: Daily Market Turnover

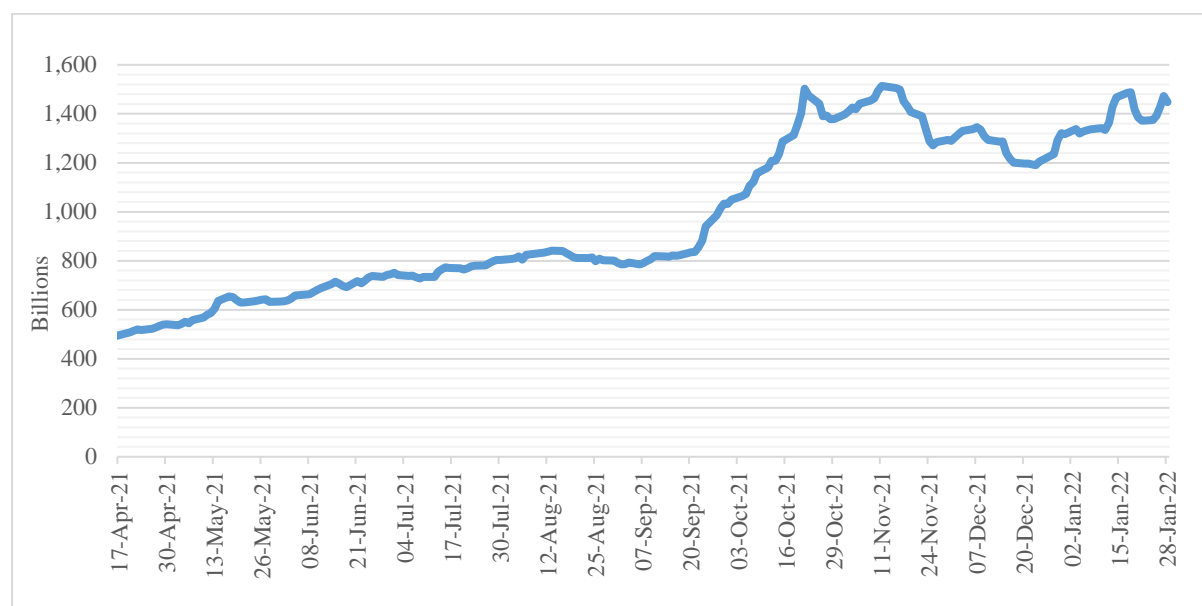


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

Market Capitalization

The ZSE market capitalization declined by 6.48% to close at ZW\$1 371.63 billion, from ZW\$1 466.64 billion in the previous week. Figure 5 shows market capitalization developments for the period 17th April 2021 to 28th January 2022.

Figure 5: Daily Market Capitalization in ZW\$ billions



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Developments

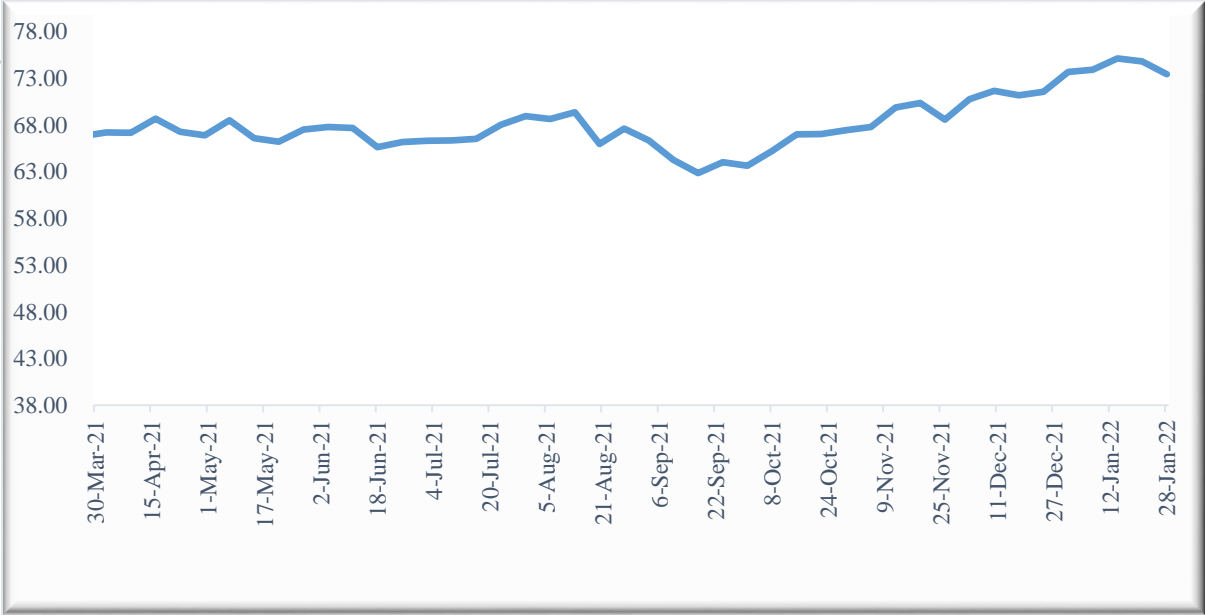
The Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All Share Index declined by 1.84% to 73,454.96 points, during the week of analysis. JSE market capitalization also fell by 2.30% to close at ZAR20.43 trillion, during the same week.

Table 7: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Statistics

Period	All Share Index	Market Capitalization
	(points)	(ZAR trillions)
24-Dec-21	71,570.64	20.03
31-Dec-21	73,709.39	20.50
7-Jan-22	73,939.71	20.50
14-Jan-22	75,160.21	21.13
21-Jan-22	74,834.52	20.91
28-Jan-22	73,454.96	20.43
% Change	-1.84	-2.30

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			
	10-Dec-21	17-Dec-21	18-Jan-22	25-Jan-22	10-Dec-21	17-Dec-21	18-Jan-22	25-Jan-22
Total Bids (US\$ dollars)	34,672,497.78	35,102,236.84	25,679,781.10	32,621,993.68	6,147,829.66	6,675,670.74	5,186,494.80	6,153,778.39
Amount Allotted (US\$ dollars)	34,672,497.78	35,102,236.84	25,679,781.10	32,621,993.68	6,147,829.66	6,675,670.74	5,186,494.80	6,153,778.39
Highest Rate	125	125	126	130	125	126	125	130
Lowest Bid Rate	100	102	104	107	100	100	100	106
Lowest Bid Rate Allotted	100	102	104	107	100	100	100	106
Weighted Average Rate	108.6678	108.6660	112.8228	115.4223	108.6678	108.6660	112.8228	115.4223
Number of Bids Received	521	526	448	537	770	758	633	906
Number of Bids Rejected	117	114	128	115	210	125	141	209

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			
	10-Dec-21	17-Dec-21	18-Jan-22	25-Jan-22	10-Dec-21	17-Dec-21	18-Jan-22	25-Jan-22
Raw Materials	14,048,652.00	15,570,248.34	10,955,933.90	15,075,011.73	1,763,630.63	2,018,353.38	1,437,928.95	1,219,985.38
Machinery and Equipment	10,549,444.22	9,488,158.89	6,834,249.00	8,367,681.17	2,286,330.76	2,311,651.63	1,716,788.74	1,927,856.57
Consumables (Incl. Spares, Tyres, Packaging)	3,081,031.44	2,834,278.31	2,018,909.75	2,882,019.59	637,511.53	802,046.62	567,367.56	967,713.63
Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals	1,476,312.67	1,345,307.98	1,601,054.05	1,700,372.52	351,252.03	328,024.72	224,790.62	250,416.84
Services (Loans, Dividends and Disinvestments)	1,994,435.40	2,214,287.84	2,046,438.06	1,749,583.84	497,741.21	575,449.58	832,305.41	1,195,329.76
Retail and Distribution	2,850,071.31	2,637,477.63	1,717,910.17	2,174,100.12	458,991.16	423,215.30	223,739.04	439,023.08
Fuel, Electricity and Gas	0.00	0.00	50,251.21	-	9,970.00	32,201.34	-	-
Paper and Packaging	672,550.74	1,012,477.85	455,034.96	673,224.71	142,402.34	184,728.17	183,574.48	153,453.13
TOTAL	34,672,497.78	35,102,236.84	25,679,781.10	32,621,993.68	6,147,829.66	6,675,670.74	5,186,494.80	6,153,778.39

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022