



# Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## 1. INTEREST RATES

### Deposit Rates

Minimum and maximum deposit rates remained at previous week levels, during the week ending 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 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 (%)
27-May-22	4.21	6.35	15.29	16.69	16.44	18.42
03-June-22	4.21	6.35	14.50	17.22	16.78	18.63
10-June-22	4.21	6.35	14.50	17.22	16.78	18.63
17-June-22	4.21	6.35	14.62	17.47	16.61	19.05
24-June-22	4.21	6.35	14.62	17.47	16.61	19.05

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 unchanged, as shown in Table 2.

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

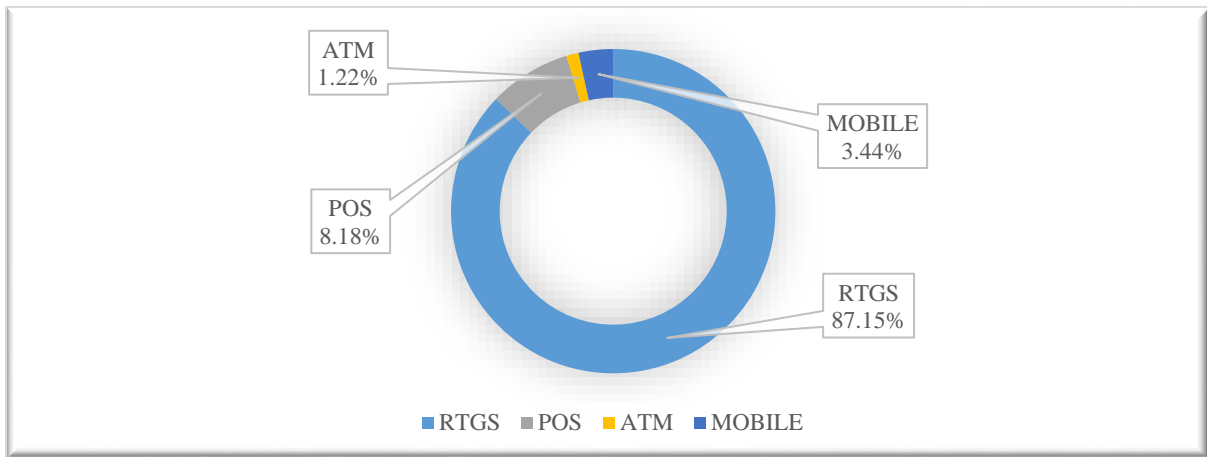
Date	Individual Clients		Corporate Clients	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
27-May-22	38.01	59.70	47.25	63.82
3-June-22	37.71	59.66	47.94	62.20
10-June-22	37.71	59.66	47.94	62.20
17-June-22	38.45	60.09	48.25	64.31
24-June-22	38.45	60.09	48.25	64.31

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

## 2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

Transactions processed through the National Payment System (NPS) stood at ZW\$405.29 billion, during the week under analysis, down from ZW\$442.11 billion in the previous week. Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions decreased by 9.86% to close at ZW\$353.22 billion, during the same week. In proportions, NPS transaction values were distributed as follows: RTGS, 87.15%; POS, 8.18%; Mobile, 3.44% and ATM, 1.22%.

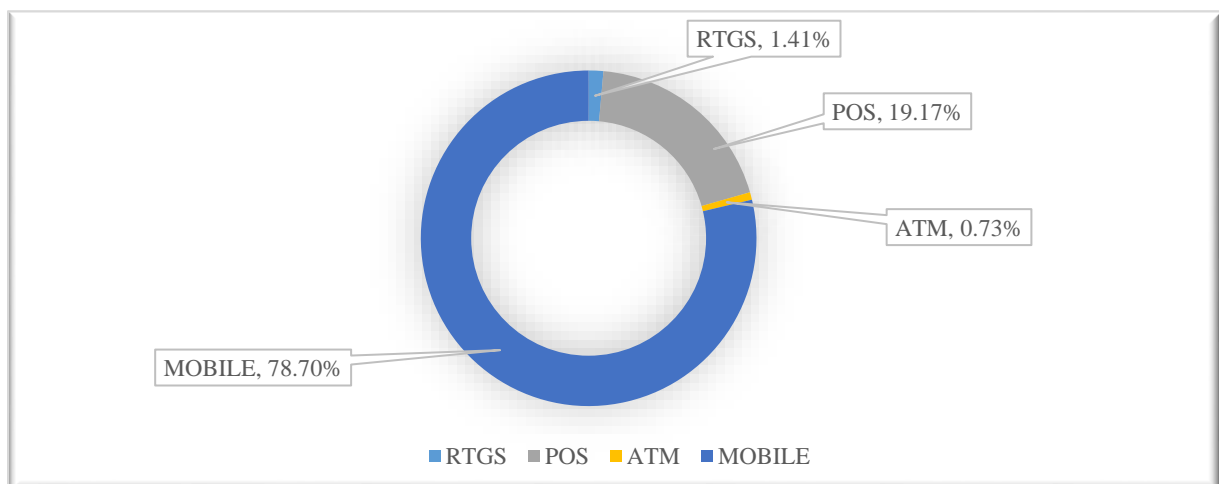
**Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms**



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

During the week under review, NPS transaction volumes increased by 2.23% to 18.60 million, from 18.20 million in the previous week. In terms of distribution, the NPS transaction volumes were dominated by Mobile transactions at 78.70% of the total, followed by POS, 19.17%; RTGS, 1.41%, and ATM, 0.73% 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 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	WEEK ENDING 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	% CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	PROPORTION %
<b>Values in ZW\$ Millions</b>				
RTGS	391,855.51	353,223.15	-9.86%	87.15%
POS	33,618.35	33,160.14	-1.36%	8.18%
ATM	3,028.02	4,964.75	63.96%	1.22%
MOBILE	13,606.75	13,946.14	2.49%	3.44%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>442,108.63</b>	<b>405,294.19</b>	<b>-8.33%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Volumes</b>				
RTGS	232,089	261,720	12.77%	1.41%
POS	3,801,523	3,565,824	-6.20%	19.17%
ATM	158,470	135,158	-14.71%	0.73%
MOBILE	14,004,656	14,640,118	4.54%	78.70%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,196,738</b>	<b>18,602,820</b>	<b>2.23%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

### 3. TOBACCO SALES

As at 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022 or day 59 of the 2021 tobacco selling season, a cumulative total of 160.15 million kilograms of tobacco had been sold. This reflected a 9.66% decrease, compared to the 177.27 million kilograms sold during the same period in 2021. Cumulative tobacco sales amounted to US\$483.25 million, down from US\$487.88 million realized during the corresponding period in 2021.

**Table 4: Weekly Cumulative Tobacco Sales: Day 59 (24<sup>th</sup> June 2022)**

	2021	2022	Variance (%)
<b>Cumulative Quantity Sold (million kgs)</b>	177,273,681	160,146,751	(9.66)
<b>Average Price(US\$/kg)</b>	2.75	3.02	9.64
<b>Cumulative value (US\$ million)</b>	487,877,992	483,245,365	(0.95)

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

The golden leaf was sold at an average price of US\$3.02/kg, during the week under review, up from US\$2.75/kg realized during the same period in 2021.

### 4. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

During the week ending 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022, international commodity prices for platinum, copper, nickel and crude oil retreated, while those for gold and palladium firmed. Table 5 shows developments in commodity prices, during the week under review.

**Table 5: Metal and Crude Oil Prices for the week ending 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

	Gold	Platinum	Palladium	Copper	Nickel	Crude Oil
2022	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/barrel
<b>Weekly Average (13 - 17 June)</b>	<b>1,832.42</b>	<b>942.50</b>	<b>1,855.80</b>	<b>9,176.89</b>	<b>25,472.00</b>	<b>119.40</b>
<b>20-Jun</b>	1,838.85	941.50	1,851.00	8,989.50	25,670.00	115.38
<b>21-Jun</b>	1,838.38	942.00	1,877.50	8,995.50	25,896.00	110.23
<b>22-Jun</b>	1,834.58	931.00	1,870.00	8,773.50	24,389.00	109.73
<b>23-Jun</b>	1,836.65	921.50	1,875.50	8,397.00	23,994.00	110.30
<b>24-Jun</b>	1,825.98	913.50	1,870.50	8,381.00	22,359.00	113.23
<b>Weekly Average (20 - 24 June)</b>	<b>1,834.89</b>	<b>929.90</b>	<b>1,868.90</b>	<b>8,707.30</b>	<b>24,461.60</b>	<b>111.77</b>
<i>Weekly Change (%)</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-1.3</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>-5.1</i>	<i>-4.0</i>	<i>-6.4</i>

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg, 2022

### Gold

Gold prices rose by a marginal 0.1%, from a weekly average of US\$1,832.42 per ounce in the previous week to US\$1,834.89 per ounce, during the week under analysis. Risks of a global recession and signs of an imminent slowdown in global growth, prompted investors to shift to gold as a safe-haven asset.

### Platinum

Platinum prices remained bearish, shedding 1.3%, to close the week under review at an average of US\$929.90 per ounce. The price of the industrial metal continued to be weighed down by demand concerns due to fresh Covid-19 restrictions in China, coupled with weak global auto-manufacturing activities reports from major car producers.

### Palladium

Palladium prices marginally rebounded by 0.7%, from US\$1,855.80 per ounce in the preceding week to US\$1,868.90 per ounce, during the week ending 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### Copper

Copper prices remained subdued, amidst investor fears that efforts by central banks to contain inflation would stifle global economic growth and reduce the demand for metals. Prices fell by 5.1%, from a weekly average of US\$9,176.89 per tonne in the prior week to US\$8,707.30 per tonne, during the week under review.

### Nickel

The weekly average prices of nickel softened by 4.0%, to close the week under review at an average of US\$24,461.60 per tonne, from US\$25,472.00 per tonne in the previous week. The decrease was on account of investor pessimism over a looming economic slowdown in China, the world's largest user of industrial metals.

## Brent Crude Oil

Brent Crude oil prices sharply retreated on the back of heightened concerns of a recession in large economies. The concerns about the looming recession outweighed fears of tight global supplies caused by the sanctions imposed on Russia by the West. Prices declined by 6.4%, from US\$119.40 per barrel in the previous week to US\$111.77 per barrel, during the week under analysis.

## 5. EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS

### Foreign Exchange Auction

The Zimbabwe dollar (ZW\$) depreciated by 4.0% against the US dollar, from an average of ZW\$333.2278 per US\$1 in the previous week to ZW\$346.6344 per US\$1, during the week under analysis. The developments in selected exchange rates are as shown in Table 6.

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

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
<b>2022</b>					
<b>Weekly Average (13 - 17 June)</b>	<b>333.2278</b>	<b>20.8854</b>	<b>409.3613</b>	<b>27.3611</b>	<b>348.8287</b>
<b>20-Jun</b>	338.4921	21.1864	414.0960	27.5724	356.3316
<b>21-Jun</b>	338.4921	21.0970	414.9923	27.5552	356.0270
<b>22-Jun</b>	352.0626	22.0264	430.6256	28.7493	369.4198
<b>23-Jun</b>	352.0626	22.1239	431.4711	28.6957	371.9904
<b>24-Jun</b>	352.0626	22.1239	432.3339	28.6946	371.1806
<b>Weekly Average (20 - 24 June)</b>	<b>346.6344</b>	<b>21.7115</b>	<b>424.7038</b>	<b>28.2534</b>	<b>364.9899</b>
<i>Appr(-)/Depr(+)(%) of the ZWL</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>4.6</i>

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

### Interbank Market

On the Willing-Buyer Willing-Seller (WBWS) interbank market, the Zimbabwe dollar (ZW\$) depreciated by 4.6%, from an average of ZW\$336.2724 per US\$1 in the previous week to ZW\$351.6384 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
2022					
<b>Weekly Average (13 - 17 June)</b>	<b>336.2724</b>	<b>21.0607</b>	<b>409.8254</b>	<b>27.4497</b>	<b>352.1390</b>
<b>20-Jun</b>	344.0152	21.5054	420.8172	28.0257	362.0784
<b>21-Jun</b>	347.3129	21.6450	425.8607	28.2761	365.3409
<b>22-Jun</b>	351.9584	22.0022	430.4476	28.7456	369.2421
<b>23-Jun</b>	355.1833	22.3214	435.4057	28.9537	375.3944
<b>24-Jun</b>	359.7226	22.5989	441.7932	29.3239	379.2922
<b>Weekly Average (20 June - 24 June)</b>	<b>351.6389</b>	<b>22.0146</b>	<b>430.8649</b>	<b>28.6650</b>	<b>370.2696</b>
<i>Appr(-)/Depr(+)</i> (%) <i>of the ZWL</i>	4.6	4.5	5.1	4.4	5.1

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

## 6. EQUITY MARKETS

### Zimbabwe Stock Exchange

During the week ending 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) recorded negative trading, with the All Share, Top 10, Top 15 and Medium Cap declining by 7.98%, 10.38%, 9.40% and 1.70% to close at 21 073.30 points, 13,178.29 points, 14 684.86 points and 40 627.22 points, respectively.

The decline in the mainstream index was a result of share price losses for Ecocash Holdings Zimbabwe Limited (30.16%), Hippo Valley Estates Limited (27.74%), Willdale Limited (24.96%), OK Zimbabwe Limited (15.81%) and Innscor Africa Limited (14.80%). Partially offsetting the aforementioned losses were gains in the share prices of CBZ Holdings Limited (25.03%), General Beltings Holdings Limited (22.57%), Edgars Stores Limited (13.57%), Rainbow Tourism Group Limited (11.11%) and Zimbabwe Newspapers (1980) Limited (10.00%). The resources index declined by 2.94% to 20 021.24 points, largely emanating from a 2.94% loss 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

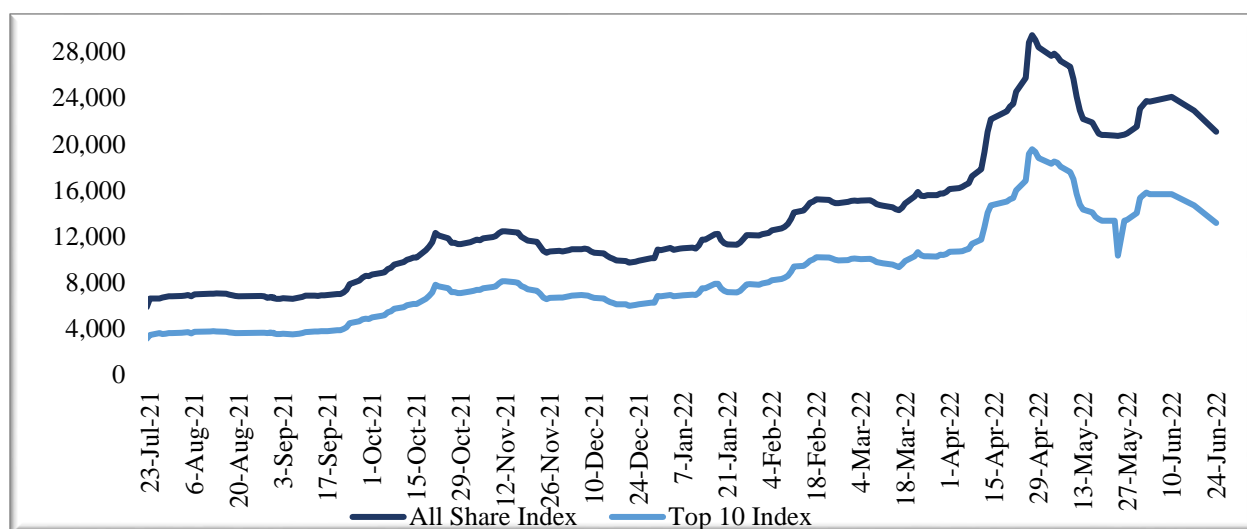
**Table 8: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Statistics<sup>3</sup>**

	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>20-May-22</b>	20,797.23	13,359.56	14,813.61	37,357.60	498,491.72	20,021.24	2,577.52	1,161.18	10.96
<b>27-May-22</b>	20,933.98	13,454.99	14,848.43	37,591.39	479,093.24	20,021.24	2,594.03	1,973.45	111.48
<b>03-June-22</b>	23,685.59	15,651.73	17,140.92	39,374.98	475,482.38	20,021.24	2,962.17	3,579.43	19.76
<b>10-June-22</b>	24,091.20	15,668.66	17,261.01	41,975.92	485,318.69	20,021.24	3,004.56	3,152.39	17.84
<b>17-June-22</b>	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
<b>24-June-22</b>	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
<b>% Change</b>	<b>-7.98</b>	<b>-10.38</b>	<b>-9.40</b>	<b>-1.70</b>	<b>4.31</b>	<b>-2.94</b>	<b>-8.09</b>	<b>45.26</b>	<b>-18.32</b>

Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2022

Figure 3 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

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



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

### Market Turnover and Volume

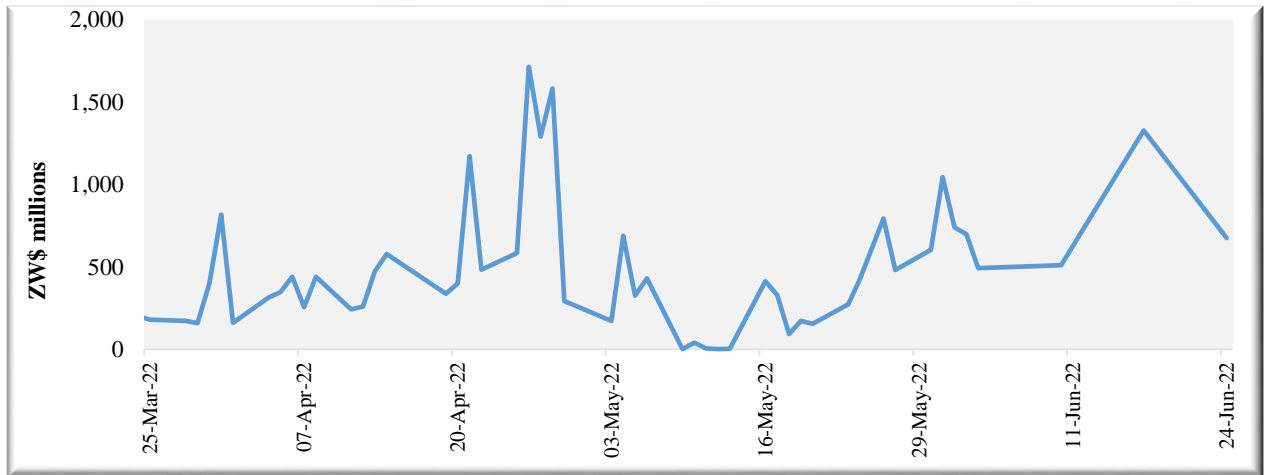
The cumulative value of shares traded on the ZSE increased by 45.26% to ZW\$4.14 billion, despite the 18.32% decline in the volume of shares traded, which amounted to 26.83 million

<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.



shares. Figure 4 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Figure 4: Daily Market Turnover**



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

### Market Capitalization

Bearish trading on the local bourse resulted in the ZSE losing ZW\$229.31 billion, or 8.09% worth of capitalization to close at ZW\$2 606.47 billion, during the week under review. Figure 5 shows market capitalization developments for the period from 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

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



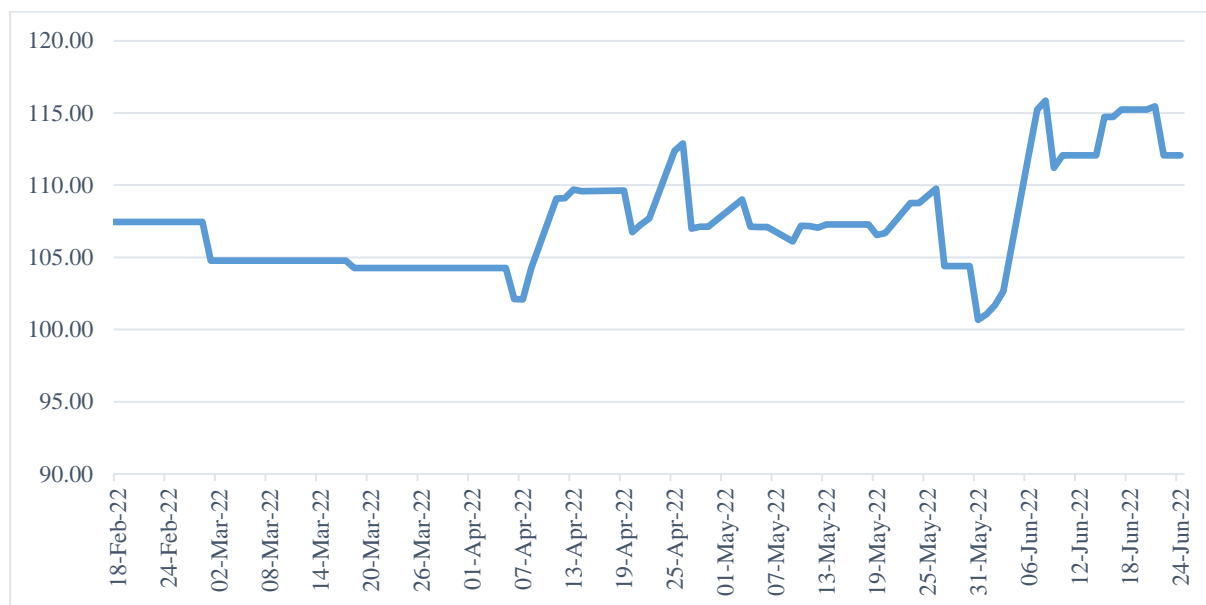
Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

## Victoria Falls Stock Exchange

The Victoria Falls Stock Exchange VFEX was also bearish, during the week under analysis. Resultantly, the All VFEX Share index shed 2.73% to close at 112.08 points. The value of shares traded declined by 34.90% to US\$0.03 million, while the volume of shares increased by 197.02% to close at 0.75 million shares, from 0.25 million shares in the previous week.

The VFEX lost US\$7.48 million or 2.47% worth of capitalisation to close at US\$0.27 billion, during the week under review. Figure 6 shows the trend in the VFEX All Share Index for the period from 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

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



Source: Victoria Falls Stock Exchange, 2022

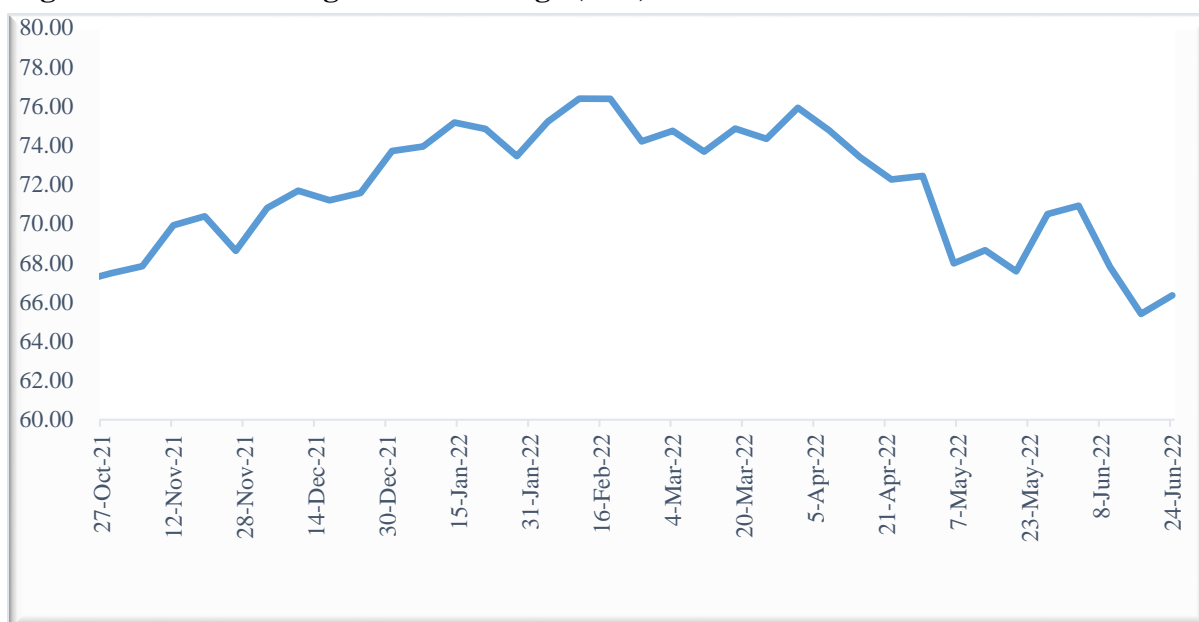
## Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Developments

The Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All share index registered an increase of 1.46% to close at 66,348.75 points, during the week under review. Similarly, JSE market capitalization increased by 0.67%, from ZAR19.35 trillion in the previous week to close at ZAR19.48 trillion, during the week under analysis.

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

Period	All Share Index (points)	Market Capitalization (ZAR trillions)
20-May-22	67,575.28	20.16
27-May-22	70,485.46	20.49
3-Jun-22	70,920.45	20.61
10-Jun-22	67,803.51	20.08
17-Jun-22	65,390.88	19.35
24-Jun-22	66,348.75	19.48
<b>% Change</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>0.67</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>4</sup> AND SMEFX<sup>5</sup>

	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	3-June-22	10-June-22	17-June-22	24-June-22	3-June-22	10-June-22	17-June-22	24-June-22
<b>Total Bids (US\$ dollars)</b>	23,947,063.37	20,665,498.04	21,635,580.55	21,534,506.41	5,135,841.87	4,269,142.30	3,642,701.09	3,532,866.47
<b>Amount Allotted (US\$ dollars)</b>	21,165,154.67	20,665,498.04	21,124,292.41	21,408,737.57	4,425,590.12	4,269,142.30	3,399,345.72	3,489,505.04
<b>Highest Rate</b>	340	350	365	375	340	350	365	375
<b>Lowest Bid Rate</b>	290	295	320	330	290	295	320	330
<b>Lowest Bid Rate Allotted</b>	290	295	320	330	290	295	320	330
<b>Weighted Average Rate</b>	308.5201	325.3314	338.4921	352.0626	308.5201	325.3314	338.4921	352.0626
<b>Number of Bids Received</b>	285	317	290	279	782	855	849	770
<b>Number of Bids Rejected</b>	22	43	32	22	59	102	82	72

*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			
	3-June-22	10-June-22	17-June-22	24-June-22	3-June-22	10-June-22	17-June-22	24-June-22
<b>Raw Materials</b>	11,077,620.25	11,493,062.61	12,017,258.17	10,702,657.11	1,074,866.64	1,279,708.33	1,049,423.15	957,593.45
<b>Machinery and Equipment</b>	3,597,642.53	3,665,882.99	3,934,339.14	5,147,821.43	1,678,233.12	1,597,956.90	1,268,280.56	1,232,585.88
<b>Consumables (Incl. Spares, Tyres, Packaging)</b>	1,817,428.66	1,510,009.41	1,705,200.96	1,119,943.76	583,152.38	424,281.67	353,328.85	374,354.35
<b>Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals</b>	954,924.90	783,510.85	662,634.43	1,088,300.65	193,117.15	166,387.47	144,826.18	176,963.70
<b>Services (Loans, Dividends and Disinvestments)</b>	1,647,857.01	1,236,837.05	826,581.34	1,306,746.74	376,205.05	325,110.73	212,033.06	309,683.41
<b>Retail and Distribution</b>	1,439,602.03	947,019.68	1,223,673.03	1,575,999.13	388,571.00	312,977.80	248,441.83	267,646.08
<b>Fuel, Electricity and Gas</b>	-	109,266.09	119,171.66	59,485.00	16,187.13	9,767.03	7,030.20	-
<b>Paper and Packaging</b>	630,079.29	919,909.36	635,443.68	407,783.75	115,257.65	152,952.37	115,981.89	170,678.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,165,154.67</b>	<b>20,665,498.04</b>	<b>21,124,292.41</b>	<b>21,408,737.57</b>	<b>4,425,590.12</b>	<b>4,269,142.30</b>	<b>3,399,345.72</b>	<b>3,489,505.04</b>

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022