



Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending
4th March 2022

1. INTEREST RATES

Deposit Rates

Minimum and maximum deposit rates for all classes of deposits remained unchanged, during the week ending 4th March 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 (%)
4-Feb-22	3.66	5.76	12.14	15.67	13.16	16.95
11-Feb-22	2.80	5.91	13.50	15.61	14.39	16.95
18-Feb-22	2.80	5.91	13.50	15.61	14.39	16.95
25-Feb-22	3.72	6.29	12.72	16.03	13.68	16.84
4-Mar-22	3.72	6.29	12.72	16.03	13.68	16.84

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

Lending Rates

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

Table 2: Lending Rates (per annum)

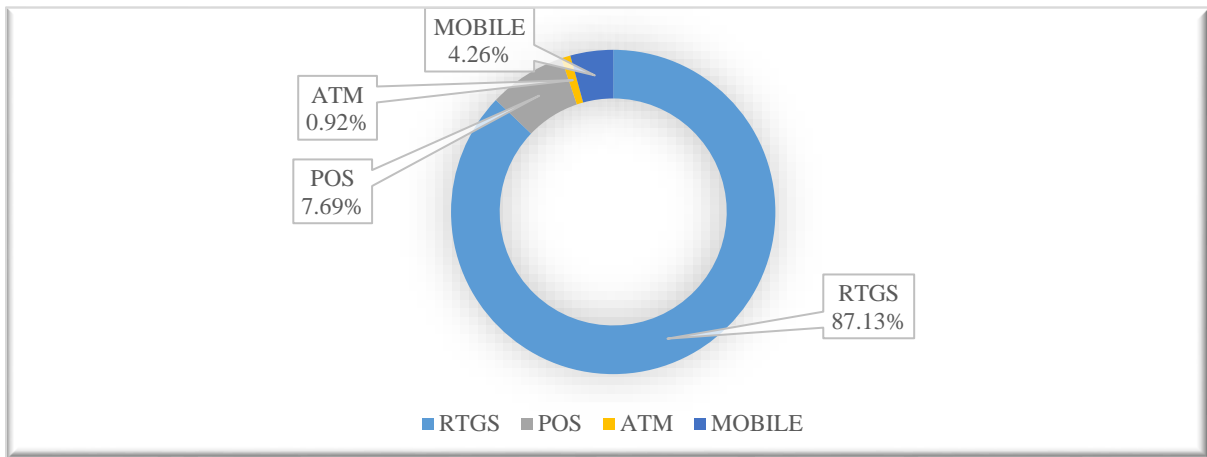
Date	Individual Clients		Corporate Clients	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
4-Feb-22	39.62	57.26	39.62	64.14
11-Feb-22	40.87	57.26	40.32	63.92
18-Feb-22	40.87	57.26	40.32	63.92
25-Feb-22	40.55	57.28	45.06	64.02
4-Mar-22	40.55	57.28	45.06	64.02

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

The value of transactions processed through the National Payment Systems (NPS) increased by 21.84% to ZW\$227.60 billion, during the week of analysis. Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions rose by 23.73%, from ZW\$160.27 billion in the previous week to ZW\$198.31 billion, during the week ending 4th March 2022. The distribution of the NPS transactions in value terms was as follows: RTGS, 87.13%; POS, 7.69%; Mobile, 4.26% and ATM, 0.92%.

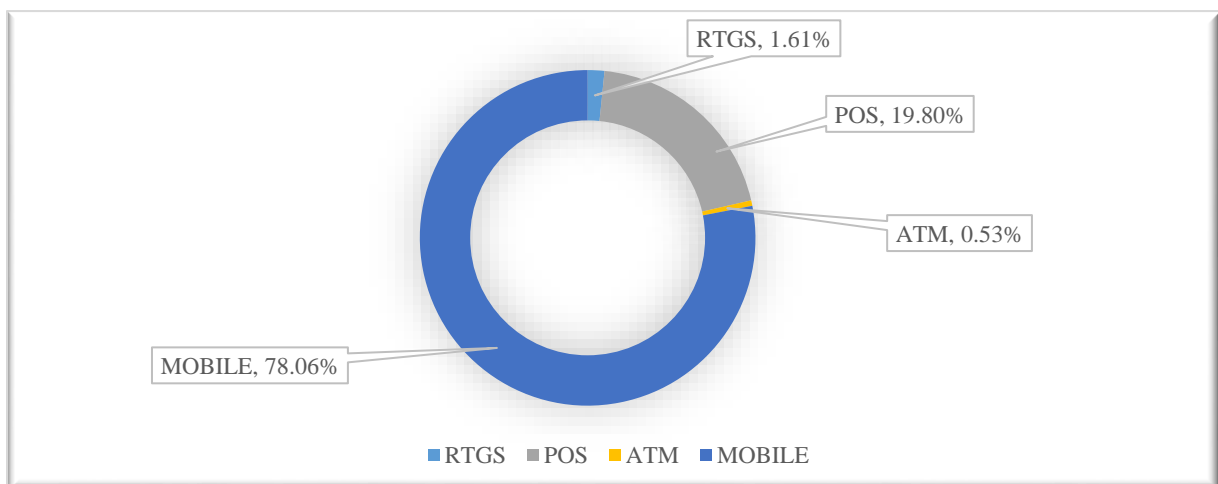
Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

NPS transaction volumes were 3.42% higher than in the previous week, closing the week under review at 21.24 million transactions. The NPS transaction volumes were distributed as follows: Mobile, 78.06%; POS, 19.80%; RTGS, 1.61% and ATM, 0.53%. 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 February 2022	WEEK ENDING 4 th March 2022	% CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	PROPORTION %
Values in ZW\$ Millions				
RTGS	160,271.54	198,309.09	23.73%	87.13%
POS	15,878.90	17,512.51	10.29%	7.69%
ATM	1,325.65	2,085.18	57.30%	0.92%
MOBILE	9,334.69	9,694.80	3.86%	4.26%
TOTAL	186,810.78	227,601.58	21.84%	100%
Volumes				
RTGS	247,084	341,904	38.38%	1.61%
POS	3,840,816	4,203,813	9.45%	19.80%
ATM	125,655	113,208	-9.91%	0.53%
MOBILE	16,319,790	16,576,686	1.57%	78.06%
TOTAL	20,533,345	21,235,611	3.42%	100%

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

3. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

The average international prices for gold, platinum, nickel, copper and crude oil firmed, during the week under review. Commodity prices rose as the Russia-Ukraine war created supply shortages across various commodities. The evolution of prices during the week ending 4th March 2022 is as shown in Table 4.

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

	Gold	Platinum	Copper	Nickel	Crude Oil
2022	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/barrel
Weekly Average (21 - 25 February)	1,908.70	1,082.80	9,948.56	24,960.60	97.11
28-Feb	1,906.58	1,063.00	9,918.00	24,838.00	99.82
1-Mar	1,921.00	1,081.50	9,919.00	24,661.00	109.75
2-Mar	1,927.00	1,083.00	9,950.00	25,300.00	110.35
3-Mar	1,932.50	1,090.50	10,470.00	26,200.00	110.64
4-Mar	1,944.55	1,105.00	10,384.00	27,582.00	130.52
Weekly Average (28 Feb-4 Mar)	1,926.33	1,084.60	10,128.20	25,716.20	112.22
Weekly Change (%)	0.9	0.2	1.8	3.0	15.6

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg, 2022

Gold

Gold prices remained bullish, as the worsening Russia-Ukraine security crisis boosted the yellow metal's safe-haven appeal. The deteriorating security situation in Ukraine prompted investors to shift from riskier assets to safe haven assets, amid high global inflation expectations, occasioned by the renewed upward trend in international oil prices. Against this

backdrop, gold prices rose by 0.9%, from a weekly average of US\$1,908.70 per ounce in the previous week to US\$1,926.33 per ounce, during the week under review.

Platinum

The weekly average platinum prices increased by 0.2%, from US\$1,082.80 per ounce in the preceding week to US\$1,084.60 per ounce, during the week ending 4th March 2022. The rally in prices continued to be supported by concerns about supply disruptions caused by the escalating geopolitical tensions between Russia and the West, following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Russia is the second largest producer of platinum in the world and has 10% of global reserves.

Copper

Copper prices strengthened, supported by investor concerns over supply disruptions and low global stockpiles. Prices rose by 1.8%, from a weekly average of US\$9,948.56 per tonne in the previous week to US\$10,128.20 per tonne, during the week under review.

Nickel

Nickel prices remained buoyant, on account of robust demand from electric vehicle manufacturers and fears of major disruptions to supplies, due to sanctions imposed by the West on Russia. Weekly average prices increased by 3.0%, from US\$24,960.60 per tonne in the previous week to US\$25,716.200 per tonne, during the week ending 4th March 2022.

Brent Crude Oil

Brent crude oil prices rose sharply, amid worries over the impact of the Russia-Ukraine crisis on the global economy and disruptions in the supply of petroleum products. Prices firmed by 15.6%, from US\$97.11 per barrel in the preceding week to US\$112.22 per barrel, during the week ending 4th March 2022.

4. EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS

The Zimbabwe dollar (ZW\$) depreciated by 5.0% against the greenback, from ZW\$120.1068 per US\$1 in the previous week to ZW\$126.0996 per US\$1, during the week under review. 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 (22 - 25 February)	120.1068	8.1004	166.5630	10.6627	138.7383
28-Feb	124.0189	8.0775	165.6150	10.7217	138.2627
1-Mar	124.0200	8.0743	166.3345	10.6537	138.8765
2-Mar	127.4864	8.2850	169.5828	10.9389	141.7013
3-Mar	127.4864	8.3126	170.8959	10.8502	141.4655
4-Mar	127.4864	8.3647	170.0676	11.0024	140.6051
Weekly Average (28 Feb – 4Mar)	126.0996	8.2228	168.4991	10.8334	140.1822
<i>Appr(-)/Depr(+) (%) of the ZWL</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>1.0</i>

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

5. EQUITY MARKETS

During the week ending 4th February 2022, trading on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) maintained a positive momentum, with activity concentrated in heavyweight counters. As a consequence, major indices registered gains. The All Share, Top 15 and Top 10 indices increased by 1.43%, 1.10% and 0.98% to close at 15 110.60 points, 11 057.00 points and 10 034.44 points, respectively.

The increase in the mainstream index was a result of share price increases for Dairiboard Holdings Limited (580.86%), CBZ Holdings Limited (36.00%), Afdis Distillers Limited (28.99%), Lafarge Cement Zimbabwe Limited (21.20%) and British American Tobacco Zimbabwe (19.99%). Partially offsetting the aforementioned gains were losses in share prices of Delta Corporation Limited (69.11%), CFI Holdings Limited (65.79%), Rainbow Tourism Group Limited (18.37%), Mashonaland Holdings Limited (13.70%) and First Mutual Holdings Limited (12.88%). The resources index increased by 1.77% to 9 464.75 points, during the week ending 4th March 2022.

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

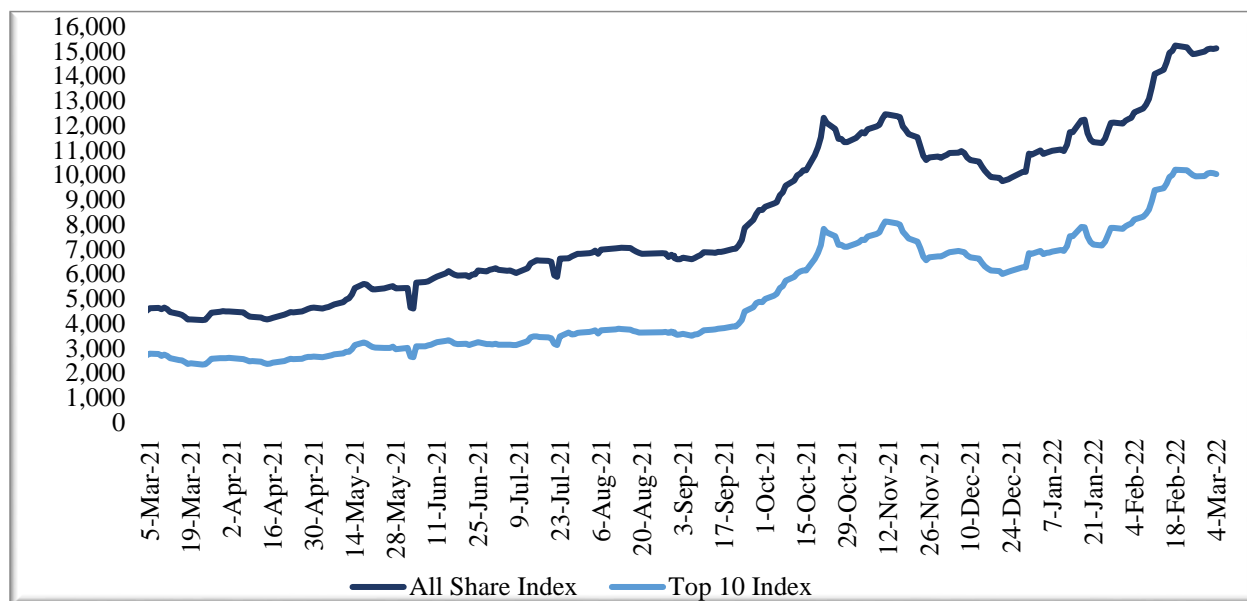
Table 6: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Statistics²

	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)
28-Jan-22	12,120.10	7,864.28	8,642.03	21,155.21	374,941.96	8,196.79	1,447.82	851.58	13.43
4-Feb-22	12,529.84	8,201.62	8,991.14	21,435.43	388,887.56	7,965.26	1,518.58	1,919.81	24.64
11-Feb-22	14,077.59	9,393.29	10,277.1	22,583.29	397,070.92	8,378.71	1,741.12	2,194.99	43.22
18-Feb-22	15,228.58	10,211.38	11,231.9	24,222.31	390522.26	9,106.36	1,893.87	3,080.19	41.72
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
% Change	1.43	0.98	1.10	2.95	-1.25	1.77	1.24	27.66	-78.89

Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2022

Figure 3 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 5th March 2021 to 4th March 2022.

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



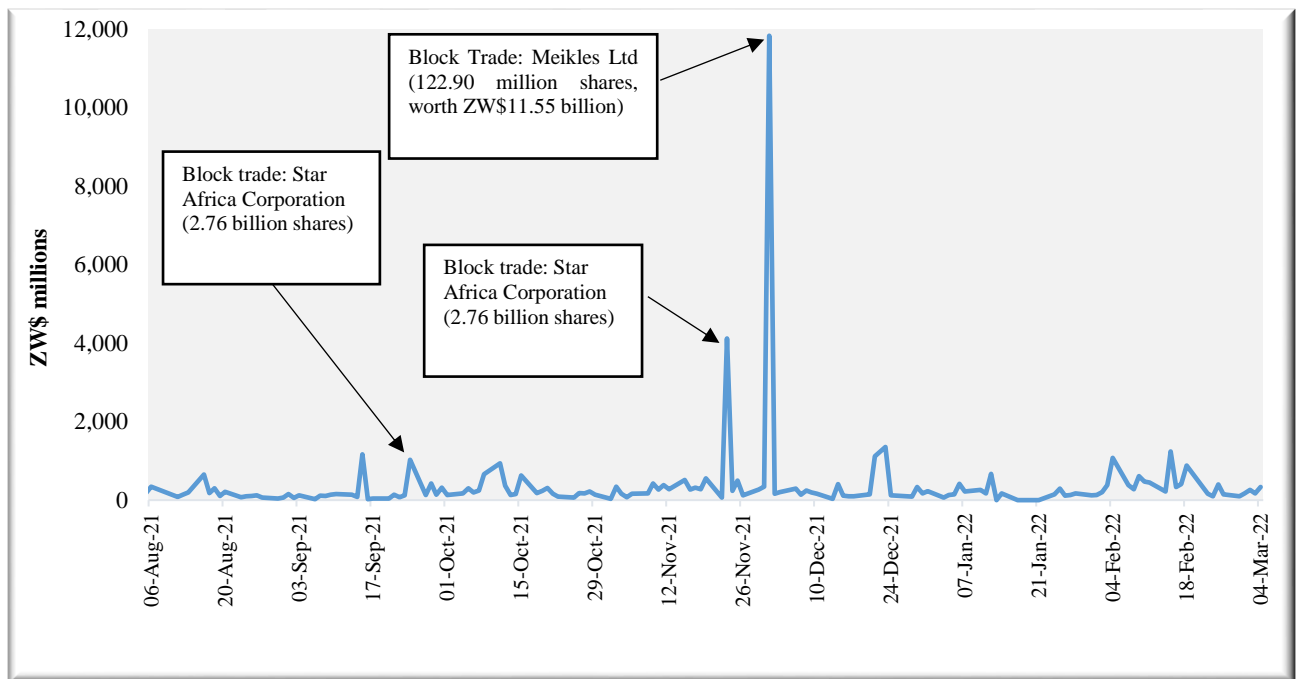
Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

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

Significant trading in high value shares of blue-chip counters on the ZSE resulted in a 27.66% increase in turnover to ZW\$1035.82 million, during the week under analysis. The volume of shares traded, however, declined by 78.90% to 9.97 million shares. Figure 4 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 6th August 2021 to 4th March 2022.

Figure 4: Daily Market Turnover

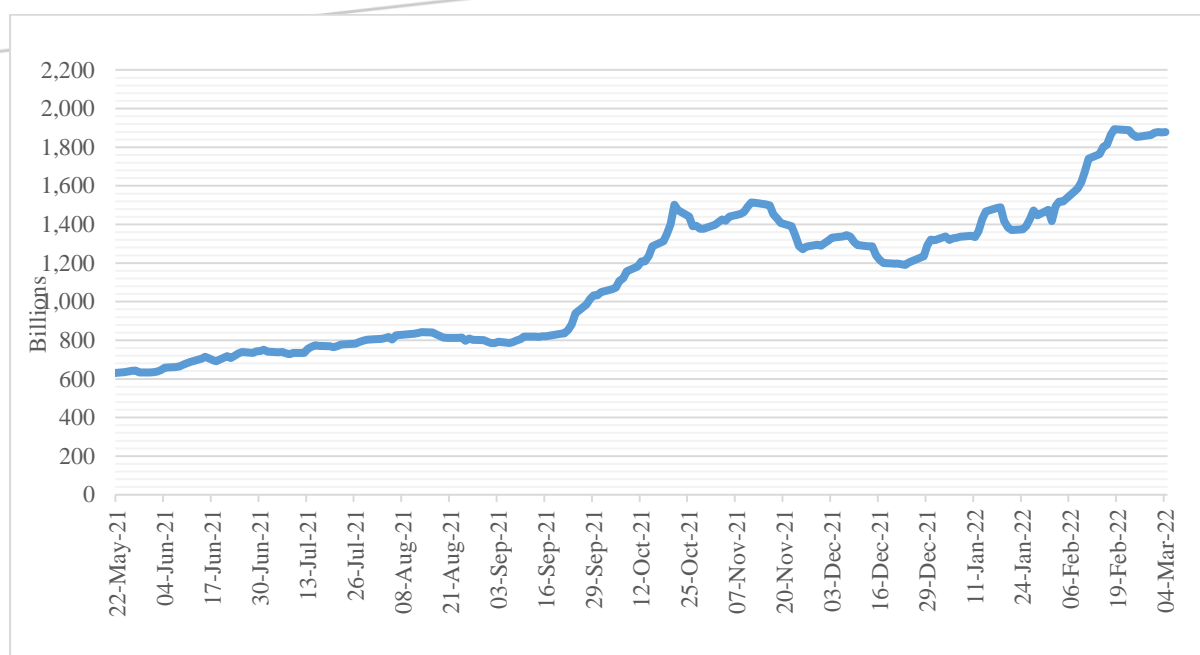


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

Market Capitalization

The local bourse gained ZW\$22.96 billion, or 1.24% worth of capitalization to ZW\$1 878.76 billion, during the week under review. Figure 5 shows market capitalization developments for the period from 22nd May 2021 to 4th March 2022.

Figure 5: Daily Market Capitalization in ZW\$ billions



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Developments

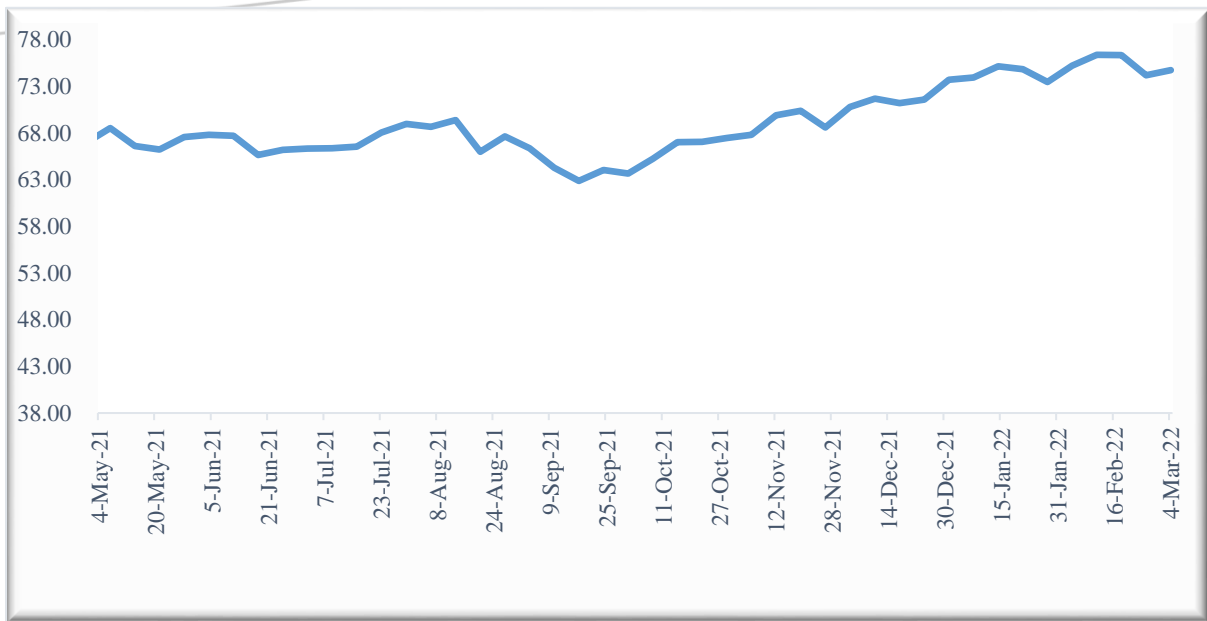
The Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All share index increased by 0.71%, from 74,205.69 points in the week ending 25th February 2022 to close at 74,734.37 points, during the week under review. JSE market capitalization declined by 1.06% to ZAR21.38 trillion, during the same week.

Table 7: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Statistics

Period	All Share Index (points)	Market Capitalization (ZAR trillions)
28-Jan-22	73,454.96	20.43
4-Feb-22	75,206.00	22.34
11-Feb-22	76,382.95	22.54
18-Feb-22	76,368.34	22.38
25-Feb-22	74,205.69	21.61
4-Mar-22	74,734.37	21.38
% Change	0.71	-1.06

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>

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APPENDIX 1: FOREIGN EXCHANGE AUCTION RESULTS FOR MAINFX³ AND SMEFX⁴

	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	11-Feb-22	18-Feb-22	25-Feb-22	4-Mar-22	11-Feb-22	18-Feb-22	25-Feb-22	4-Mar-22
Total Bids (US\$ dollars)	32,792,172.96	32,773,390.85	36,033,474.97	31,158,622.32	7,633,061.96	7,616,125.91	7,711,548.81	6,097,585.39
Amount Allotted (US\$ dollars)	30,198,858.89	29,588,776.75	29,581,020.42	31,158,622.32	6,961,341.90	7,616,125.91	7,711,548.81	6,097,585.39
Highest Rate	130.00	135.00	140.00	140.00	135.00	135.00	137.00	137
Lowest Bid Rate	116.00	119.00	122.00	121	115.00	115.00	120.00	120
Lowest Bid Rate Allotted	116.00	119.00	122.00	121	115.00	115.00	120.00	120
Weighted Average Rate	118.8748	120.5174	124.0189	127.4864	118.8748	120.5174	124.0189	127.4864
Number of Bids Received	536	546	538	521	898	943	936	970
Number of Bids Rejected	85	78	53	50	100	99	97	71

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-Feb-22	18-Feb-22	25-Feb-22	4-Mar-22	11-Feb-22	18-Feb-22	25-Feb-22	4-Mar-22
Raw Materials	11,821,018.14	11,949,968.63	12,073,964.75	11,947,345.97	1,802,664.35	1,724,096.74	130,438.48	1,578,543.58
Machinery and Equipment	7,901,825.18	6,788,161.77	7,337,379.27	7,879,063.04	2,264,729.79	2,571,095.35	3,393,868.67	1,929,616.29
Consumables (Incl. Spares, Tyres, Packaging)	3,562,165.30	3,199,010.56	2,821,117.03	2,420,070.99	876,554.00	1,140,156.52	1,905,771.90	1,033,569.71
Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals	1,397,826.60	1,298,853.00	1,334,242.46	1,363,318.15	353,407.93	286,990.42	267,363.94	240,630.98
Services (Loans, Dividends and Disinvestments)	1,661,438.04	2,639,725.86	1,602,944.17	2,943,223.88	916,491.54	1,051,993.40	713,215.69	521,512.26
Retail and Distribution	3,280,283.01	2,970,176.75	3,325,877.60	3,793,314.52	568,363.12	617,456.92	559,499.28	616,198.12
Fuel, Electricity and Gas	-	113,813.32	-	-	20,620.00	31,770.53	28,752.39	27,999.04
Paper and Packaging	574,302.62	629,066.86	1,085,495.14	812,285.77	158,511.17	192,566.03	215,858.18	149,515.41
TOTAL	30,198,858.89	29,588,776.75	29,581,020.42	31,158,622.32	6,961,341.90	7,616,125.91	7,214,768.53	6,097,585.39

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022