



Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending
20th January 2023

1. INTEREST RATES

Deposit Rates

During the week ending 20th January 2023, minimum and maximum deposits rates for savings deposits and deposits of 1-month and 3-months tenor remained at previous week levels, 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 (%)
23-Dec-22	18.03	18.03	55.15	59.67	51.29	56.28
30-Dec-22	18.03	18.03	55.15	59.33	51.29	55.94
6-Jan-23	18.03	18.03	55.15	59.33	51.29	55.94
13-Jan-23	20.35	19.78	55.15	59.61	56.00	60.94
20-Jan-23	20.35	19.78	55.15	59.61	56.00	60.94

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2023

Lending Rates

Commercial bank minimum and maximum lending rates for both individual and corporate clients were unchanged during the week ending 20th January 2023, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Lending Rates (per annum)

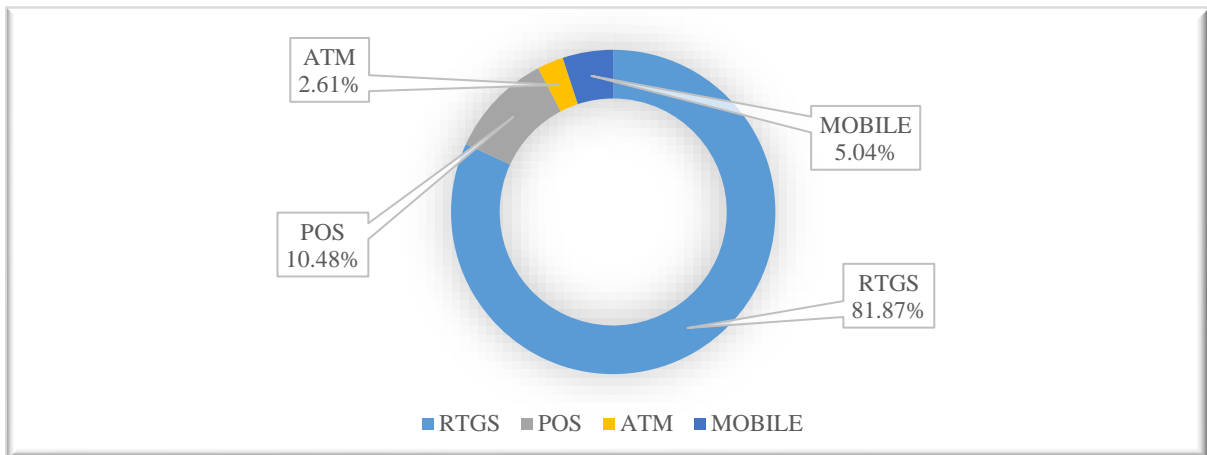
Date	Individual Clients		Corporate Clients	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
23-Dec-22	99.15	126.28	112.01	243.43
30-Dec-22	99.02	125.64	110.83	242.53
6-Jan-23	99.02	125.64	110.83	242.53
13-Jan-23	92.41	130.35	112.77	242.11
20-Jan-23	92.41	130.35	112.77	242.11

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2023

2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

The value of transactions processed through the National Payment Systems (NPS) amounted to ZW\$633.30 billion, during the week under review. This represented a decrease of 5.58%, compared to ZW\$670.76 billion worth of transactions processed in the previous week. Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions fell by 7.91% to ZW\$518.51 billion, from ZW\$563.05 billion recorded in the preceding week. In proportions, the NPS transaction values were distributed as follows: RTGS, 81.87%, POS, 10.48%; Mobile, 5.04%; and ATM, 2.61%.

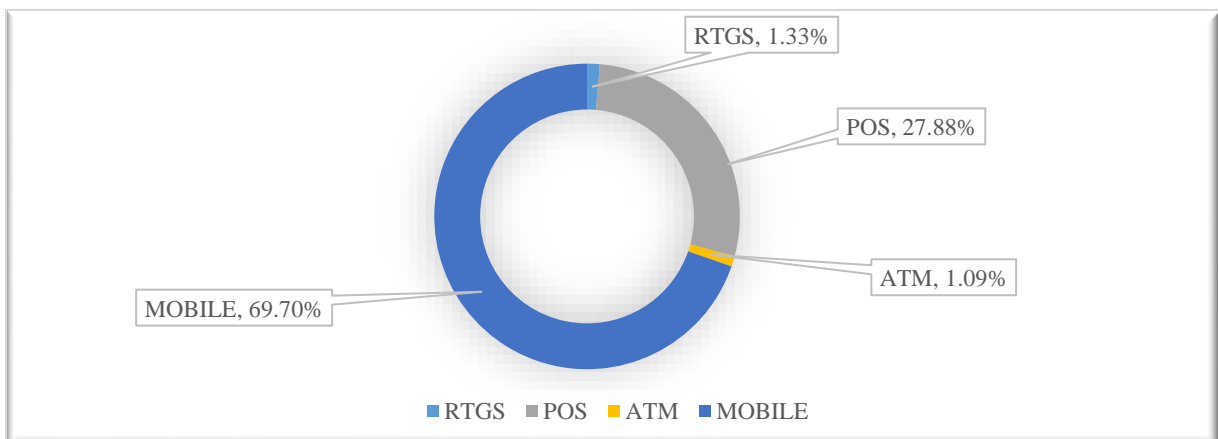
Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2023

The volume of NPS transactions increased by 1.95%, from 12.00 million in the preceding week to 12.23 million, during the week under review. Mobile based transactions continued to dominate NPS transaction volumes at 69.70% of the total, followed by POS, 27.88%; RTGS, 1.33%; and ATM, 1.09%, as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Composition of NPS Transactions in Volume Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2023

Table 3: National Payment Systems Activity

PAYMENT STREAM	WEEK ENDING 13 th January 2023	WEEK ENDING 20 th January 2023	% CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	PROPORTION %
Values in ZW\$ Millions				
RTGS	563,051.30	518,513.08	-7.91%	81.87%
POS	59,771.50	66,382.15	11.06%	10.48%
ATM	14,195.08	16,513.60	16.33%	2.61%
MOBILE	33,739.50	31,893.26	-5.47%	5.04%
TOTAL	670,757.38	633,302.10	-5.58%	100%
Volumes				
RTGS	185,626	162,254	-12.59%	1.33%
POS	2,749,179	3,409,285	24.01%	27.88%
ATM	99,860	133,352	33.54%	1.09%
MOBILE	8,961,199	8,524,436	-4.87%	69.70%
TOTAL	11,995,864	12,229,327	1.95%	100%

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2023

3. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

Average commodity prices for gold, nickel, copper and crude oil firmed, during the week ending 20th January 2022. However, platinum and palladium prices registered decreases, compared to the previous week. The commodity prices developments during the week under analysis are shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Metal and Crude Oil Prices for the week ending 20th January 2023

	Gold	Platinum	Palladium	Copper	Nickel	Crude Oil
2023	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/barrel
Weekly Average (9-13 Jan 23)	1,886.23	1,081.60	1,786.50	9,046.40	27,149.40	82.75
16-Jan-23	1,921.10	1,068.00	1,788.00	9,148.50	26,795.00	84.64
17-Jan-23	1,909.20	1,044.00	1,733.00	9,341.00	26,575.00	86.66
18-Jan-23	1,904.70	1,043.00	1,709.00	9,323.50	27,844.00	84.14
19-Jan-23	1,916.20	1,027.00	1,693.00	9,320.85	28,174.00	81.88
20-Jan-23	1,926.80	1,047.00	1,725.00	9,403.00	28,440.00	87.16
Weekly Average (16-20 Jan 23)	1,915.60	1,045.80	1,729.60	9,307.37	27,565.60	84.90
Weekly Change (%)	1.6	-3.2	-3.2	2.9	1.5	2.6

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg, 2023

Gold

During the week ending 20th January 2023, gold prices rose by 1.6%, from US\$1,886.23 per ounce in the previous week to US\$1,915.60 per ounce. The yellow metal prices firmed as cooling U.S. inflation raised hopes that the US Federal Reserve would slow down its aggressive monetary policy tightening.

Platinum

Platinum prices declined by 3.3%, from US\$1,081.60 per ounce in the prior week to US\$1,045.80 per ounce, during the week ending 20th January 2023. The decline was underpinned by sluggish demand from the automotive industries as they scaled down production, owing to the continued semi-conductor chip shortages.

Palladium

Palladium prices also declined by 3.2%, from US\$1,786.50 per ounce in the week ending 13th January 2023 to US\$1,729.60 per ounce, during the week under review. Prices slumped amid weak demand, as disruptions to the global semi-conductor industry caused supply chain shortages in the automotive industry.

Copper

Copper prices were bullish during the week under review, boosted by investor optimism in top consumer, China. This followed the relaxation of China's Zero-Covid-19 policy. In addition, a falling U.S. dollar added further support to prices of the red metal. Prices rose by 2.9%, from US\$9,046.40 per tonne in the previous week to US\$9,307.37 per tonne, during the week under review.

Nickel

Nickel prices increased by 1.5%, from US\$27,149.40 per tonne in the previous week to US\$27,565.60 per tonne, during the week under review. Prices were supported by a weaker US dollar and prospects of demand recovery in China, following the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions.

Brent Crude Oil

Brent crude oil prices rose by 2.6%, from US\$82.75 per barrel recorded in the previous week to US\$84.90 per barrel, during the week ending 20th January 2023. Prices rose on account of prospects of improved demand in China, following the relaxation of stringent Covid-19 induced restrictions.

4. EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS

Foreign Exchange Auction

On the Foreign Exchange Auction, the ZW\$/US\$ exchange rate depreciated by 3.3%, from an average of ZW\$698.5237 per US\$1 in the previous week to ZW\$721.3687 per US\$1, during the week ending 20th January 2023. The developments in selected exchange rates are shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Foreign Exchange Auction Exchange Rates¹

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
2023					
Weekly Average (9-13 Jan 23)	698.5237	41.3284	849.9034	54.7749	751.3386
16-Jan-23	705.4164	42.1941	865.0889	55.6605	766.0127
17-Jan-23	705.4164	41.4079	859.9383	55.5194	763.6154
18-Jan-23	732.0036	42.9185	898.3170	57.4273	788.5886
19-Jan-23	732.0036	42.8266	902.8576	57.8316	790.2350
20-Jan-23	732.0036	42.4628	905.5278	57.1728	792.6157
Weekly Average (16-20 Jan 23)	721.3687	42.3620	886.3459	56.7223	780.2135
Appr(-)/Depr(+) (%) of the ZWL	3.3	2.5	4.3	3.6	3.8

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2023

Interbank Market

During the reporting week, the Zimbabwe dollar (ZW\$) depreciated by 3.4% against the US dollar on the interbank market, from ZW\$707.0124 per US\$1 in the previous week to ZW\$730.7558 per US\$1, as shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Interbank Market Exchange Rates²

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
2023					
Weekly Average (9-13 Jan 23)	707.0124	41.7920	860.3121	55.4379	760.4945
16-Jan-23	714.5217	42.6439	876.3264	56.3831	775.7956
17-Jan-23	722.2308	42.3729	880.4021	56.8479	781.8204
18-Jan-23	732.0036	42.9185	898.4260	57.4298	788.7393
19-Jan-23	738.4115	43.1034	910.6499	58.3423	797.0822
20-Jan-23	746.6113	43.1965	923.5222	58.3183	808.4360
Weekly Average (16-20 Jan 23)	730.7558	42.8471	897.8653	57.4643	790.3747
Appr(-)/Depr(+) (%) of the ZWL	3.4	2.5	4.4	3.7	3.9

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2023

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

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5. EQUITY MARKETS

Zimbabwe Stock Exchange

During the week ending 20th January 2023, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) was characterised by mixed trading, with the ZSE All Share index declining by 1.44% to close at 21 665.00 points. The Top 10 and Top 15 indices declined by 3.69% and 2.89% to close at 21 665.00 points and 14 851.04 points respectively. However, the Medium and Small Cap Indices added 4.04% and 2.68% to close at 43 623.29 points and 469 419.34 points, respectively.

The decline in the mainstream index was a result of share price declines for OK Zimbabwe Limited (12.86%), First Capital Bank Limited (12.50%), First Mutual Holdings Limited (10.52%), Innscor Africa Limited (7.13%) and Dairibord Holdings Limited (6.00%). Partially offsetting the decreases were gains in share prices of Nampack Zimbabwe Limited (31.43%), Amalgamated Regional Trading (ART) Limited (28.57%), Rainbow Tourism Group Limited, (20.12%), Hippo Valley Estates Limited (19.28%) and Zimbabwe Newspapers (1980) Limited (15.21%). The resources index³, remained unchanged at 25 496.86 points, during the week under review.

Table 7: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Statistics⁴

	All Share Index Points	Top 10 index ³ (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)
16-Dec-22	15,395.20	9,047.37	9,724.88	33,726.07	440,757.50	25,487.77	1,611.60	1,223.94	12.88
23-Dec-22	17,350.85	10,704.59	11,831.11	34,786.56	450,615.30	25,487.77	1,817.21	2,672.76	143.71
30-Dec-22	19,493.85	12,311.13	13,436.28	36,642.44	452,056.95	25,487.77	2,044.87	2,086.30	182.46
6-Jan-23	21,303.44	13,619.02	14,880.57	39,041.60	454,198.51	25,466.86	2,250.89	2,194.26	25.55
13-Jan-23	21,981.41	13,860.17	15,293.15	41,929.97	457,148.25	25,496.86	2,356.79	2,269.90	24.44
20-Jan-23	21,665.00	13,349.26	14,851.04	43,623.29	469,419.34	25,496.86	2,341.88	3,088.23	18.99
% Change	-1.44	-3.69	-2.89	4.04	2.68	0.00	-0.63	36.05	-22.29

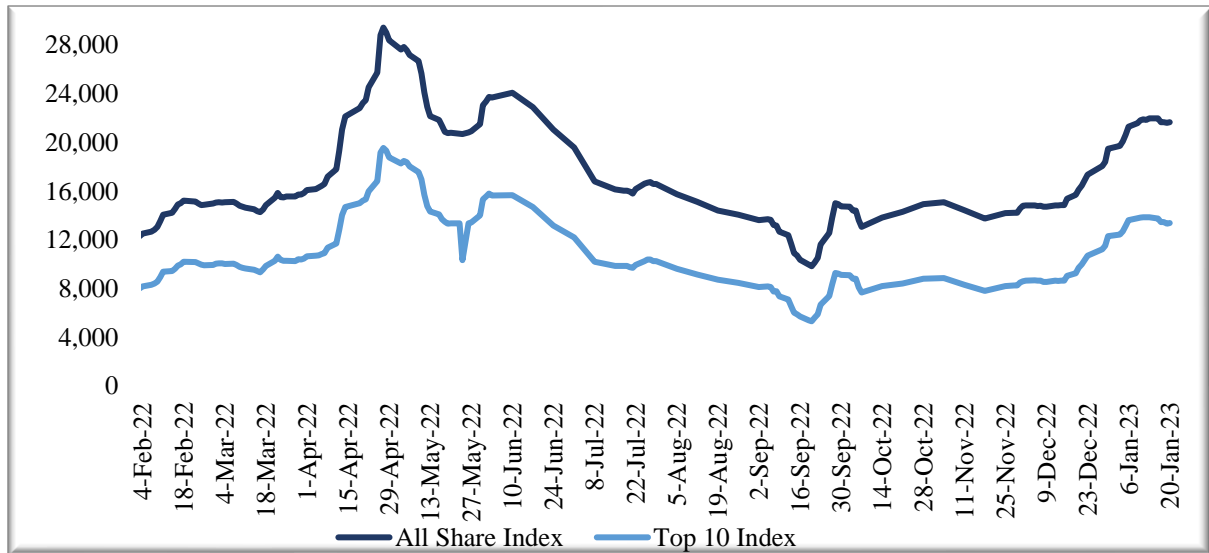
Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2023

³ Resource Index – Comprise RioZim Limited Share Price

⁴ 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 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 4th February 2022 to 20th January 2023.

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

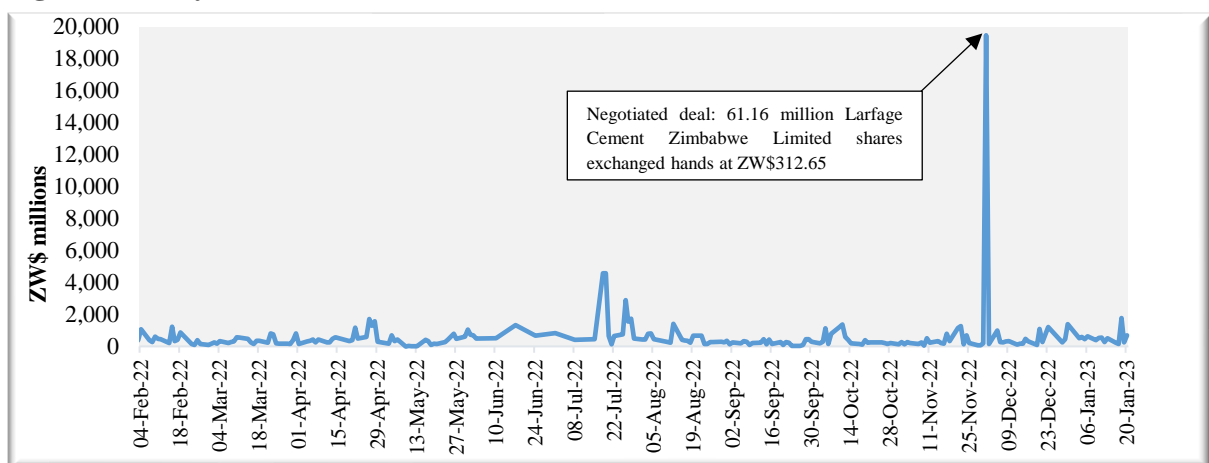


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2023

Market Turnover and Volume

During the week under analysis, the cumulative value of shares traded on the ZSE increased by 36.05%, from ZW2.27 billion in the previous week to ZW3.09 billion. The cumulative volume of shares traded declined by 22.29% to 18.99 million shares during the week under review, from 24.44 million reported in the preceding week. Figure 4 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 4th February 2022 to 20th January 2023.

Figure 4: Daily Market Turnover



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2023

Market Capitalization

Market capitalisation for the local bourse declined by 0.63%, from ZW\$2,356.79 billion in the preceding week to ZW2, 341.88 billion, during the week ending 20th January 2023. Figure 5 shows the evolution of the ZSE market capitalization for the period from 4th February 2022 to 20th January 2023.

Figure 5: Daily Market Capitalization in ZW\$ billions

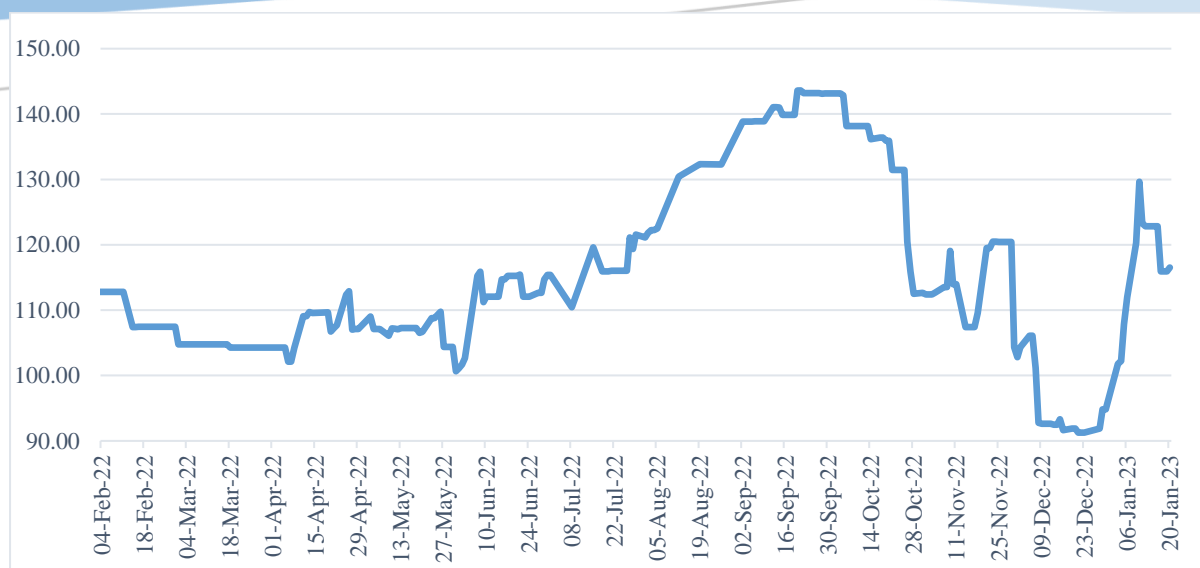


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2023

Victoria Falls Stock Exchange

The Victoria Falls Stock Exchange (VFEX) was characterised by negative trading during the week ending 20th January 2023. As a result, the VFEX All Share index shed 5.15% to close at 116.52 points. The cumulative volume of shares traded on the VFEX declined by 53.01% to 0.30 million shares, during the week under review. In concomitance, the value of shares traded also declined by 36.10% to USD0.14 million, during the same week. VFEX market capitalization stood at US\$0.66 billion, a decline of 5.15% or US\$0.04 billion, from US\$0.70 billion recorded in the previous week. Figure 6 shows the trend in the VFEX All Share Index (ASI) for the period from 4th February 2022 to 20th January 2023.

Figure 6: Victoria Falls Stock Exchange All Share Index



Source: Victoria Falls Stock Exchange, 2023

Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Developments

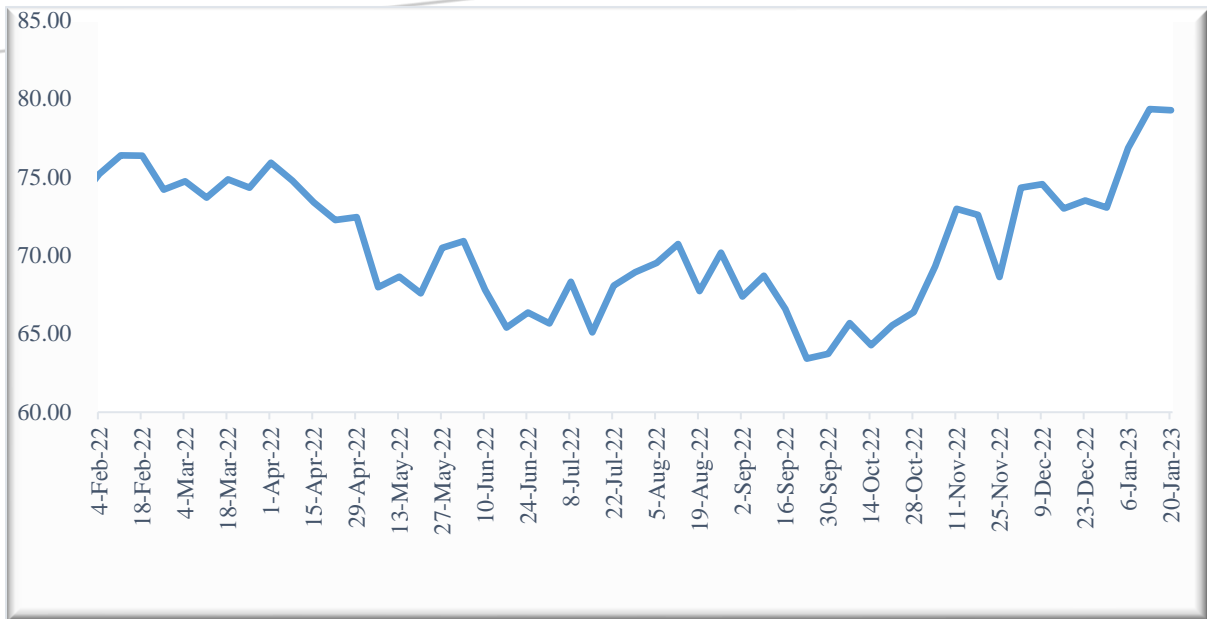
The Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All Share Index marginally declined from 79,333.72 points in the previous week to close at 79,269.77 points, during the week ending 20th January 2023. However, JSE market capitalization rose by 0.61% to ZAR23.02 trillion, during the same week.

Table 8: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Statistics

Period	All Share Index	Market Capitalization
	(points)	(ZAR trillions)
16-Dec-22	72,989.34	21.60
23-Dec-22	73,493.47	21.45
30-Dec-22	73,048.57	21.34
6-Jan-23	76,858.94	22.30
13-Jan-23	79,333.72	22.88
20-Jan-23	79,269.77	23.02
% Change	-0.08	0.61

Source: <https://www.jse.co.za/services/market-data/market-statistics>, 2023

Figure 7: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All Share Index



Source: <https://www.jse.co.za/services/market-data/market-statistics,2023>

RESERVE BANK OF ZIMBABWE

APPENDIX 1: FOREIGN EXCHANGE AUCTION RESULTS FOR MAINFX⁵ AND SMEFX⁶

	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	9-Dec-22	16-Dec-22	13-Jan-23	20-Jan-23	9-Dec-22	16-Dec-22	13-Jan-23	20-Jan-23
Total Bids (US\$ dollars)	11,611,744.04	14,788,371.00	13,142,117.05	14,856,242.12	1,314,538.84	1,643,791.52	1,001,434.07	2,316,967.40
Amount Allotted (US\$ dollars)	10,266,799.53	14,031,231.84	10,019,285.89	12,722,908.28	1,284,863.86	1,451,144.38	786,897.36	1,748,201.30
Highest Rate	678	690	740	765	675	690	740	790
Lowest Bid Rate	655	665	690	711	655	665	690	711
Lowest Bid Rate Allotted	655	665	690	711	655	665	690	711
Weighted Average Rate	661.5605	671.4466	705.4164	732.0036	661.5605	671.4466	705.4164	732.0036
Number of Bids Received	90	116	84	144	132	161	94	219
Number of Bids Rejected	3	5	1	5	4	4	9	3

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2023

*The first foreign currency auction for 2023 commenced on the 10th of January 2023. The last foreign currency auction for 2022 was on the 13th of December 2022.

⁵ Main Foreign Currency Auction

⁶ Small and Medium Enterprises Foreign Currency Auction

APPENDIX 2: SUMMARY OF FOREIGN CURRENCY AUCTION ALLOTMENTS BY PURPOSE

Purpose	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	9-Dec-22	16-Dec-22	13-Jan-23	20-Jan-23	9-Dec-22	16-Dec-22	13-Jan-23	20-Jan-23
Raw Materials	5,632,710.55	7,415,722.05	6,210,826.16	7,938,975.10	495,619.80	440,768.32	275,169.00	564,441.68
Machinery and Equipment	1,178,715.22	1,939,871.65	1,016,411.13	942,396.26	388,883.96	474,206.09	213,566.73	492,153.71
Consumables (Incl. Spares, Tyres, Packaging)	897,668.55	1,153,586.05	758,083.32	1,067,946.54	123,572.10	151,600.13	111,608.86	201,458.74
Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals	400,182.54	408,105.38	268,376.78	245,892.58	36,526.82	88,011.65	53,011.46	60,389.18
Services (Loans, Dividends and Disinvestments)	1,629,195.33	1,845,029.69	777,633.67	1,076,085.87	101,699.68	162,305.52	37,202.81	217,663.38
Retail and Distribution	113,162.79	622,726.66	680,217.56	1,019,584.66	422,273.40	103,189.74	42,686.30	155,338.54
Fuel, Electricity and Gas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paper and Packaging	106,053.94	646,190.36	307,737.27	432,027.27	25,398.71	31,062.93	53,652.20	56,756.07
TOTAL	10,266,799.53	14,031,231.84	10,019,285.89	12,722,908.28	1,284,863.86	1,451,144.38	786,897.36	1,748,201.30

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2023

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