

## ZSE falls as Finance Minister suspends fungibility ...

	Previous	Current	Change	%Change	YTD %
<b>All share</b>	522.20	484.37	37.8251	7.24	110.52
<b>Industrial</b>	1,726.12	1,604.13	121.9897	7.07	109.32
<b>Mining</b>	932.07	799.36	132.7027	14.24	152.44
<b>Top 10</b>	445.76	402.83	42.9284	9.63	98.75

The weight of an uncertain regulatory framework dampened the market in the week under review after investors woke up to a decree from the Minister of Finance suspending fungibility on three of the most active dually listed stocks Old Mutual, SeedCo International and PPC. The move had an immediate impact of reducing demand for the three stocks and with them dragged the rest of the market into the red. A late rebound in selected stocks could not suffice to drag the market from the losses resulting in all four indices we track closing lower. The primary All Share Index retreated 7.24% and ended at 484.37pts while, the ZSE Top Ten Index shed 9.63% and ended at 402.83pts. Meanwhile, the Industrial and Mining Indices were in respective losses of 7.07% and 14.24% as they ended at 1604.13pts and 799.36pts in that order. It was a double edged sword for investors as the local currency immediately lost ground after the new Reuters based forex trading platform went live with the ZWL slipping to an overage 1:25 against the USD, though this still trailed the parallel market rates which were reported at as high as 1:46.

RISERS	PRICE	% Change
<b>ZPI.ZW</b>	0.1600	52.38
<b>FBC.ZW</b>	1.2125	20.79
<b>FML.ZW</b>	1.0725	18.93
<b>NPKZ.ZW</b>	1.0000	11.11
<b>MASH.ZW</b>	0.2075	6.41
<b>GBZW.ZW</b>	0.1500	4.17
<b>ARIS.ZW</b>	0.6053	3.24
<b>CBZ.ZW</b>	1.5225	1.50
<b>SCIL.ZW</b>	5.0100	0.92
<b>SACL.ZW</b>	0.0800	0.76

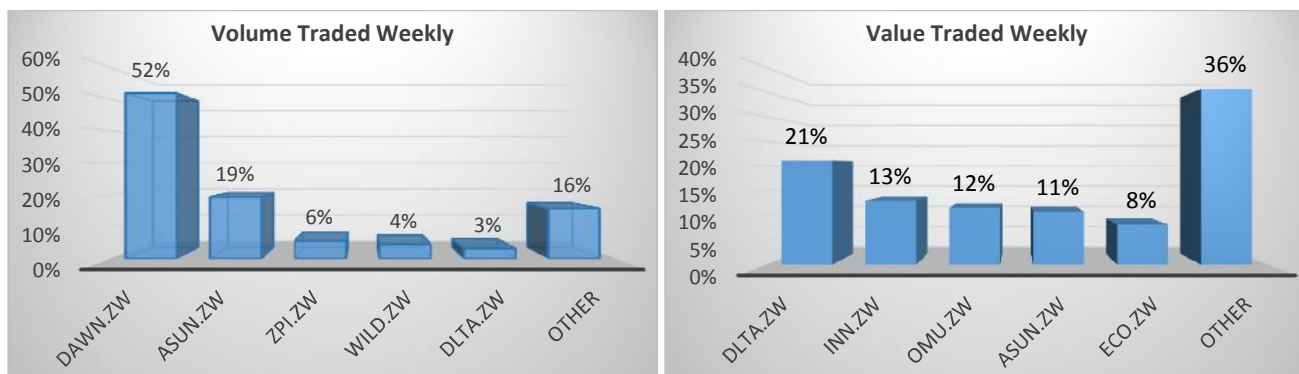
Bears reared their heads on the bourse resulting in the market closing with twenty-five fallers against thirteen risers to set a negative market breadth. The dually listed duo of PPC and Old Mutual were down 17.24% and 14.50% in the wake of the minister's decree ending pegged at \$4.6000 and \$45.5000 respectively. Market losses were however led by ART which succumbed 40.28% and closed the week at \$0.4300 with apparel retailers Edgars following having shed 24% and closing at \$0.3800.

FALLERS	PRICE	% Change
<b>ARTD.ZW</b>	0.4300	40.28
<b>EDGR.ZW</b>	0.3800	24.00
<b>TURN.ZW</b>	0.1200	20.00
<b>MEIK.ZW</b>	7.8500	19.30
<b>WILD.ZW</b>	0.0614	18.13
<b>PPC.ZW</b>	4.6000	17.24
<b>RIOZ.ZW</b>	6.1200	16.62
<b>PWS.ZW</b>	0.3500	14.63
<b>OMU.ZW</b>	45.5000	14.50
<b>ECO.ZW</b>	2.6005	14.02

Construction products manufacturers Turnall were down 20% and closed at \$0.1200 while, Meikles retreated 19.30% and closed at \$7.8500. Brick manufacturers Willdale succumbed 18.13% and ended at \$0.0614. Mining house RioZim declined 16.62% and ended the week trading at \$6.1200, where demand could be established while, hardware retail group Powerspeed dropped 14.63% and closed at \$0.3500. Capping the top ten fallers of the week was Econet with a 14.02% drop that took it to \$2.6005.

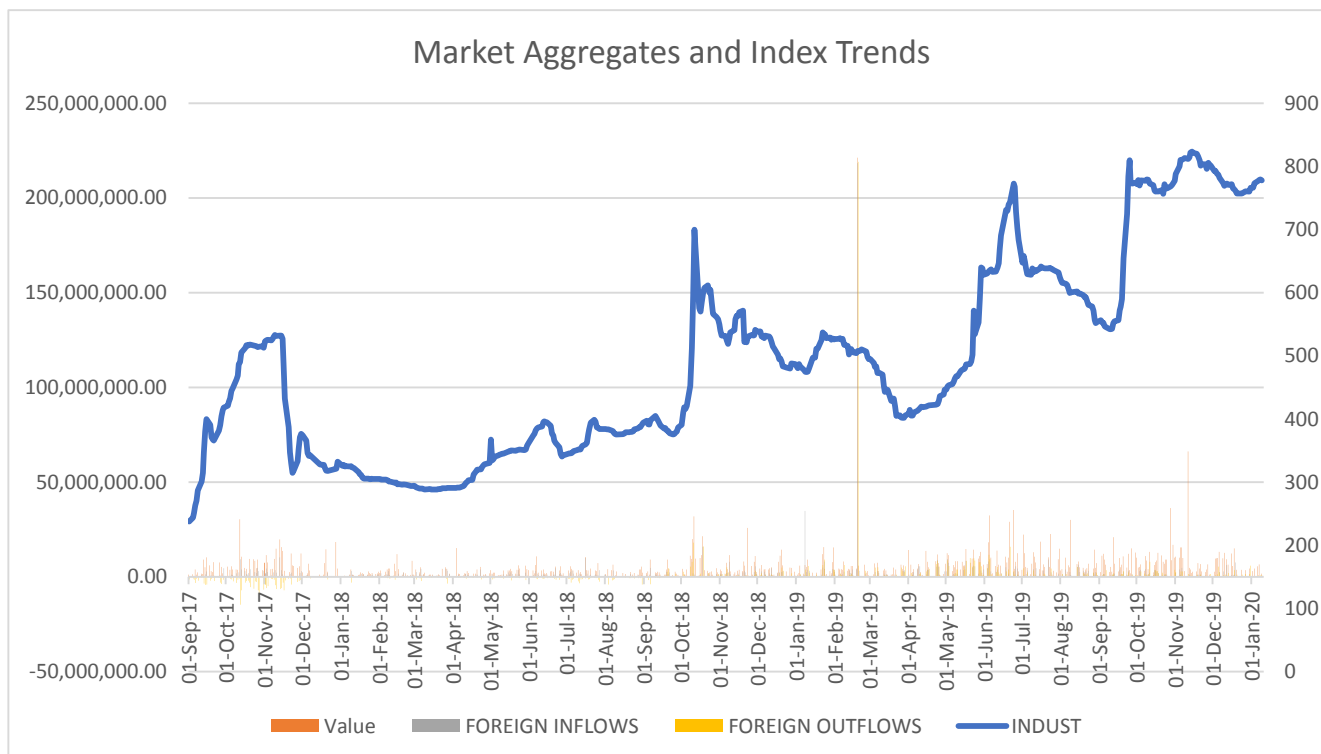
Loss mitigation was headlined by property group ZPI which charged 52.38% to \$0.1600 while, banking group FBC followed on a 20.79% rise to \$1.2125. FML added 18.93% and closed at \$1.0725 as Nampak was up 11.11% at \$1.0000. Other notable gainers for the week were Mash +6.41% and Ariston +3.24%.

## Mixed market aggregates as spend declines ...



	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
<b>Values</b>	136,005,993.24	87,535,471.99	48,470,521.25	35.64
<b>Volumes</b>	43,378,543	91,357,800	47,979,257	110.61

The weekly market aggregates reflected a mixed outcome as the market spend fell 35.64% to ZWL \$ 87.54m while, volumes exchanged more than doubled to 91.36m up 110%. The top value drivers for the week were Delta 21%, Innscor 13% and Old Mutual 12%. The market volumes were anchored by Dawn Properties, African Sun and ZPI that accounted for a combined 77% of the total.



**In the News**

BRICK manufacturer, Willdale Limited chief executive Nyasha Matonda says inflation and the depreciating Zimbabwe dollar negatively affected the company's operating environment in the five months ended February 2020. <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2020/03/willdale-bemoans-rising-inflation-depreciating-zimdollar/>

THE Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency (ZimStat) has reported an annual inflation rate of 540,16% as of last month due to the continued depreciation of the Zimbabwe dollar (ZWL). <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2020/03/annual-inflation-hits-540/>

Local businesses continue to feel the strain of the present economic environment, with African Distillers Limited (Afdis), recording a 35 percent decline in total volumes for the half year to December 31, 2019 compared to same period in the prior year, as consumer demand wanes. <https://www.herald.co.zw/afdis-volumes-slide/>

Cement maker, PPC Zimbabwe volumes for the 11 months to February 2020, weakened by 15 percent to 20 percent compared to same period last year, reflective of the general economic environment in the country. <https://www.herald.co.zw/ppc-volumes-down-15-percent/>

The share price of dually listed entity, Old Mutual Limited, fell by 19,91 percent on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange yesterday in the wake of Government's decision to suspend the share's fungibility status for the next 12 months to March 12, 2021. <https://www.herald.co.zw/old-mutual-share-price-drops/>

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