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Q2 -2023 CAPITAL MARKET SYNOPSIS

1. Introduction

The Capital market sector remains strong as at 30 June 2023, as measured by Securities Market Intermediaries' (SMIs) ability to maintain adequate capital and fair profitability. During the second quarter of 2023, two (2) new Collective Investments Schemes (CIS) were licensed, bringing the total number of licensed CIS to eighty-one (81) up from seventy-nine (79) as at 31 March 2023. In other licensing categories, there was one (1) new Securities Investment Management Company, one (1) new Trustee Services Company and one (1) new securities investment advisory firm that were licensed during the quarter. Two (2) securities investment Advisory companies voluntarily surrendered their licences. A summary of the total number of licensed and registered Securities Market Intermediaries as at 30 June 2023 is shown in table 1.

Table 1: Licensed and Registered Securities Market Intermediaries.

Licence Category	Q 1 2022	Q 2 2022	Q 3 2022	Q 4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023
Dealing firms	20	21	21	21	21	21
Investment advisors	55	56	58	63	63	62
Investment managers	25	28	30	30	30	31
Securities exchanges	3	3	4	4	4	4
CSDs	2	2	2	2	2	2
Trustees	4	4	4	4	4	5
Custodians	5	6	6	6	6	6
Transfer secretaries	3	3	3	3	3	3
Total SMIs	117	123	128	133	133	134
Total CIS	61	63	64	64	79	81
GRAND TOTAL (SMIs & CIS)	178	186	192	197	212	215
Unit Holders	78,099	78,965	80,276	80,938	81,115	81,699

2. SECURITIES MARKET PERFORMANCE

The total turnover for both the equities and exchange traded funds (ETFs) on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) amounted to ZWL\$135.78 billion and ZWL\$493 million respectively for the quarter ended 30 June 2023. Real estate investment trusts (REITs) recorded a total turnover of ZWL\$1.11 billion on the ZSE. Financial Securities Exchange (FINSEC) recorded a total of ZWL\$162,05 billion worth of trades whilst, Victoria Falls Exchange (VFEX) recorded US\$6.61 million from 2,230 trades that went through the foreign currency denominated exchange for the quarter ended 30 June 2023. **Table 2** shows the turnover statistics.

Table 2: Turnover Statistics

	ZSE Equities	ZSE ETFs	FINSEC	VFEX	REITs
Total Traded Value	ZWL 135,780,226,751	ZWL 492,995,299	ZWL 341,147,461	US\$ 6,609,303	ZWL\$ 1,109,669,834
Total Traded Volume	473,152,771	68,708,551	577,092	11,956,198	10,778,834
Number of Trades	12,431	2,006		2,230	636

2.1. Market Capitalisation

The ZSE gained 314% for the quarter ended 30 June 2023 with a market capitalization of ZWL\$13.99 trillion from ZWL\$3.38 trillion as at 31 March 2023. The FINSEC Alternative Trading platform's market capitalisation closed at ZWL162.05 billion from ZWL14.44 billion, a 1,022% quarter on quarter increase. The VFEX market capitalization went up by 29.44% to US\$1.29billion from US\$992.88 million as at 31 March 2023. During the period ending 30 June 2023, there was listing of 3 additional issuers on VFEX, namely African Sun, First Capital Bank and West Properties.

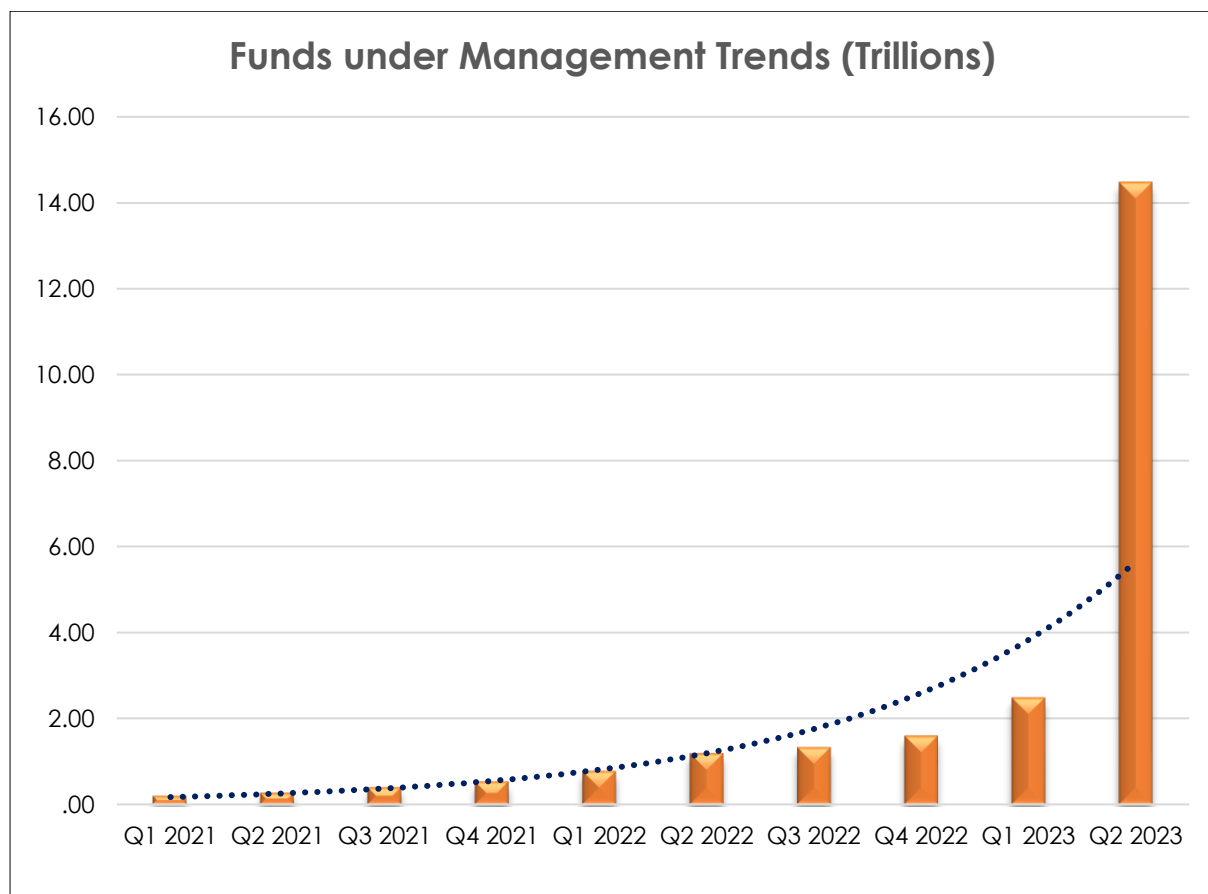
2.2. All Share Index

The ZSE All-Share index was reported at 171,408.90 points up 344% as at 30 June 2023 from 38,568.48 points as at 31 March 2023. The VFEX reported bearish sentiments as shown by a quarter-on-quarter decrease of 17% from 91.76 points to 76.17 points as at 30 June 2023.

3. INVESTMENT/ASSET MANAGERS PERFORMANCE

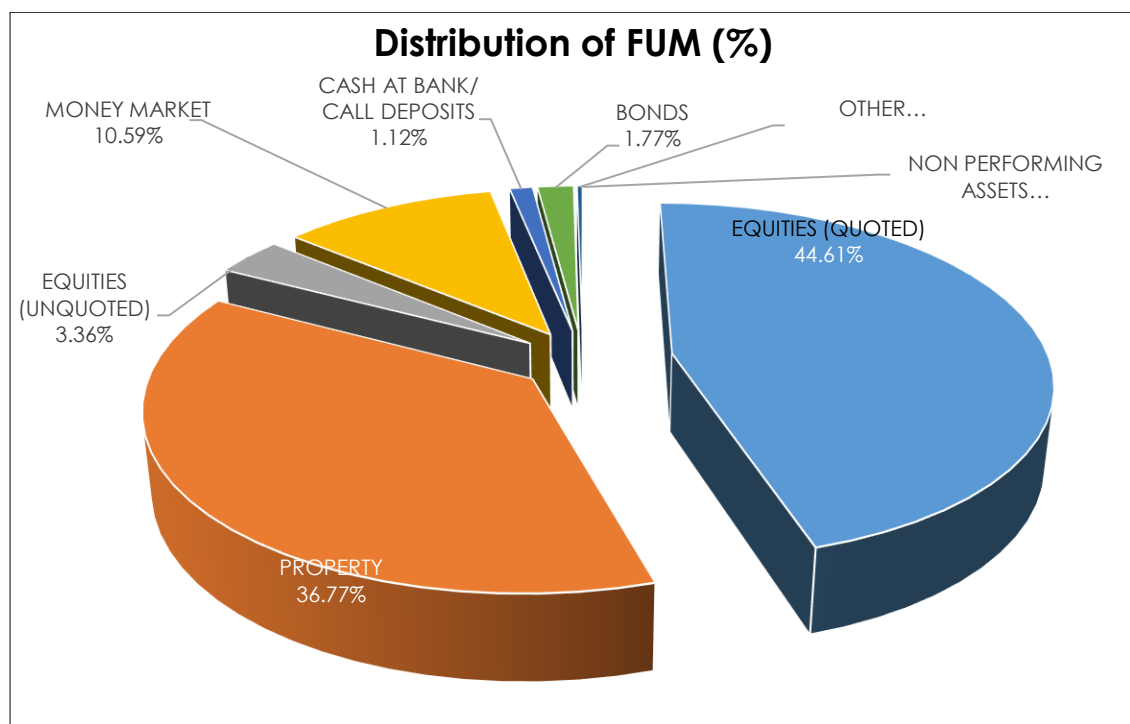
The Funds Under Management (FUM) as at 30 June 2023 were ZWL14.13 trillion, representing a 472% increase from ZWL2.42 trillion reported as at 31 March 2023. The industry FUM average for the period ended 30 June 2023 stood at ZWL565 billion. The year-on-year comparison shows a 1,066% increase in FUM from ZWL1.21 trillion reported as at 30 June 2022.

Figure 1: FUM Trend



The sector's exposure to the stock market declined to 44.61% from 54% recorded in March 2023. However, sector exposure to property increased to 36.77% from 34.27% recorded in March 2023. There was also a marked increase in money market investments from 4.68% recorded in March 2023 to 10.59% recorded as at 30 June 2023. Increase in exposure to property and money market is largely attributable to divestment in equities. Private equity, cash/call deposits and bonds all account for the remaining 8.03% investment exposures for the asset management industry. Figure 2 shows the FUM distribution.

Figure 2: Distribution of Funds under Management as at 30 June 2023



4. COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES INDUSTRY

As at 30 June 2023, the number of active registered collective investment schemes stood at fifty-one (51), dormant collective investment schemes stood at seventeen (17) and eleven (11) registered CIS were not yet operational. Two (2) new CIS were licensed during the quarter under review. The number of unitholders increased to 81,699 from 81,115 recorded in the previous quarter. Table 3 shows a breakdown of the active CIS funds by type.

Table 3: Collective Investment Schemes Type & number of unitholders

CIS TYPE	NUMBER OF FUNDS	NUMBER OF UNITHOLDERS PER CIS TYPE
Equity	19	42,978
Money Market	12	26,173
Hybrid	6	6,995
Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)	5	3,956
Property	3	777
Bond	2	167
Gold Funds	2	142
Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)	1	475
Livestock backed Unit Trust	1	36
TOTAL	51	81,699

3.1 Collective Investment Schemes Funds Under Management

Collective Investment Schemes Funds Under Management increased by 453% from ZWL63 billion as at 31 March 2023 to ZWL349 billion as at 30 June 2023. The increase was attributable to the inflationary impact on underlying investments, particularly equities. The total funds under management for the five (5) CIS funds which are denominated in USD amounted to USD14.3 million.

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5. Performance of SMIs

5.1. Securities Market Infrastructures

Two (2) Securities Market Infrastructures i.e. FINSEC and VFEX were adequately capitalised as at 30 June 2023. Their overall rating was considered **Fair**.

Table 4 Capital Adequacy for Securities Market Infrastructures

	ZSE	FINSEC	CDC	VFEX
Assessment Metric	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Earnings	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
Capital	Weak	Fair	Weak	Fair
Overall Rating	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair

5.2. Securities Dealing Firms

Earnings for the industry were rated **Fair** for the quarter ended 30 June 2023. Overall profitability increased from ZWL 510 million to ZWL 8.9 billion (1627%), for the three months ended 30 June 2023. The industry's capital adequacy was rated **Satisfactory** for the period under review.

Table 5: Securities Dealing Firms Capital Adequacy as at 30 June 2023

Name of Institution	Adjusted Liquid Capital	Total Requirement	CAR (Q2-2023)	CAR Q1-2023
ABC Securities	2,614,453,135	1,392,104,889	1.88	1.87
Akribos Securities	359,554,154	318,949,939	1.13	1.41
Bethel Securities	25,787,598	20,719,353	1.24	1.32
EFE Securities	210,753,295	210,307,102	1.00	0.99
FBC Securities	1,404,332,105	1,212,079,545	1.16	0.65
Fincent Securities	20,060,858	17,944,691	1.12	4.30
IH Securities	741,534,605	431,752,382	1.72	1.70
Imara Securities	902,778,063	671,307,117	1.34	1.64
Ingenium Capital	379,421,323	332,192,775	1.14	1.06
Invictus Securities	339,363,604	183,466,716	1.85	1.01
Jemina Capital	246,328,262	512,334,360	0.48	1.20
L/Edwards Securities	491,961,223	293,362,766	1.68	1.41
MAST Stockbrokers	44,318,923	44,240,241	1.00	2.14
MMC Capital	823,379,217	304,902,880	2.70	5.43
Morgan & Co	1,028,273,225	159,760,051	6.44	1.11
Old Mutual Securities	511,079,812	378,668,998	1.35	0.98
Platinum Securities	625,539,920	474,996,461	1.32	1.09
Remo Securities	3,954,416	10,122,111	0.39	0.28

Sigma Capital	19,764,374	65,981,570	0.30	1.31
S/Trust Securities	89,405,731	22,961,804	3.89	3.34
Wealth Access	84,405,400	112,855,567	0.75	1.02
Total	10,966,449,243	7,171,011,317		
Average	522,211,869	341,476,729	1.61	1.68

5.3. Securities Investment Managers

The asset management sector earnings were rated **Satisfactory** for the period under review. The industry total and average operating profit for the quarter amounted to ZWL83.7 billion and ZWL3.3 billion respectively. Total operating profit for the industry increased by 1341% from ZWL5.8 billion recorded as at 31 March 2023. Twenty (20) out of twenty-five (25) asset managers reported operating profits whilst five (5) entities recorded losses. The sector's capital was rated **Fair**.

Table 6: Capital Adequacy Status for Investment Management Firms as at 30 June 2023

Name of Institution	Adjusted Liquid Capital	Total Requirement	CAR
ABC Asset Management	31,807,861,940	10,977,076,041	2.90
Akribos Asset Management	117,671,770	392,723,104	0.30
Alpha Asset Management	1,722,142,606	1,518,523,940	1.13
Bard Santner Asset Management	832,365,636	34,148,422	24.37
Cass Saddle	-11,711,668	38,016,388	-0.31
CBZ Asset Management t/a Datvest	10,693,956,734	4,376,996,361	2.44
Cornerstone (previously Atria)	19,928,572	230,981,369	0.09
Equivest Asset Management	9,736,847,311	4,008,678,377	2.43
Fidelity Life Asset Management	2,464,636,957	1,011,379,319	2.44
First Mutual Wealth	2,236,638,256	1,393,075,170	1.61
Imara Asset Management	918,589,671	855,341,593	1.07
Invesci Asset Management	7,168,405,710	3,089,861,975	2.32
MHMK Capital	669,958,141	521,084,664	1.29
Nurture Asset Management	52,446,313	47,254,058	1.11
Nyaradzo Asset Management	-32,276,831	130,051,056	-0.25
Old Mutual Investments Group	10,076,852,491	8,376,043,317	1.20
Platinum Investment Managers	7,627,835,939	1,552,495,440	4.91

Purpose Asset Management	182,642,863	114,130,497	1.60
QuantAfrica Asset Management	334,049,229	139,491,393	2.39
Silverback	85,325,869	32,018,465	2.66
Smartvest Investment Managers	577,638,416	557,581,010	1.04
Terrace Africa	218,769,484	129,739,838	1.69
TNAM Asset Management	2,673,224,747	663,651,155	4.03
Wealth Access	42,879,445	28,493,256	1.50
Zimnat Asset Management	1161580782	548968107.5	2.12
TOTAL	91,378,260,385	40,767,804,313	
AVERAGE	3,655,130,415	1,630,712,173	2.64

6. Custodians

The custodial services business, which is primarily carried out by registered banks namely, CABS, CBZ, FBC, StanChart, Stanbic, and ZB, held assets on behalf of clients worth ZWL10.9 trillion representing a 374% quarter-on-quarter increase from ZWL2.36 trillion reported on 31 March 2023. Local clients accounted for 89.18% of AUC whilst foreign clients accounted for 10.82% of total AUC. Comparatively, local clients accounted for 80.14% in the first quarter of 2023, whilst foreign clients accounted for 19.86% of total AUC.

7. Transfer Secretaries

As at 30 June 2023, the total value of securities administered by the transfer secretaries amounted to ZWL9.4 trillion and US\$458 million. First Transfer Secretaries with 73.5% commands the highest market share in the industry followed by ZB Transfer Secretaries with 15.8% and Corpserve Registrars with 10.6%. The sector's earnings were rated **Strong**. The sector reported average revenue of ZWL5.72 billion against average operating expenditure of ZWL830 million. The total industry profit for the period was ZWL4.89 billion averaging ZWL1.9 billion with all the firms reporting positive earnings. The sector's capital rating was rated **Strong**, with all three (3) Transfer Secretaries adequately capitalised.

Table 7: Capital Adequacy Status for Transfer Secretaries as at 30 June 2023

	Shareholders' Funds	Total Assets	Minimum Requirement
Corpserve	2,643,112,627	2,897,581,571	860,850,000
First Transfer Secretaries	923,926,432	1,412,359,134	860,850,000
ZB Transfer Secretaries	1,989,749,921	2,422,809,910	860,850,000
Average	1,852,262,993	2,244,250,205	860,850,000

8. AML/CFT/CPF Ratings

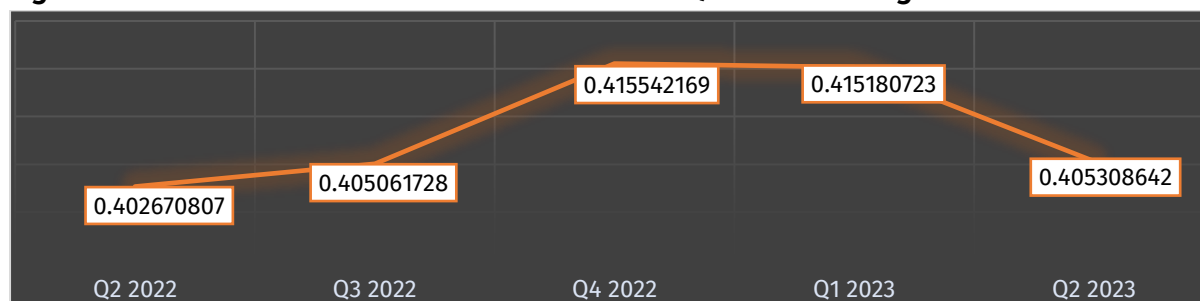
For the quarter ended June 30, 2023, the Commission received and assessed returns for ML, and TF risks from 30 Securities Investment Management firms, 21 Securities Dealing Firms, 6 Securities Custodians, and 3 Securities Exchanges. No Suspicious transactions were recorded across the sector during the quarter. Table 8 summaries the securities sector's ML, and TF assessments results for the second quarter of 2023.

Table 8: Overall ML and TF Assessment Results for the Second Quarter of 2023

CATEGORY	RATING	SCORE	WEIGHTING	OVERALL
Securities Investment Managers	MEDIUM	0.41	0.25	0.10
Securities Dealing Firms	MEDIUM-LOW	0.39	0.24	0.09
Securities Custodians	MEDIUM	0.40	0.25	0.10
Securities Exchanges	MEDIUM	0.42	0.26	0.11
OVERALL			MEDIUM	0.40

The securities sector's overall rating remains **medium**, with a risk score of **0.40** for the quarter ended 30 June 2023, the same risk score as reported for the quarter ended 30 June 2022. According to the quarterly offsite monitoring assessment, the overall ML, and TF risks for all supervised securities market intermediaries were rated **medium-low** to **medium**. Figure 3 shows the trend between the two second quarters.

Figure 3: Year-on-Year trend on Securities Sector ML/TF Risk Scoring



9. New Licensees

Table 9 lists new licensees as at 30 June 2023

Table 9: New Licensees

Securities Investment Managers	Sublime Asset Management (Private) Limited
Securities Investment Advisory	Ingenium Advisory Services (Private) Limited
Securities Trustees Services	Baker Tilly Trustee Services (Private) Limited

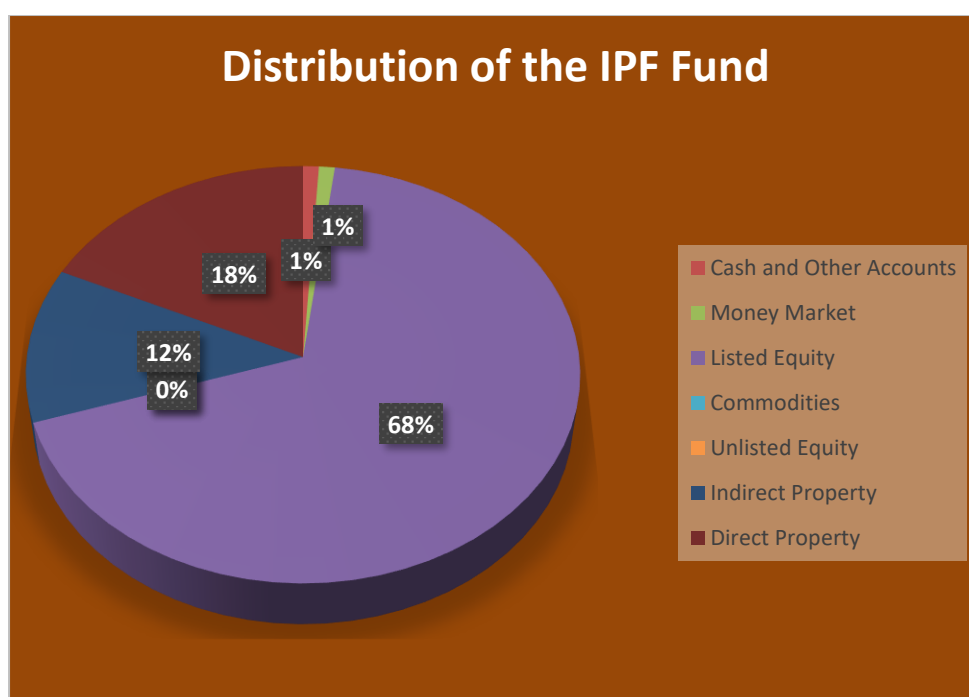
10. Unclaimed Shares

The unclaimed shares portfolio valuation as at 30 June 2023 stood at ZWL\$18,595,126,216 and US\$635,780. However, SECZim is awaiting responses from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development on the drafted Statutory Instrument to incentivize and encourage investor claims on their shares. The project includes removal of statutory fees upon an investor coming forward to claim their shares and trade them through the market. During the quarter under review, twelve (12) investors claimed their shares from the IPF.

11. Investor Protection Fund

The Investor Protection Fund grew by 341.88% to ZWL\$21.92 billion from ZWL\$4.11 billion recorded in the prior quarter ending 31 March 2023. This was largely driven by investment gains from listed equities and property revaluation.

Figure 4: Distribution of the IPF Fund



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Overview of the Zimbabwe Mercantile Exchange

The Zimbabwe Mercantile Exchange Private Limited (ZMX) maintains an Electronic Warehouse Receipt System and a Commodities Trade Platform to facilitate safe, secure, and convenient commodity trading and financing. The purpose of the Commodity Exchange is to provide over 1.5 million Zimbabwean farmers with access to markets and to reduce the logistical load of acquiring agricultural commodities encountered by various manufacturers, processors, and enterprises. In simple terms, the exchange functions as follows: commodities holders (typically farmers) deliver commodities to a ZMX registered warehouse, the warehouse then certifies the commodities and issues a physical and electronic Warehouse Receipt to the farmer who can then use the receipt as collateral, a delivery mechanism for an outright sell of the commodities or as a delivery mechanism for a financial instrument (such as a futures contract).

The Government, through the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water, and Rural Development is partnering ZMX in bringing the much needed predictability and efficiency in the provision of agricultural commodity markets, in a bid to improve the livelihoods of citizens' dependent on agriculture, at the same time contributing immensely to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals and vision 2030. The market linkages initiatives will go a long way in promoting agriculture based enterprises scale up their services through access to new technologies and providing access to sustainable output markets.

Legal Framework

The Zimbabwe Mercantile Exchange is primarily governed by the Agricultural Marketing Authority Statutory instrument 188 of 2021, while the Warehouse Receipt System is governed by Warehouse Receipt Act of 2006. The Acts provide for the establishment, regulation, and supervision of commodity exchanges in the country. The legal framework for a commodity exchange in Zimbabwe is designed to promote transparency, fairness, and

efficiency in the trading of commodities, while protecting the interests of all stakeholders. By complying with the provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and other relevant laws and regulations, the Zimbabwe Mercantile Exchange provides a valuable platform for producers, traders, and consumers to buy and sell commodities in a safe, secure, and regulated environment.

The Warehouse Receipt System

The country has for long been battling with post-harvest storage losses, amounting to up to 40% of the total production. ZMX is bringing solutions to commodity storage and efficient warehouse storage facilities. The Warehouse Receipt System is essentially a network of certified warehouses that take commodity deposits and issue Warehouse Receipts that serve as proof of title to a specified quantity and quality of a commodity. The Warehouse Receipt System (WRS) instrument has shown to be one of the most essential tools in the opening of commodities markets and the gradual liberalization of trade by reducing uncertainty and improving efficiency. The Warehouse Receipt System ensures the proper storage of goods by protecting parties from the danger of receiving the incorrect quantity, quality, or delivery location.

To meet the needs of the numerous commodities traded and financed on the exchange, ZMX maintains a network of certified warehouses throughout Zimbabwe that serve as distribution hubs for the platform. Before being licensed for the storage and processing of goods, each of these ZMX-approved warehouses had to satisfy stringent standards. The requirements of certification include insurance for the goods housed, frequent fumigation, stock management, risk management, auditing, and guaranteed, dependable security around the warehouse, all of which are intended to provide our clients with peace of mind.

The ZMX Auction

The ZMX auction is a weekly online event that takes place every Wednesday, running from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The auction features a variety of agricultural commodities, including maize, soya bean, sunflower, wheat, sorghum, red sorghum, and wheat. Below is a breakdown of how the auction operates;

1. The farmer books a delivery to the nearest certified warehouse.
2. Once the commodity is inspected, weighed and graded, a Warehouse Receipt is issued in the name of the farmer showing the tonnage, grade and farmers details. The receipt is issued electronically to the farmer on their mobile phone.
3. If the farmer wishes to sell, all the above processes should be done by every Tuesday.
4. On Wednesday morning the farmer can then place their sell order on the ZMX platform indicating their preferred minimum price. Farmers are encouraged to place their orders early on Wednesdays since buyers will be monitoring the supply situation.
5. On the same Wednesday buyers start placing their bids indicating how much they wish to buy and maximum prices they are bidding at.
6. ZMX will be accepting these bids and offers throughout the day displaying them on the order screen. The screen won't reveal any names or identities but the various quantities and prices.

7. During the day both farmers and buyers can adjust their prices at any time to stand a better chance of success.
8. At 4pm the ZMX Auction closes and starts matching the orders based on matching prices on both the buy and sell side. The system will then calculate the average price at which the highest volume matched and then announce the results.
9. On Thursday morning ZMX transfers ownership of the warehouse receipt from farmer to buyer. At the same time, it starts transferring payment from buyer to farmers account, a process that takes about 2 working days.
10. When a farmer deposits their Commodity into a certified warehouse but needs advance payment, ZMX has registered financiers that provide this financing for a few days until the auction. Terms of this facility vary from financier to financier.
11. The farmer will be charged a handling fee by the warehouse operator as well as storage fees of US 10cents per ton per day until commodity is sold.
12. For its services ZMX charges 0.6% of the value of the trade.

Warehouse Receipt Financing

The Zimbabwe Mercantile Exchange supports Warehouse Receipt Financing. Warehouse receipt financing is a common form of financing in the agricultural sector, where farmers and other producers often need short-term financing to bridge the gap between the time they harvest their crops and the time they sell them. By using their produce as collateral, they can obtain financing at a lower cost than other types of financing, such as unsecured loans or credit lines.

The benefits of warehouse receipt financing include lower interest rates, longer repayment terms, and the ability to access financing even with limited credit history. Additionally, warehouse receipt financing can help reduce the risk of fraud or default, as the lender has a direct claim on the produce in case the borrower fails to repay the loan.

Trading Modalities

Trading on ZMX is highly secure and based on the principle of Delivery versus Payment. Prior to the conclusion of trades, the exchange guarantees both the commodities and the funds. Once trades are concluded, sellers are assured to get their monies on or before T+2 upon withdrawal from their bank accounts.

The platform allows trading in both ZWL and USD transactions and can be accessed by dialing *727# or downloading the ZMX mobile platform, from the Google Play Store or App Store. Alternatively visit **zmx.co.zw**.

Enquiries

For further information on how to participate on the ZMX auction, please visit our website www.zmx.co.zw or contact our customer service team via email at info@zmx.co.zw or by WhatsApp on +263 775 188 102 or call our office numbers +263 24 2754842. You may also send inquiries to info@zmx.co.zw.

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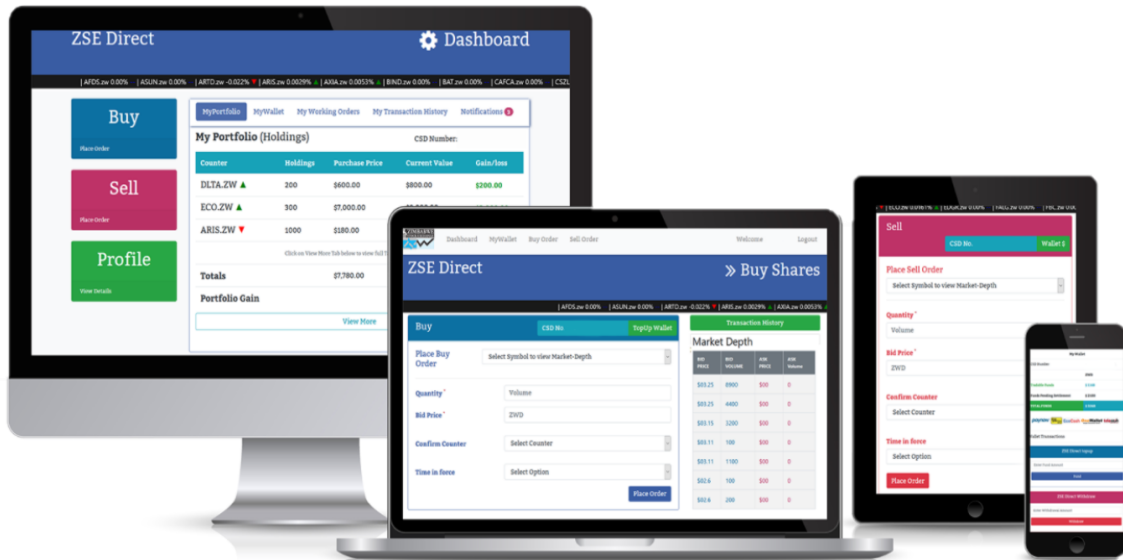
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ZSE DIRECT STATISTICS UPDATE



January - April 2023

Metric	
Volume of trades	24,368,346
Number of trades	9,174
Number of active clients	32,591
Value of trades	ZWL380,239,088.3

May- August 2023

Metric	
Volume of trades	15,466,401
Number of trades	6,961
Number of active clients	38,172
Value of trades	ZWL1,042,308,564

ZSE Direct is an online and mobile trading platform that provides retail investors with a smart way to manage their ZSE investments and view their securities holdings

remotely. Investors have direct access to buy and sell securities listed on the ZSE remotely, bringing added convenience to retail investors.

ZSE Direct is accessible through the web platform (www.zsedirect.co.zw) and mobile app (Play Store and App Store). Since its launch in 2020, ZSE Direct has evolved and we have added key features that have made the ZSE into a friendly and yet sophisticated market especially for our retail investors.

The ZSE Direct key features include;

- a user friendly interface
- a view of one's portfolio
- market statistics
- market depth
- price range on both sell and buy tabs
- the odd lot feature, where clients are able to place bids or offers for volumes from 1 up to 99

Through the valuable feedback and engagement with our clients, we will strive to continuously enhance ZSE Direct Mobile App with more features that promote Financial Inclusion and participation.

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VFEX Direct Statistics Update



January - April 2023

Metric	
Volume of trades	152,502
Number of trades	246
Number of active clients	1,966
Value of trades	USD43,934.37

May- August 2023

Metric	
Volume of trades	227,211
Number of trades	400
Number of active clients	2,942
Value of trades	USD52,241.99

VFEX Direct is an online trading platform for buying and selling securities listed on the Victoria Falls Stock Exchange (VFEX). This platform was launched in 2022 and is accessible through the web portal

(www.vfexdirect.vfex.exchange) and mobile application (Play Store and App

Store).

The key features on VFEX Direct include;

User Friendly Interface

The platform has been made easy to use, even for a first time investor. The key features such as buying, selling, topping up one's wallet is easy to navigate.

Portfolio

A view of one's portfolio indicating holdings in one's securities account as well as the value of that portfolio.

Market Statistics

Latest market statistics that include the market snapshot, and price sheet to help one track the performance of the market.

Market Depth

The market depth feature shows up to 10 best orders on both the buy and sell side. This feature enables the investor to assess the status of other orders in the market and hence be able to make an informed decision on one's buy or sell order.

Price Range on Buy and Sell Tabs

The platform indicates to the investor the acceptable price range for each security.

Addition of InnBucks on VFEX Direct

As part of the continuous efforts to promote financial inclusion and retail participation on VFEX, VFEX managed to add InnBucks Microbank Limited ("InnBucks") as a payment channel on VFEX Direct. With the addition of this service, VFEX Direct clients can conveniently fund their wallet, and the funds reflecting for trading much quicker. The minimum top up amount for investing on VFEX through InnBucks is US\$10 (excluding transfer charges).

Investors have to meet the following requirements to enjoy this service;

- have an active VFEX Direct account (to register visit vfexdirect.vfex.exchange or download the VFEX Direct mobile app on Play Store or Apple App Store)
- have an active InnBucks account (to register download the InnBucks app on Play Store or Apple App Store or dial *569#)
- Link your VFEX Direct account and InnBucks account (visit vfexdirect.vfex.exchange)

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IT STARTS WITH INVESTOR EDUCATION!

Looking back... (Securities and Exchange Commission of Zimbabwe Investment 101 Handbook)

The Rhodesian Stock Exchange was born out of the need for capital in the manufacturing industry.

At Independence in 1980, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange had 61 companies, the same number listed in 2018.

In 2001, the ZSE was rated as the second-best performer in the world's emerging capital markets.

Stakeholder Engagement

Agriculture sector

Tobacco final mop up sale ends, planting starts tomorrow: The tobacco final mop up sale ended yesterday, with farmers earning US\$896 mln from a total of 296 mln kg of tobacco compared to 207 mln kg valued at US\$633 mln recorded during the same period last year. This is a huge milestone achieved in Zimbabwe and the yield is the highest ever produced in the country.– **Herald, Thursday August 31, Pg 3**

SECZim seeks to raise awareness and educate the tobacco sector, growers, in particular, about investing on the capital market. Following significant investment in planning and growing their crop, tobacco farmers' sales floor receipts require that they acquire knowledge of and guidance on how best to invest sales proceeds sustainably in the capital market. With this in mind, SECZim conducted a Management Sensitisation Workshop for Tobacco Sales Floor management. Staff awareness sessions and grower outreach programmes will follow. *Leaving no one and no place behind!*



TSF Management following presentation by Director Investor Education, Farai Mpofu

Learners

Research has shown that it takes two weeks to acquire or develop a new habit. One is never too young to learn about saving and investing. SECZim participated in the Mother Patrick Financial Literacy Week on 13 July 2023 and also conducted a capital market awareness session at Mother Touch Group of Schools on 19 September 2023 where 600 students were reached. Students were taught about the capital market and the role of the Commission. During the discussion it was evident that the students are keen on investing and becoming their own bosses, one day! One primary school student (Tinevimbo) shared that she wants to be a CEO when she grows up and doesn't wish to be made a prefect because those duties may distract her from her studies. A high school student (Bliss) is already developing websites; 4 sites in 9 months. The future is certainly bright. *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6).*

Mother Patrick Convent Primary School – Financial Literacy Week



Students participating during a Q & A Session



Investor Education Officer – Precious Hassen conducting Q&A session



Learning does not have to be “boring”. Students in a Wordsearch competition huddle.

Mother Touch Convent Group of Schools

High school students were afforded the opportunity to watch the “Grain of Fortune” Video Series which kept them entertained whilst learning about the capital market particularly the journey of listing on the stock exchange. To test how much they learnt from the video, students participated in an exercise from the recently developed Grain of Fortune Workbook.



Students participate in “Grain of Fortune” capital market video Workbook Activity.



Investor Education Officer – Precious Hassen encouraging students to participate in the group activity and shares a lighter moment with one of the students.