

Monthly Report



**For the month
ending:
31 March 2025**

News Highlights

RTG declares US\$2.5 mln final dividend for FY2024: Rainbow Tourism Group (RTG) has declared a final dividend of US\$2.5 mln for financial (FY) 2024, from US\$1.5 mln the prior year. This comes after the RTG board recommended a second and final dividend of US\$1.5 mln, as Zimbabwe's tourism industry rebounded from the Covid-19 impact. Tourism is one of Zimbabwe's key economic sectors, which hit the government target of US\$5 bln industry in 2024. Like many other economies across the world, Zimbabwe's tourism industry took a hit after 2019, following the Covid-19 outbreak, which forced many countries into national lockdowns to contain the spread of the viral disease and restrictions on global travelling. RTG said US\$500 000 (0,020 US cents per share) will be paid in foreign currency while the balance of US\$1 million (1,057 ZiG cents per share) will be disbursed in the local currency. In its financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2024, RTG board chairperson Douglas Hoto said the group's continued strong performance was driven by 4% growth in occupancy and a 15% rise in foreign currency revenues. A disciplined cost management strategy resulted in Earnings Before Interest, Taxation, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA) surging by 52% to US\$9.7 mln

TSL to capitalise on emerging opportunities: TSL Limited says it is well positioned to capitalise on emerging opportunities as part of its growth strategy, with the group presently focused on restructuring its balance sheet. The company is finalising the acquisition of a 51.43% shareholding in Nampak Zimbabwe from Nampak Southern Africa Holdings for US\$25 mln. Group chairman Antony Mandiwanza, in a statement of the financials for the year ended October 31, 2024, said processes to finalise and execute the sale and purchase agreement are at an advanced stage. "A number of key strategic initiatives are currently being pursued and should be concluded before the end of the current financial year," he said. For the year under review, group revenue from continuing operations, at US\$36.9 mln, was 1% ahead of the prior year, with most operating units, except Agricura, achieving budgeted volumes. "Volumes for Agricura were adversely affected by the projection of a drought in the first half of the 2023/24 agricultural season. The group's EBITDA dropped by 5 percent from the prior year, following the conversion to US\$," said Mandiwanza. He noted that the group's profitability was adversely affected by the dollarisation of most operating expenses, which was worsened by an emerging US\$ inflation in the economy

Liquidity crunch slows Powerspeed expansion plans: Home improvements retailer, Powerspeed Electrical Limited, is struggling to secure capital to fund its expansion drive, it has been revealed. The market is facing a severe liquidity crunch on the back of hawkish policies by Treasury and the central bank to preserve the value of the local currency, the Zimbabwe Gold. However, analysts have warned that the thrust has dried up liquidity. Companies say they are struggling to increase production, funding existing projects and expanding operations. "Access to capital to fund our expansion programme has been a significant problem. Zimbabwean banks and financial institutions continue to struggle with liquidity and cannot be relied on to provide capital while interest rates remain inordinately high driven by perceived country risk," Powerspeed chairperson Victor Gapare said in the firm's annual report for the period ended September 30, 2024

OK branches closure affects 56 workers: OK Zimbabwe has announced that the closure of its 4 branches in Harare has affected 56 workers who lost their jobs. This development comes as Parliament launches a nationwide probe into the closure of formal retail shops, which is contributing to the country's economic woes. During a fact-finding mission by the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Industry in Harare yesterday, OK Zimbabwe company secretary Margreth Munyuru stated that the company had undertaken a comprehensive review of its structure, leadership, and governance to manage its finances. "Initially, we planned to close 6 branches, including Mbare and Entumbane, but these 2 have been removed from the closure list. We closed 4 branches in Harare, and the number of employees affected was initially 87, but with Entumbane and Mbare removed, the number has reduced to 56. However, we have reassigned some employees to other operating units," she said

Tanganda eyes Chinese avocado market: Tanganda Tea Company has set its sights on the far east markets, mainly China, to export avocados and improve foreign currency earnings. The agro-industrial concern exports to more than 25 countries around the world and the more than one billion populated-Asian giant presents massive opportunities. To execute the strategy, insiders say Tanganda's senior members have attended trade fairs in eastern capitals including Dehli and Dubai, focusing on food products ranging from tea, macadamias and avocados for market familiarisation. The Middle East, particularly Dubai, has emerged as a key route for Tanganda's expansion efforts

Meikles seeks ZSE trading readmission: Meikles Limited is working to have the suspension on trading its shares on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange lifted after successfully quelling a nasty boardroom wrangle that ensued at the tail end of last year. The ZSE said the suspension - which took effect on November 25, 2024 - was necessary "to address corporate governance concerns" within the retail group. The tensions between shareholders and board members were primarily over the management and strategic direction of the company

Table 2: Monthly Statistics

	Month-end	Change	Beginning of the month
ZSE			
Mkt Cap US\$ 'm	1,580.80	1.13%	1,563.20
Mkt turnover ZiG	245,380,115	-51.52%	506,135,990
VFEX			
Mkt Cap US\$ 'm	1,223.07	3.50%	1,181.73
Mkt turnover US\$	2,530,335	-93.73%	40,348,990
Local Indices			
ZSE All Share	205.25	0.58%	204.06
ZSE Top 10	199.52	-2.51%	204.65
ZSE Top 15	204.67	-0.66%	206.03
ZSE Medium Cap	250.55	11.24%	225.24
ZSE Small Cap	100.11	0.00%	100.11
International Indices			
NSE 20	2,226.88	-3.19%	2,300.17
Nigeria All Share	105,670.40	-1.97%	107,796.13
JSE All Share	88,637.44	2.53%	86,452.12
NIKKEI-225	35,617.56	-4.14%	37,155.50
FTSE	8,582.81	-2.26%	8,781.53
DJIA	41,707.74	-3.54%	43,239.50

An exchange rate of 40 has been used for the Market cap.

Medium Cap Index Drive ZSE Gains, while VFEX Rebounds!

The Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) continued its upward trend in March, with market capitalization increasing by 1%, building on February's 6% recovery. The All-Share Index edged up 0.58%, largely driven by the Medium Cap Index, which surged 11.24%. Meanwhile, the Top 10 Index declined by 2.51%, the Top 15 Index dipped 0.66%, and the Small Cap Index remained steady at 100.11.

Monthly turnover dropped to ZWG 245 million, down from February's ZWG 506 million. Delta led trading activity with ZWG 141 million, followed by Econet at ZWG 70 million. This was a notable decline from the previous month, where Econet and Delta had recorded ZWG 252 million and ZWG 183 million, respectively.

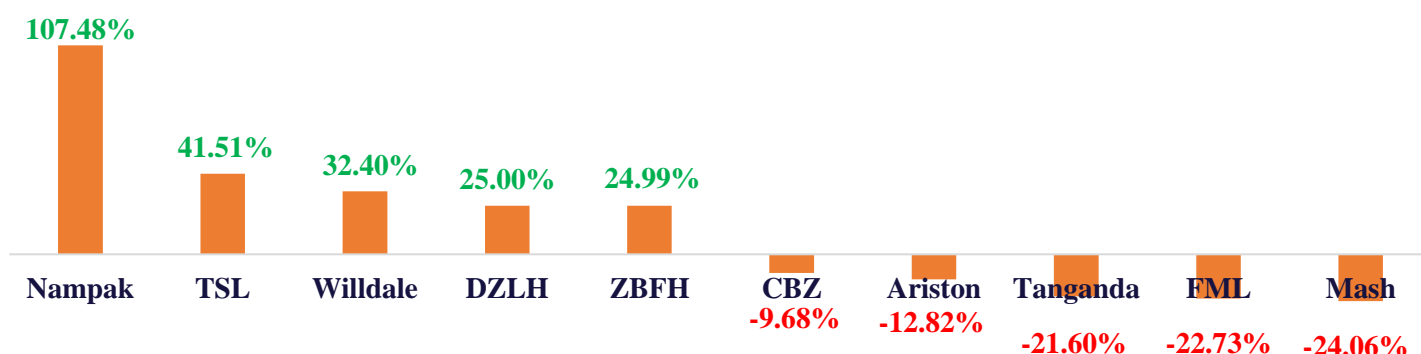
On the Victoria Falls Stock Exchange (VFEX), market capitalization rose by 3.5%, despite a sharp 94% drop in turnover to US\$2.5 million from February's US\$40 million. March's trading was dominated by Simbisa (US\$841,075), Padenga (US\$467,138), Axia (US\$358,800), and Innscor (US\$315,075).

Nampak emerged as the best performer, soaring 107.48%. Conversely, Mash saw the steepest decline, losing 24.06% of its value over the month.

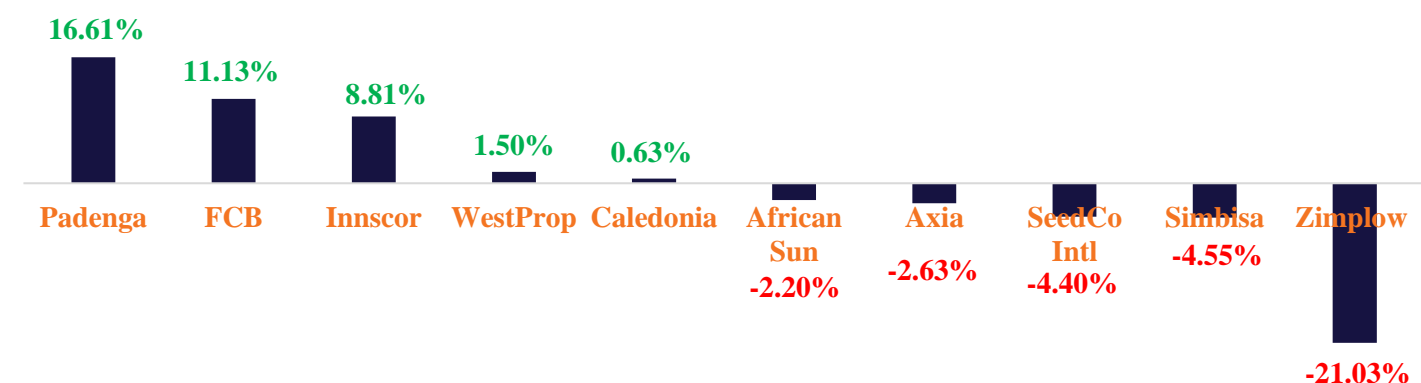
Outlook: We believe equities remain undervalued and will gradually reprice as liquidity improves. Many major counters are still trading below their historical averages, presenting attractive buying opportunities for investors.

Movers and Shakers

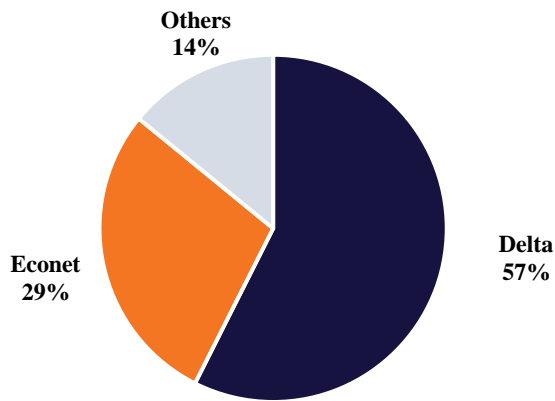
Zimbabwe Stock Exchange



Victoria Falls Stock Exchange

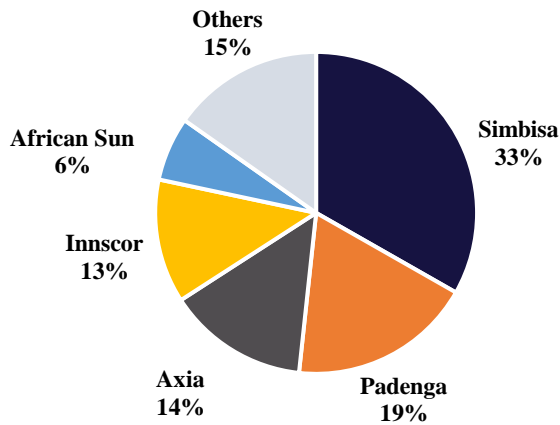


Value Traded ZWG



Name	Value Traded ZWG
Delta	140,940,332
Econet	69,849,797
BAT	4,448,860
SeedCo	4,050,064
Tanganda	3,655,557
Others	22,435,505

Value Traded US\$



Name	Value Traded US\$
Simbisa	841,075
Padenga	467,138
Axia	358,800
Innscor	315,075
African Sun	162,692
Others	385,556

Historical Market Capitalisation

Delta



Econet



Top 10 by Market Capitalization US\$ (mln)

Counter	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Current
Delta	576.3	766.81	829.44	1202.4	1728.3	1266.1	877.24	1101.22	1001.16	810.27	189.451	262.01	1059.8	572.94	509.18	463.461	504.61
Econet	467.5	432.76	384.79	437.65	545.59	545.59	191.78	272.8	735.819	870.13	165.774	213.25	1101	304.16	243.5	241.324	262.24
FBC	12.62	20.67	38.47	44.39	90.71	53.76	47.04	53.76	67.195	55.337	19.0629	87.46	113.74	50.81	67.65	182.266	126.16
CBZ	109.5	109.46	95.78	68.41	102.72	68.48	75.53	72.16	51.5424	25.064	20.8291	506.44	196.44	86.05	184.38	111.591	91.47
FML	17.41	12.8	6.51	11.29	30.42	19.01	8.74	15.97	67.2889	24.358	9.32	57.38	69.014	21.55	80.28	76.5237	58.66
BAT	36.47	34.76	26.94	62.57	247.6	231.1	251.73	314.66	368.313	160.21	42.837	98.39	330.24	70.43	30.03	41.4527	49.00
Mash	33.46	35.32	55.77	48.15	60.42	50.19	40.9	37	32.162	12.598	6.30469	14.64	30.161	19.03	26.53	88.5982	46.46
RTG	31.26	21.39	47.72	39.49	29.93	29.93	22.45	22.45	9.35248	14.033	15.7325	41.49	97.324	26.99	44.36	37.5884	42.42
NMB	13.14	28.07	32.28	18.25	18.25	17.3	13.45	14.99	17.3239	22.19	7.2048	14.14	16.274	18.73	30.81	33.34	37.71
FMP	22.86	26	39.62	34.67	32.19	34.67	28.48	43.34	37.7638	20.451	9.1516	28.98	48.288	18.12	44.31	38.0402	35.07

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Counter	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Current
WestProp															300.00	300.00	304.50
Innscor	322.99	270.06	294.36	378.08	475.30	324.07	162.26	259.96	270.80	235.75	85.70	181.69	462.73	495.98	250.75	264.99	288.02
Simbisa							84.49	86.65	130.84	95.06	30.55	64.35	252.98	205.76	182.71	201.82	177.09
FCB	204.43	193.73	92.56	55.98	94.73	54.91	91.51	68.90	64.65	29.93	9.33	18.34	37.30	41.49	43.85	94.43	127.28
Padenga		24.37	29.79	24.37	43.33	48.74	41.87	86.65	148.15	108.32	57.69	109.50		124.13	92.34	102.74	113.68
African Sun	84.75	18.29	5.82	7.48	22.45	14.97	14.65	10.34	20.68	20.28	9.37	12.44	45.71	44.33	74.19	34.88	59.12
SeedCo Intl										153.52	31.50			72.55	77.24	63.96	53.81
Axia								36.40	48.74	57.35	15.07	43.32	82.96		44.39	48.83	47.22
Bindura	31.51	16.39	2.52	18.15	24.58	79.34	18.97	49.59	34.21	27.56	8.72	40.74	38.05	29.27	14.38	15.91	15.91
Caledonia														8.06	10.00	9.94	9.97

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