

Financial Market Update

| Week ending 5 March 2021



Financial market highlights for the week ending 5 March 2021

The following highlights compare the week ending 5 March 2021 to the week ending 26 February 2021:



Government securities market (Source: RBM)

- A total of K13.22 billion was allotted during this week's Treasury Bill (TB) auctions.
- There were nil rejections in the TB auctions.
- The average all type TB yield maintained its position at 12.18% during the period under review.



Currency market (Source: RBM)

- Based on middle rates, the Kwacha marginally appreciated against the USD by 0.19% to K785.52 per USD from K787.03 per USD.
- Based on middle rates, the Kwacha also marginally appreciated against the GBP (to K1,140.09 per GBP from K1,140.90 per GBP), and EUR (to K1,001.10 per EUR from K1,006.72 per EUR).
- The Kwacha however marginally depreciated against the ZAR to K55.90 per ZAR from K55.69 per ZAR (based on middle rates).



Financial market developments (Source: RBM)

- The average overnight interbank rate increased to 11.28% from 11.06% in the previous week.



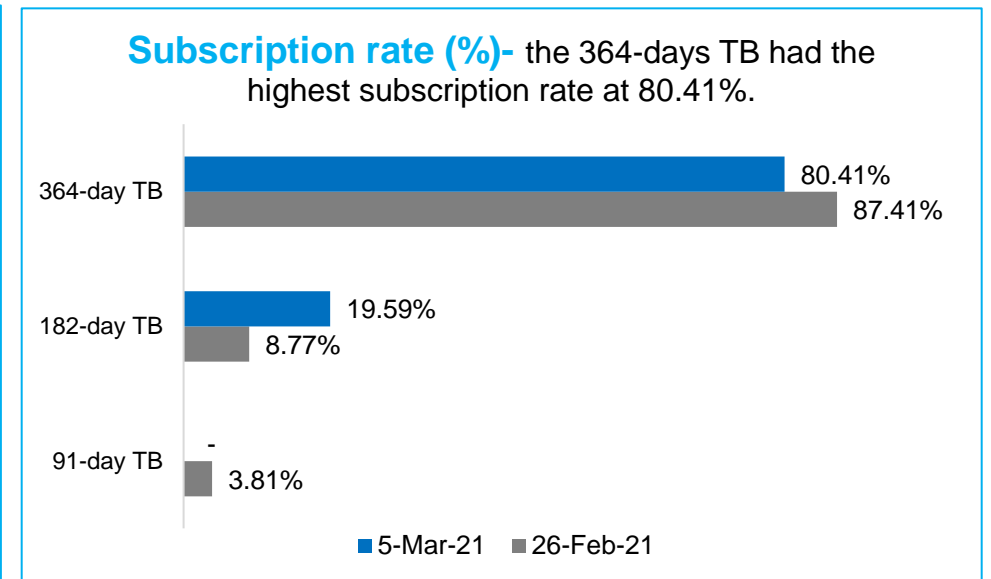
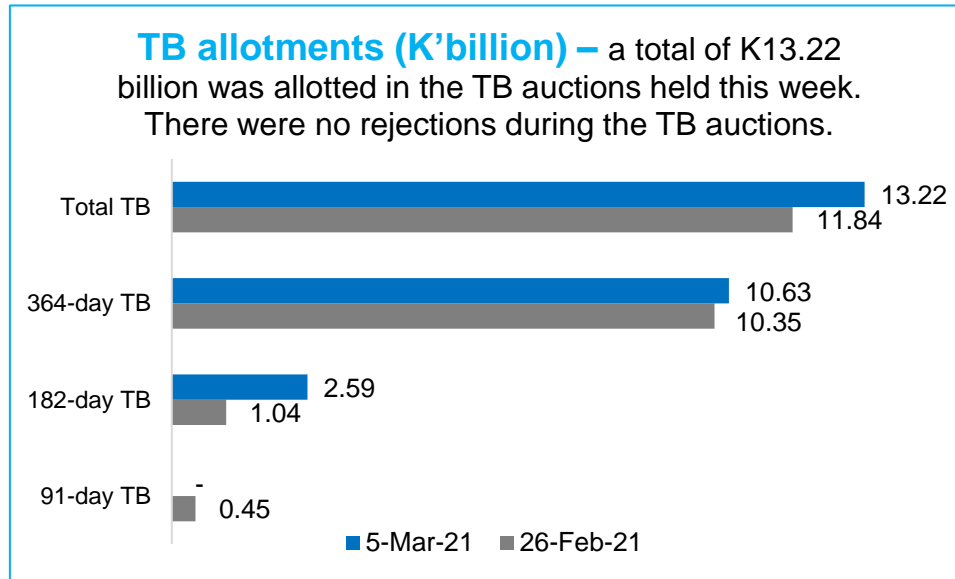
Equity market (Source: MSE)

- The stock market was bearish this week as the MASI marginally decreased to 32,993.44 points from 33,009.75 points in the previous week. This was due to marginal share price losses for Airtel (to K27.97 from K27.98), Illovo (to K80.46 from K80.47), FDH Bank (to K16.50 from K16.60) and ICON (to K12.19 from K12.20).
- The return on MASI (year-to-date) was 1.85% compared to negative 3.52% during the same period in the previous year.
- According to their trading statement, NICO Holdings plc expects more than 20% increase in profits for the year ending 31 December 2020 to at least K17.68 billion from K14.73 billion in 2019. This is on account of the adjusted profits of its subsidiary NICO Life insurance company.
- NITL has revised its trading statement for the year ending 31 December 2020. Profit after tax is now expected to be lower than 17% (previously 40%) from the previous corresponding period to K1.48 billion from K1.78 billion.

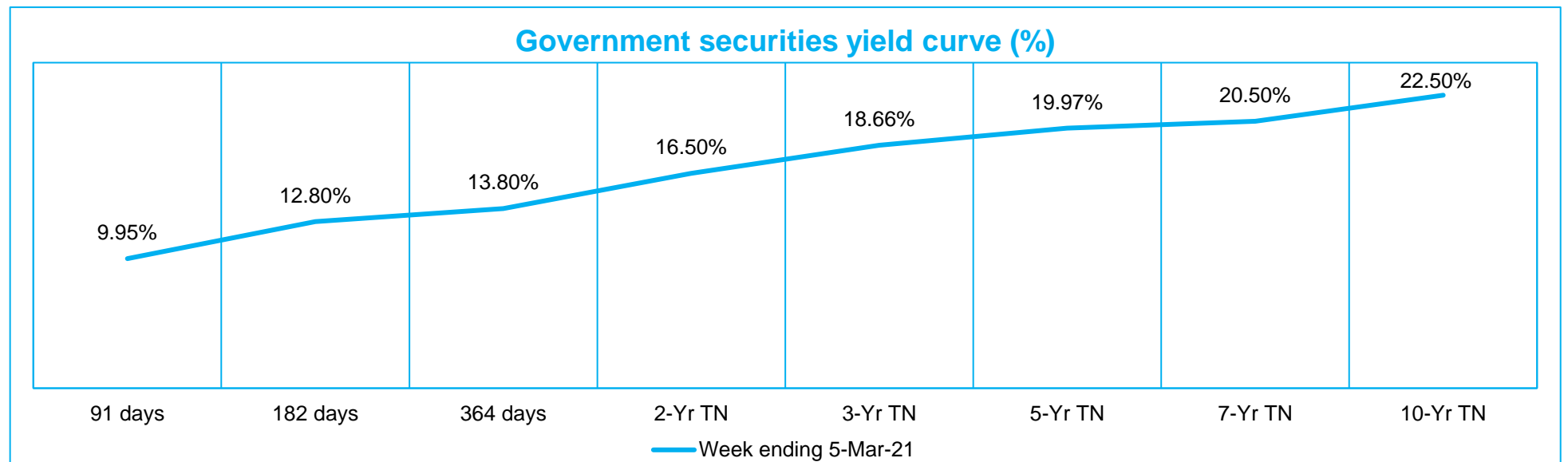


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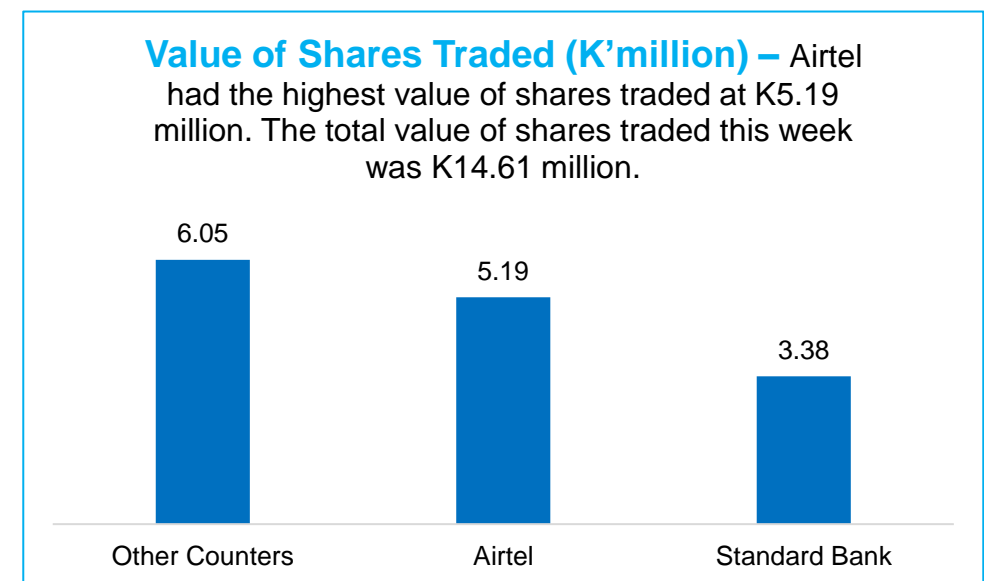
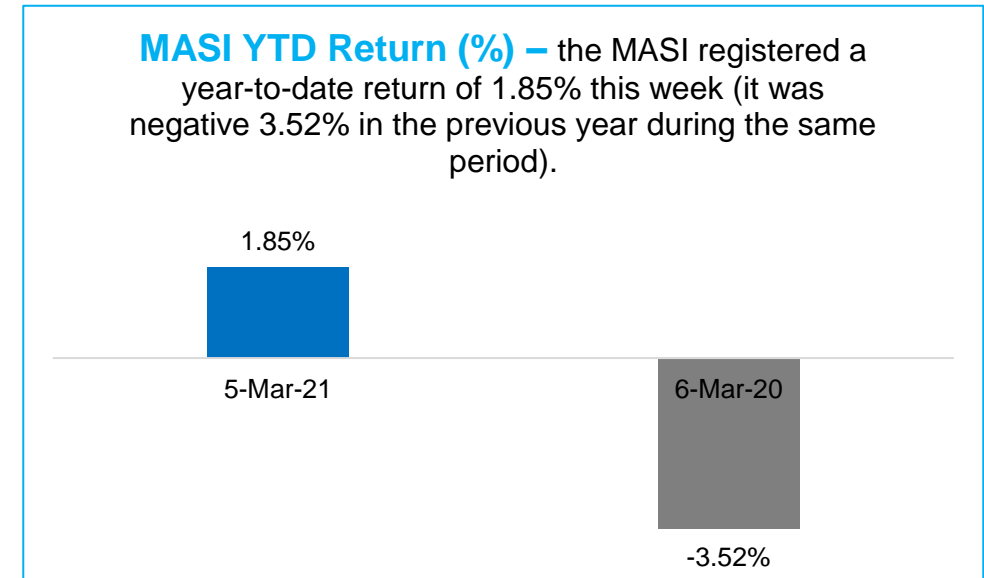
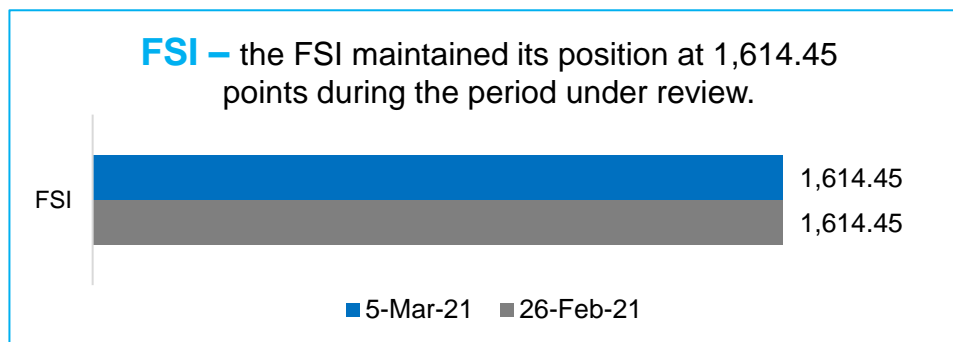
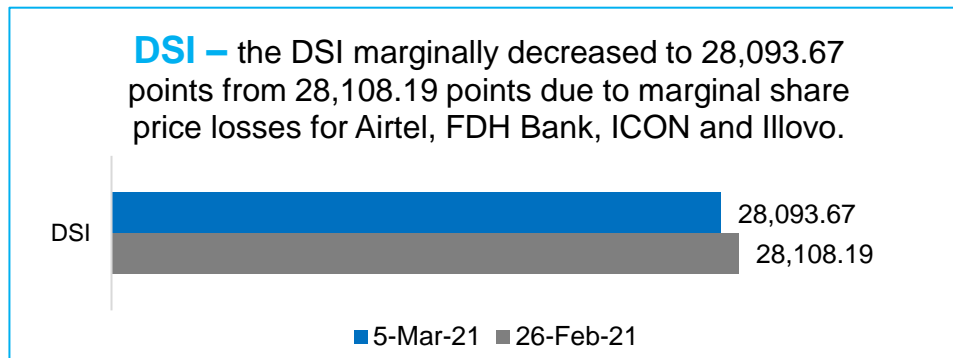
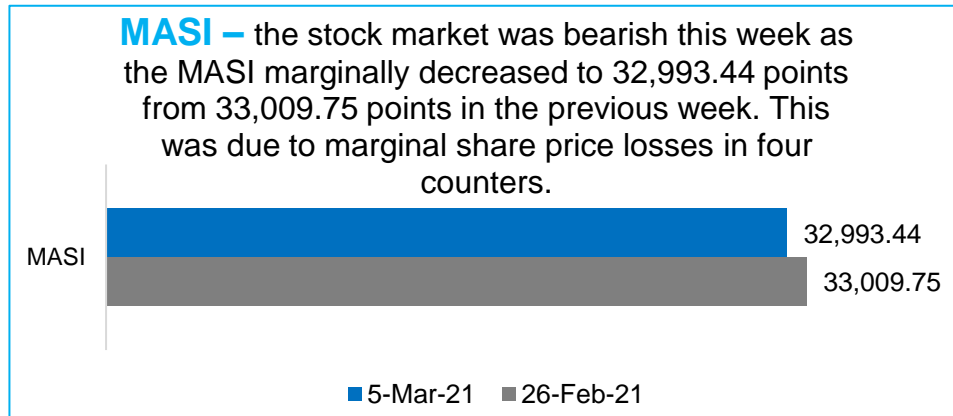


TB - Treasury Bill
TN - Treasury Note



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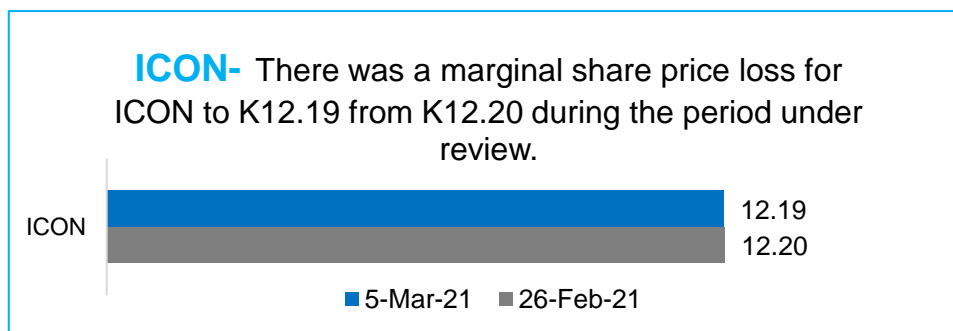
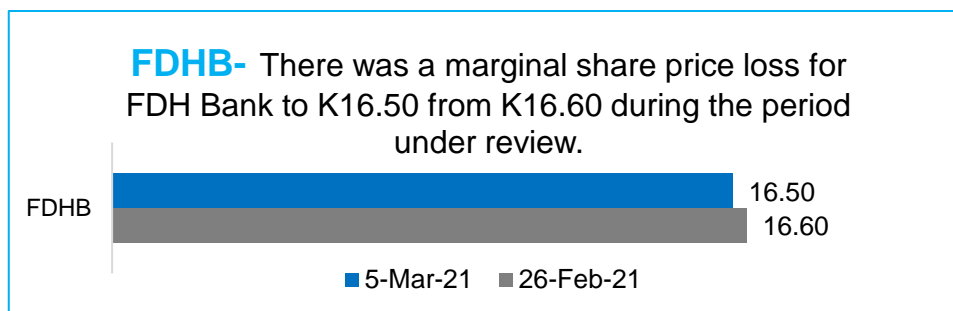
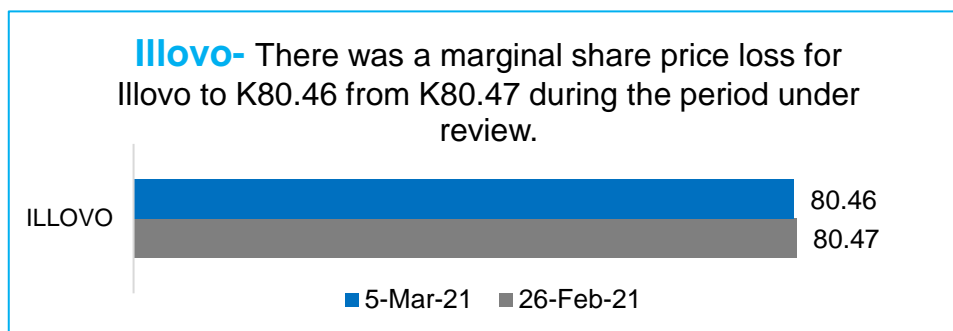
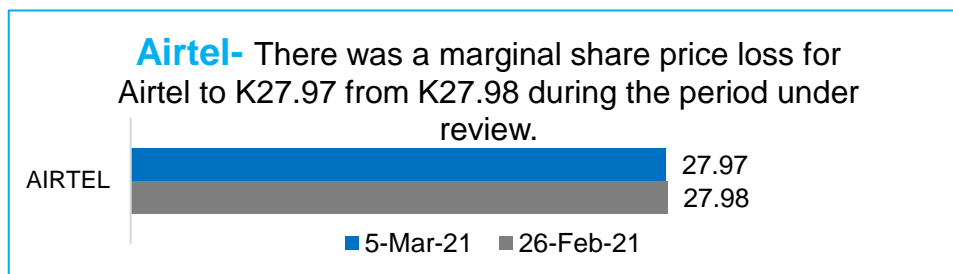


MASI: Malawi All Share Index
DSI: Domestic share Index
FSI: Foreign share Index



There were share price losses for Airtel (to K27.97 from K27.98), Illovo (to K80.46 from K80.47), FDH Bank (to K16.50 from K16.60) and ICON (to K12.19 from K12.20) during the period under review.

Equity market (Continued)



The other counters closed at the same prices as the previous week. Their closing prices are shown in the table below:

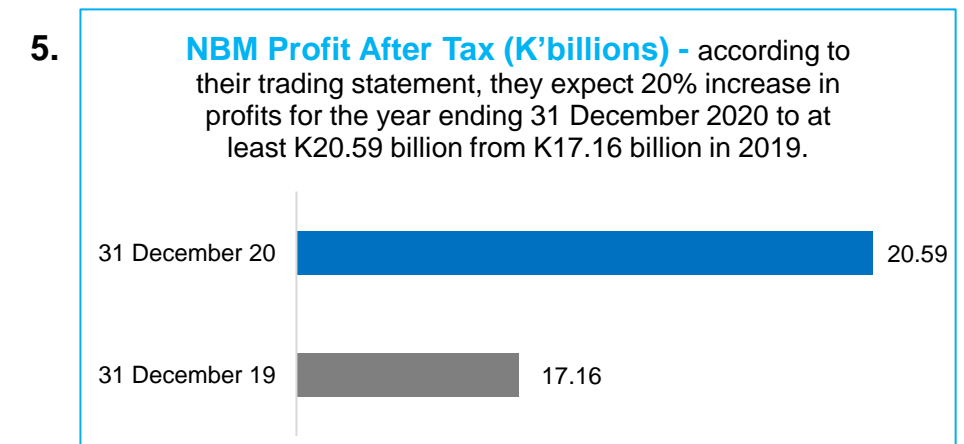
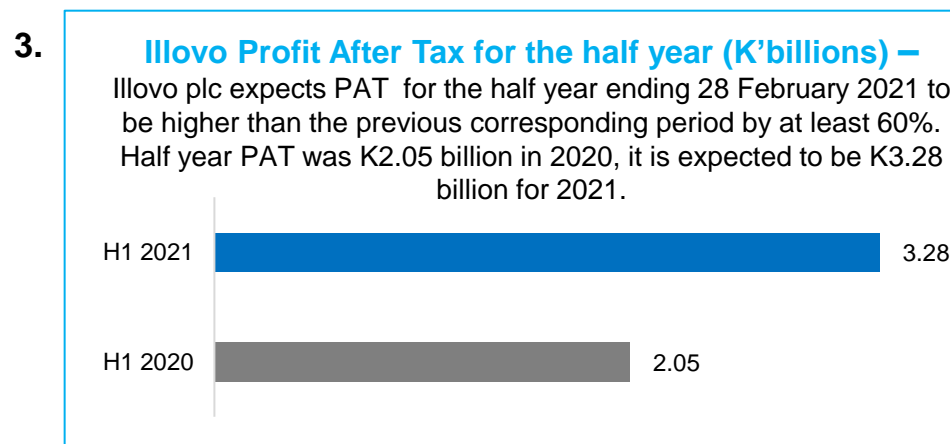
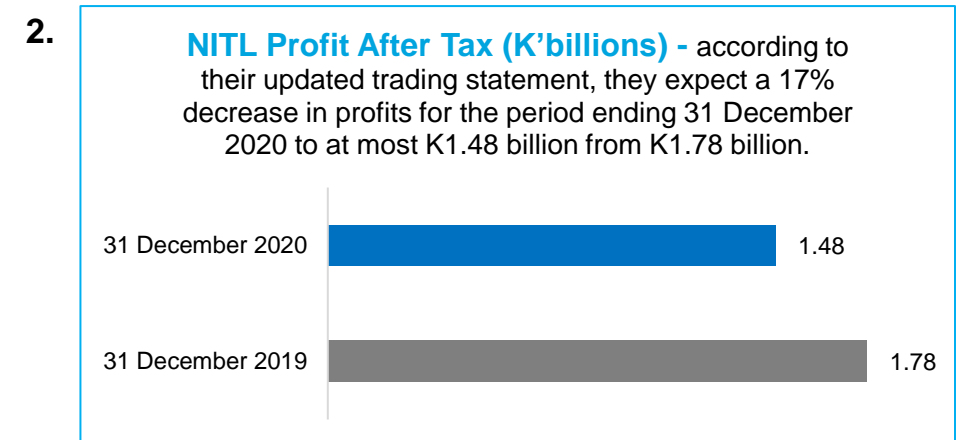
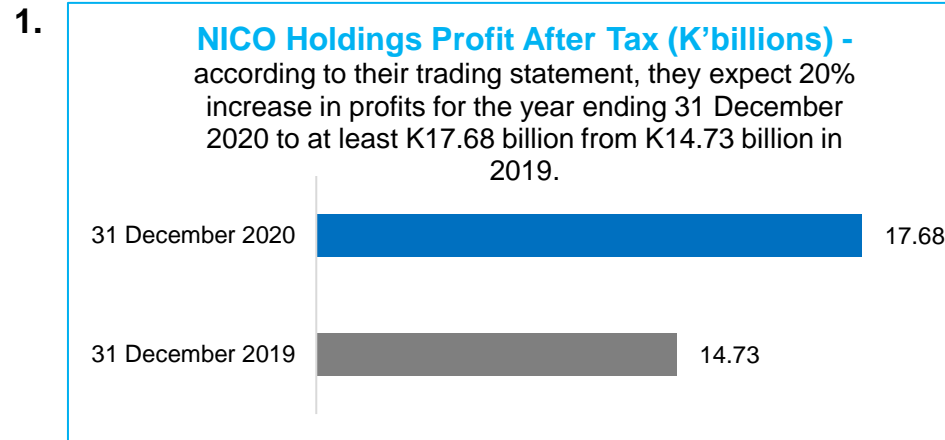
No.	MSE Code	Share Price (K)
		5-Mar-21
1	BHL	11.00
2	FMBCH	27.10
3	MPICO	20.93
4	NBM	650.01
5	NBS	20.45
6	NICO	51.98
7	NITL	94.94
8	OMU	2,199.00
9	PCL	1,199.96
10	STANDARD	1,200.03
11	SUNBIRD	90.00
12	TNM	19.38



According to their trading statement, NICO Holdings plc expects more than 20% increase in profits for the year ending 31 December 2020 to at least K17.68 billion from K14.73 billion in 2019. This is on account of the adjusted profits of its subsidiary NICO Life insurance company.

Equity market (Continued)

Latest Corporate Announcements (Source: MSE)

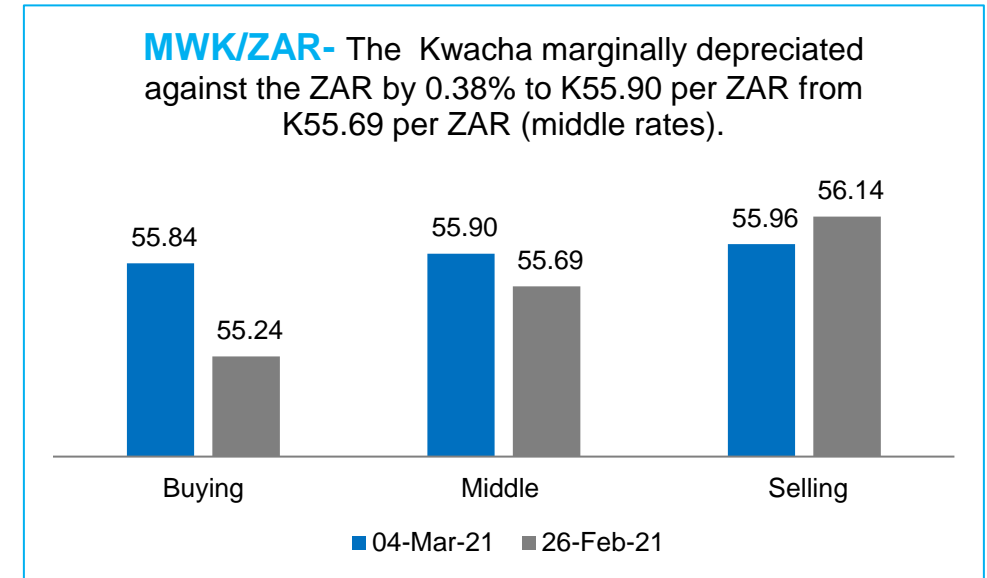
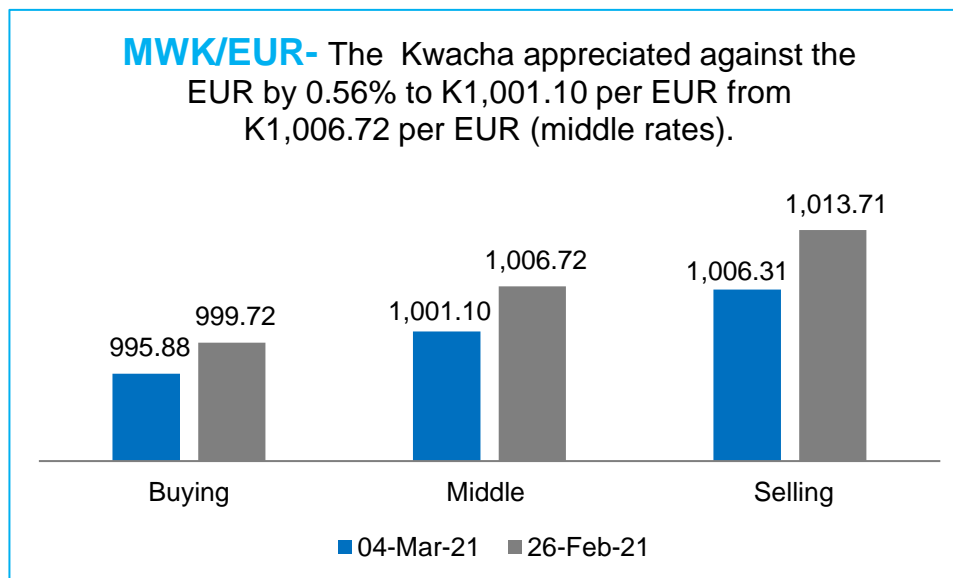
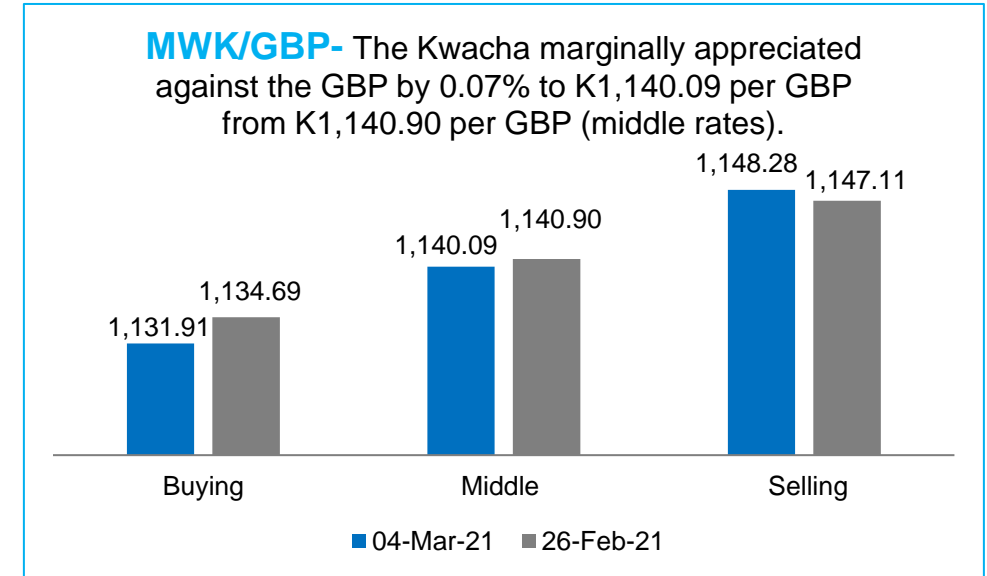
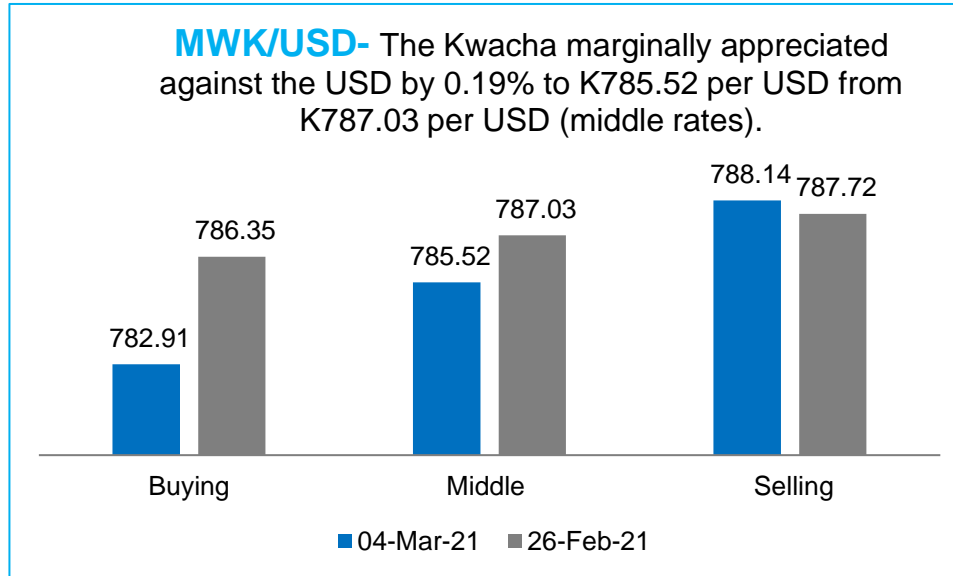


6. FDH Bank Plc wishes to update its shareholders and the general public that members of its majority shareholder, FDH Financial Holdings Limited, are still engaged in shareholding negotiations. The negotiations may result in changes in the shareholding structure of FDH Financial Holdings Limited. Shareholders are therefore advised to exercise caution in dealing in their shares and consult professional advisors before dealing in their shares until such time as the result of the negotiations is known.



Currency market (Source: RBM)

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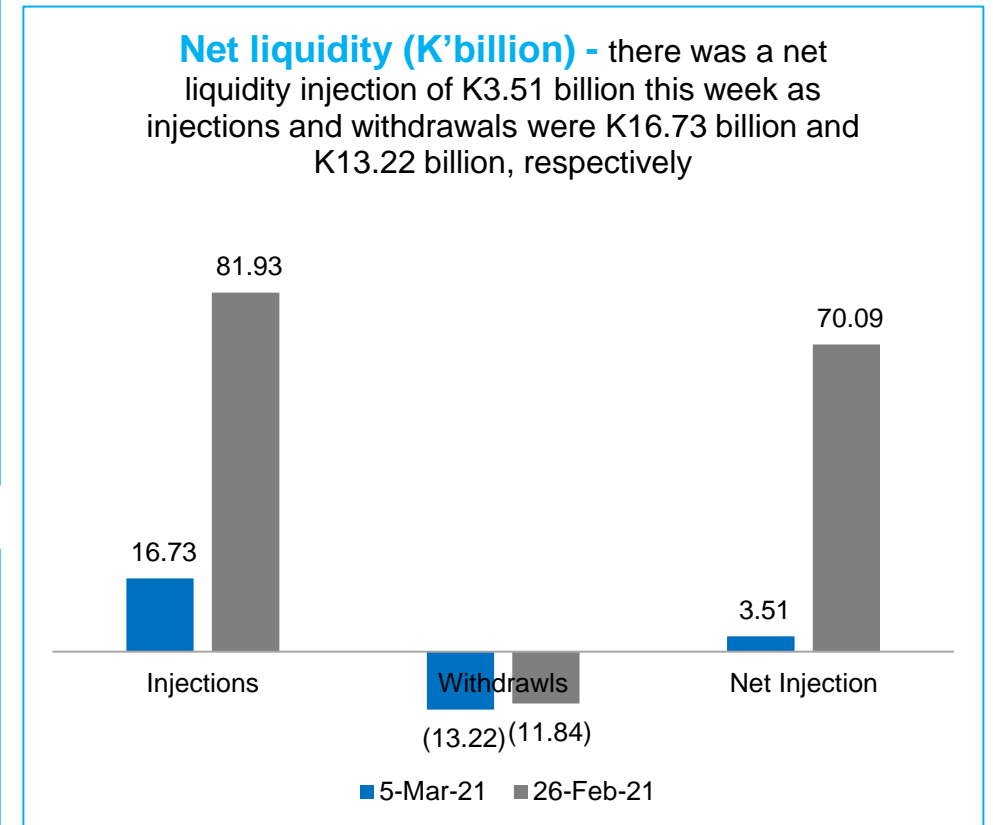
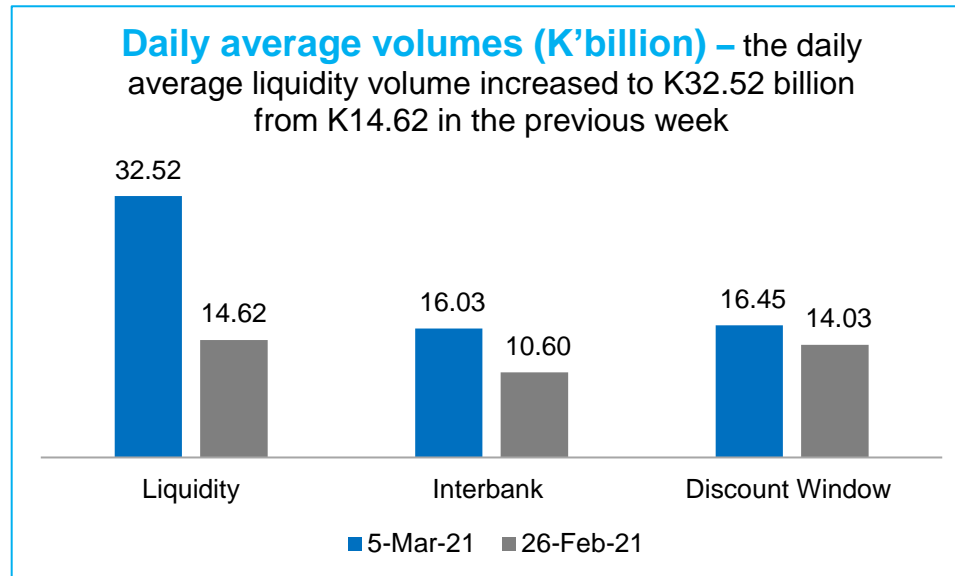
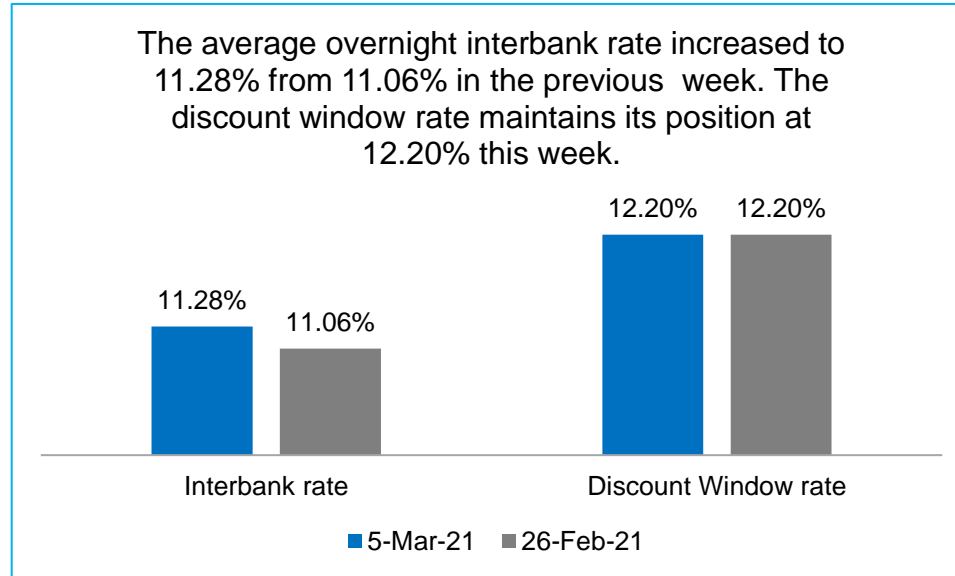
NB: The reported closing rates are actual trade-weighted market average Telegraphic Transfer rates.

EUR – Euro USD – United States Dollar
GBP – Great British Pound ZAR – South African Rand



Other financial market developments (Source: RBM)

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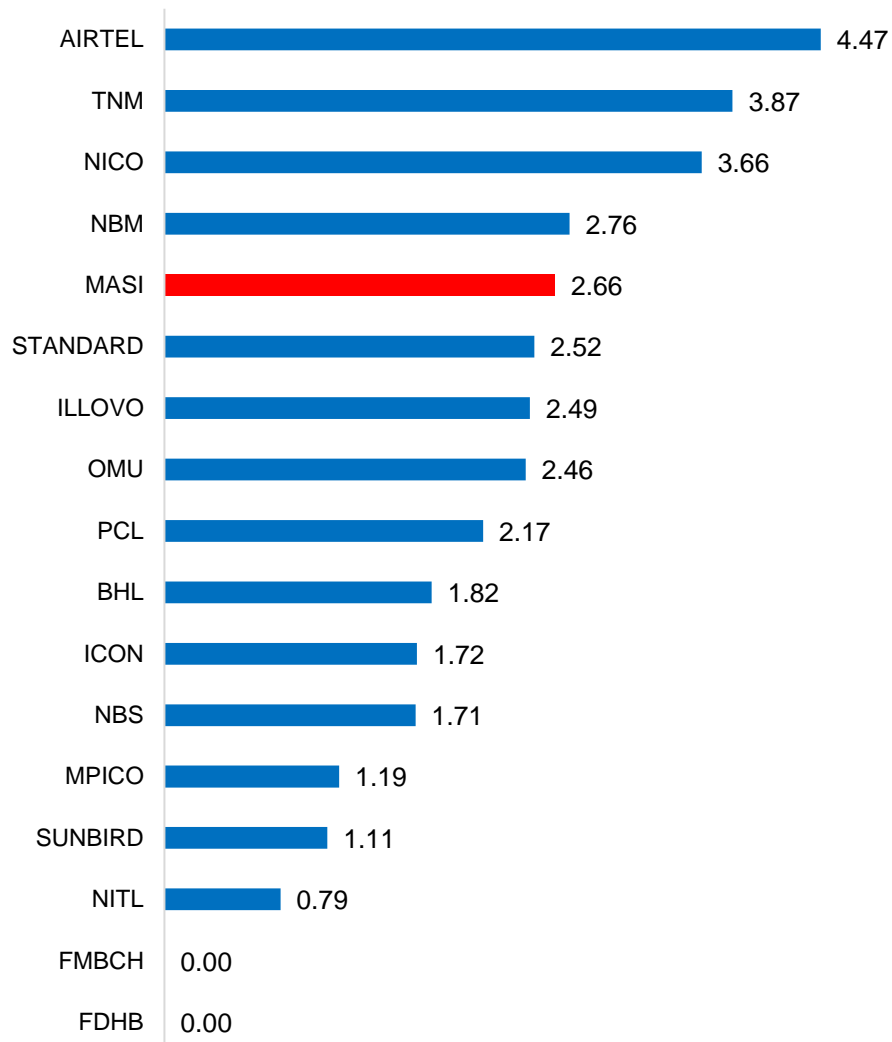
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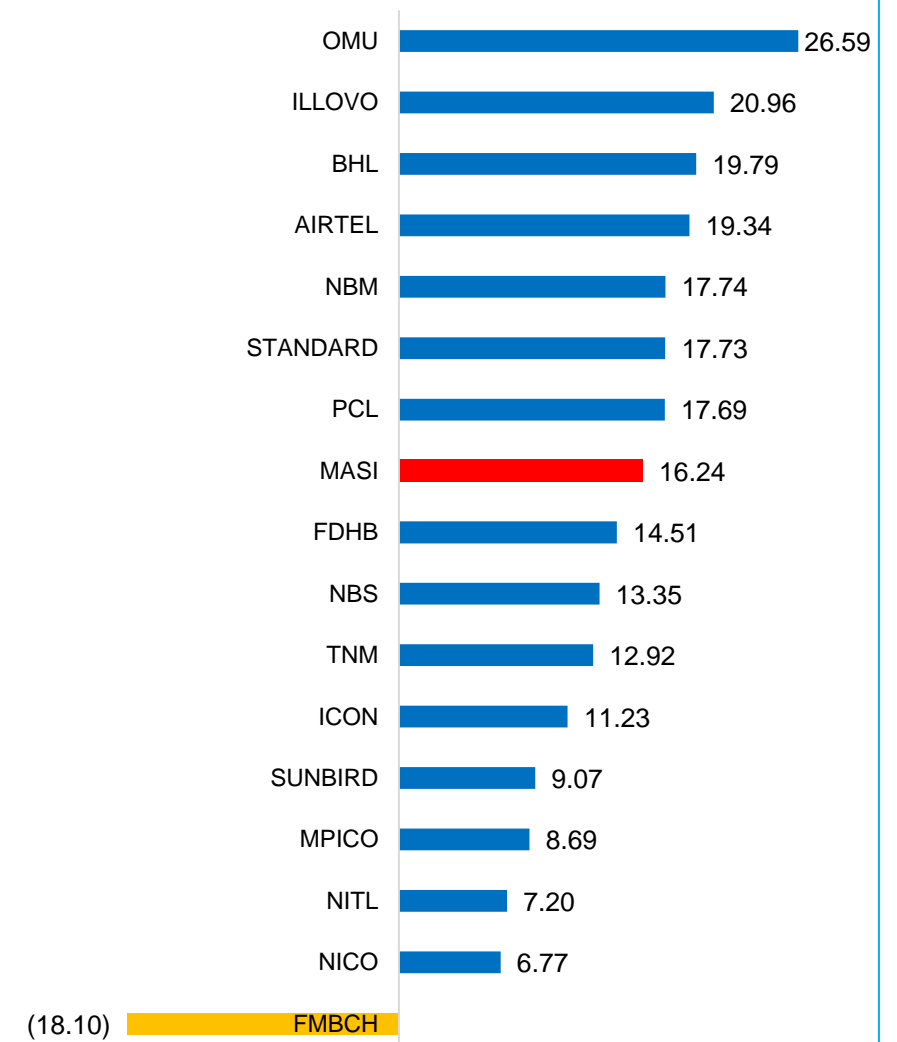
Appendix A - Equity market

The weighted average dividend yield on the MSE is 2.66%. The MSE has a weighted average Price to Earnings ratio of 16.24.

Dividend yield (%) - the weighted average dividend yield on the MSE is 2.66%. The counter with the highest dividend yield is Airtel at 4.47%.



P/E ratio - the MSE has a weighted average Price to Earnings ratio of 16.24. FMBCH has the lowest at negative 18.10 while OMU has the highest at 26.59

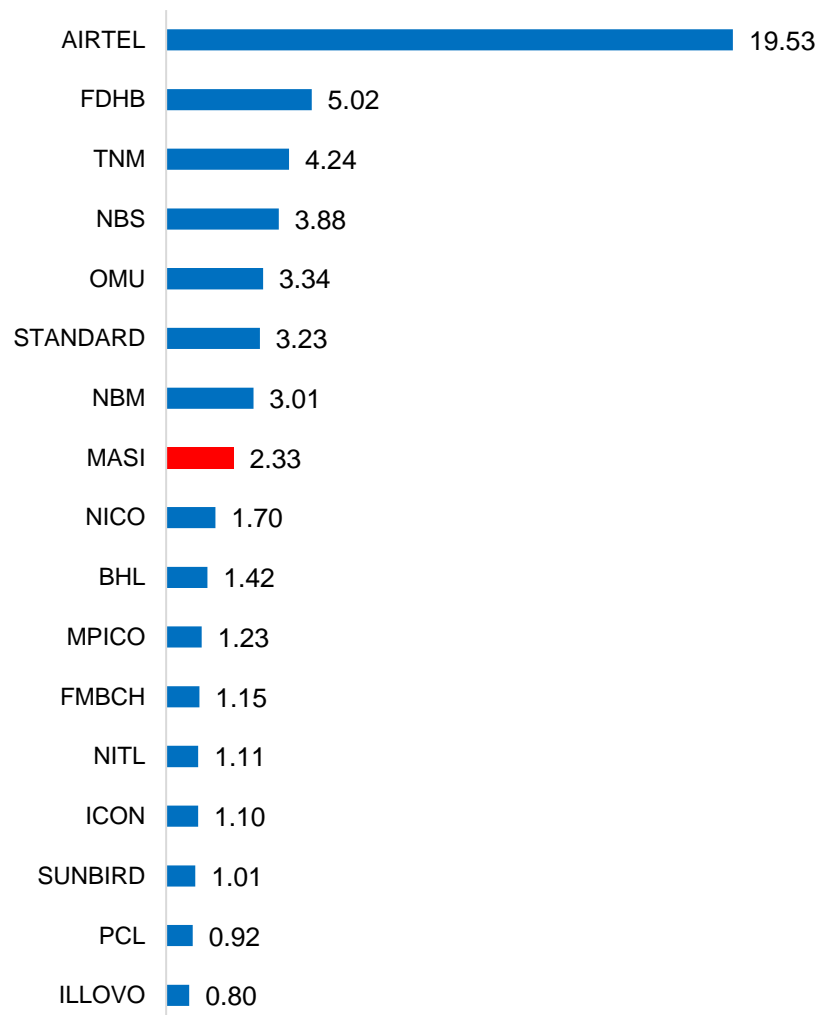




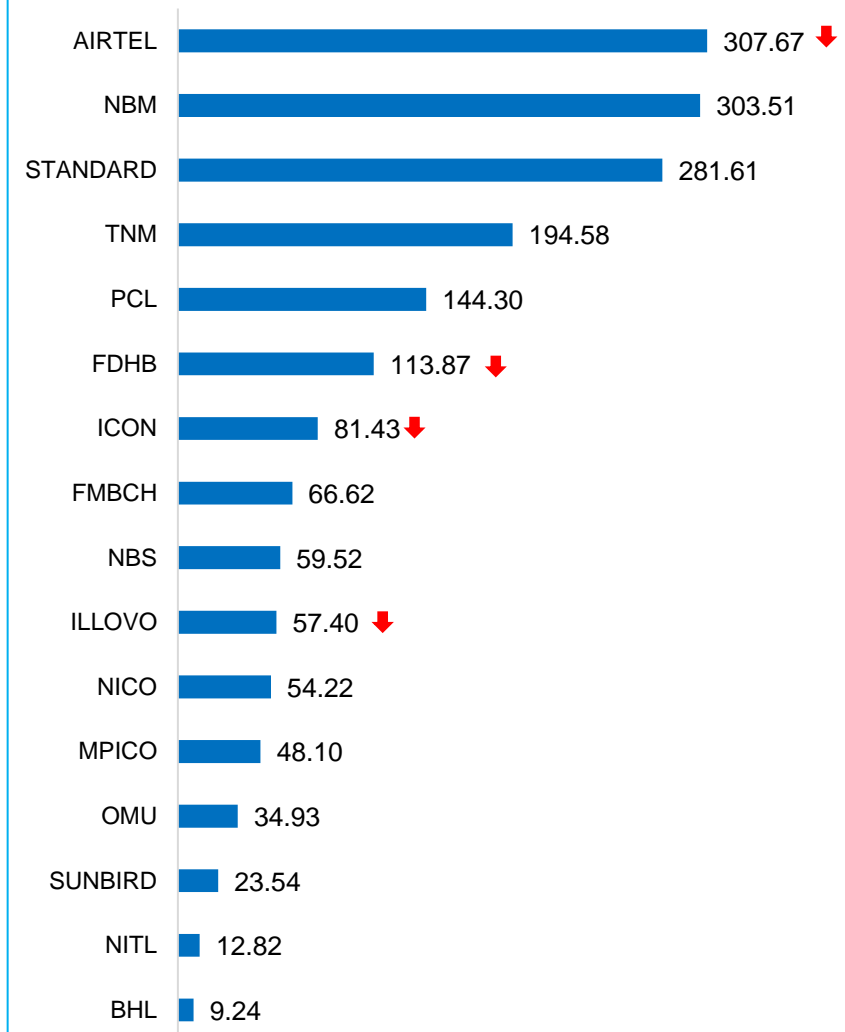
Appendix A- Equity market (Continued)

The weighted average Price to Book Value ratio on the MSE is 2.33. Airtel leads the MSE counters with a market capitalization of K307.67 billion. The total market capitalization is K1.79 trillion.

P/BV ratio - the weighted average Price to Book Value ratio on the MSE is 2.33. Airtel has the highest ratio at 19.53 while Illovo has the lowest ratio at 0.80.



Market Capitalization (K'-billion) - Airtel leads the MSE counters with a market capitalization of K307.67 billion. The total market capitalization is K1.79 trillion.





The tourism sector remains one of the hardest hit sectors by the COVID-19 pandemic. Sunbird expects a 150% decrease in profits for the period ending 31 December 2020. Likewise, BHL also anticipates its profits to decrease by 200% for the period ending 30 September 2020.

Appendix A- Equity market (Continued)

Corporate Announcements (Source: MSE)

1.

Airtel Profit After Tax (K'billions) - according to their trading statement, they expect a 40% increase in profits for the period ending 31 December 2020 to at least K22.27 billion from K15.91 billion.



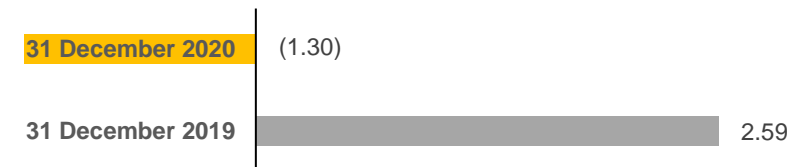
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TNM Profit After Tax (K'billions) - according to their trading statement, they expect a 25% decrease in profit after tax (PAT) for the period ending 31 December 2020. The PAT will decrease to at most K11.30 billion from K15.06 billion.



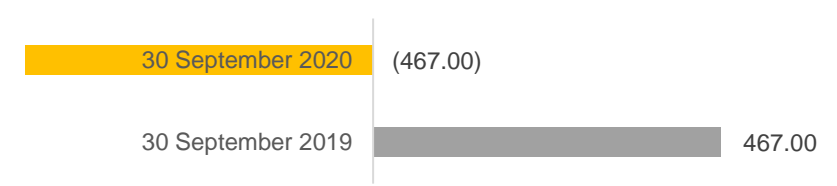
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Sunbird Profit After Tax (K'billions) - according to their trading statement, they expect a 150% decrease in profits for the period ending 31 December 2020 to negative K1.3 billion from K2.59 billion. This was attributed to the effect of COVID-19.



4.

BHL Profit After Tax (K'millions) - according to their trading statement, they expect more than a 200% decrease in profits for the period ending 30 September 2020 to at least negative K466.7 million from K466.7 million.





According to their trading statement, **FMBCH expects a 200% increase in profits for the period ending 31 December 2020 to at least USD12 million (K9.25 billion) from a loss of USD4.97 million (K3.83 billion).**

Appendix A- Equity market (Continued)

Corporate Announcements (continued)

5. **FMBCH Profit After Tax (USD'millions)** - according to their trading statement, they expect a 200% increase in profits for the period ending 31 December 2020 to at least USD12 million (K9.25 billion) from a loss of USD4.97 million (K3.83 billion).



6. **Standard Bank Profit After Tax (K'billions)** - according to their trading statement, Standard Bank expects a 45% increase in profits for the period ending 31 December 2020 to at least K23.03 billion from K15.88 billion.



7. **NBS Profit After Tax (K'billions)** - according to NBS's trading statement, they expect a 25% increase in profits for the period ending 31 December 2020 to at least K5.72 billion from K4.46 billion.



8. Counters that did not release End of Year Trading Statements are listed below. The assumption is that these counters expect their PAT to be within 20% of the profit made in the previous period:

- 1 FDHB
- 2 PCL
- 3 ICON
- 4 MPICO



National Bank of Malawi (NBM) plc wishes to advise its shareholders that NBM has now completed the acquisition of a 51% controlling stake in Akiba Commercial Bank plc (ACB) in Tanzania for a consideration of USD 7.31 million through a share subscription. Shareholders are, however, advised that negotiations are continuing for an additional stake in ACB.

Appendix A- Equity market (Continued)

Corporate Announcements (continued)

12. **OMU Trading Statement**

OMU wishes to advise shareholders that they expect HEPS and EPS for the year ended 31 December 2020 to be more than 20% lower than the reported HEPS and EPS for the comparable period (FY 2019 HEPS: 236.1 cents, FY 2019 EPS: 208.3 cents) due to the significant impact COVID-19 has had on our business operations and results.

A further trading statement will be published to provide more specific guidance once they have reasonable certainty regarding the extent of the decline and the related ranges of the expected decrease in HEPS and EPS.

13. **National Bank of Malawi plc cautionary statement**

National Bank of Malawi (NBM) plc wishes to advise its shareholders that NBM has now completed the acquisition of a 51% controlling stake in Akiba Commercial Bank plc (ACB) in Tanzania for a consideration of USD 7.31 million through a share subscription. The acquisition is in line with NBM plc's current strategic plan which has regional expansion as one of its key thrusts. This acquisition is expected to bring about growth in business for both NBM Plc and ACB as it upscales the business of ACB to the standards of NBM plc.

NBM is listed on the Malawi Stock Exchange with a market capitalization of K304 billion. The investment in ACB is approximately 2% of the NBMs current market capitalization. ACB is a Tanzanian bank offering a range of banking and financial services. It was established in 1997 with 300 Tanzanian entrepreneurs as its initial shareholders. It has strong SME roots and operates 18 branches across Tanzania.

Shareholders are, however, advised that negotiations are continuing for an additional stake in ACB. They are therefore advised to continue to exercise caution in dealing in their shares in the Company and consult professional advisors before dealing in their shares until such time as the result of the negotiations are known. NBM plc is further informing the general public that all efforts will be made to communicate further developments as and when required.



FDH Bank Plc wishes to inform its shareholders that following a meeting held on 8 February 2021, the Board of Directors of FDH Bank Plc passed a resolution approving payment of an interim dividend of K3 billion (representing K0.43 per share) in respect of 2020 profits.

Appendix A- Equity market (Continued)

Corporate Announcements (continued)

15. Dividends:

NBM second interim dividends

The Board of Directors of National Bank of Malawi plc, at its meeting on 28 January 2021 duly convened and held, resolved that a second interim dividend of K2.5 billion (representing K5.35 per share) be paid to the shareholders appearing in the register of the company as at close of business on 12th March 2021. A first interim dividend of K2.5 billion was paid in September 2020 in respect of 2020 profits. Payment date for the second interim dividend is 31st March 2021.

Illovo dividends

Illovo has declared a final dividend of K1.427 billion representing 200 tambala per share (K2.00) in respect of the financial year ended 31 August 2020 as recommended by its directors.

FDH interim dividend payment

FDH Bank Plc wishes to inform its shareholders that at a meeting duly called, constituted and held on 8 February 2021, the Board of Directors of FDH Bank Plc passed a resolution approving payment of an interim dividend of K3 billion (representing K0.43 per share) in respect of 2020 profits. The dividend will be paid to members appearing in the register of the company as at close of business on 12 March 2021. The date of payment for the interim dividend is 26 March 2021.

Company	Declared/Proposed	Type	Dividend (MK)	Last Day To Register	Payable
FDHB	Declared	Interim	0.43	12 March 2021	26 March 2021
NBM	Declared	Second interim	5.35	12 March 2021	31 March 2021
Illovo	Proposed	Final	2.00	12 March 2021	31 March 2021

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