

MALAWI

Political and economic news

NBM half-year profit hits MWK 22.1bn

National Bank of Malawi (NBM) plc has posted a MWK 22.1bn after-tax profit in the half-year ended June 30 2022, financial results show. The half-year profit has risen from MWK 12.8bn reported during the same period last year. A statement accompanying the financial results co-signed by the bank's chairperson and chief executive officer, indicates the results were achieved despite a challenging operating environment in the first half of this year. The Malawi Stock Exchange listed bank stated that the economic prospects during the review period were negatively impacted by the effects of weather-related shocks. *(Source: The Nation)*

Gloomy future for telecoms industry

Two listed companies from the telecommunications industry, TNM plc and Airtel plc, have projected to post subdued profit for half year ended June 2022 as the operating environment remains volatile. In separate statements, the two firms say they expect their profit after tax to be lower than same time last year. TNM says it expects its profit after tax for period under review to be 130% lower than the previous corresponding period while Airtel plc expects a post-tax profit drop of between 20 to 25 percent for Airtel Malawi. The adverse deviation has arisen from foreign exchange loss suffered from the recent 25% Malawi Kwacha depreciation, read separate statements from the two listed companies. *(Source: The Daily Times)*

Fuel price stabilisation fund building up

Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority (Mera) says the fuel Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) is now building up, a development which offers hope as consumers could be cushioned from future price hikes. Speaking in an interview, Mera chief executive officer, without indicating how much is currently in the fund, stated that the current developments in the fuel industry have not necessitated the regulator to use the PSF as it is building up. Considering global and other factors that influence and determine prices of fuel on the local market, we had to reduce the price of petrol and maintain that of diesel and paraffin. This means we did not have to dip into the fund because we actually reduced some price. *(Source: The Nation)*

Market activity and colour

Market commentary

The market traded 15m shares in 80 trades recording a market turnover of MWK 2.5bn during the week ended. Airtel, NBM, NITL and TNM were the market gainers whilst FMBCH dropped in price respectively. The MSE All share index slightly went up during the week.

However, on year-to-date the index went up by 44.8% at the back of a price increase on Nitl (1.8%). The market capitalisation in MWK rose by 18.01% y-t-d to K2.9trn but lost in USD terms by -6.14% y-t-d from \$3bn down to \$2.8bn on account of a 25% devaluation in the exchange rate.

SYMBOL SUMMARY



Trading Summary for the week ending 12 August 2022

Symbol	Open	Close		Volume	Value	Trades Count	Market Capitalization
AIRTEL	51.06	51.08	0.0% ↑	474,404	24,230,500.09	18	561,880,000,000
BHL	11.00	11.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	9,237,257,755
FDHB	14.00	14.00	0.00	3,100,335	43,404,682.00	14	96,614,437,500
FMBCH	108.00	107.99	0.0% ↓	357,320	38,593,585.00	7	265,466,417,500
ICON	12.00	12.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	80,160,000,000
ILLOVO	450.00	450.00	0.00	5,812,512	2,328,130,400.00	12	321,049,975,950
MPICO	20.69	20.69	0.00	0	0.00	0	47,546,601,947
NBM	1,140.00	1,140.02	0.0% ↑	756	861,854.12	4	532,311,519,955
NBS	22.74	22.74	0.00	82,099	1,866,931.26	6	66,186,438,115
NICO	46.73	46.73	0.00	36,000	1,682,210.00	4	48,741,310,416
NITL	110.05	112.00	1.8% ↑	637,452	71,394,624.00	6	15,120,000,000
OMU	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	26,085,422,400
PCL	2,181.44	2,181.44	0.00	0	0.00	0	262,330,855,981
STANDARD	1,840.05	1,840.05	0.00	0	0.00	0	431,801,151,488
SUNBIRD	80.02	80.02	0.00	0	0.00	0	20,931,838,052
TNM	11.95	12.03	0.7% ↑	4,522,614	54,396,483.00	9	120,786,613,500
Totals				15,023,492	2,564,561,269.47	80	2,906,249,840,559

					12-Aug-22	30-Jun-22	31-Dec-21
INDEX (week)	53,654.38	53,678.12	0.0% ↑	MWK/USD	1026.43	1026.43	816.40
INDEX (month)	49,596.14	53,678.12	8.2% ↑	MWK/GBP	1252.46	1247.94	1102.14
INDEX (year to date)	37,061.70	53,678.12	44.8% ↑	MWK/ZAR	63.21	63.23	51.35

Market cap (MWK'm)	2,906,249.84	2,462,680.71
Market cap (USD'm)	2831.402287	3016.511645

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