

MALAWI

Political and economic news

Pension assets hit MWK 1.4tn

Malawi's pension assets have grown by 27.5% to MWK 1.4tn from MWK 1.1tn in June last year. This was disclosed in Lilongwe on Wednesday during a Pensions Seminar organised by Nico Group. Making a presentation on Pension Legislation and Current Developments during the seminar, Reserve Bank of Malawi Principal Examiner for Pension and Insurance Regulation stated that the annual contributions have risen from MWK 72.6bn in June last year to MWK 103.6bn in June this year. *(Source: Times Business)*

Financial Market complaints up 18%

Consumers complaints against financial market players have jumped by 18% to 578, with pensions and insurance sector claiming the highest number of cases lodged to the registrar of financial institutions, figures show. The 578 complaints lodged in 2021 compares to a total of 486 cases the registrar of financial institutions Supervision Report released on Tuesday, RBM mentioned that that it handled 599 complaints, including 21 that were brought forward from the previous year. The analysis shows that the pension sector registered the highest number of complaints at 284 while insurance had 138 complaints. *(Source: The Nation)*

Banks' lending rate revision stirs panic

Commercial bank has revised upwards the reference rate for September in a move that has stirred panic among consumers and businesses who fear that this could put pressure on them and drive up default rates. The consumers and businesses have expressed their sentiments in view of the revision of the reference rate, an interest rate benchmark used to set other interest rates from 13.8% to 13.9%. During the same period last year, the reference rate was at 12.2% This means that with the current reference rate, which forms part of interest rates charged by banks on consumers when accessing loans, borrowers will now be paying between 13.9% and a maximum of around 27% when accessing loans. *(Source: The Nation)*

Market activity and colour

Market commentary

The market traded 25.5m shares in 105 trades recording a market turnover of MWK 681m during the week ended. STD, NICO, NBM and FDHB were the gainers whilst ICON and BHL decreased in prices respectively. The MSE All share index went up with 0.5% during the week at the back of FDHB (7.1%) and Nico (9%) respectively.

However, on year-to-date the index went up by 46.8%. The market capitalisation in MWK rose by 19.53% y-t-d to K2.9trn but lost in USD terms by -4.93% 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 9 September 2022

Symbol	Open	Close		Volume	Value	Trades Count	Market Capitalization
AIRTEL	51.15	51.15	0.00	1,649,493	84,376,550.00	19	562,650,000,000
BHL	11.00	10.99	-0.1% ↓	5,000	54,950.00	1	9,228,860,248
FDHB	14.00	15.00	7.1% ↑	17,542,813	254,090,200.00	12	103,515,468,750
FMBCH	100.00	100.00	0.00	39,200	3,920,000.00	3	245,825,000,000
ICON	11.98	11.97	-0.1% ↓	4,500	53,865.00	2	79,959,600,000
ILLOVO	500.00	500.00	0.00	3,000	1,500,000.00	1	356,722,195,500
MPICO	20.67	20.67	0.00	2,500	51,675.00	1	47,500,640,998
NBM	1,151.07	1,160.01	0.8% ↑	14,553	16,756,415.00	12	541,645,485,397
NBS	22.72	22.72	0.00	1,036,527	21,829,889.68	7	66,128,226,648
NICO	46.73	50.95	9.0% ↑	4,972,506	250,975,500.00	7	53,142,943,841
NITL	112.00	112.00	0.00	15,480	1,733,760.00	6	15,120,000,000
OMU	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00	50	80,000.00	1	26,085,422,400
PCL	2,181.44	2,181.44	0.00	6,492	14,161,908.00	7	262,330,855,981
STANDARD	1,840.06	1,840.08	0.0% ↑	15,709	28,905,760.00	17	431,808,191,533
SUNBIRD	80.02	80.02	0.00	0	0.00	0	20,931,838,052
TNM	12.06	12.06	0.00	210,000	2,532,600.00	9	121,087,827,000
Totals				25,517,823	681,023,072.68	105	2,943,682,556,348

				9-Sep-22	2-Sep-22	31-Dec-21
INDEX (week)	54,107.37	54,394.89	0.5% ↑	MWK/USD	1026.43	1026.43
INDEX (month)	54,545.45	54,394.89	-0.3% ↑	MWK/GBP	1224.48	1220.36
INDEX (year to date)	37,061.70	54,394.89	46.8% ↑	MWK/ZAR	60.78	61.18

Market cap (MWK'm)	2,943,682.56	2,462,680.71
Market cap (USD'm)	2867.870961	3016.511645

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