

MALAWI

Political and economic news

Trained tourism staff key to development

Minister of Tourism, Culture and Wildlife mentioned that the tourism industry plays a vital role in economic development and could accelerate the achievement of Malawi 2063 (MW2063), the country's long-term development plan. The minister said this on Friday during the graduation of Malawi Institute of Tourism (MIT) students. He said besides helping in the actualising MW2063, the graduates can also assist in the implementation of the 20-year National Tourism Investment Masterplan. He said, Training is critical in the development of any sector, more so the tourism industry whose growth potential can only be realised with the placement of well-trained staff in its various sub-sectors. *(Source: The Nation)*

MW import cover remains volatile

Malawians have a long way to go before they see stability in forex availability and supply of some essential imports as country's official foreign exchange reserves position maintained a downward spiral. According to figures from financial advisory firm, Bridgepath Capital, as of October 31 this year, Malawi had USD 754m in forex reserves. This was a 1.60 percent decrease from USD 766m reported as of September 30 2022. The drop in foreign reserves is a result of a mismatch between supply and demand, according to the Financial Market Dealers Association (Fimda). The association's president however, said tightening of monetary policy could help contain the pressure. He further stated that in the short-to-medium terms, there are three key pressure points which need to be addressed if the foreign exchange problem is to be dealt with. *(Source: Times Business)*

Headline inflation hits 26.7%

Malawi's headline inflation hit 26.7% in October this year, the highest record since June 2013, when it reached 27.9%. According to figures from the National Statistical Office, this is a 1.2 percentage point increase from 25.5% recorded in September. During the same period last year, the inflation rate was sailing in a single digit at 9.8%. The October 2022 rise in inflation rate has been attributed to the rise in both food and non-food inflation, which has reached 34.5% and 18.6%, respectively, from 33.4% and 18.2% in the preceding month. Economist from Malawi University of Business Applied Sciences said even though the inflation rate may not rocket further, the rate at which it is rising is a cause for concern. *(Source: Times Business)*

Market activity and colour

Market commentary

The market traded 75m shares in 106 trades recording a market turnover of MWK 4.6bn during the week ended. Airtel, FMBCH, NBM, STD, SUNBIRD and TNM were the market gainers whilst OMU (-14.4%), BHL (-0.1%), MPICO and NBS dropped in price. The price gains registered in the counters mentioned above were enough to offset share price losses in the four counters, resulting in a 1.5% upward movement of the MSE All Share Index.

However, on year-to-date the index went up by 60.3%. The market capitalisation in MWK rose by 30.22% y-t-d to K3.2trn and 3.57% in USD terms to 3.1bn.

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SYMBOL SUMMARY



Trading Summary for the week ending 25 November 2022

Symbol	Open	Close		Volume	Value	Trades Count	Market Capitalization
AIRTEL	55.09	55.11	0.0% ↑	18,319,727	1,009,600,442.00	18	606,210,000,000
BHL	10.99	10.98	-0.1% ↓	5,000	54,900.00	1	9,220,462,741
FDHB	15.00	15.00	0.00	6,032,417	90,486,270.00	19	103,515,468,750
FMBCH	110.82	110.83	0.0% ↑	56,880	6,304,010.00	1	272,447,847,500
ICON	11.96	11.96	0.00	4,763	56,965.48	3	79,892,800,000
ILLOVO	500.10	500.10	0.00	1,879,578	939,977,000.00	7	356,793,539,939
MPICO	20.66	20.65	0.0% ↓	1,500	30,975.00	1	47,454,680,049
NBM	1,500.00	1,500.01	0.0% ↑	525,766	788,654,214.50	25	700,402,276,317
NBS	22.60	22.59	0.0% ↓	48,100,506	1,059,152,329.40	9	65,749,852,112
NICO	55.00	55.00	0.00	348,533	19,169,320.00	2	57,367,260,280
NITL	112.01	112.01	0.00	14,114	1,580,909.14	3	15,121,350,000
OMJ	1,156.00	990.00	-14.4% ↓	4,500	4,455,000.00	1	16,140,355,110
PCL	2,181.38	2,181.38	0.00	243	530,075.04	2	262,323,640,632
STANDARD	2,000.03	2,000.10	0.0% ↑	351,460	702,955,129.16	6	469,359,790,816
SUNBIRD	92.03	92.04	0.0% ↑	3,000	276,120.00	2	24,076,060,663
TNM	12.02	12.03	0.1% ↑	42,000	504,930.00	6	120,786,613,500
Totals				75,689,987	4,623,788,589.72	106	3,206,861,998,409

					25-Nov-22	18-Nov-22	31-Dec-21
INDEX (week)	58,544.16	59,400.97	1.5% ↑	MWK/USD	1026.43	1026.43	816.40
INDEX (month)	55,046.26	59,400.97	7.9% ↑	MWK/GBP	1279.03	1258.21	1102.14
INDEX (year to date)	37,061.70	59,400.97	60.3% ↑	MWK/ZAR	62.18	60.93	51.35

Market cap (MWK'm)	3,206,862.00	2,462,680.71
Market cap (USD'm)	3124.27248	3016.511645

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