

Financial Market Update

| Week ending 23 October 2020



FINANCIAL MARKET HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK

The following highlights compare the week ending 23 October 2020 to the week ending 16 October 2020:



EQUITY MARKET (Source: MSE)

- The MASI increased to 31,346.80 points this week, from 31,339.53 points last week. The return on MASI (year-to-date) was 3.62%. It was 4.69% during the same period last year.
- There was a share price gain for NICO (from K47.98 to K52.00).
- There were share price losses for AIRTEL (from K29.00 to K28.98), ICON (from K12.49 to K12.30), MPICO (from K24.00 to K23.93), NBS (from K21.00 to K20.95), OMU (from K2,199.99 to K2,199.98) and TNM (from K20.39 to K20.19).



CURRENCY MARKET (Source: RBM)

- The Malawi Kwacha marginally depreciated against the USD from K759.28 per USD to K759.85 per USD.
- The Kwacha depreciated against the GBP (from K1,010.87 to K1,030.04), ZAR (from K48.54 to K49.29) and the EUR (from K931.55 to K938.51)



GOVERNMENT SECURITIES (Source: RBM)

- A total of K3.75 billion was raised this week in the Treasury Bill (TB) and Treasury Note (TN) auctions.
- The TB and TN auctions raised K430.55 million and K3.32 billion, respectively.
- There were nil rejections in the TB auction while the TN auction had a 70.36% rejection rate.
- The 91 days TB had the highest subscription rate at 53.49%.



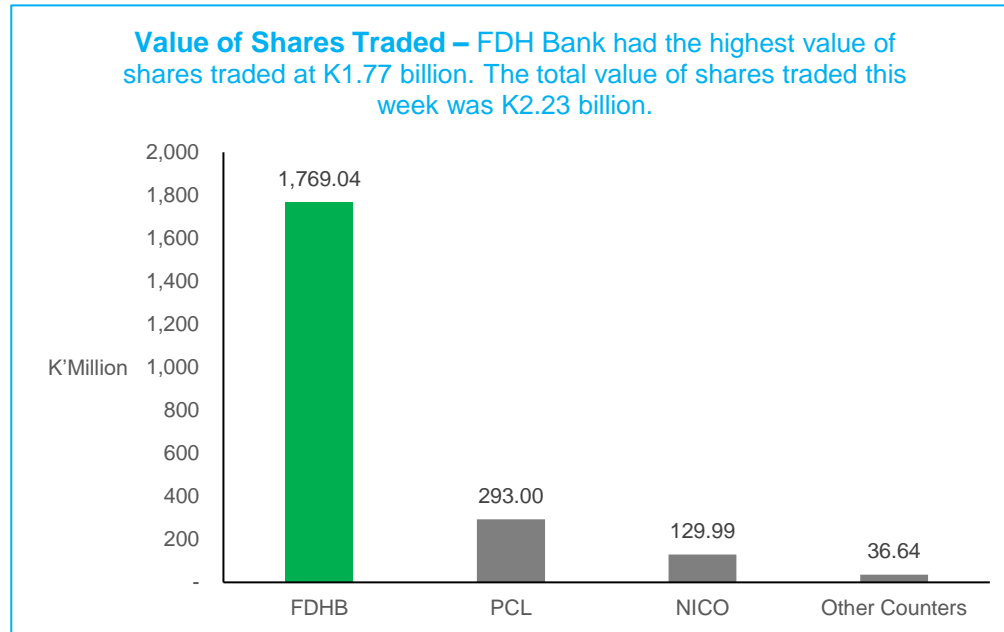
FINANCIAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS (Source: RBM)

- The daily overnight interbank average rate was steady this week at 13.63%.



EQUITY MARKET (SOURCE : MSE)

The stock market was bullish during the week under review, relative to the previous week due to the increase in the Domestic Share Index (DSI) while the Foreign Share Index (FSI) was steady during this period. The MASI registered a year-to-date return of 3.62% this year (it was 4.69% last year). The share price changes are shown in the table on the right.



MSE Code	Share Price (K)		% Change
	16-Oct-20	23-Oct-20	
Airtel	29.00	28.98	↓ -0.07%
BHL	12.94	12.94	→ 0.00%
FDHB	12.00	12.00	→ 0.00%
FMBCH	22.00	22.00	→ 0.00%
ICON	12.49	12.30	↓ -1.52%
ILLOVO	80.50	80.50	→ 0.00%
MPICO	24.00	23.93	↓ -0.29%
NBM	618.70	618.70	→ 0.00%
NBS	21.00	20.95	↓ -0.24%
NICO	47.98	52.00	↑ 8.38%
NITL	94.98	94.98	→ 0.00%
OMU	2,199.99	2,199.98	↓ 0.00%
PCL	1,343.99	1,343.99	→ 0.00%
STANDARD	851.00	851.00	→ 0.00%
SUNBIRD	105.00	105.00	→ 0.00%
TNM	20.39	20.19	↓ -0.98%
MASI	31,339.53	31,346.80	↑ 0.02%
DSI	26,819.77	26,826.24	↑ 0.02%
FSI	1,361.90	1,361.90	→ 0.00%

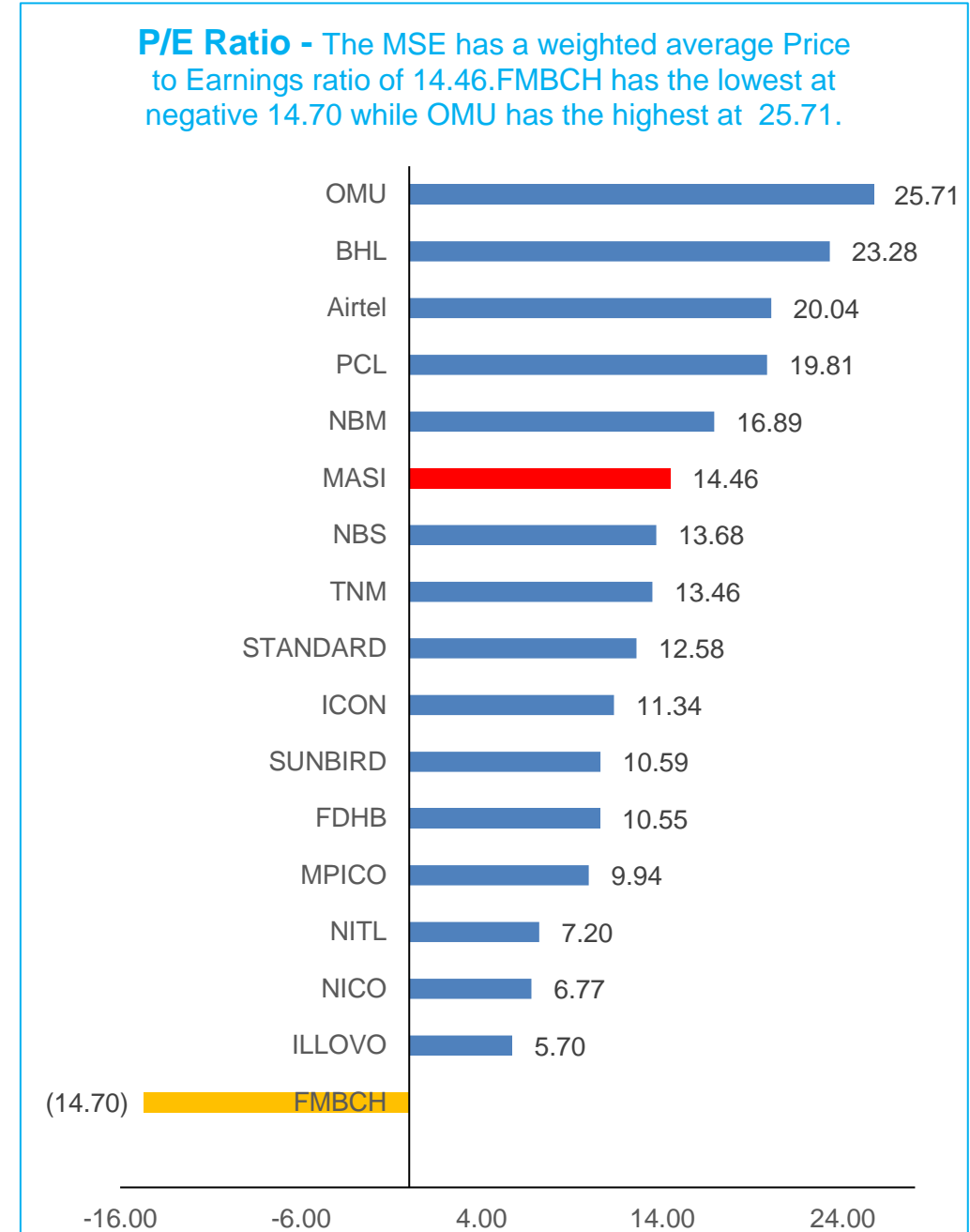
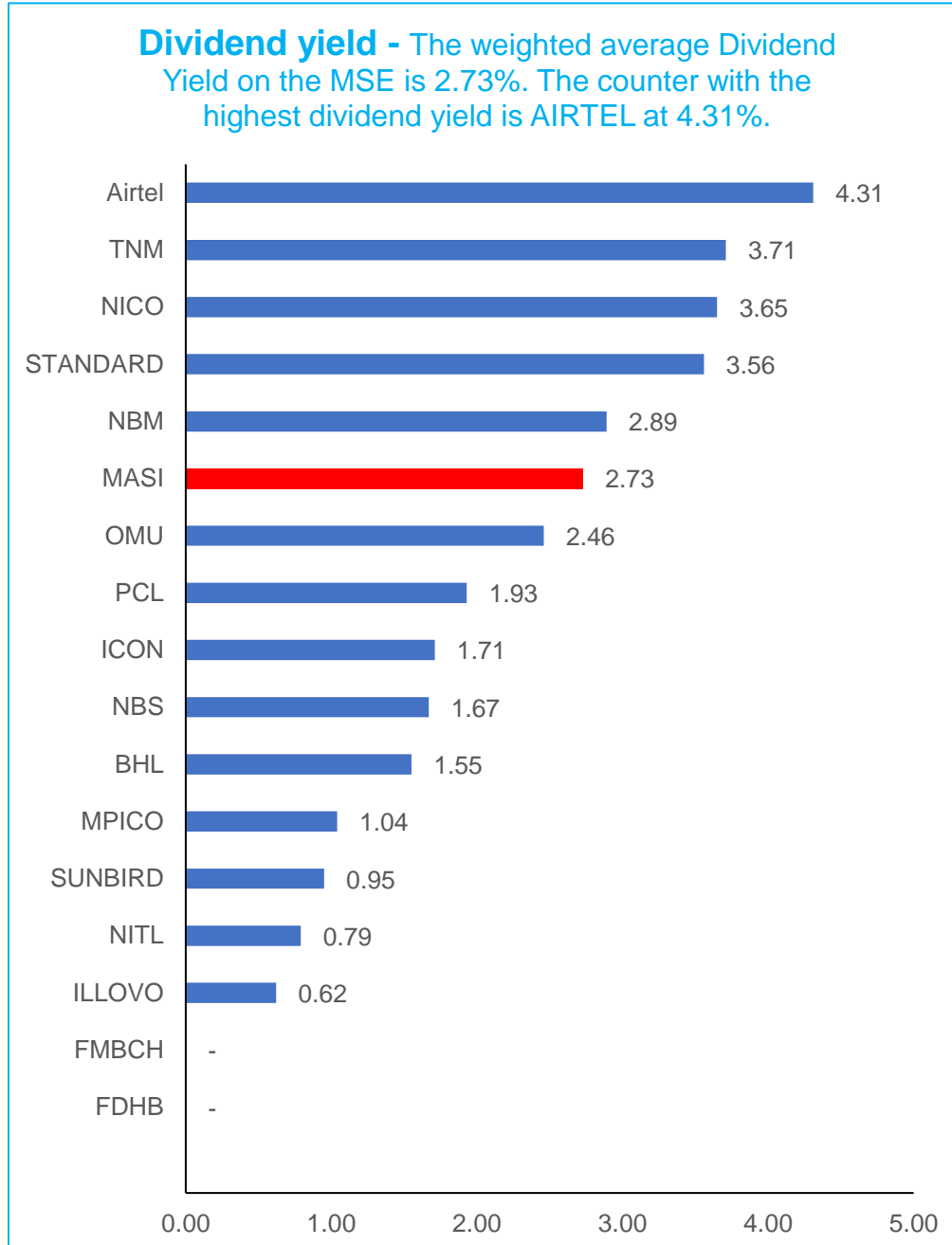


Corporate Announcements

- PCL, NBS and NITL declared their interim dividends (per share) of K6.00, K0.45 and K0.50, respectively. The payment date for PCL and NBS dividends is 23 October 2020 while NITL dividend will be paid on 30 October 2020.

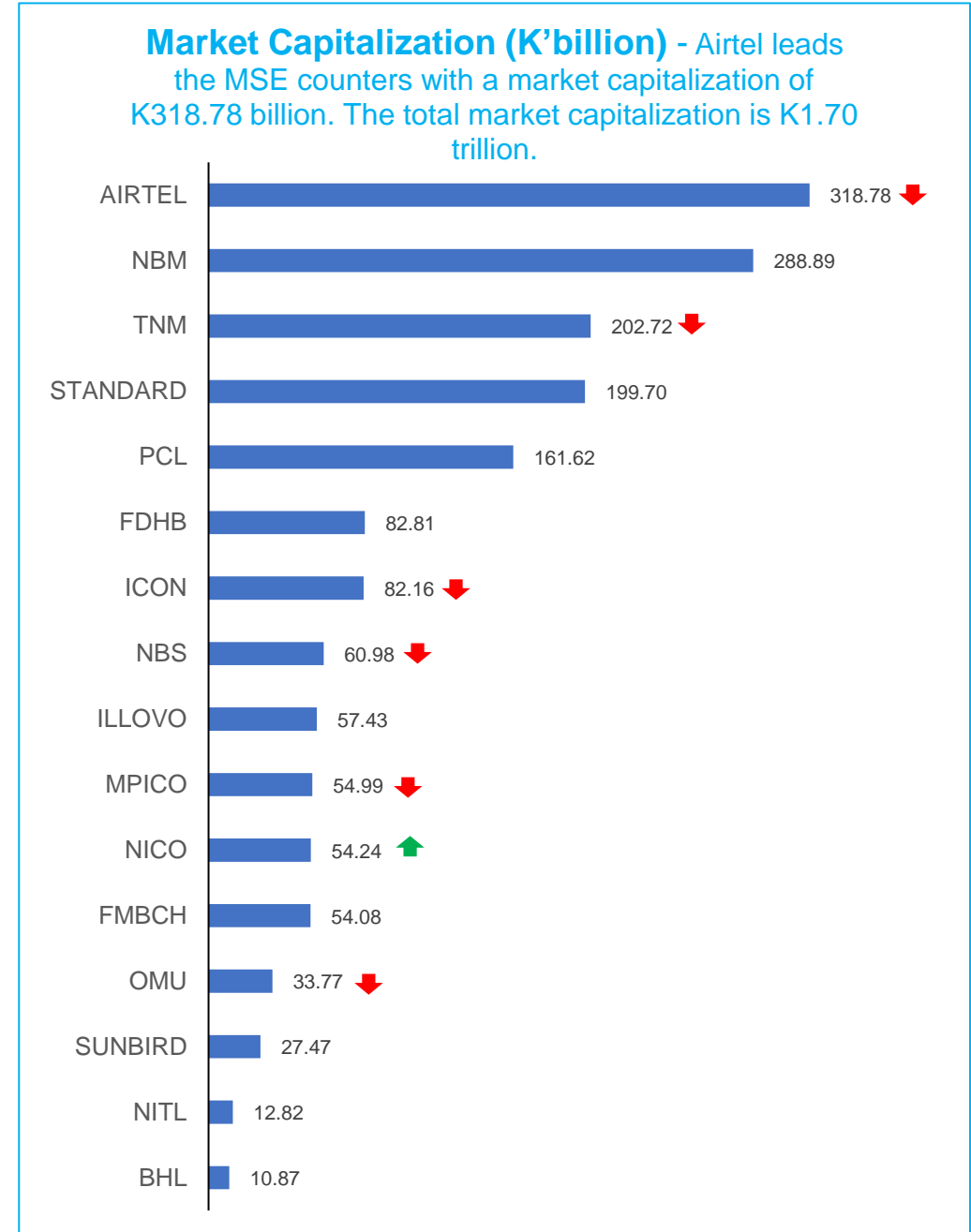
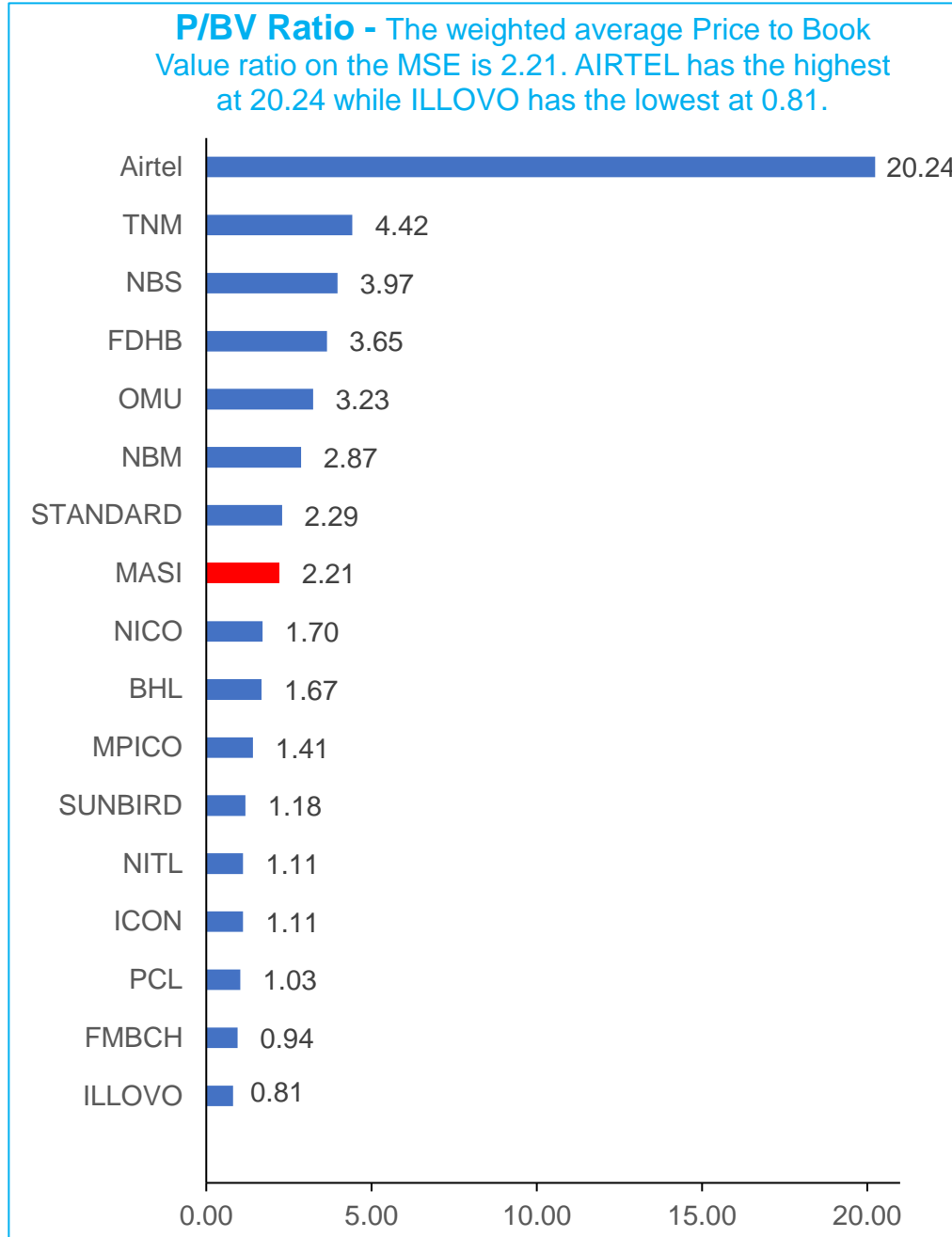


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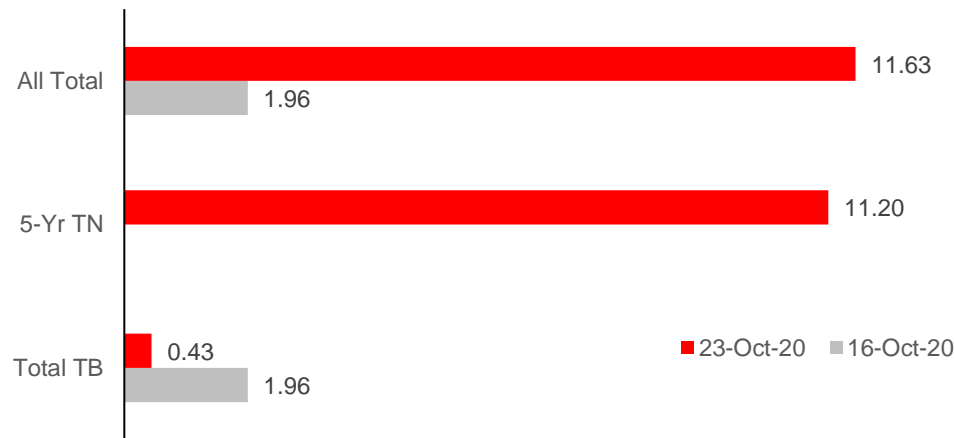


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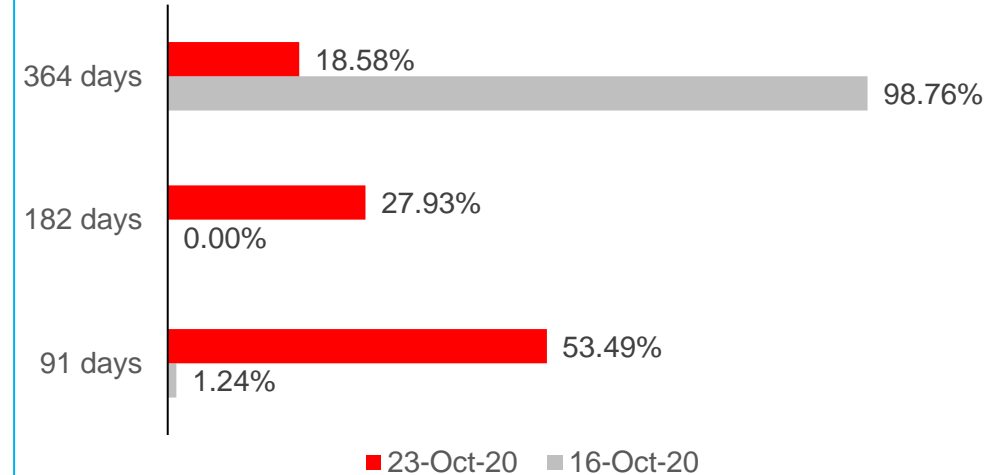




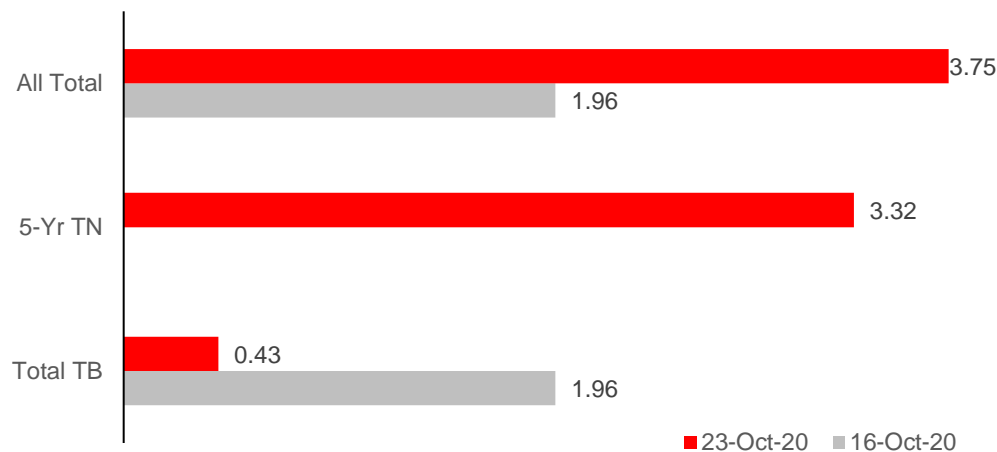
TB and TN Applications (K'billion) - there were more applications this week at K11.63 billion compared to K1.96 billion in the previous week.



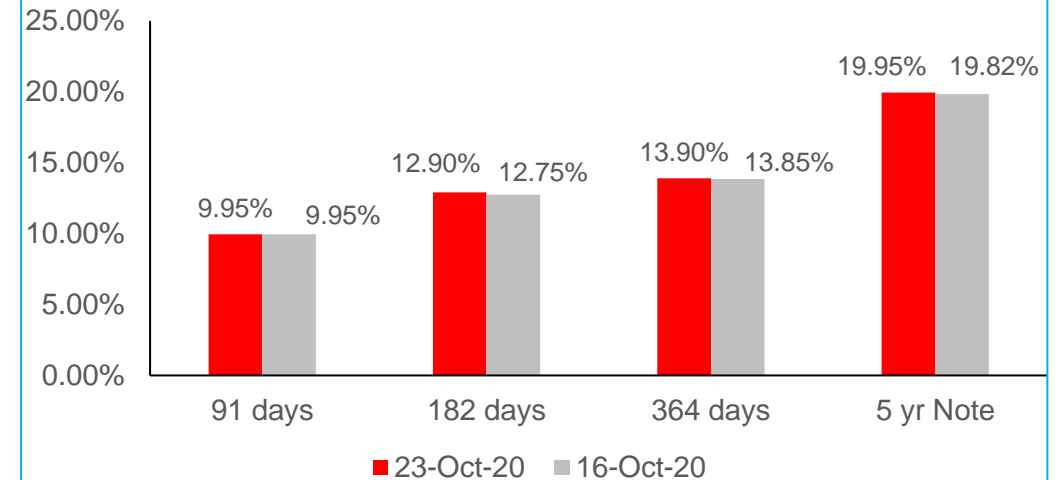
TB Subscription Rate - The 91 days paper had the highest subscription this week at 53.49% while the 364 days paper had the highest last week at 98.76%.



TB and TN Allotments (K'million) - a total of K3.75 billion was allotted this week from K1.96 billion last week. There were no rejection in both weeks.

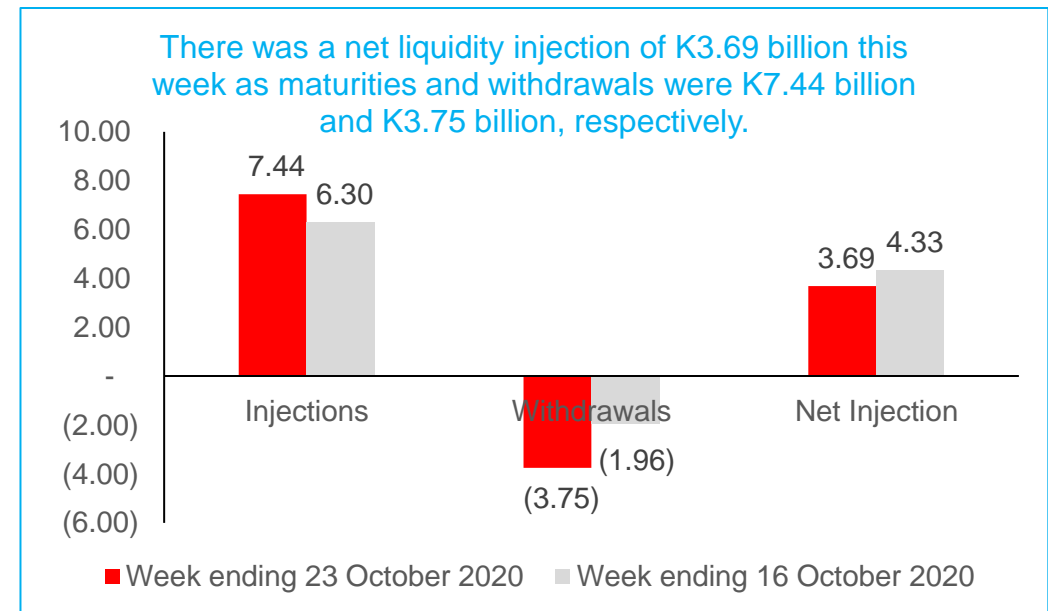
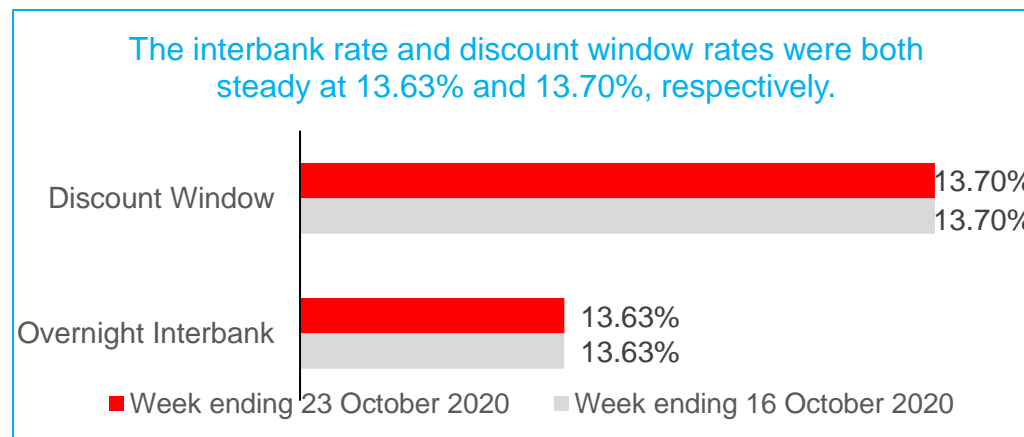
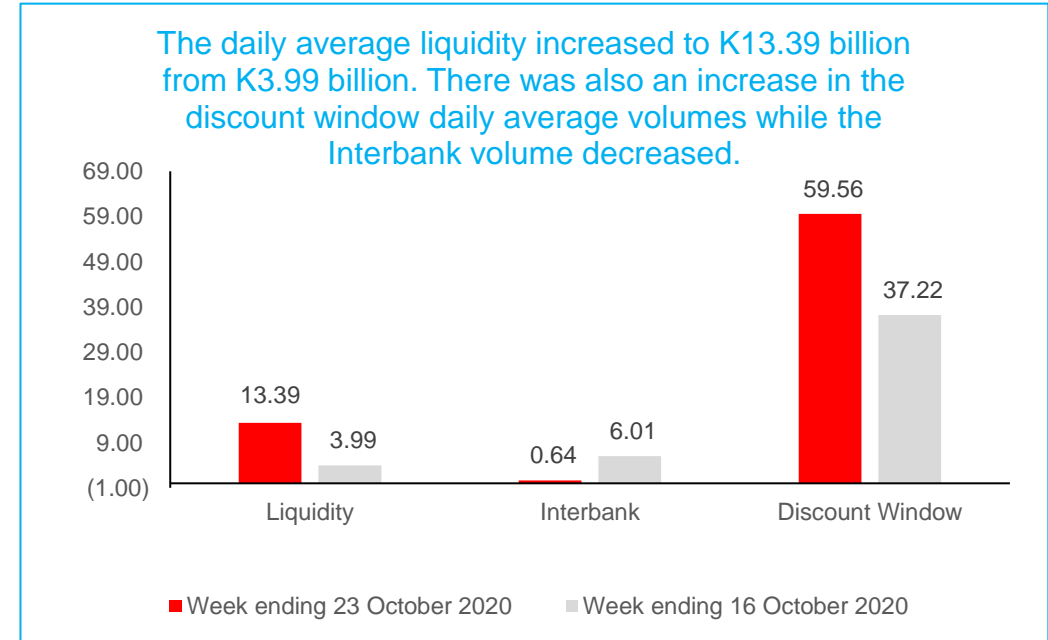
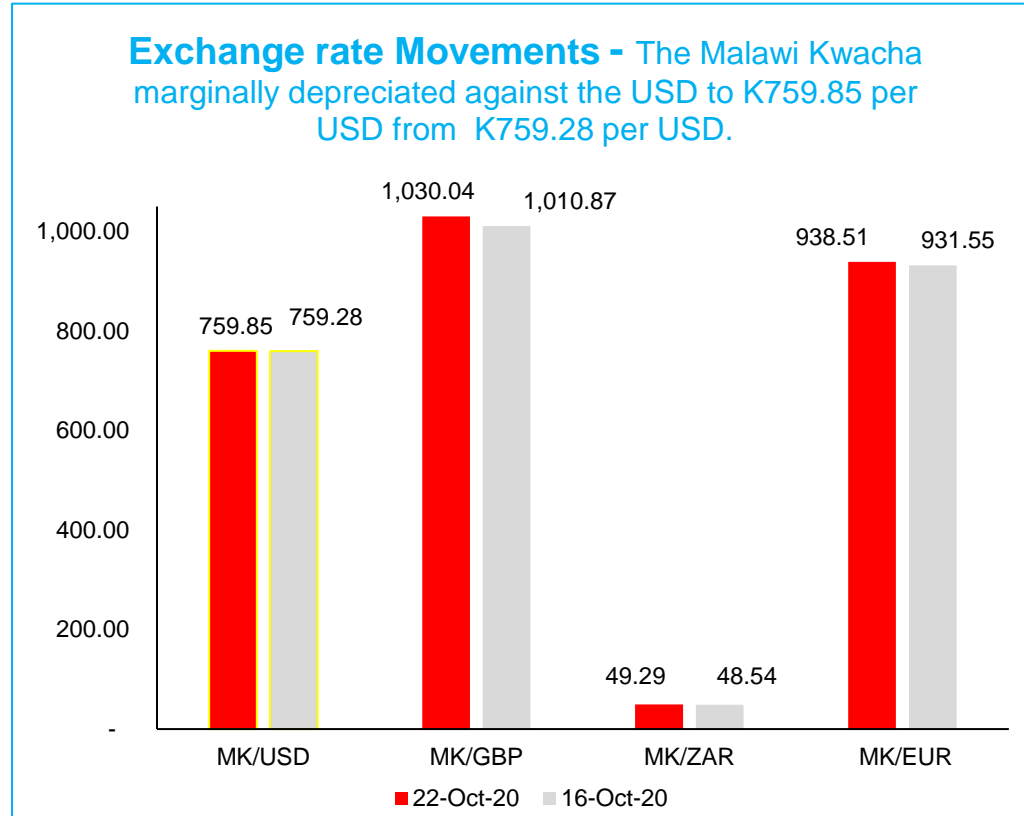


Government Securities' yields - The average all TB yield increased to 12.25% this week from 12.18% last week.





OTHER FINANCIAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS (SOURCE: RBM)



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