



TRADING UPDATE

FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (ZWG 000)

Profit after taxation 1,106,026 2024: 1,008,278 ↑ 10%	Total income 4,231,483 2024: 2,680,953 ↑ 58%	Total equity 9,077,992 2024: 7,913,347 ↑ 15%
Total deposits 27,089,534 2024: 21,588,205 ↑ 25%	Total advances 9,675,859 2024: 8,300,282 ↑ 17%	Total assets 38,930,873 2024: 34,419,507 ↑ 13%

Dear Stakeholder,

It is my pleasure to present CBZ Holdings Limited's trading update for the nine months ended 30 September 2025. The Group sustained stable performance across its core businesses, supported by disciplined financial management, operational efficiency, and continued focus on strategic execution.

Operating Environment

Global economic activity showed signs of improvement during the third quarter of 2025, with the International Monetary Fund revising its global growth forecast upward to 3.2% from the earlier projection of 2.8%. The improved outlook was anchored by the easing of trade barriers, front-loaded fiscal expansion in major economies, and enhanced consumer spending in advanced markets, particularly the United States (US) and China. Geopolitical tensions in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, however continued to weigh down on efficient global economic growth.

In the financial markets, the US dollar weakened marginally against major currencies during the quarter, reflecting a shift in investor sentiment amid lower inflation and stable interest rate expectations in the US. The Federal Reserve's cautious stance sustained investor confidence, anchoring global liquidity conditions. Commodity markets presented mixed trends, with precious metals strengthening on safe-haven demand, while energy prices moderated following improved supply conditions.

In Zimbabwe, the economy continued to show encouraging signs of recovery during the third quarter of 2025, supported by strong agricultural performance, rising mineral output, and ongoing fiscal and monetary discipline. The Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion revised the annual GDP growth projection upward to 6.6% from 6.0%, outperforming the Sub-Saharan Africa regional average of 4.1%. Strong tobacco and gold deliveries supplemented the sustained expansion in the manufacturing, construction and tourism sectors of the economy.

General consumer goods price stability persisted, with the annual USD inflation rate easing slightly from an average of 14.1% in Q2 2025 to 14.0% in Q3 2025. Conversely, the ZWG inflation rate edged up marginally from 90.1% to 90.8% over the same period. Overall, inflationary pressures remained contained, supported by a stable exchange rate, as the ZWG/USD rate held around ZWG26.64 per US dollar by the end of September. The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe maintained its benchmark policy rate at 35%, prioritising exchange rate stability and liquidity management. Foreign currency reserves increased modestly to about US\$900 million, equivalent to just over one month of import cover.

Capital Markets

The Zimbabwe Stock Exchange All Share Index advanced by 6.8% during the quarter, closing at 210.63, while the Victoria Falls Stock Exchange All Share Index rose 40.7% to 150.83, buoyed by strategic listings and operational efficiencies. Consequently, the VFEX market capitalisation firmed by 43.7% to US\$1.80 billion, and CBZ Holdings' share price rose by 13.2% to close the period at ZWG 8.15, translating to a market capitalisation of ZWG 4.3 billion.

Financial Performance

During the period under review, the Group recorded a profit after tax of ZWG 1.11 billion, representing a 10% increase from ZWG 1.01 billion recorded in the same period of the previous year. Total income amounted to ZWG 4.23 billion, 58% above the ZWG 2.68 billion reported in the prior year, reflecting stable performance. This was supported by sound capitalisation and an established market position in deposit mobilisation and transactional volumes. The top-line outcome was underpinned by funded income of ZWG 1.46 billion [2024: ZWG 0.88 billion], while non-funded income of ZWG 2.75 billion [2024: ZWG 1.79 billion] provided notable support to overall earnings for the period.

Non-funded income benefited from the Group's leading market share in deposits, a growing customer base, and an extensive service channel network within the banking sector, complemented by positive results across the diversified subsidiary portfolio. This performance underscores the Group's commitment to being a trusted financial partner, providing integrated financial solutions that support customer growth and success.

The Group's asset base closed the period at ZWG 38.93 billion, a 13% increase from the December 2024 position of ZWG 34.42 billion, supported by a customer deposit base of ZWG 27.09 billion [2024: ZWG 21.59 billion]. The Group continues to prioritise broadening its long-term deposit base to reinforce balance sheet stability and ensure a sustainable funding structure. The overall performance during the period reflects consistent execution of strategic priorities and positions the Group for a steady close to the financial year.

All business units are adequately capitalised to sustain operations and strategic growth plans, with all regulated entities maintaining full compliance with minimum capital requirements. Further capitalisation initiatives are underway to strengthen key subsidiaries in line with their respective mandates.

Going Concern

The Directors have assessed the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and are confident that adequate resources are in place to sustain operations in the foreseeable future. The Group continues to generate positive cash flows and maintains strong capital and liquidity buffers, underpinned by a diversified income base and sound risk management practices.

Outlook

Looking ahead, the global economy is expected to record moderate growth on the back of easing inflation, improving financial conditions, and technological productivity gains. The local economy is set to continue on the positive growth trajectory, supported by expected better rainfall season, higher prices for gold, improved energy supply, coupled with the ongoing fiscal reforms that will enhance the ease of doing business. Against this backdrop, the Group is well-positioned to pursue growth opportunities. Strategic investments in technology, people, and governance will remain central to our value-creation agenda.

By order of the Board.

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