

# Is transparent price discovery still valuable to investors?

Transparent price discovery is a cornerstone of financial markets, and its importance cannot be overstated. It is the process of determining the fair value of an asset in an open and competitive market. This process is essential for several reasons and has many benefits that contribute to the overall health and success of financial markets, both domestically and internationally.

One of the key benefits of transparent price discovery is that it promotes a fair and efficient market. By ensuring that all investors have access to the same information and that prices reflect the true value of an asset, it creates a level playing field for all investors. This leads to a market where investors can buy and sell assets at prices that reflect their true value.

Another key benefit of transparent price discovery is its ability to promote liquidity in the market. When investors have access to accurate and transparent information about asset prices, they are more willing to buy and sell assets. This helps to ensure that there is a steady flow of buyers and sellers in the market, promoting a more liquid and efficient market.

Furthermore, transparent price discovery is crucial for managing risk. When investors have access to accurate and timely information about the market and asset prices, they can make informed decisions about their investments. This helps them to mitigate risk. In the context of the global financial market, where unexpected events and changes in economic conditions can cause instability, transparent price discovery plays a crucial role in helping investors to make informed decisions and navigate the market more effectively.

In addition, transparent price discovery promotes accountability in the market. By providing accurate and transparent information about asset prices, it is easier to identify and address instances of market manipulation or other illegal activities. This helps to promote confidence in the market and prevents misconduct from going unchecked.

Listing a company on a Financial Product Market provides investors with a market-based valuation of their financial assets. While the USX has lower levels of disclosure requirements compared to a continuous disclosure regime a market valuation is still set by investors and their opinion of the future prospects and information provided by the Issuer. The better the information disclosed the better the liquidity and therefore the better the market-based valuation.

The USX remains focused on bringing new issuers into its listed environment to provide transparent market-based pricing and valuation. We continue to promote the concept that a listing on the USX is a viable and cost-effective alternative to an annual valuation to set prices for investors to trade amongst themselves.

New Zealand has seen many companies raise equity capital in the last 20+ years. Many of these continue to have no formal market for their shares and investors remain locked into a shareholding that cannot be easily traded and information flow is limited. Markets reward information and transparency.

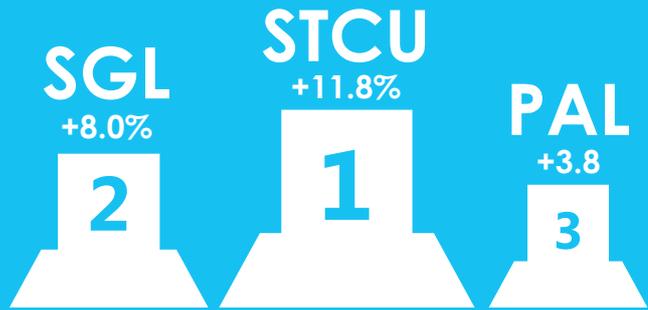
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## DEC - JAN 2023 MARKET ACTIVITY

### Market Capitalisation



### Top Price Increases



### Broker Trading Activity

# Market Updates

## Dec-Jan Trading Data

**185** Trades Facilitated

Shares Traded **1.9m**

**\$4.7m** Worth of Shares Traded

## Last 12-Months Trading

**1,221** Trades Facilitated

Shares Traded **21.6m**

**\$63.3m** Worth of Shares Traded

## Capital Raised

**\$0.02m** Raised in Last 2-Months

Raised in Last 12-Months **\$74.6m**

**\$472.9m** Raised Since Inception

## Latest Reports

- Connexionz (half year)
- Rangatira Investments (half year)
- Speirs Group (half year)

## Recent Issuer Activity

Aorere Resources (ARL) Decklar Resources Inc announced that Decklar and its co-venturer Millenium Oil & Gas Company Limited ("Millenium") have executed a new sale and purchase agreement for the delivery of 30,000 barrels of crude oil ("bbls") to the Edo Refinery and Petrochemicals Company Limited ("ERPC") in Edo State, Nigeria. Decklar and its co-venturer Millenium announce that following the successful delivery of 10,000 bbls of crude oil, a sale and purchase agreement has been signed for delivery of an additional 30,000 bbls of crude oil to a small crude oil refinery in Edo State, Nigeria.

Connexionz (CNX) reported revenue for the six months to 30th September 2022 at \$3.6m showing an increase of 1% compared to the corresponding six-month period in 2021 of \$3.5m. The profit before tax for the six months to 30th September 2022 was \$103,723, which compares with a profit before tax of \$379,904 in the corresponding six-month period in 2021, a decrease of -73%. More results from the half year report can be [found here](#).

New Zealand Merino Company (NZMC) AWN Rural Pty Limited (AWN) has reached an agreement with outgoing Chief Executive John Brakenridge to purchase all NZMC shares held jointly by John and his wife Sarah. Once fully settled AWN will own 538,352 shares at a purchase price of \$9.50 per share, making up 10.1% of the shares in NZMC. "AWN have been an important strategic partner of NZMC for a number of years and a key component in the strategy for a greater presence in the Australian market." The full update can be [found here](#).

Rangatira Investments (RNGA & RNGB) paid an interim dividend of 26 cents per share on Monday 19 December. For the six months to the end of September, Rangatira recorded comprehensive income of \$19.5m (HY22 \$10.9m). While operating earnings were slightly down on the previous half, the company recorded a significant gain on the sale of the Hellers property in Christchurch lifting income to \$19.5m for the six months. More results from the half year report can be [found here](#).

SeaDragon (SEA) Sheldon Limited (the offeror) had advised SeaDragon that the Offeror has become the holder or controller of 90% or more of the voting rights in the Company. The Independent Committee recommends that shareholders accept the Offer as soon as possible. More information regarding the offer can be [found here](#).

Skyline Enterprises (SEL) paid a dividend of 20c per share on Friday 16th December to all shareholders on the register as at 5pm Monday 5th December 2022. Board Chair Jan Hunt has retired after 14 years on the board, handing the reins to Peter Treacy to continue the strong Skyline growth journey. Bruce Thomassen was appointed to the board of Skyline Enterprises effective 1st January 2023. Bruce was central to setting up the very successful Skyline Luge businesses in Mont Tremblant in Canada and on Sentosa Island in Singapore and has also been the General Manager of the Skyline Rotorua business, and most recently a member of the Skyline International Luge Board.

Speirs Group (SGL) reported for the first six months of the 2022/23 financial year an overall group loss attributable to shareholders of Speirs Group Limited of \$362,000 compared to a loss of \$202,000 for the previous corresponding period, a deterioration of \$160,000. The main reason being a very difficult trading period experienced by Speirs Foods. More results from the half-year report can be [found here](#).

Zespri Group (ZGL) resolved to pay a partially imputed net interim dividend relating to the 2022/23 financial year of 10 cents per share (the gross dividend is 13 cents per share) and a payment date of 9 December 2022. Craigs Investment Partners had published Zespri's 5-year Outlook and 2022 wrap report, covering population changes, consumer and shopping trends, fruit category trends and growth opportunity for Zespri Kiwifruit. The full report can be [found here](#).