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# Local investors command DSE trading

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**Dar es Salaam.** Local investors are increasingly becoming a force to reckon with in trading activities at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) as they are gradually outdoing their foreign counterparts, market reports show.

Traditionally, foreign investors

have dominated trading activities at the DSE; but Covid-19 fears seem to have put an end to their dominance.

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The DSE registered a total of Sh17.66 billion in turnover during the review period.

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“Basically, the volumes and value of trading by local investors are relatively the same as they were last year; but their contribution is higher ratio-wise terms basically because foreign investors have largely shunned the market,” the DSE Plc’s chief executive officer, Mr Moremi Marwa, told

*The Citizen.*

Foreign investors deem investment in stocks as somewhat risky during the period when the world was grappling with the Covid-19 pandemic.

That means trading activities were dominated by local investors, avail-

able data shows. The contribution of local investors at the bourse’s trading activities was also fuelled by the decision of some local pension funds that have started to invest at the bourse after almost three years of staying away from the secondary market.

“This has also contributed to the level of local investors relative to foreign investors,” he said.

Instead of investing in the risky stock business, foreigners have shifted to safe assets such as gold, government securities (Treasury bonds and bills), while others have put their money into global blue chip companies abroad.