

STOCK RECOMMENDATION - JANUARY 25, 2021

MARKET REVIEW

For the week ended January 22, 2021.

- The Nigerian stock market witnessed bearish sentiments last week as the All Share Index declined marginally by 0.42% WoW to settle at 41,001.99pts. Year to Date (YtD) return currently stands at 1.82%
- All sectoral indices closed the week negative, with the banking index (-1.33% WoW) seeing the most loss. CHAMPION (+44.44%) topped the gainers' chart, while JAPAULGOLD (-37.50%) emerged as the weeks' biggest loser.
- The equities market is poised to benefit from robust system liquidity levels and depressed fixed income yields as investors' continue the search for more attractive returns.

MARKET PREVIEW

For the week commencing January 25, 2021

- This week, all attention is expected to be on the Monetary Policy Committee's (MPC) first meeting for the year to be held on the 25th and 26th of January 2021.
- We expect that the outcome of the meeting and the Committee's decision would largely influence the market direction this week.
- Although we do not rule out lingering profit-taking activities from last week, we reiterate that bargain hunting activities would dominate the week, setting the market up to a positive close.
- Ultimately, we expect that the market would close positive this week.

THE WEEK THAT WAS (A REVIEW)

NSEASI			41,001.99	41,176.14
Market Cap [NGN'tr]			21.45	21.53
Market Cap [USD 'bn]			54.58	54.78
Volume Traded [bn]			3.63	3.43
Value Traded [NGN'bn]			25.59	32.62
	N:	SEASI & Sectoral Indic	es [Return Profile]	
	WtD	MtD	QtD	YtD
NSEASI	-0.42%	1.82%	1.82%	1.82%
NSE-30	-0.20%	2.66%	2.66%	2.66%
NSE-B10	-1.33%	4.42%	4.42%	4.42%
NSE-FB10	-0.09%	5.68%	5.68%	5.68%
NSE-OG5	-0.13%	21.21%	21.21%	21.21%
NSE-INS10	-0.80%	27.60%	27.60%	27.60%
NSE-IND	-0.51%	-0.03%	-0.03%	-0.03%
Value (NGN)			Volume	
NEWGOLD	4,569,387,24	10	TRANSCORP	735,306,869
GUARANTY	4,300,458,70	00	MBENEFIT	160,113,404
ZENITHBANK	3,316,788,87	' 8	FBNH	133,123,732
WAPCO	2,308,036,41	.2	GUARANTY	129,478,600
BUACEMENT	2,148,654,40)5	UNIVINSURE	126,372,741
Highest Gainers	%		Highest Losers	%
CHAMPION	44.44%		JAPAULGOLD	-43.11%
TRANSEXP	37.50%		MANSARD	-20.00%
NCR	32.30%		MRS	-18.55%
NNFM	30.63%		CHAMS	-13.79%
LINKASSURE	30.43%		FTNCOCOA	-13.04%



Equity | Stock Recommendation

	Fundamentals					Trailing				Mark	et Perforn	nance	Valuation						
	AT	NM	ROE	ROA	Lev	EPS	BVP	P/E	P/BV	Yr Hi	Yr Lo	YtD Return	Targe t PE	Exp. EPS	2021 TP	Last Wk. Pr	UPP	RT	
Financial Services																			
Banks																			
ACCESS	0.10	17.3%	16.3%	1.4%	11.6	3.07	18.86	3.0x	0.5x	9.70	8.80	+8.28%	2.50	3.41	8.53	9.15	-7%	HOLD	
ETI	0.09	1.7%	4.4%	0.3%	13.3	1.26	28.81	5.2x	0.2x	6.60	6.40	+8.33%	3.03	3.50	10.62	6.50	+63%	BUY	
FCMB	0.09	9.5%	9.5%	1.0%	9.5	1.03	10.85	3.1x	0.3x	3.25	3.01	-2.40%	2.34	1.09	2.55	3.25	-22%	SELL	
FIDELITYBK	9.75	13.2%	315.0%	138.6%	2.3	1.03	0.33	2.6x	8.3x	2.77	2.57	+7.94%	3.10	1.08	3.34	2.72	+23%	BUY	
FBNH	0.09	15.5%	12.6%	1.2%	10.2	2.51	19.84	2.9x	0.4x	7.85	7.20	+2.80%	3.30	2.63	8.69	7.35	+18%	BUY	
GUARANTY	0.10	43.1%	25.4%	4.2%	6.1	6.53	25.67	5.1x	1.3x	33.75	32.40	+2.32%	4.70	6.93	32.57	33.10	-2%	HOLD	
STANBIC	0.09	36.1%	23.4%	3.3%	7.0	7.71	32.92	5.7x	1.3x	44.05	44.00	-0.11%	5.80	8.41	48.75	44.00	+11%	BUY	
STERLNBANK	0.11	6.9%	8.2%	0.8%	10.3	0.36	4.42	5.5x	0.5x	2.10	1.94	-1.96%	4.06	0.45	1.83	2.00	-9%	HOLD	
UBA	0.08	17.0%	12.9%	1.2%	10.8	2.47	19.16	3.5x	0.5x	9.25	8.40	+0.58%	3.40	2.80	9.50	8.70	+9%	HOLD	
UBN	0.08	12.4%	7.5%	0.9%	8.5	0.68	9.01	8.2x	0.6x	5.70	5.25	+3.74%	6.37	0.90	5.73	5.55	+3%	HOLD	
WEMABANK	0.10	4.6%	6.7%	0.4%	15.4	0.10	1.45	7.3x	0.5x	0.75	0.69	+2.90%	3.27	0.17	0.56	0.71	-22%	SELL	
ZENITHBANK	0.09	31.3%	21.0%	2.7%	7.7	6.93	32.94	3.8x	0.8x	26.50	24.60	+6.85%	3.85	6.99	26.91	26.50	+2%	HOLD	
Insurance															_				
AIICO	0.24	11.8%	20.0%	2.7%	7.4	0.41	2.03	3.2x	0.6x	1.59	1.11	+15.04%	1.65	0.95	1.57	1.30	+21%	BUY	
LASACO	0.48	6.7%	3.5%	1.6%	2.2	0.04	1.15	11.9x	0.4x	0.58	0.35	+37.14%	3.80	0.10	0.38	0.48	-21%	SELL	
MANSARD	0.44	15.9%	17.1%	5.0%	3.4	0.49	2.89	2.6x	0.4x	1.70	1.15	+21.90%	9.30	0.31	2.88	1.28	+125%	BUY	
NEM	0.71	12.0%	15.8%	8.1%	2.0	0.45	2.81	5.5x	0.9x	2.69	1.79	+35.75%	4.00	0.73	2.92	2.43	+20%	BUY	
WAPIC	0.40	35.9%	5.1%	3.0%	1.7	0.09	1.80	6.5x	0.3x	0.72	0.39	+47.50%	1.90	0.31	0.59	0.59	-0%	HOLD	
CUSTODIAN	0.38	13.3%	13.7%	4.4%	3.1	1.12	8.18	5.4x	0.7x	6.00	5.85	+2.56%	5.10	1.42	7.24	6.00	+21%	BUY	
Consumer Staples & Discretionary																			
Breweries																			
GUINNESS	0.72	-12.1%	-17.2%	-8.7%	2.0	-5.74	33.35	-3.2x	0.6x	19.00	17.65	-2.63%	50.00	0.35	17.50	18.50	-5%	HOLD	
NB	0.66	3.7%	5.2%	1.8%	2.9	1.05	20.12	58.2x	3.0x	61.00	56.00	+8.93%	50.00	1.21	60.50	61.00	-1%	HOLD	
INTBREW	0.35	-15.4%	-20.0%	-8.5%	2.3	-1.13	5.65	-5.8x	1.2x	7.07	6.54	+10.76%	-	-	5.90	6.59	-10%	SELL	
Packaged Foods & Meats																			
DANGSUGAR	0.76	16.6%	28.2%	12.7%	2.2	2.82	10.01	7.2x	2.0x	20.80	18.30	+14.77%	8.00	2.75	22.00	20.20	+9%	HOLD	
HONYFLOUR	0.69	0.4%	1.2%	0.5%	2.5	0.08	7.22	15.1x	0.2x	1.32	1.10	+5.00%	6.00	0.17	1.02	1.26	-19%	SELL	

www.meristemng.com

Disclosure and Analyst certification on page 5



Equity | Stock Recommendation

FLOURMILL	1.33	2.8%	9.6%	3.1%	3.1	3.76	39.02	8.5x	0.8x	32.80	26.10	+23.08%	7.50	3.93	29.48	32.00	-8%	HOLD
NASCON	0.64	10.5%	17.2%	4.8%	3.6	0.80	4.65	21.5x	3.7x	17.55	14.50	+18.62%	12.50	1.22	15.25	17.20	-11%	SELL
NESTLE	1.47	15.0%	89.5%	21.1%	4.2	51.45	57.48	29.3x	26.2x	1,505.00	1,505.00	0.00%	25.00	64.85	1,621.25	1,505.00	+8%	HOLD
Agricultural Products																		
OKOMUOIL	0.44	26.9%	18.4%	11.8%	1.6	6.23	33.83	14.9x	2.7x	93.00	90.00	+2.20%	11.58	7.80	90.27	93.00	-3%	HOLD
PRESCO	0.34	26.6%	16.9%	7.6%	2.2	5.22	30.92	14.3x	2.4x	74.50	70.95	+5.00%	10.50	6.73	70.67	74.50	-5%	HOLD
Healthcare																		
Pharmaceuticals																		
MAYBAKER	0.62	10.6%	15.0%	6.6%	2.3	0.53	3.54	6.9x	1.0x	3.85	3.21	+3.99%	8.00	0.59	4.72	3.65	+29%	BUY
FIDSON	0.66	3.5%	6.0%	2.4%	2.5	0.30	4.94	15.6x	0.9x	4.70	4.45	+3.33%	6.00	1.00	6.00	4.65	+29%	BUY
GLAXOSMITH	0.96	2.6%	10.3%	4.1%	2.5	0.77	7.47	9.1x	0.9x	7.20	6.70	+1.45%	8.00	0.89	7.12	7.00	+2%	HOLD
NEIMETH	0.47	12.3%	25.9%	5.7%	4.5	0.19	0.75	10.2x	2.6x	2.23	1.98	-11.21%	8.00	0.28	2.24	1.98	+13%	BUY
Materials																		
Construction Materials																		
BUACEMENT	0.33	34.2%	17.0%	11.4%	1.5	5.38	31.66	14.7x	2.5x	85.00	79.00	+2.13%	-	-	49.01	79.00	-38%	SELL
DANGCEM	0.53	27.4%	31.1%	13.8%	2.3	14.96	48.02	15.6x	4.9x	244.90	225.00	-4.45%	-	-	220.70	234.00	-6%	HOLD
WAPCO	0.44	15.7%	6.5%	4.4%	1.5	1.44	22.16	18.1x	1.2x	27.95	22.30	+23.52%	-	-	22.48	26.00	-14%	SELL
Specialty Chemicals							-											
CAP	2.50	15.5%	18.4%	41.7%	0.4	2.06	11.17	10.0x	1.8x	20.50	20.00	+2.50%	9.50	2.69	25.56	20.50	+25%	BUY
BERGER	0.77	0.8%	4.0%	2.4%	1.6	0.41	10.42	19.4x	0.8x	8.05	7.35	+9.52%	5.12	0.59	3.02	8.05	-62%	SELL
Energy																		
CONOIL	2.21	1.3%	6.7%	2.6%	2.5	1.99	29.66	10.6x	0.7x	21.00	20.85	+0.72%	8.50	2.94	24.95	21.00	+19%	BUY
ETERNA	1.89	0.4%	8.1%	3.2%	2.5	0.81	9.92	6.5x	0.5x	5.75	5.20	+1.96%	12.50	0.44	5.55	5.20	+7%	HOLD
ARDOVA	3.64	1.5%	3.0%	1.1%	2.8	0.42	13.88	48.8x	1.5x	21.85	13.55	+50.92%	25.00	0.53	13.17	20.45	-36%	SELL
MOBIL	3.77	3.6%	7.2%	15.2%	0.5	18.47	256.10	13.5x	1.0x	249.50	228.00	+9.43%	-	-	-	249.50	-	UR
MRS	1.31	-2.8%	-8.0%	-3.9%	2.1	-4.76	59.81	-2.4x	0.2x	13.75	11.20	-18.55%	4.00	4.47	17.87	11.20	+60%	BUY
SEPLAT	0.18	24.8%	9.7%	5.6%	1.7	105.44	1,087.26	5.1x	0.5x	540.00	402.30	+34.23%	6.85	72.55	496.96	540.00	-8%	HOLD
TOTAL	1.80	0.3%	11.2%	2.4%	4.7	8.77	78.17	16.3x	1.8x	143.00	130.00	+10.00%	13.00	9.16	119.06	143.00	-17%	SELL
Telecommunications																		
MTNN	0.73	14.8%	167.9%	11.2%	15.0	9.68	5.77	17.6x	29.5x	170.20	165.00	+0.06%	15.79	10.93	172.65	170.00	+2%	HOLD
AIRTELAFRI	0.39	8.0%	10.5%	3.6%	2.9	35.19	334.61	24.2x	2.5x	851.80	851.80	0.00%	17.24	48.96	844.11	851.80	-1%	HOLD
										-								



Equity | Stock Recommendation

*TP=Target Price, Last Wk. Pr= Last Week Price, CP= Current Price, UPP=Upside Potential, RT= Rating, Exp. EPS= 2020Dec Expected EPS, BVP= Book Value Per Share, P/E=P/E, AT=Asset Turnover, OM=Operating Margin, NM= Net Margin, Lev=Leverage, UR=Under Review. Data in the Fundamental columns are based on trailing performance.

www.meristemng.com



Analyst's Certification and Disclaimer

This research report has been prepared by the research analyst(s), whose name(s) appear(s) on the cover of this report. Each research analyst hereby certifies, with respect to each security or issuer covers in this research that:

- (1) all of the views expressed in this report accurately reflect his or her personal views about any and all of the subject securities or issuers (the Issuer); and
- (2) no part of any of the research analyst's compensation was, is, or will be directly or indirectly related to the specific recommendations or views expressed by the research analyst(s) in this report. Research analysts' compensation is determined based upon activities and services intended to benefit the investor clients of Meristem Securities Limited (the Firm). Like all of the Firm's employees, research analysts receive compensation that is impacted by overall Firm profitability, which includes revenues from other business units within the Firm.
- (3) each research analyst and/or persons connected with any research analyst may have interacted with sales and trading personnel, or similar, for the purpose of gathering, synthesizing and interpreting non-material non-public or material public market information.

As at the date of this report, any ratings, forecasts, estimates, opinions or views herein constitute a judgment, and are not connected to research analysts' compensations. In the case of non-currency of the date of this report, the views and contents may not reflect the research analysts' current thinking. This document has been produced independently of the Issuer. While all reasonable care has been taken to ensure that the facts stated herein are accurate and that the ratings, forecasts, estimates, opinions and views contained herein are fair and reasonable, neither the research analysts, the Issuer, nor any of its directors, officers or employees, shall be in any way responsible for the contents hereof, and no reliance should be placed on the accuracy, fairness or completeness of the information contained in this document. No person accepts any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from any use of this document or its contents or otherwise arising in connection therewith.

Analysts' Compensation: The equity research analysts responsible for the preparation of this report receive compensation based upon various factors, including the quality and accuracy of research, client feedback, competitive factors, and overall firm revenues, which include revenues from, among other business units, Investment Banking.

Investment Ratings

Fair Value Estimate

We estimate stock's fair value by computing a weighted average of projected prices derived from discounted cash flow and relative valuation methodologies. The choice of relative valuation methodology (ies) usually depends on the firm's peculiar business model and what in the opinion of our analyst is considered as a key driver of the stock's value from a firm specific as well as an industry perspective. However, we attach the most weight to discounted cash flow valuation methodology.

Target Price Estimate

While we believe that the fair value is underpinned by the future benefits stream and growth outlooks, which are primary drivers of value, the market might not align to the fair value estimate within the estimated investment horizon. Thus, we do not derive our target price from the fair value but from a trading perspective using the year projected earnings or book value and the respective target multiples. Notwithstanding, we are of the opinion that the variance between the two should not be too significant.

Ratings Specification

BUY: Target Price of the stock is above the current market price by at least 10 percent

HOLD: Target Price of the stock ranges between **-10 percent and 10 percent** from the current market price.

SELL: Target Price of the stock is more than **10 percent** below the current market price.

Definitions

Price Targets: Price targets reflect in part the analyst's estimates for the company's earnings. The achievement of any price target may be impeded by general market and macroeconomic trends, and by other risks related to the company or market and may not occur if the company's earnings fall short of estimates.

Asset allocation: The recommended weighting for equities, cash and fixed income instrument is based on a number of metrics and does not relate to a particular size change in one variable.



Conflict of Interest

It is the policy of Meristem Securities Limited and its subsidiaries and affiliates (Individually and collectively referred to as "Meristem") that research analysts may not be involved in activities that suggest that they are representing the interests of Meristem in a way likely to appear to be inconsistent with providing independent investment research. In addition, research analysts' reporting lines are structured so as to avoid any conflict of interests.

For example, research analysts are not subject to the supervision or control of anyone in Meristem's Investment Banking or Sales and trading departments. However, such sales and trading departments may trade, as principal, on the basis of the research analysts' published research. Therefore, the proprietary interests of those Sales and Trading departments may conflict with your interests.

Important Disclosure

For U.S. persons only: This research report is a product of Meristem Securities, which is the employer of the research analysts who has prepared the research report. The research analysts preparing the research report are resident outside the United States (U.S.) and are not associated persons of any U.S. regulated broker-dealer and therefore the analysts are not subject to supervision by a U.S. broker-dealer, and are not required to satisfy the regulatory licensing requirements of FINRA or required to otherwise comply with U.S. rules or regulations regarding, among other things, communications with a subject company, public appearances and trading securities held by a research analyst account.

This report is intended for distribution by Meristem Securities only to "Major Institutional Investors" as defined by Rule 15a-6(b)(4) of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Act, 1934 (the Exchange Act) and interpretations thereof by U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in reliance on Rule 15a 6(a)(2). If the recipient of this report is not a Major Institutional Investor as specified above, then it should not act upon this report and return the same to the sender. Further, this report may not be copied, duplicated and/or transmitted onward to any U.S. person, which is not the Major Institutional Investor.

Legal entity disclosures

Meristem Securities Limited is a member of The Nigerian Stock Exchange and is authorized and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission to conduct investment banking and financial advisory business in Nigeria. However, **the** company through its subsidiaries carries out stock broking, wealth management, trustees and registrars' businesses which are regulated by the SEC and ICMR.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: DISCLAIMER

Meristem Securities Limited ("Meristem") equity reports and its attendant recommendations are prepared based on publicly available information and are meant for general information purposes only and it may not be reproduced or distributed to any other person. All reasonable care has been taken to ensure that the information contained herein is not misleading or untrue at the time of publication; Meristem can neither guarantee its accuracy nor completeness as they are an expression of our analysts' views and opinions.

Meristem and any of its associated or subsidiary companies or the employees thereof cannot be held responsible for any loss suffered by relying on the said information as this information as earlier stated, is based on publicly available information, analysts' estimates and opinions and is meant for general information purposes and should not be construed as an offer to buy or sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy or sell securities or any financial instruments. The value of any investment is subject to fluctuations, i.e. may fall and rise. Past performance is no guide to the future. The rate of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investment to increase or diminish. Hence investors may not get back the full value of their original investment. Meristem Securities is registered with the Securities and Exchange(SEC) and is also a member of The Nigerian Stock Exchange (The NSE). Meristem Securities' registered office is at 124 Norman Williams Street, South West, Ikoyi, Lagos, Nigeria. Website: www.meristemng.com; Email: research@meristemng.com. © Meristem Securities Limited 2021.



Contact Information

Brokerage and Retail Services

topeoludimu@meristemng.com (+234 905 569 0627) abisoyeoludipe@meristemng.com (+234 708 000 7861) contact@meristemng.com

Investment Banking/Corporate Finance

rasakisalawu@meristemng.com (+234 806 022 9889) seunlijofi@meristemng.com (+234 808 536 5766)

Wealth Management

funmilolaadekola-daramola@meristemng.com (+234 805 498 4522)

crmwealth@meristemng.com Tel: +234 01 738 9948

Registrars

muboolasoko@meristemregistrars.com (+234 803 324 7996) martinaosague@meristemregistrars.com (+234 802 303 1783) www.meristemregistrars.com

Tel: +23401-280 9250

Trust Services

damilolahassan@meristemng.com (+234 803 613 9123) crmwealth@meristemng.com

Group Business Development

saheedbashir@mersitemng.com (+234 802 454 6575) ifeomaogalue@meristemng.com (+234 802 394 2967) emekaikpechukwu@meristemng.com (+234 803 791 5731) info@meristemng.com

Client Services

adefemitaiwo@meristemng.com (+234 803 694 3034) blessingogwuche@meristemng.com (+234 706 896 5173) car@meristemng.com

Investment Research

ahmedjinad@meristemng.com (+234 809 187 8917) research@meristemng.com

Corporate websites: www.meristemng.com www.meristemwealth.com www.meristemregistrars.com

Meristem Research can also be accessed on the following platforms:

Meristem Research portal: meristem.com.ng/rhub

Bloomberg: MERI <GO>

Capital IQ: www.capitaliq.com

Reuters: www.thomsonreuters.com

ISI Emerging Markets: www.securities.com/ch.html?pc=NG FactSet: www.factset.com