

STOCK RECOMMENDATION - FEBRUARY 15, 2021

MARKET REVIEW

For the week ended February 12, 2021.

- The Nigerian equities market closed in the red last week as the NSEASI lost 3.04% WoW to settle at 40,439.85pts. The YtD return, thus, contracted to 0.42%.
- All sectoral indices closed in negative territory with the **NSEBANK10** (-8.76%) witnessing the largest decline. **MBENEFIT** (+10.53%) was the week's top gainer, while **NNFM** (-18.84%) was the biggest loser.
- We attribute last week's loss to expectations of high yields at the T-bills auction which triggered sell-offs on equities.

MARKET *P* REVIEW

For the week commencing February 15, 2021

- Despite last week's sell-offs, our view is that the equities market still stands favourably considering the low prices of stocks across sectors. Although rates in the fixed income market have continued to inch higher, our prognosis is that bargain hunting activities ahead of dividend announcements should drive positive sentiment in the equities market.
- During the week, we expect the National Bureau of Statistics to release its inflation report for the month of January. A sustained uptrend in inflation should again raise concerns over real rates of return in the fixed income market.

THE WEEK THAT WAS (A REVIEW)

	Cur. Week	Prev. Week
NSEASI	40,439.85	41,709.09
Market Cap [NGN'tr]	21.16	21.82
Market Cap [USD 'bn]	53.83	55.52
Volume Traded [bn]	2.68	2.75
Value Traded [NGN'bn]	23.66	29.57

NSEASI & Sectoral Indices [Return Profile]

	WtD	MtD	QtD	YtD
NSEASI	-3.04%	-4.65%	0.42%	0.42%
NSE-30	-3.66%	-5.45%	-0.79%	-0.79%
NSE-B10	-8.76%	-10.83%	-3.80%	-3.80%
NSE-FB10	-0.93%	-4.12%	2.62%	2.62%
NSE-OG5	-1.03%	-1.18%	11.10%	11.10%
NSE-INS10	-6.46%	-12.08%	14.09%	14.09%
NSE-IND	-5.70%	-7.66%	-6.35%	-6.35%

Value (NGN)	Volume
NEWGOLD 5,152,188,485	FBNH 236,045,276
ZENITHBANK 4,382,345,852	ZENITHBANK 175,689,828
MTNN 3,503,291,805	TRANSCORP 152,165,859
GUARANTY 3,378,065,590	ACCESS 127,227,795
FBNH 1,703,736,541	GUARANTY 107,533,544

Highest Gainers	%	Highest Losers	%
MBENEFIT	10.53%	NNFM	-18.84%
MORISON	10.00%	NEM	-18.00%
UPDCREIT	9.09%	ROYALEX	-16.67%
NEWGOLD	7.18%	GUARANTY	-15.69%
UAC-PROP	6.67%	LIVESTOCK	-15.06%

	Fundamentals					Trailing				Market Performance			Valuation					
	AT	NM	ROE	ROA	Lev	EPS	BVP	P/E	P/BV	Yr Hi	Yr Lo	YtD Return	Target 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	2.7x	0.4x	9.70	8.00	-3.55%	2.50	3.41	8.53	8.15	+5%	HOLD
ETI	0.09	1.7%	4.4%	0.3%	13.3	1.26	28.81	4.4x	0.2x	6.75	5.40	-8.33%	3.03	3.50	10.62	5.50	+93%	BUY
FCMB	0.09	9.5%	9.5%	1.0%	9.5	1.03	10.85	3.0x	0.3x	3.50	3.01	-6.91%	2.34	1.09	2.55	3.10	-18%	SELL
FIDELITYBK	0.08	13.2%	11.4%	1.2%	9.8	1.03	9.05	2.3x	0.3x	2.77	2.37	-4.76%	3.10	1.08	3.34	2.40	+39%	BUY
FBNH	0.09	15.5%	12.6%	1.2%	10.2	2.51	19.84	2.9x	0.4x	7.85	7.20	+1.40%	3.30	2.63	8.69	7.25	+20%	BUY
GUARANTY	0.10	43.1%	25.4%	4.2%	6.1	6.53	25.67	4.6x	1.2x	36.00	30.35	-6.18%	4.70	6.93	32.57	30.35	+7%	HOLD
STANBIC	0.09	36.1%	23.4%	3.3%	7.0	7.71	32.92	5.8x	1.4x	46.60	44.00	+2.16%	5.80	8.41	48.75	45.00	+8%	HOLD
STERLNBANK	0.11	6.9%	8.2%	0.8%	10.3	0.36	4.42	5.0x	0.4x	2.10	1.75	-11.76%	4.06	0.45	1.83	1.80	+1%	HOLD
UBA	0.08	17.0%	12.9%	1.2%	10.8	2.47	19.16	3.3x	0.4x	9.25	8.10	-5.20%	3.40	2.80	9.50	8.20	+16%	BUY
UBN	0.08	12.4%	7.5%	0.9%	8.5	0.68	9.01	7.6x	0.6x	6.10	5.15	-3.74%	6.37	0.90	5.73	5.15	+11%	BUY
WEMABANK	0.10	4.6%	6.7%	0.4%	15.4	0.10	1.45	6.8x	0.5x	0.75	0.65	-4.35%	3.27	0.17	0.56	0.66	-16%	SELL
ZENITHBANK	0.09	31.3%	21.0%	2.7%	7.7	6.93	32.94	3.6x	0.8x	27.20	24.60	+0.81%	3.85	6.99	26.91	25.00	+8%	HOLD
Insurance																		
AIICO	0.24	11.8%	20.0%	2.7%	7.4	0.41	2.03	2.7x	0.5x	1.59	1.01	-4.42%	1.65	0.95	1.57	1.08	+45%	BUY
LASACO	0.48	6.7%	3.5%	1.6%	2.2	0.04	1.15	10.4x	0.4x	0.58	0.35	+20.00%	3.80	0.10	0.38	0.42	-10%	HOLD
MANSARD	0.44	15.9%	17.1%	5.0%	3.4	0.49	2.89	2.5x	0.4x	1.70	1.15	+17.14%	9.30	0.31	2.88	1.23	+134%	BUY
NEM	0.71	12.0%	15.8%	8.1%	2.0	0.45	2.81	4.6x	0.7x	2.69	1.79	+14.53%	4.00	0.73	2.92	2.05	+42%	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	5.1x	0.7x	6.05	5.75	-1.71%	5.10	1.42	7.24	5.75	+26%	BUY
Consumer Staples & Discretionary																		
Breweries																		
GUINNESS	0.72	-12.1%	-17.2%	-8.7%	2.0	-5.74	33.35	-3.5x	0.6x	20.60	17.65	+6.32%	50.00	0.35	17.50	20.20	-13%	SELL
NB	0.66	3.7%	5.2%	1.8%	2.9	1.05	20.12	58.2x	3.0x	63.00	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	-5.3x	1.1x	7.07	6.00	+1.01%	-	-	5.90	6.01	-2%	HOLD
Packaged Foods & Meats																		
DANGSUGAR	0.76	16.6%	28.2%	12.7%	2.2	2.82	10.01	6.8x	1.9x	21.70	18.30	+9.09%	8.00	2.75	22.00	19.20	+15%	BUY
HONYFLOUR	0.69	0.4%	1.2%	0.5%	2.5	0.08	7.22	15.6x	0.2x	1.49	1.10	+8.33%	6.00	0.17	1.02	1.30	-22%	SELL

FLOURMILL	1.33	2.8%	9.6%	3.1%	3.1	3.76	39.02	8.0x	0.8x	34.70	26.10	+15.38%	7.50	3.93	29.48	30.00	-2%	HOLD	
NASCON	0.64	10.5%	17.2%	4.8%	3.6	0.80	4.65	20.3x	3.5x	17.55	14.50	+11.72%	12.50	1.22	15.25	16.20	-6%	HOLD	
NESTLE	1.47	15.0%	89.5%	21.1%	4.2	51.45	57.48	28.2x	25.2x	1,505.00	1,450.00	-3.65%	25.00	64.85	1,621.25	1,450.00	+12%	BUY	
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	13.5x	2.3x	75.00	70.55	-0.56%	10.50	6.73	70.67	70.55	+0%	HOLD	
Healthcare																			
Pharmaceuticals																			
MAYBAKER	0.62	10.6%	15.0%	6.6%	2.3	0.53	3.54	8.8x	1.3x	5.02	3.21	+32.48%	8.00	0.59	4.72	4.65	+2%	HOLD	
FIDSON	0.66	3.5%	6.0%	2.4%	2.5	0.30	4.94	19.6x	1.2x	6.15	4.45	+30.00%	6.00	1.00	6.00	5.85	+3%	HOLD	
GLAXOSMITH	0.96	2.6%	10.3%	4.1%	2.5	0.77	7.47	9.0x	0.9x	7.25	6.70	+0.72%	8.00	0.89	7.12	6.95	+2%	HOLD	
NEIMETH	0.47	12.3%	25.9%	5.7%	4.5	0.19	0.75	10.3x	2.7x	2.23	1.94	-10.31%	8.00	0.28	2.24	2.00	+12%	BUY	
Materials																			
Construction Materials																			
BUACEMENT	0.33	34.2%	17.0%	11.4%	1.5	5.38	31.66	13.6x	2.3x	85.00	73.30	-5.24%	-	-	49.01	73.30	-33%	SELL	
DANGCEM	0.53	27.4%	31.1%	13.8%	2.3	14.96	48.02	14.7x	4.6x	244.90	213.00	-10.17%	-	-	220.70	220.00	+0%	HOLD	
WAPCO	0.44	15.7%	6.5%	4.4%	1.5	1.44	22.16	17.2x	1.1x	30.30	22.30	+17.58%	-	-	22.48	24.75	-9%	HOLD	
Specialty Chemicals																			
CAP	2.50	15.5%	18.4%	41.7%	0.4	2.06	11.17	8.8x	1.6x	20.50	18.00	-10.00%	9.50	2.69	25.56	18.00	+42%	BUY	
BERGER	0.77	0.8%	4.0%	2.4%	1.6	0.41	10.42	17.5x	0.7x	8.05	7.25	-1.36%	5.12	0.59	3.02	7.25	-58%	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	7.1x	0.6x	5.75	5.20	+11.76%	12.50	0.44	5.55	5.70	-3%	HOLD	
ARDOVA	3.64	1.5%	3.0%	1.1%	2.8	0.42	13.88	39.5x	1.2x	21.85	13.55	+22.14%	25.00	0.53	13.17	16.55	-20%	SELL	
MOBIL	3.77	3.6%	7.2%	15.2%	0.5	18.47	256.10	12.3x	0.9x	249.50	228.00	0.00%	-	-	-	228.00	-	UR	
MRS	1.31	-2.8%	-8.0%	-3.9%	2.1	-4.76	59.81	-2.8x	0.2x	13.75	11.20	-2.55%	4.00	4.47	17.87	13.40	+33%	BUY	
SEPLAT	0.18	24.8%	9.7%	5.6%	1.7	105.44	1,087.26	4.7x	0.5x	540.00	402.30	+23.04%	6.85	72.55	496.96	495.00	+0%	HOLD	
TOTAL	1.80	0.3%	11.2%	2.4%	4.7	8.77	78.17	16.2x	1.8x	143.00	130.00	+9.23%	13.00	9.16	119.06	142.00	-16%	SELL	
Telecommunications																			
MTNN	0.73	14.8%	167.9%	11.2%	15.0	9.68	5.77	18.8x	31.5x	182.90	165.00	+7.12%	15.79	10.93	172.65	182.00	-5%	HOLD	
AIRTELAFRI	0.39	8.0%	10.5%	3.6%	2.9	35.19	334.61	26.4x	2.8x	930.00	851.80	+9.18%	17.24	48.96	844.11	930.00	-9%	HOLD	

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