

# STOCK RECOMMENDATION - FEBRUARY 21ST, 2022

#### **MARKET REVIEW**

#### For the week ended February 18, 2022.

- The Nigerian equities market ended the week on a negative note, as the All-Share Index declined by 0.13%WoW to end at 47,140.48pts. This pushed the year-to-date return lower by 14bps to 10.36%.
- Market breadth was higher at 1.24x (vs. 1.23x last week), reflecting a largely positive market sentiment. However, share price loss on large-cap tickers such as SEPLAT (-5.88%), AIRTELAFRI (-0.87%), DANGCEM (-0.47%), and BUAFOODS (-0.65%) were the key market drags.
- On a sectoral basis, save for NGXCNSMRGDS (+2.35% WoW) and NGXINS (+1.05% WoW), other sectoral indices closed in the red. RTBRISCOE (+53.85% WoW) topped the gainers chart, while CWG shed 9.76% WoW to top the losers list.

## MARKET PREVIEW

#### For the week commencing February 21, 2022.

- The market breath suggests that the sentiment in the market is still predominantly positive. However, we hold that room still exists for profit taking especially on large cap stocks that have gained appreciably over the past few months.
- This week, we do not expect a dominance of liquidity-driven price appreciation given the bond auction that held last week and the absence of upcoming fixed income maturities. Also, we do not expect a significant reaction to the just released GDP numbers by the National Bureau of Statistics.
- On this note, we expect the market to close in the negative week-on-week.

#### THE WEEK THAT WAS (A REVIEW)

			Cur. Week	Prev. Week
NGXASI			47,140.48	47,202.30
Market Cap [NGN'tr]			25.41	25.44
Market Cap [USD 'bn]			60.93	61.14
Volume Traded [bn]				1.25
Value Traded [NGN'bn]				22.66
	NSEASI & Sectoral In	dices [Return Pro	file]	
	WtD	MtD	QtD	YtD
NGXASI	-0.13%	1.11%	10.36%	10.36%
NGX-30	0.05%	1.78%	4.88%	4.88%
NGX-B10	-0.74%	1.98%	10.84%	10.84%
NGX-FB10	2.35%	3.12%	0.56%	0.56%
NGX-OG5	-3.45%	3.94%	18.64%	18.64%
NGX-INS10	1.05%	0.79%	-5.20%	-5.20%
NGX-IND	-0.32%	2.65%	6.13%	6.13%
Value (NGN)			Volume	
MTNN	7,841,753,201		ACCESS	195,353,828
GTCO	5,095,166,872		GTCO	193,957,375
NB	2,055,671,398		FIDELITYBK	111,467,089
ACCESS	2,029,130,499		TRANSCORP	91,060,357
ZENITHBANK	1,750,453,201		UCAP	76,602,003
Highest Gainers	%		Highest Losers	%
RTBRISCOE	53.85%		CWG	-9.76%
LEARNAFRCA	46.67%		BERGER	-9.58%
SCOA	32.02%		LASACO	-6.25%
ACADEMY	31.62%		CHIPLC	-6.15%
NCR	20.91%		MANSARD	-6.00%



	Fundamentals						Trailing			Ma	rket Perform	nance	Valuation						
	AT	NM	ROE	ROA	Lev	EPS	BVP	P/E	P/BV	Yr Hi	Yr Lo	YtD Return	Target PE	Exp. EPS	2022 TP	Last Wk. Pr	UPP	RT	
Financial Services																			
Banks																			
ACCESS	0.08	18%	16%	1%	12.97	3.56	22.49	2.95x	0.47x	10.50	9.25	+12.90%	2.60	4.12	10.69	10.35	+3%	HOLD	
ETI	0.08	15%	15%	1%	12.45	5.20	35.63	2.40x	0.35x	13.10	8.60	+43.68%	2.21	6.08	13.41	12.00	+12%	BUY	
FCMB	0.08	9%	8%	1%	10.25	0.99	11.92	2.96x	0.24x	3.13	2.85	-2.34%	3.19	1.24	3.96	3.00	+32%	BUY	
FIDELITYBK	0.07	15%	12%	1%	11.26	1.13	9.76	2.59x	0.30x	2.95	2.50	+14.90%	2.31	1.26	2.91	3.02	-4%	HOLD	
FBNH	0.07	10%	8%	1%	11.29	1.74	20.99	6.45x	0.53x	12.00	11.00	-1.75%	4.34	2.68	11.63	11.40	+2%	HOLD	
GTCO	0.09	41%	23%	4%	6.11	6.62	28.62	4.02x	0.93x	28.00	25.15	+2.31%	4.29	7.80	33.51	26.20	+28%	BUY	
STANBIC	0.07	27%	16%	2%	7.63	5.13	32.43	6.73x	1.07x	38.00	34.55	-4.03%	7.55	5.75	43.43	34.65	+25%	BUY	
STERLNBANK	0.09	5%	8%	1%	11.25	0.40	4.78	4.32x	0.36x	1.73	1.50	+14.57%	3.94	0.50	1.98	1.63	+21%	BUY	
UBA	0.08	21%	18%	2%	10.46	4.13	23.34	2.11x	0.37x	8.85	8.00	+8.07%	2.36	3.87	9.15	8.55	+7%	HOLD	
UBN	0.06	11%	6%	1%	9.68	0.59	9.09	10.34x	0.67x	6.25	5.40	+2.54%	7.16	0.96	6.90	6.30	+10%	HOLD	
WEMABANK	0.08	10%	13%	1%	17.02	0.21	1.65	4.10x	0.53x	0.89	0.78	+20.83%	-	-	-	0.86	-	UR	
ZENITHBANK	0.08	31%	20%	3%	7.37	7.38	37.81	3.64x	0.71x	27.40	25.30	+6.96%	3.71	7.98	29.59	26.80	+10%	BUY	
Insurance															<b></b>				
AIICO	0.32	5%	6%	1%	5.87	0.11	1.75	6.37x	0.40x	0.84	0.69	0.00%	5.00	0.17	0.85	0.69	+23%	BUY	
LASACO	0.49	5%	3%	1%	2.24	0.15	6.05	7.32x	0.19x	1.15	1.00	+6.67%	5.69	0.25	1.42	1.05	+35%	BUY	
MANSARD	0.47	9%	7%	2%	3.06	0.07	1.00	33.58x	2.50x	2.50	2.28	+7.76%	6.05	0.57	3.45	2.35	+47%	BUY	
NEM	0.78	10%	31%	17%	1.81	0.60	1.94	5.52x	1.71x	4.50	3.01	-26.22%	4.68	1.15	5.38	4.01	+34%	BUY	
WAPIC	0.32	-7%	-5%	-3%	1.80	-0.04	0.96	- 11.42x	0.52x	0.53	0.48	-10.71%	25.92	0.02	0.52	0.48	+8%	HOLD	
CUSTODIAN	0.46	8%	20%	6%	3.06	2.00	10.05	3.95x	0.79x	8.00	7.05	0.00%	3.80	2.27	8.63	7.45	+16%	BUY	
Consumer Staples & Discretionary																			

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## **Equity | Stock Recommendation**

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Breweries																		
GUINNESS	0.78	2%	-16%	-8%	2.10	-5.53	34.18	- 10.95x	1.77x	60.50	39.00	+55.13%	-	-	-	70.00	-	UR
NB	0.89	4%	6%	2%	2.67	1.19	20.87	40.38x	2.30x	48.50	45.50	-4.10%	-	-	-	48.00	-	UR
INTBREW	0.38	-7%	-6%	-2%	2.50	-0.35	5.55	- 15.02x	0.94x	6.00	4.90	+5.05%	-	-	-	5.25	-	UR
Packaged Foods & Meats																		
CADBURY	0.94	5%	10%	4%	2.87	0.81	7.84	10.64x	1.10x	9.50	8.60	-1.70%	10.28	0.92	9.46	8.95	+6%	HOLD
DANGSUGAR	0.77	8%	15%	6%	2.65	1.54	10.05	11.46x	1.75x	18.25	16.95	+1.15%	8.10	2.95	23.90	18.30	+31%	BUY
HONYFLOUR	0.72	1%	2%	1%	2.86	0.16	7.34	21.70x	0.48x	3.50	3.20	+2.94%	-	-	-	4.02	-	UR
FLOURMILL	1.75	2%	15%	5%	3.01	6.42	43.50	5.03x	0.74x	32.30	28.10	+13.93%	6.48	6.27	40.63	35.10	+16%	BUY
NASCON	0.82	10%	20%	7%	2.69	1.06	5.31	12.47x	2.49x	13.30	13.05	+0.38%	14.13	1.02	14.41	14.50	-1%	HOLD
NESTLE	1.10	13%	118%	13%	8.80	51.55	43.80	27.84x	32.76x	1,556.50	1,435.00	-7.81%	26.61	63.15	1,680.42	1,435.00	+17%	BUY
UACN	1.09	1%	8%	4%	1.75	1.31	17.26	6.86x	0.52x	9.60	8.90	-5.26%	6.79	1.90	12.90	10.00	+29%	BUY
UNILEVER*	0.76	2%	-1%	-1%	1.58	-0.14	11.10	- 91.80x	1.19x	14.50	13.05	-9.31%	5.99	9.00	15.81	13.95	+13%	BUY
Agricultural Products																		
OKOMUOIL	0.59	37%	36%	24%	1.52	15.08	41.83	8.47x	3.06x	142.00	127.80	-10.00%	10.11	15.63	158.02	127.80	+24%	BUY
PRESCO	0.45	40%	33%	16%	2.04	14.01	42.83	7.42x	2.43x	105.00	87.80	+18.45%	7.42	13.07	96.98	104.00	-7%	HOLD
Household & Personal Products																		
PZ	0.79	1%	-20%	-8%	2.55	-1.71	8.76	-3.77x	0.74x	7.15	6.10	+5.74%	-	-	-	6.80	-	UR
VITAFOAM	1.14	13%	46%	19%	2.39	3.92	8.55	6.24x	2.86x	24.45	20.25	+8.67%	6.00	4.90	29.40	22.95	+28%	BUY
Healthcare																		
Pharmaceuticals																		
MAYBAKER	0.69	11%	16%	7%	2.25	0.67	4.11	6.66x	1.08x	4.57	4.02	+10.70%	6.88	0.70	4.82	4.21	+14%	BUY

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## **Equity | Stock Recommendation**

FIDSON	0.72	9%	16%	6%	2.71	0.91	5.61	8.80x	1.43x	8.29	6.22	+28.62%	5.98	1.73	10.35	8.20	+26%	BUY
GLAXOSMITH	0.91	1%	4%	1%	2.68	0.26	7.30	23.54x	0.83x	6.40	5.95	+1.68%	8.99	0.49	4.41	6.05	-27%	SELL
NEIMETH	0.48	11%	23%	5%	4.28	0.18	0.78	10.79x	2.45x	1.98	1.76	+9.14%	-	-	-	1.90	-	UR
Materials																		
Construction Materials																		
BUACEMENT*	0.35	35%	23%	12%	1.91	2.39	10.32	29.61x	6.86x	71.95	68.00	+5.52%	13.66	5.42	70.83	70.75	+0%	HOLD
DANGCEM*	0.60	28%	42%	16%	2.58	20.04	47.24	13.71x	5.82x	284.90	250.00	+6.93%	6.90	44.81	287.81	273.50	+5%	HOLD
WAPCO*	0.50	20%	10%	7%	1.38	2.22	23.09	12.02x	1.16x	27.00	24.00	+11.69%	6.46	38.65	38.65	26.40	+46%	BUY
Specialty Chemicals																		
CAP	1.27	9%	40%	13%	3.07	1.61	3.98	12.13x	4.90x	19.50	19.45	+0.26%	12.38	1.32	16.34	19.50	-16%	SELL
BERGER	0.87	4%	6%	4%	1.59	0.65	10.75	12.76x	0.78x	8.55	7.70	-2.34%	11.11	1.23	13.67	7.55	+81%	BUY
Energy																		
CONOIL	2.67	2%	9%	4%	2.31	2.77	30.43	9.56x	0.87x	26.50	21.30	+20.45%	7.81	4.05	31.58	26.50	+19%	BUY
ETERNA	1.98	1%	11%	5%	2.52	1.19	10.47	4.57x	0.52x	6.35	5.05	+7.92%	7.00	0.65	4.55	5.40	-16%	SELL
ARDOVA	2.61	1%	6%	2%	3.83	0.93	14.62	13.86x	0.88x	13.85	11.70	-0.77%	8.21	2.08	17.08	12.90	+32%	BUY
MRS	1.11	0%	-7%	-3%	2.20	-3.95	55.28	-3.43x	0.25x	13.55	12.35	+9.72%	55.23	0.20	11.05	13.55	-18%	SELL
SEPLAT	0.17	8%	3%	1%	2.11	28.66	1,146.32	29.66x	0.74x	872.10	650.00	+30.77%	16.10	46.85	754.42	800.00	-6%	HOLD
TOTAL	1.33	5%	32%	6%	5.69	31.42	96.67	8.43x	2.74x	264.90	221.90	+19.38%	5.60	53.36	298.86	264.90	+13%	BUY
Telecommunications																		
MTNN	0.75	18%	151%	13%	11.29	13.82	9.14	14.44x	21.83x	202.50	185.50	+1.27%	13.40	15.22	203.95	199.50	+2%	HOLD
AIRTELAFRI*	0.43	15%	25%	9%	2.82	97.26	392.30	13.07x	3.24x	1,271.00	955.00	+33.09%	4.81	180.86	869.94	1,260.00	-31%	SELL

<sup>\*</sup>TP calculated with EV/EBITDA multiple; TP=Target Price, Last Wk. Pr= Last Week Price, CP= Current Price, UPP=Upside Potential, RT= Rating, Exp. EPS= 2021 Dec 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.

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