

STOCK RECOMMENDATION - JULY 4TH, 2022

MARKET REVIEW

For the week ended July 1st, 2022.

- The Nigerian equities market reversed the bearish sentiment witnessed in the week before, closing positive week-on-week. The All-Share index declined by 0.24% WoW to close at 51,829.67pts. This improved the Year-to-date return to 21.33% (vs. 21.04% recorded the previous week).
- On a sectorial basis, **NGXCNSMRGDS** (-0.40%), **NGXOILGAS** (-0.25%), and **NGXINDUSTR** (-0.13%) closed negative week-on-week, whereas **NGXINS** (+3.59%) and **NGNBNK** (+1.06%) closed positive.
- Top gainer for last week was **JOHNHOLT**, up by 30.16% WoW while **PZ** emerged as the week's top loser, declining by 13.71% WoW. **MBENEFIT** and **MTNN** led the chart as the most traded stock by volume and value respectively.

MARKET *P* REVIEW

For the week commencing July 4th, 2022.

- We observed a positive momentum in the market last week as market breath increased to 1.25x from 0.27x the week before. Also, market volume and turnover improved substantially achieving a double-digit growth week-on-week.
- Hence, we believe the current attractive level of prices especially financial services tickers were major reason for the bargain hunting.
- Overall, we expect the buying interest to persist this week, bringing the market to a positive close.**

THE WEEK THAT WAS (A REVIEW)

	Cur. Week	Prev. Week		
NGXASI	51,829.67	51,705.61		
Market Cap [NGN'trn]	27.94	27.87		
Market Cap [USD 'bn]	66.69	66.53		
Volume Traded [bn]	127.03	0.96		
Value Traded [NGN'bn]	1.71	13.13		
NSEASI & Sectoral Indices [Return Profile]				
	WtD	MtD	QtD	YtD
NGXASI	0.24%	0.02%	0.02%	21.33%
NGX-30	0.50%	0.05%	0.05%	9.65%
NGX-B10	1.06%	0.36%	0.36%	-1.69%
NGX-FB10	-0.40%	-0.01%	-0.01%	5.88%
NGX-OG5	-0.25%	-0.39%	-0.39%	57.44%
NGX-INS10	3.59%	1.23%	1.23%	-8.88%
NGX-IND	-0.13%	0.04%	0.04%	7.21%
Value (NGN)		Volume		
MTNN	11,746,951,835	MBENEFIT	215,105,654	
GTCO	2,162,441,210	GTCO	105,074,970	
SEPLAT	1,466,559,872	UBA	100,420,682	
NESTLE	1,319,368,306	FBNH	98,956,337	
ZENITHBANK	1,304,358,299	TRANSCORP	74,359,118	
Highest Gainers		Highest Losers		
	%		%	
JOHNHOLT	30.16%	PZ	-18.40%	
CORNERST	20.97%	UPL	-10.42%	
OKOMUOIL	12.09%	PRESTIGE	-10.00%	
FBNH	9.95%	HONYFLOUR	-8.91%	
ETI	9.28%	LIVESTOCK	-8.57%	

	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	2022 TP	Last Wk. Pr	UPP	RT
Financial Services																		
Banks																		
ACCESSCORP	0.09	16%	15%	1%	11.02	4.64	30.84	2.02x	0.30x	10.40	9.25	+1.08%	2.21	5.43	11.99	9.40	+28%	BUY
ETI	0.09	16%	17%	1%	12.78	6.27	35.83	1.69x	0.30x	13.10	8.60	+21.84%	2.21	6.60	14.56	10.60	+37%	BUY
FCMB	0.09	10%	9%	1%	9.96	1.14	12.57	3.04x	0.28x	3.88	2.85	+15.72%	3.15	1.38	4.35	3.46	+26%	BUY
FIDELITYBK	0.08	13%	12%	1%	11.53	1.23	10.65	2.69x	0.31x	4.05	2.50	+29.41%	2.45	1.47	3.60	3.30	+9%	HOLD
FBNH	0.09	21%	19%	2%	10.14	4.68	25.29	2.48x	0.46x	12.40	8.40	+1.75%	3.85	3.09	11.90	11.60	+3%	HOLD
GTCO	0.08	37%	19%	3%	6.05	5.86	30.88	3.49x	0.66x	28.00	20.45	-21.35%	4.29	7.80	33.51	20.45	+64%	BUY
STANBIC	0.07	27%	15%	2%	7.83	5.47	35.64	6.13x	0.94x	38.00	32.15	-6.81%	8.15	5.21	42.45	33.55	+27%	BUY
STERLNKANK	0.09	9%	9%	1%	10.96	0.49	5.27	3.14x	0.29x	1.73	1.40	+1.99%	3.10	0.47	1.46	1.54	-5%	HOLD
UBA	0.08	18%	15%	1%	10.76	3.57	24.15	2.07x	0.31x	8.85	7.40	-8.07%	2.36	3.87	9.15	7.40	+24%	BUY
UBN	0.07	9%	6%	1%	9.58	0.56	9.23	11.00x	0.67x	6.55	5.40	+4.24%	7.16	0.96	6.90	6.15	+12%	BUY
WEMABANK	0.08	10%	14%	1%	17.33	0.27	1.89	11.99x	1.72x	3.85	0.78	+352.78%	5.11	0.68	3.49	3.26	+7%	HOLD
ZENITHBANK	0.08	31%	19%	2%	7.76	7.95	42.37	2.75x	0.52x	27.40	21.40	-13.12%	3.71	7.98	29.59	21.85	+35%	BUY
Insurance																		
AIICO	0.33	11%	21%	4%	5.80	0.39	1.86	1.68x	0.36x	0.84	0.63	-5.71%	5.32	0.14	0.74	0.66	+13%	BUY
LASACO	0.50	1%	1%	0%	2.18	0.05	6.01	18.85x	0.17x	1.15	1.00	-1.90%	5.69	0.25	1.42	1.03	+38%	BUY
MANSARD	0.55	7%	12%	4%	3.03	0.23	1.91	8.80x	1.05x	2.60	2.00	-13.79%	6.05	0.46	2.77	2.00	+39%	BUY
NEM	0.73	16%	20%	12%	1.72	0.49	2.43	7.80x	1.56x	4.50	3.01	-15.56%	4.96	0.96	4.76	3.80	+25%	BUY
WAPIC (suspended)	0.41	-6%	-5%	-3%	1.80	-0.04	0.94	-9.33x	0.44x	0.53	0.40	-26.79%	-	-	-	0.41	-	UR
CORNERST	0.37	16%	14%	6%	2.40	0.16	1.13	4.60x	0.66x	0.75	0.50	+63.04%	3.20	0.21	0.67	0.75	-10%	SELL
CUSTODIAN	0.43	12%	17%	5%	3.19	1.88	11.27	3.89x	0.65x	8.00	6.50	-7.59%	4.21	1.87	7.87	7.30	+8%	HOLD

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Other Financial Services																		
UCAP	0.04	62%	50%	3%	19.45	1.99	3.98	6.45x	3.22x	14.15	9.95	+29.29%	6.50	2.33	15.15	12.80	+18%	BUY
AFRIPRUD	0.21	41%	18%	9%	2.10	0.74	4.08	7.69x	1.38x	7.80	5.55	-11.02%	9.28	0.80	7.39	5.65	+31%	BUY
Consumer Staples & Discretionary																		
Breweries																		
GUINNESS	0.81	3%	6%	3%	2.30	2.54	41.12	35.68x	2.20x	110.00	39.00	+132.05%	-	-	-	90.50	-	UR
NB	0.90	4%	10%	4%	2.80	2.33	23.26	25.25x	2.53x	77.00	40.00	+17.60%	25.45	3.12	79.51	58.80	+35%	BUY
INTBREW	0.43	-7%	-10%	-3%	3.29	-0.53	5.23	-11.79x	1.20x	9.75	4.40	+27.27%	-	-	-	6.30	-	UR
Packaged Foods & Meats																		
BUAFOODS	0.57	21%	33%	12%	2.77	68.55	208.94	0.80x	0.26x	66.00	40.00	+37.50%	14.18	4.74	67.23	55.00	+22%	BUY
CADBURY	0.94	5%	255%	5%	52.50	1.28	0.50	12.76x	32.57x	17.70	7.75	+85.23%	21.58	0.34	7.34	16.30	-55%	SELL
DANGSUGAR	0.84	7%	18%	6%	2.79	1.86	10.59	8.59x	1.51x	18.30	15.50	-8.05%	8.10	2.95	23.90	16.00	+49%	BUY
HONYFLOUR	0.90	1%	2%	1%	2.45	0.13	7.26	21.54x	0.38x	4.02	2.76	-18.82%	23.17	0.13	3.01	2.76	+9%	HOLD
FLOURMILL	1.48	3%	15%	4%	3.80	6.63	45.11	4.90x	0.72x	41.45	28.10	+14.64%	6.48	6.27	40.63	32.50	+25%	BUY
NASCON	0.80	-4%	-11%	-4%	2.96	-0.60	5.67	-19.70x	2.07x	14.50	11.70	-10.98%	12.54	1.26	15.80	11.75	+34%	BUY
NESTLE	1.16	12%	116%	14%	8.26	57.54	49.54	24.33x	28.26x	1,556.50	1,395.00	-10.05%	28.18	54.57	1,537.78	1,400.00	+10%	HOLD
UACN	0.93	2%	5%	2%	2.24	0.89	17.87	12.49x	0.62x	14.50	8.90	+16.84%	12.48	1.21	15.16	11.10	+37%	BUY
UNILEVER	0.64	-1%	-2%	-1%	1.72	-0.18	11.76	-84.60x	1.30x	15.30	12.20	+5.52%	27.13	0.56	15.07	15.30	-1%	HOLD
Agricultural Products																		
OKOMUOIL	0.56	35%	36%	19%	1.86	16.53	45.65	13.12x	4.75x	216.90	127.80	+52.75%	11.74	18.72	219.73	216.90	+1%	HOLD
PRESCO	0.34	45%	60%	16%	3.85	21.37	35.67	7.72x	4.63x	200.00	87.80	+87.93%	8.25	26.25	216.54	165.00	+31%	BUY
Household & Personal Products																		
PZ	0.79	-10%	-20%	-8%	2.55	-1.71	8.76	-5.96x	1.16x	13.55	6.10	+67.21%	-	-	-	10.20	-	UR
VITAFOAM	0.92	20%	44%	18%	2.46	4.57	10.35	4.92x	2.17x	25.00	20.25	0.00%	6.00	4.90	29.40	22.50	+31%	BUY

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Healthcare																		
Pharmaceuticals																		
MAYBAKER	0.70	8%	13%	6%	2.38	0.57	4.32	6.99x	0.93x	5.45	3.66	-0.50%	7.50	0.67	5.03	4.00	+26%	BUY
FIDSON	0.95	13%	31%	13%	2.44	2.20	7.13	5.10x	1.57x	12.05	6.22	+80.06%	5.03	2.06	10.35	11.20	-8%	HOLD
GLAXOSMITH	0.99	4%	11%	4%	2.79	0.91	7.91	7.16x	0.82x	8.35	5.65	+9.24%	10.00	0.81	8.10	6.50	+25%	BUY
NEIMETH	0.44	5%	13%	2%	5.89	0.07	0.56	20.19x	2.65x	1.98	1.36	-14.86%	2.55	0.86	2.19	1.49	+47%	BUY
Materials																		
Construction Materials																		
BUACEMENT*	0.37	34%	23%	13%	1.82	2.98	12.73	24.14x	5.65x	74.25	68.00	+7.23%	18.34	4.35	76.13	71.90	+6%	HOLD
DANGCEM*	0.60	27%	37%	16%	2.33	22.93	61.93	11.99x	4.44x	300.00	249.30	+7.00%	6.86	50.78	333.38	275.00	+21%	BUY
WAPCO*	0.58	19%	15%	11%	1.35	3.69	24.59	7.19x	1.08x	31.75	21.80	+10.65%	6.46	5.61	38.65	26.50	+46%	BUY
Specialty Chemicals																		
CAP	1.36	9%	31%	13%	2.50	1.99	6.33	9.13x	2.87x	22.40	17.55	-6.68%	12.38	1.32	16.34	18.15	-10%	HOLD
BERGER	1.06	4%	6%	4%	1.54	0.66	11.46	10.45x	0.60x	8.55	6.15	-19.88%	12.00	0.74	8.92	6.85	+30%	BUY
Energy																		
CONOIL	2.17	3%	14%	6%	2.47	4.63	32.20	6.21x	0.89x	34.25	21.30	+30.91%	7.57	3.83	28.96	28.80	+1%	HOLD
ETERNA	1.93	-1%	-4%	-1%	3.78	-0.37	9.97	-19.41x	0.71x	8.00	4.99	+40.59%	-	-	5.79	7.10	-18%	SELL
ARDOVA (suspended)	2.93	-1%	-9%	-3%	3.60	-1.27	13.86	-10.29x	0.94x	15.20	11.55	+0.38%	8.21	2.08	17.08	13.05	+31%	BUY
MRS	2.02	0%	2%	1%	2.10	0.96	56.24	16.87x	0.29x	16.40	12.20	+31.58%	55.23	0.20	11.05	16.25	-32%	SELL
SEPLAT	0.20	14%	6%	3%	2.29	77.78	1,222.95	16.72x	1.06x	1,300.50	650.00	+100.08%	13.14	86.37	1,134.94	1,300.50	-13%	SELL
TOTAL	1.37	5%	40%	7%	5.88	53.78	135.71	4.36x	1.73x	264.90	221.90	+5.68%	5.60	60.98	341.51	234.50	+46%	BUY
Telecommunications																		
MTNN	0.71	18%	90.12%	13.10%	6.88	15.81	17.54	14.55x	13.11x	270.00	185.50	+16.75%	13.00	18.28	237.64	230.00	+3%	HOLD
AIRTELAFRI*	0.47	22%	30%	10%	2.95	114.89	383.44	15.08x	4.52x	1,767.00	955.00	+81.38%	3.91	296.33	1,159.11	1,732.20	-33%	SELL

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