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# STOCK RECOMMENDATION - SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2022

### MARKET REVIEW

#### For the week ended September 23rd, 2022.

- The Nigerian equities market ended the week on a negative note, as the All-Share Index declined by 0.91% WoW to close at 49,026.62pts. Consequently, the Year-to-Date return decreased to 14.77% (from 15.82% the prior week).
- Across sectors, performance was broadly negative, as all sectoral indices except NGXBNK recorded week-on-week losses.
- The top gainer for the week was VITAFOAM (+12.25% WoW), while NGXGROUP (-13.92% WoW) was the week's top loser. ZENITHBANK and MTNN topped the activities chart as the most traded stocks by volume and value, respectively.

# MARKET PREVIEW

#### For the week commencing September 26th, 2022.

- We expect the bearish sentiment in the equities market to persist this week, due to investors' preference for fixed income investments.
- The forthcoming Treasury bills Primary Market Auction as well as the outcome of the Monetary Policy Committee meeting this week are also likely to suppress buying activities in the equities market.
- While coupon payment of c. NGN131bn is expected to increase system liquidity this week, the scheduled T-bills auction might leave the effect on equities muted.
- Overall, we expect the market to close in the negative zone.

# THE WEEK THAT WAS (A REVIEW)

			Cur. Week	Prev. Week							
NGXASI			49,026.62	49,475.42							
Market Cap [NGN'trn]			26.44	26.69							
Market Cap [USD 'bn]			60.61	61.17							
Volume Traded [bn]			0.50	0.70							
Value Traded [NGN'bn]			8.43	7.98							
NSEASI & Sectoral Indices [Return Profile]											
	WtD	MtD	QtD	YtD							
NGXASI	-0.91%	-1.63%	-5.39%	14.77%							
NGX-30	-0.99%	-1.73%	-7.49%	1.39%							
NGX-B10	2.27%	-1.24%	-3.82%	-5.78%							
NGX-FB10	-0.16%	0.75%	-3.03%	2.68%							
NGX-OG5	-4.68%	-4.68%	-6.98%	47.02%							
NGX-INS10	-2.08%	-3.31%	-2.28%	-12.04%							
NGX-IND	-3.92%	-3.14%	-20.02%	-14.29%							
Value (NGN)		Volum	e								
MTNN	2,384,982,707	ZENITH	IBANK	71,869,601							
ZENITHBANK	1,431,831,038	GTCO		54,894,632							
GTCO	1,060,806,383	FBNH		44,627,841							
SEPLAT	696,699,419	FIDELI	ГҮВК	30,825,397							
BUACEMENT	484,551,190	COURT	VILLE	28,186,207							
Highest Gainers	%	Highes	t Losers	%							
VITAFOAM	12.25%	NGXGF	ROUP	-13.92%							
FIDELITYBK	10.85%	CADBU	IRY	-13.82%							
UNITYBNK	10.00%	BUACE	MENT	-10.39%							
ETRANZACT	9.97%	CWG		-10.00%							
RTBRISCOE	9.38%	ABCTR	ANS	-10.00%							



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		Fund	amentals				Trailing			Ma	rket Perforr	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																			
ACCESSCORP	0.09	16%	15%	1%	11.02	4.64	30.84	1.90x	0.29x	10.40	8.15	-5.38%	2.21	5.43	11.99	8.80	+36%	BUY	
ETI	0.09	16%	22%	1%	15.78	6.55	29.41	1.69x	0.38x	13.10	8.60	+27.01%	2.21	6.60	14.56	11.05	+32%	BUY	
FCMB	0.09	11%	11%	1%	10.49	1.36	12.77	2.37x	0.25x	3.88	2.85	+8.36%	3.15	1.38	4.35	3.24	+34%	BUY	
FIDELITYBK	0.08	13%	12%	1%	11.85	1.34	10.76	2.81x	0.35x	4.05	2.50	+48.24%	2.35	1.86	4.35	3.78	+15%	BUY	
FBNH	0.09	21%	19%	2%	10.74	4.73	24.70	2.15x	0.41x	12.40	8.40	-10.96%	3.85	3.09	11.90	10.15	+17%	BUY	
GTCO	0.08	36%	20%	3%	6.72	5.88	28.73	3.15x	0.64x	28.00	18.50	-28.85%	3.78	6.09	23.02	18.50	+24%	BUY	
STANBIC	0.08	26%	17%	2%	8.33	5.02	29.17	5.77x	0.99x	38.00	28.00	-19.44%	8.15	5.21	42.45	29.00	+46%	BUY	
STERLNBANK	0.09	10%	11%	1%	12.15	0.55	5.19	2.71x	0.29x	1.73	1.40	-1.32%	3.10	0.47	1.46	1.49	-2%	HOLD	
UBA	0.08	18%	15%	1%	10.76	3.57	24.15	2.05x	0.30x	8.85	6.80	-9.32%	2.36	3.87	9.15	7.30	+25%	BUY	
UBN	0.07	10%	6%	1%	9.06	0.62	9.63	9.22x	0.60x	6.55	5.00	-2.54%	7.16	0.96	6.90	5.75	+20%	BUY	
WEMABANK	0.08	9%	14%	1%	18.37	0.27	1.88	12.73x	1.85x	4.00	0.78	+380.56%	5.11	0.68	3.49	3.46	+1%	HOLD	
ZENITHBANK	0.07	37%	20%	2%	7.95	7.96	40.52	2.51x	0.49x	27.40	18.90	-20.68%	3.71	7.98	29.59	19.95	+48%	BUY	
Insurance																			
AIICO	0.32	9%	16%	3%	5.69	0.32	2.05	1.76x	0.27x	0.84	0.53	-20.00%	5.32	0.14	0.74	0.56	+33%	BUY	
LASACO	0.48	3%	3%	1%	2.28	0.19	6.24	4.96x	0.15x	1.15	0.90	-12.38%	5.69	0.25	1.42	0.92	+55%	BUY	
MANSARD	0.57	3%	7%	2%	3.83	0.13	1.74	13.21x	0.98x	2.60	1.70	-26.72%	6.05	0.46	2.77	1.70	+63%	BUY	
NEM	0.75	15%	20%	12%	1.76	0.49	2.42	10.92x	2.22x	5.65	3.01	+19.78%	4.96	0.96	4.76	5.39	-12%	SELL	
WAPIC	0.37	-15%	-12%	-6%	2.13	-0.10	0.86	-3.37x	0.41x	0.53	0.35	-37.50%	-	-	-	0.35	-	UR	
CORNERST	0.39	17%	15%	7%	2.32	0.17	1.15	3.23x	0.49x	0.75	0.50	+21.74%	3.20	0.21	0.67	0.56	+20%	BUY	
CORNERST	0.39	17%	15%	7%	2.32	0.17	1.15	3.23x	0.49x	0.75	0.50	+21.74%	3.20	0.21	0.67	0.56	+20%	BUY	

\*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= 2022 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, Trading on **ARDOVA** and **WAPIC** have been suspended from the NGX till further notice.

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# Equity | Stock Recommendation

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CUSTODIAN	0.43	10%	14%	5%	3.07	1.56	11.29	4.16x	0.58x	8.00	6.30	-17.72%	4.21	1.87	7.87	6.50	+21%	BUY

			Fundamental	ls			Tra	iling		Ma	arket Perform	ance	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	
Other Financial Services																			
UCAP	0.04	62%	47%	2%	20.05	2.09	4.42	5.35x	2.53x	14.15	9.95	+13.13%	6.50	2.33	15.15	11.20	+35%	BUY	
AFRIPRUD	0.10	41%	18%	4%	4.39	0.78	4.35	7.12x	1.28x	7.80	5.50	-12.60%	9.28	0.80	7.39	5.55	+33%	BUY	
Consumer Staples & Discretionary																			
Breweries																			
GUINNESS	0.96	8%	17%	7%	2.40	7.15	41.08	11.62x	2.02x	110.00	39.00	+112.82%	13.85	7.67	106.23	83.00	+28%	BUY	
NB	1.05	5%	13%	5%	2.54	2.96	23.51	16.33x	2.06x	77.00	40.00	-3.20%	25.45	3.12	79.51	48.40	+64%	BUY	
INTBREW	0.54	-2%	-2%	-1%	2.83	-0.13	5.14	-39.91x	0.99x	9.75	4.40	+3.03%	-	-	-	5.10	-	UR	
Packaged Foods & Meats																			
BUAFOODS	0.54	21%	31%	12%	2.69	69.64	224.32	0.84x	0.26x	66.00	40.00	+45.75%	14.18	4.74	67.23	58.30	+15%	BUY	
CADBURY	0.96	8%	26%	7%	3.58	2.11	8.01	5.62x	1.48x	17.70	7.75	+34.66%	15.41	1.00	15.41	11.85	+30%	BUY	
DANGSUGAR	0.83	9%	22%	7%	2.92	2.44	11.26	6.57x	1.43x	18.30	15.50	-7.76%	8.10	2.95	23.90	16.05	+49%	BUY	
HONYFLOUR	0.92	-2%	-7%	-2%	2.90	-0.44	6.81	-5.29x	0.34x	4.02	2.05	-30.88%	23.17	0.13	3.01	2.35	+28%	BUY	
FLOURMILL	1.00	3%	13%	3%	4.36	6.36	49.23	4.76x	0.62x	41.45	27.00	+6.88%	5.57	8.22	45.79	30.30	+51%	BUY	
NASCON	0.83	7%	20%	6%	3.27	1.15	5.70	9.54x	1.93x	14.50	11.00	-16.67%	12.54	1.26	15.80	11.00	+44%	BUY	
NESTLE	1.16	11%	160%	13%	12.02	58.10	36.40	23.23x	37.09x	1,556.50	1,262.30	-13.27%	28.18	54.57	1,537.78	1,350.00	+14%	BUY	
UACN	1.00	1%	2%	1%	2.22	0.38	16.75	27.23x	0.61x	14.50	8.90	+7.89%	12.48	1.21	15.16	10.25	+48%	BUY	
UNILEVER	0.65	-6%	-7%	-4%	1.84	-0.78	11.28	-16.58x	1.15x	15.50	12.20	-10.34%	27.13	0.56	15.07	13.00	+16%	BUY	
Agricultural Products																			
OKOMUOIL	0.68	41%	52%	28%	1.85	23.61	45.35	7.98x	4.15x	216.90	127.80	+32.61%	11.74	18.72	219.73	188.30	+17%	BUY	
PRESCO	0.45	33%	52%	15%	3.46	22.67	43.26	6.29x	3.30x	200.00	87.80	+62.41%	8.25	26.25	216.54	142.60	+52%	BUY	
Household & Personal Products																			
PZ	0.93	6%	16%	6%	2.70	1.61	10.06	5.74x	0.92x	13.55	6.10	+51.64%	-	-	-	9.25	-	UR	
VITAFOAM	1.22	13%	37%	16%	2.34	4.58	12.36	4.90x	1.82x	25.00	20.00	-0.22%	6.00	4.90	29.40	22.45	+31%	BUY	

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	Funda												Valuation					
	Fundamentals						Tra	iling		Market Perfe	ormance		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
Healthcare																		
Pharmaceuticals																		
MAYBAKER	0.84	8%	14%	6%	2.16	0.57	4.19	6.80x	0.93x	5.45	3.35	-3.48%	7.50	0.67	5.03	3.88	+30%	BUY
FIDSON	0.87	14%	32%	12%	2.68	2.50	7.87	3.97x	1.26x	12.30	6.22	+59.97%	5.20	3.02	15.70	9.95	+58%	BUY
GLAXOSMITH	1.03	3%	10%	4%	2.91	0.79	7.59	7.46x	0.78x	8.35	5.65	-0.84%	10.00	0.81	8.10	5.90	+37%	BUY
NEIMETH	0.43	2%	5%	1%	6.22	0.03	0.57	56.89x	2.73x	1.98	1.36	-10.86%	2.55	0.86	2.19	1.56	+41%	BUY
Materials																		
Construction Materials																		
BUACEMENT*	0.37	34%	24%	13%	1.87	3.19	13.57	15.00x	3.53x	74.25	47.85	-28.64%	18.34	4.35	76.13	47.85	+59%	BUY
DANGCEM*	0.67	23%	44%	15%	2.88	20.24	45.53	12.10x	5.38x	300.00	241.00	-4.67%	6.86	50.78	333.38	245.00	+36%	BUY
WAPCO*	0.59	18%	15%	11%	1.42	3.73	24.82	6.57x	0.99x	31.75	21.80	+2.30%	6.46	5.61	38.65	24.50	+58%	BUY
Specialty Chemicals																		
САР	1.46	9%	33%	14%	2.44	2.07	6.21	8.56x	2.86x	22.40	16.50	-8.74%	12.38	1.32	16.34	17.75	-8%	HOLD
BERGER	1.14	3%	6%	4%	1.53	0.63	11.18	9.49x	0.53x	8.55	5.95	-30.41%	12.00	0.74	8.92	5.95	+50%	BUY
Energy																		
CONOIL	1.83	3%	16%	6%	2.68	5.52	34.01	4.80x	0.78x	34.25	21.30	+20.45%	7.57	3.83	28.96	26.50	+9%	HOLD
ETERNA	1.73	0%	-2%	0%	4.39	-0.22	10.25	-26.73x	0.56x	8.00	4.99	+13.86%	-	-	5.79	5.75	+1%	HOLD
ARDOVA	1.75	0%	-1%	-1%	1.00	-0.82	97.49	-15.53x	0.13x	15.20	11.55	-1.54%	8.21	2.08	17.08	12.80	+33%	BUY
MRS	2.14	1%	3%	1%	2.07	1.77	57.53	8.10x	0.25x	16.40	12.20	+16.19%	55.23	0.20	11.05	14.35	-23%	SELL
SEPLAT	0.28	17%	9%	5%	1.92	116.00	1,244.81	10.78x	1.00x	1,430.50	650.00	+92.31%	13.14	86.37	1,134.94	1,250.00	-9%	HOLD
TOTAL	1.49	4%	39%	6%	6.08	51.03	129.78	4.14x	1.63x	264.90	211.10	-4.87%	5.60	60.98	341.51	211.10		HOLD
Telecommunications																		
MTNN	0.72	19%	125.57%	13.39%	9.38	16.63	13.24	12.03x	15.11x	270.00	185.50	+1.57%	13.00	18.28	237.64	200.10	+19%	BUY
AIRTELAFRI*	0.38	11%	12%	4%	2.88	49.50	402.93	40.41x	4.96x	2,040.00	955.00	+109.42%	3.91	296.33	1,159.11	2,000.00	-42%	SELL
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