#### STOCK RECOMMENDATION - MAY 12TH, 2025

# **MERISTEM**

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#### **Market Review**

- For the week ended, May 9th, 2025
- The Nigerian equities market extended its winning streak for the third week in a row, as the NGX All-Share Index (ASI) climbed 2.54% WoW to settle at 108,733.40 points,
- pushing the year-to-date return to 5.65%. This upward trend was largely driven by strong Q1:2025 earnings reports and rising investor confidence, particularly in heavyweight stocks such as DANGCEM (+1.85% WoW),
- MTNN(+11.73% WoW), ARADEL (+12.28% WoW), and **GTCO**(+7.89% WoW). Performance across sectors was largely positive, with all

major indices closing higher- NGXBNK (+3.09% WoW),

NGXCNSMRGDS (+5.41% WoW), NGXINS(+0.99% WoW), NGXOILGAS (+3.98% WoW), and NGXINDUSTR (+1.09% WoW). Trading activity also picked up, as total traded volume grew by 25.48% WoW while market turnover slipped by

13.90% WoW. MULTIVERSE led the gainers' table with a weekly return of 57.48%, while ABBEYBDS posted the

steepest loss, declining by 15.66% WoW.

**Market Preview** 

For the week commencing May 12th, 2025

- We expect the positive momentum in the Nigerian equities market to persist this week, buoyed by lingering investor reaction to the Q1:2025 earnings season.
- Nonetheless, intermittent profit-taking particularly on stocks that have recorded significant gains in recent sessions. We believe such pressures will be matched by bargain-hunting activities, especially among tickers presenting compelling entry points. Although investor sentiment may be slightly cautious ahead

of the upcoming MPC meeting, we anticipate that buying

Overall, we maintain a positive outlook for the equities market this week.

interest will outweigh selling pressure in the interim.

The Week That Was (A Review)	Cur. \	Week	Prev. Week	WoW
NGXASI [pts]	108,7	33.40	106,042.57	+2.54%
Market Cap [NGN'trn]	66.	99	65.24	+2.68%
Market Cap [USD'bn]	41.	66	40.72	+2.30%
Volume Traded [bn]	2.6	51	2.08	+2.54%
Value Traded [NGN'bn]	76.	81	89.21	-13.90%
Sectoral Indices	WtD	MtD	QtD	YtD
NGXASI	3.02%	2.77%	2.90%	5.64%
NGX-30	2.48%	2.35%	2.40%	5.36%
NGXBNK	-0.07%	1.55%	0.01%	6.97%
NGXCNSMRGDS	18.77%	7.55%	18.75%	24.53%
NGXOILGAS	-0.09%	3.81%	-0.58%	-9.87%
NGXINS	-3.46%	-2.55%	-5.98%	-8.53%
NGXINDSTR	-2.46%	+1.18%	-2.45%	-4.70%
MERI-TELCO	0.00%	-1.87%	0.69%	3.30%

# Top Traded by Value (NGN)

# **Top Traded by Volume**

**ACCESSCORP** 18,156,593,446.00

**GTCO** 

**TANTALIZER** 

**FIRSTHOLDCO** 

**FIDELITYBK** 

**ABBEYBDS** 

VERITASKAP

**TRANSCORP** 

**MEYER** 

**HMCALL** 

**GTCO** 6,508,630,904.90

5,279,033,079.10

5,008,850,444.00

3,857,530,041.85

+57.48%

+50.52%

+46.31%

+31.88%

+31.81%

ACCESSCORP

302,921,202.00 273,704,972.00

-13.51%

-10.81%

-9.57%

-7.69%

**ARADEL** 

ZENITHBANK

**FIRSTHOLDCO** 

**MULTIVERSE** 

**ACADEMY** 

BETAGLAS

INTENENGINS

**CHELLARAM** 

**Highest Gainers** 

265,573,707.00

112,085,403.00 **Highest Losers** -15.66%

154,000,386.00

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	Fundam	entals		Trailing		Mark	et Perforr			Valua		
	NM	ROE	EPS	P/E	P/BV	Yr Hi	Yr Lo	Ytd Ret	TP	СР	UPP	RT
Banks												
ACCESSCORP	14%	18%	12.49	1.75x	0.32x	28.15	20.45	-10.69%	31.08	21.30	+45.90%	BUY
ETI	24%	26%	42.62	0.61x	0.16x	34.70	26.00	+2.50%	33.13		+15.43%	
FCMB	9%	11%	3.88	2.46x	0.26x	12.00	8.95	+2.13%	13.77		+43.40%	
FIDELITYBK	27%	36%	10.56	1.89x	0.69x	20.85	16.75	+14.29%	22.32	20.00	+11.58%	BUY
FIRSTHOLDCO	100%	25%	16.17	1.53x	0.38x	29.50	23.75	-8.56%	38.21		+48.97%	
<b>GTCO</b>	41%	27%	23.98	2.67x	0.73x	69.60	56.20	+21.14%	68.38	69.05	-0.98%	
JAIZBANK	32%	60%	0.66	4.82x	2.91x	3.65	2.90	+7.67%	4.16	3.23	+28.73%	BUY
STANBIC	34%	32%	18.41	3.32x	1.05x	71.45	58.00	+12.85%	66.84	65.00	+2.83%	
STERLINGNG	11%	16%	1.13	4.88x	0.76x	6.30	4.82	+8.04%	8.70	6.05	+43.79%	
UBA	24%	22%	23.80	1.46x	0.32x	39.30	31.30	+1.62%	55.79		+61.46%	
WEMABANK	21%	34%	6.91	1.93x	0.66x	15.10	9.10	+53.30%	13.17	13.95	-5.59%	
ZENITHBANK	26%	24%	34.59	1.41x	0.35x	52.00	44.00	+7.00%	63.79	48.90	+30.44%	
Insurance												
AIICO	5%	12%	0.25	6.45x	0.84x	1.93	1.30	+16.78%	2.24	1.67	+33.83%	BUY
LASACO	7%	14%	0.93	2.41x	0.34x	4.09	1.92	-21.68%	4.22	2.42	+74.42%	BUY
MANSARD	20%	49%	2.89	2.81x	1.38x	9.87	7.65	-0.49%	10.08	8.16	+23.55%	BUY
NEM	25%	43%	2.12	6.74x	2.92x	15.00	11.80	+36.99%	14.50	15.00	-3.33%	HOLD
WAPIC	20%	26%	0.41	4.92x	1.26x	2.98	1.77	-9.33%	3.34	2.04	+63.65%	BUY
CORNERST	50%	26%	0.85	3.63x	0.93x	4.61	2.59	-16.67%	4.47	3.00	+49.15%	BUY

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+4.97%

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12.60 -20.19%

65.00 +13.88%

31.00 +52.19%

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+0.72% 424.66

+81.40% 59.32

+22.77% 38.65

+72.25% 40.54

+4.93% 42.53

+7.45% 13.05

+62.58% 22.58

-10.00% 121.52

+17.16% 81.95

38.00 +5.26% 46.26

17.85 +7.25% 16.46

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+30.50% 49.73

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+27.95%

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-8.10% 667.16 440.00 +51.63% **BUY** 

81.95

17.95 +10.24%

17.05 +78.13% BUY

16.40 +61.14% BUY

48.70 <sub>-18.98%</sub> **SELL** 

39.00 +52.10% BUY

54.00 -24.92% **SELL** 

33.00 +28.88% BUY

10.10 +29.24% BUY

25.20 -10.38% **SELL** 

2.93 +13.38% BUY

83.70 +45.19% **BUY** 

40.00 +15.65% BUY

21.45 -25.41% **SELL** 

+0.00% **HOLD** 

43.00 +15.66%

+5.11% HOLD

+1.59% HOLD

-3.13% **HOLD** 

+8.54% **HOLD** 

+0.17% **HOLD** 

-36.04% **SELL** 

BUY

BUY

CUSTODIAN

UCAP

AFRIPRUD

**Breweries** 

**GUINNESS** 

**Packaged Foods** 

**BUAFOODS** 

CADBURY

NASCON

NESTLE

UACN

UNILEVER

Agricultural

OKOMUOIL

**Pharmaceutical** 

MAYBAKER

FIDSON

NEIMETH

Construction

BUACEMENT

DANGCEM

WAPCO

CAP

Chemicals

BERGER

PRESCO

DANGSUGAR

NB\*

Other Financial Services

35%

52%

36%

-11.97%

-13.36%

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# MERISTEM

	Fundar	Fundamentals		Trailing		Marke	t Perforn	nance		Valuati	on	
	NM	ROE	EPS	P/E	P/BV	Yr Hi	Yr Lo	Ytd Ret	ТР	СР	UPP	RT
Energy												
CONOIL	3.52%	27.04%	16.41	20.18x	5.46x	387.20	331.20	-14.46%	409.50	331.20	+23.64%	BUY
ETERNA	2.89%	- 166.68%	7.08	6.36x	10.59x	49.95	24.30	+81.07%	28.28	44.00	-35.73%	SELL
MRS	1.30%	20.79%	18.23	8.64x	1.80x	217.80	157.50	-27.69%	274.70	157.50	+74.41%	BUY
SEPLAT	12.97%	7.57%	364.10	15.66x	1.19x	5,700.00	5,700.00	0.00%	6,580.62	5,700.00	+15.45%	BUY
TOTAL	2.64%	36.62%	80.99	8.71x	3.19x	745.00	630.00	+1.00%	945.49	705.00	+34.11%	BUY
TRANSCORP	20.49%	31.96%	9.34	4.87x	1.56x	61.00	39.75	-3.45%	82.04	42.00	+95.32%	BUY
ARADEL	39.90%	18.82%	247.07	7.17x	1.35x	598.00	448.00	-15.89%	856.83	503.00	+70.34%	BUY
Telecoms												
MTNN	3.44%	38.80%	149.92	1.70x	-0.66x	264.20	200.00	+42.45%	309.63	284.90	+8.68% <b>I</b>	HOLD
AIRTELAFRI	4.62%	10.25%	125.16	17.23x	1.77x	2,156.90	2,156.90	0.00%	2,610.58	2,156.90	+21.03%	BUY
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NM= Net Margin Yr Lo= Year Low ROE=Return on Equity YtD Ret= Year-to-Date Return \*TP calculated with EV/EBITDA multiple Lev=Leverage TP=Target Price EPS=Earnings Per Share BVP= Book Value Per Share CP= Current Price P/E=Price-to-Earnings UPP=Upside Potential RT= Rating P/BV=Price-to-Book Value Yr Hi= Year High **UR=Under Review** Data in the Fundamental columns are based on trailing performance.

Stocks you should have in your Portfolio

Ticker	Current Price	Target Price	Upside Potential	10-Day RSI	Rationale
UBA	34.55	55.79	+61.46%	54.83	<b>UBA</b> is currently trading below our target price of NGN89.99, offering an upside potential of 61.46%. With a 10-day RSI of 54.83, the stock sits in neutral-to-bullish territory, suggesting there is still significant room for upside without risk of overextension. The combination of strong fundamentals and favourable technicals supports our <b>BUY</b> recommendation.
FCMB	9.60 13.77 +43.40%		+43.40%	54.49	<b>FCMB</b> offers an attractive upside potential of 43.40%, with the stock trading well below our target price of NGN13.77. With a 10-day RSI of 54.49, the stock is in a neutral zone, indicating balanced momentum and significant room for renewed upside. Given its valuation and potential for fresh buying interest, we recommend a <b>BUY</b> .
UACN	33.00	42.53	+28.88%	52.33	<b>UACN</b> is trading below our target price of NGN42.53, with an upside potential of 28.88%. The RSI of 52.33 suggests continued buying interest, but also leaves room for further upward movement. Given its technical position and attractive valuation, we believe the stock offers a solid entry point and recommend a <b>BUY</b> .

#### **Definition of Terms**

RSI = Relative Strength Index MFI = Money flow Index

# NGX Exchange

# Tickers that moved from - SELL/HOLD to BUY/HOLD

TICKER	TP	СР	UPP	Prev. RT	New RT	Rationale
FIDELITYBK	22.32	20.35	+11.66%	HOLD	BUY	Owing to a significant loss of 1.72% WoW, <b>FIDELITYBK's</b> upside potential narrowed to +11.58%, from our target price of NGN22.32. Hence, we revise our rating on the ticker from a <b>HOLD</b> to a BUY.
CUSTODIAN	19.79	17.95	+10.24%	HOLD	BUY	Following a marginal drop of -2.08% last week, <b>CUSTODIAN's</b> upside potential improved to 10.24%, from our target price of NGN17.95. Hence, we revise our rating on the ticker from a <b>HOLD</b> to a <b>BUY</b> .

### Tickers that moved from - HOLD/BUY to SELL/HOLD

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TICKER	TP	СР	UPP	Prev. RT	New RT	Rationale
DANGSUGAR	38.65	39.90	-3.13%	BUY	HOLD	DANGSUGAR currently trades at NGN38.65 following a 14.00% WoW gain the previous week. This offers a - 3.13% downside to our NGN39.90 target price. Thus, we review our recommendation on the ticker from a BUY to a HOLD
FIDSON	22.58	25.20	-10.38%	HOLD	SELL	FIDSON ended last week at NGN25.50, reflecting a 10.28% WoW gain. This exceeds our target price of NGN25.25. As a result, we are revising our rating on the ticker from a HOLD to a SELL
NESTLE	1,313.33	1,210.00	+8.54%	BUY	HOLD	Following a 10.00% week-on-week rally, <b>NESTLE</b> now trades at NGN1,210.00. With the stock approaching our target price of NGN1,313.13, the implied upside has narrowed to +8.54%. Given the reduced margin for capital appreciation, we are revising our rating on the stock from <b>BUY</b> to <b>HOLD</b> .
MTNN	309.63	284.90	+8.68%	HOLD	BUY	MTNN currently trades at NGN284.90 following a 11.73% WoW gain the previous week. This offers a +8.68% upside to our NGN309.63 target price. Thus, we review our recommendation on the ticker from a BUY to a HOLD

### **NGX Exchange**

# **Events To Look Out For This Week**

#### **Closure Dates**

#### **Payment Dates**

#### **AGM Dates**

Company	Date	Company	Date	Company	Date
CHAMPION	12-May-25	UNILEVER	12-May-25	ACCESSCORP	15-May-25
SEPLAT	12-May-25	ACCESSCORP	15-May-25	STANBIC	15-May-25
FIRSTHOLDCO	13-May-25	STANBIC	15-May-25	TOTAL	16-May-25
WAPCO	16-May-25	TOTAL	16-May-25		

## **Upcoming Closure Dates**

Company	Dividend Declared	Bonus	Dividend Yield	Interim/Final	Declaration Date	Qualification Date	Closure Date
CHAMPION	0.06	Nil	1.33%	2024Final	03-Mar-25	09-May-25	12-May-25
SEPLAT	54.61	Nil	0.96%	2024Final	04-Mar-25	09-May-25	12-May-25
SEPLAT	50.06	Nil	0.88%	2024Final	04-Mar-25	09-May-25	12-May-25
WAPCO	4.00	Nil	4.84%	2025 Interim	24-Apr-25	09-May-25	16-May-25
AIICO	0.07	Nil	4.40%	2024Final	31-Mar-25	21-May-25	22-May-25
UACN	0.22	Nil	0.69%	2024Final	29-Mar-25	21-May-25	22-May-25
MAYBAKER	0.40	Nil	4.65%	2024Final	28-Apr-25	20-May-25	23-May-25
SEPLAT	79.99	Nil	1.40%	2025 interim	28-Apr-25	23-May-25	26-May-25

# **Upcoming Payment Dates**

Company	Dividend Declared	Bonus	Dividend Yield	Interim/Final	Declaration Date	Qualification Date	Payment Date
UNILEVER	1.25	Nil	2.91%	2024Final	29-Mar-25	25-Apr-25	12-May-25
ACCESSCORP	2.05	Nil	9.36%	2024Final	16-Apr-25	29-Apr-25	15-May-25
TOTAL	40.00	Nil	5.67%	2024Final	28-Mar-25	22-Apr-25	16-May-25
NEM	1.00	Nil	6.99%	2024Final	31-Mar-25	25-Apr-25	20-May-25
WAPCO	4.00	Nil	4.84%	2025 Interim	24-Apr-25	09-May-25	20-May-25
CHAMPION	0.06	Nil	1.33%	2024Final	03-Mar-25	09-May-25	21-May-25

# **Upcoming AGM Dates**

Company	Dividend Declared	Bonus	Dividend Yield	Interim/Final	Declaration Date	Qualification Date	AGM Date
ACCESSCORP	2.05	Nil	9.36%	2024Final	16-Apr-25	29-Apr-25	15-May-25
TOTAL	40.00	Nil	5.67%	2024Final	28-Mar-25	22-Apr-25	16-May-25
NEM	1.00	Nil	6.99%	2024Final	31-Mar-25	25-Apr-25	20-May-25

# CORPORATE BENEFIT TRIGGER

# **Dividends Declared in 2025**

Company	Dividend Declared	Bonus	Dividend Yield	Interim/Fin al	Declaratio n Date	Qualification Date	Closure Date	Paymen t Date	AGM Date
ACCESSCORP	2.05	Nil	8.61%	2024Final	16-Apr-25	29-Apr-25	30-Apr-25	15-May-25	15-May-25
AFRIPRUD	0.60	1 for 1	3.50%	2024Final	08-Mar-25	21-Mar-25	24-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25
AIICO	0.07	Nil	4.38%	2024Final	31-Mar-25	21-May-25	22-May-25	27-May-25	27-May-25
BUACEMENT	2.05	Nil	2.45%	2024Final	28-Feb-25	08-Aug-25	11-Aug-25	28-Aug-25	28-Aug-25
BUAFOODS	13.00	Nil	3.11%	2024Final	29-Mar-25	21-Aug-25	22-Aug-25	25-Sep-25	25-Sep-25
CHAMPION	0.06	Nil	1.50%	2024Final	03-Mar-25	09-May-25	12-May-25	21-May-25	ТВА
CUSTODIAN	1.25	Nil	7.27%	2024Final	28-Mar-25	14-Apr-25	17-Apr-25	02-May-25	02-May-25
DANGCEM	30.00	Nil	6.94%	2024Final	03-Mar-25	09-Jun-25	10-Jun-25	23-Jun-25	23-Jun-25
ETRANZACT	0.13	Nil	2.17%	2024Final	29-Mar-25	07-Jul-25	08-Jul-25	24-Jul-25	02-Jul-25
FCMB	0.55	Nil	6.04%	2024Final	04-Apr-25	16-Apr-25	17-Apr-25	29-Apr-25	29-Apr-25
FIDELITYBK	1.25	Nil	6.23%	2024Final	28-Mar-25	15-Apr-25	16-Apr-25	29-Apr-25	29-Apr-25
FIDSON	1.00	Nil Nil	5.38%	2024Final	02-Apr-25	11-Jul-25	14-Jul-25	01-Aug-25	31-Jul-25 22-May-
FIRSTHOLDCO	0.60		2.40%	2024Final	22-Apr-25	12-May-25	13-May-25	23-May-25	2025
GEREGU	8.50	Nil	0.74%	2024Final	30-Jan-25	13-Mar-25	14-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
GTCO	7.03	Nil	11.16%	2024Final	28-Mar-25	15-Apr-25	16-Apr-25	24-Apr-25	24-Apr-25
HMCALL	0.07	Nil	1.49%	2024Final	13-Feb-25	31-Mar-25	01-Apr-25	25-Apr-25	24-Apr-25
JBERGER	3.25	Nil	2.37%	2024Final	27-Mar-25	30-May-25	02-Jun-25	20-Jun-25	19-Jun-25
MAYBAKER	0.40	Nil	5.41%	2024Final	28-Apr-25	20-May-25	21-May-25	05-Jun-25	05-Jun-25
MECURE	0.15	Nil	1.35%	2024Final	28-Feb-25	18-Apr-25	21-Apr-25	TBA	TBA
NASCON	2.00	Nil	3.78%	2024Final	03-Mar-25	16-Apr-25	16-Apr-25	09-May-25	08-May-25
NEM	1.00	Nil	6.67%	2024Final	31-Mar-25	25-Apr-25	28-Apr-25	20-May-25	20-May-25
NGXGROUP	2.00	Nil	5.56%	2024Final	28-Feb-25	13-Mar-25	14-Mar-25	TBA	TBA
ОКОМИОІЬ	26.00	Nil	4.96%	2024Final	02-Apr-25	24-Apr-25	25-Apr-25	22-May-25	22-May-25
PRESCO	42.00	Nil	5.35%	2024Final	08-Apr-25	04-Jul-25	07-Jul-25	06-Aug-25	06-Aug-25
SEPLAT	54.61	Nil	0.96%	2024Final	04-Mar-25	09-May-25	12-May-25	23-May-25	TBA
SEPLAT	50.06	Nil	0.88%	2024Final	04-Mar-25	09-May-25	12-May-25	23-May-25	TBA
STANBIC	3.00	Nil	5.07%	2024Final	28-Mar-25	11-Apr-25	14-Apr-25	16-May-25	15-May-25
TOTAL	40.00	Nil	5.67%	2024Final	28-Mar-25	22-Apr-25	23-Apr-25	16-May-25	16-May-25
TRANSCOHOT	0.74	Nil	0.51%	2024Final	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	ТВА
TRANSCORP	0.60	Nil Nil	1.40%	2024Final	08-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	16-Apr-25	09-Apr-25
TRANSPOWER	3.50	Nil	0.96%	2024Final	TBA	TBA		TBA	
UACN UBA	0.22 3.00	Nil	0.67% 8.82%	2024Final 2024Final	29-Mar-25 20-Mar-25	·	22-May-25 14-Apr-25		
UCAP	0.50	Nil	2.75%	2024Final	12-Mar-25	•	17-Mar-25	•	•
UNILEVER	1.25	Nil	2.98%	2024Final	29-Mar-25		28-Apr-25	•	•
VFDGROUP	2.50	1 for 6	14.62%	2024Final	03-Apr-25		23-Apr-25	•	
VITAFOAM	1.05	Nil	2.34%	2024Final	07-Mar-25	12-Feb-24	13-Feb-25	07-Mar-24	07-Mar-24
WAPCO	1.20	Nil	1.48%	2024Final	28-Feb-25	28-Mar-25	04-Apr-25	25-Apr-25	25-Apr-25
WAPCO	4.00	Nil	4.94%	2025 Interim	24-Apr-25	09-May-25	16-May-25	20-May-25	Nil
WEMABANK	1.00	Nil	8.10%	2024Final	25-Apr-25	01-May-25	02-May-25	22-May-25	22/05/2025
ZENITHBANK	4.00	Nil	8.60%	2024Final	26-Mar-25	15-Apr-25	16-Apr-25	29-Apr-25	29-Apr-25



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