

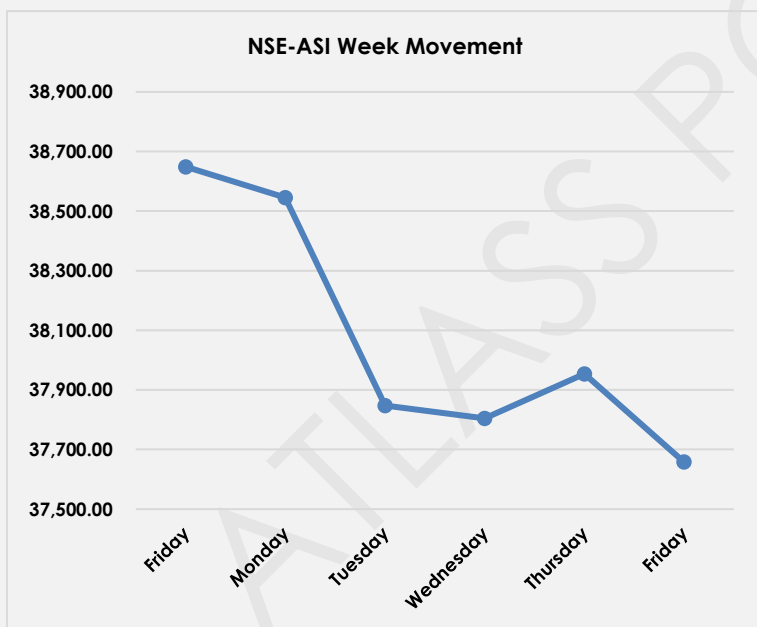
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### NIGERIA EQUITY MARKET

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Investors on the Nigeria equity market gained ₦292.4Bn week-on-week as bargain hunting intensified on the local bourse. The positive sentiment was impacted by price appreciation on bellwether stocks such as DANGCEM, MTNN, NB amongst others.

Consequently, the All-Share Index increased by 553.75 basis points, representing a growth of 1.47% to close at 38,212.01, while the Market Capitalization gained ₦292.40 billion, representing an increase of 1.49%, to close at ₦19.92 trillion.



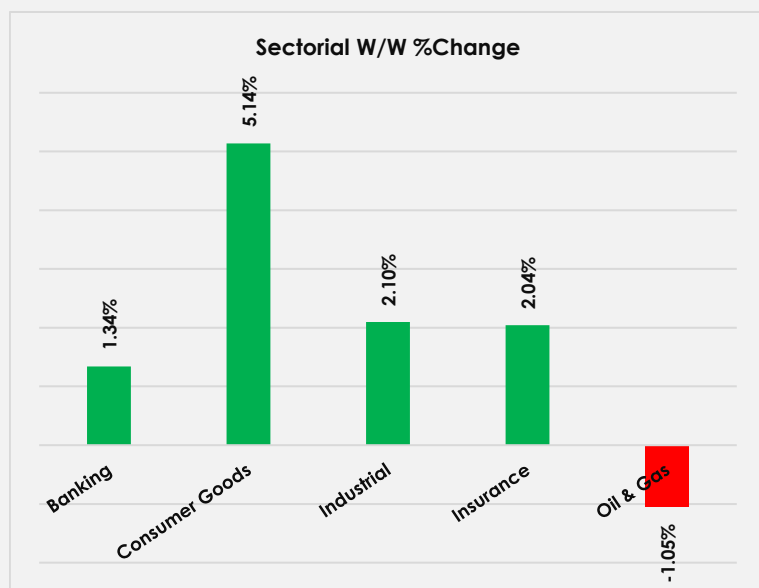
Source: NGX, Atlass Portfolios

Similarly, the market activities experienced growth, as the total of 1.02 billion shares valued at ₦ 14.15 billion in 17,565 deals were traded in the week, compared to 1.01 billion shares worth ₦10.33 billion in 17,165 deals traded in the previous week.

IKEJA HOTEL recorded the highest gain of 60.00%, to emerge as the best performing stock of the week, followed by LINKASSURE with 30.77% growth. While WEMABANK, VITAFOAM, NESTLE, DANGCEM and MTNN grew by 23.33%w/w, 12.28%w/w, 10.00%w/w, 4.03%w/w and 0.61%w/w respectively, to be among the 43 appreciated stocks for the week.

On the other hand, BOCGAS receded 18.96%w/w to led the losers' table, trailed by REGALINS (-14.29%w/w), STERLN BANK (-3.70%w/w), AFRI PRUD (-2.42%w/w), PRESCO (-1.84%w/w), GTCO (-1.83%), and AIRTELAFRI (-1.52%w/w), as 26 stocks depreciated during the week.

Nevertheless, four of the five major sectors of the market had a positive sentiment, as Consumer Goods, Industrial Goods, Insurance and Banking sectors grew by 5.14%, 2.10%, 2.04% and 1.34% week-on-week respectively, while the Oil & Gas sectors declined 1.05%w/w.



Source: NGX, Atlass Portfolios

In the meantime, trading in the shares of Portland Paints and Products Nig. Plc was suspended, following the scheme merger between Chemical and Allied Product Plc. Also, trading activities of shares of African Alliance Insurance Plc, Niger Insurance Plc, Royal Exchange Plc, and The Tourist Company of Nigeria Plc was suspended, following filing of Accounts failure of those companies.

**Outlook**

**Next week, we expect to see further bargain-hunting from investors in the equity market.**

**FX, FOREIGN RESERVE & OIL MARKET**

**Naira weakened at parallel market as low supply from CBN bite harder**

The Naira strengthened against the US Dollar during the week, despite the low supply of the USDollar from the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)

As a result, the Naira appreciated in the I&E Window by 0.10% to close on Friday at ₦411.25/USD, as against ₦411.67/USD in the previous week. However, the naira depreciated in the parallel market by 0.60% from ₦500/USD in the prior week to close the week at ₦503/USD.

FX Rate	Open	Close	W/W %Change
I & E Window	411.67	411.25	▲ 0.10%
Parallel Market	500.00	503.00	▼ -0.60%

Source: FMDQ, Atlass Portfolios

**Oil Prices mixed as OPEC+ meeting ends deadlock**

The global oil prices during the week rose week-on-week, despite OPEC+ ministers resumed talks on raising oil output the day after the United Arab Emirates blocked a deal, which could delay plans to pump more oil through the end of the year.

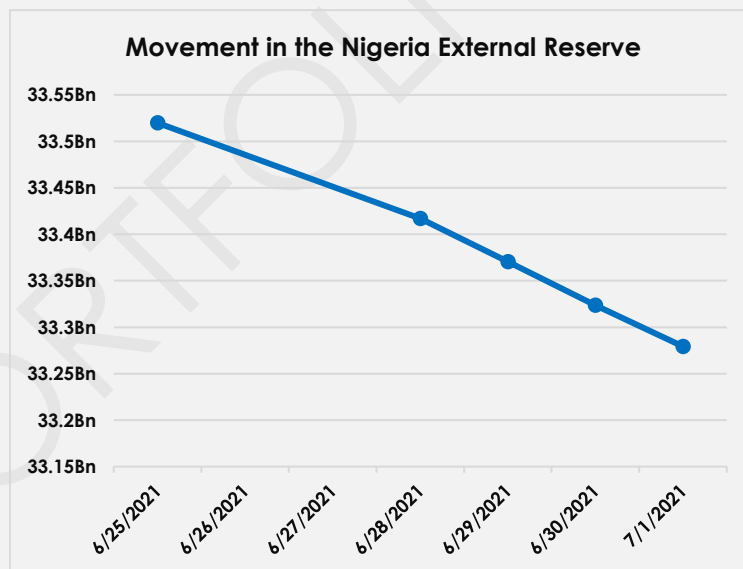
Consequently, the Brent rose by 1.06% to close at \$76.18pb, while the Nigeria oil benchmark, (Bonny Light) declined by 1.24% to closed at \$74.16pb.

Oil Price	Open	Close	W/W %Change
Brent	75.38	76.18	▲ 1.06%
Bonny Light	75.09	74.16	▼ -1.24%

Source: Oilprices.com, Atlass Portfolios

**Foreign Reserve**

The Nigeria Foreign Reserve sustained its free fall to loss \$240.54 from the closing position of \$33.52Bn (Friday, 25th June, 2021) to \$33.28 billion on Thursday 1st July 2021.



Source: CBN, Atlass Portfolios

**GLOBAL STOCKS**

**Mixed Sentiment in the global equity market on US robust job data**

This week, mixed sentiment prevailed in the global stock markets as US jobs data for June showed robust hiring yet persistent weakness in the labour market that will keep the Federal Reserve from raising interest rates any time soon.

Consequently, all the three major market indices in the US market as DJIA, S&P 500 and NASDAQ, edged the week higher by 1.02%, 1.67% and 15.87%, respectively, reversing the previous week positive sentiments.

However, mixed sentiment was observed at the European market as Germany DAX grew by 0.27%, while UK FTSE 100 and France CAC 400 declined by 0.18%w/w and 1.06%w/w respectively, following investors locked in gains after a five-month winning streak, with concerns over an eventual spike in inflation and the Delta variant of the coronavirus also pushing some money off the table.

In other emerging markets, Ghana GSE Composite, South-Africa FTSE/JSE and Brazil Bovespa all gained 0.33%w/w, 0.16%w/w and 0.29%w/w, respectively. While Egypt EGX 30, Mexico IPC All-Share, and Argentina Merval shed 0.22%w/w, 0.37%w/w, 2.62%w/w, respectively.

We expect a further positive sentiment on expectations that U.S. treasury yields may stay tame in the second half of the year and pushing some investors to take a second look at companies whose dividend payouts beat those offered on U.S. government bonds.

	STOCK MARKET	OPEN	CLOSE	W/W % CHANGE
US	DJIA	34,433.84	34,786.35	▲ 1.02%
	S&P 500	4,280.70	4,352.34	▲ 1.67%
	NASDAQ	14,360.39	16,639.33	▲ 15.87%
EUROPE	France: CAC 40	6,622.87	6,552.86	▼ -1.06%
	Germany: DAX	15,607.97	15,650.09	▲ 0.27%
	UK: FTSE 100	7,136.07	7,123.27	▼ -0.18%
ASIA	Composite	3,607.56	3,518.76	▼ -2.46%
	Hong Kong: Hang Seng	29,288.22	28,310.42	▼ -3.34%
	Japan: Nikkei 225	29,066.18	28,783.28	▼ -0.97%
	Indian: S&P BSE Sensex	52,925.04	52,484.67	▼ -0.83%
SOUTH AMERICA	Brazil: Bovespa	127,255.61	127,621.65	▲ 0.29%
	Mexico: IPC All-Share	50,549.86	50,360.46	▼ -0.37%
	Argentina: Merval	65,133.47	63,426.11	▼ -2.62%
AFRICA	South Africa: FTSE/JSE Africa All-Share	66,215.47	66,323.76	▲ 0.16%
	Egypt: EGX 30	10,278.86	10,256.62	▼ -0.22%
	Ghana: GSE Composite	2,643.60	2,652.21	▲ 0.33%
	Nigeria: ASI	37,658.26	38,212.01	▲ 1.47%

Source: WSJ, Atlass Portfolios

Meanwhile, negative sentiment triumphed in the Asian market to sustain last week loss. As a result, all of the four indices receded, China Shanghai Composite, Japan Nikkei 225, Honk-Kong HANG SENG, and India S&P BSE shed 2.46%w/w, 0.97%w/w, 3.34%w/w and 0.83%w/w respectively.

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