

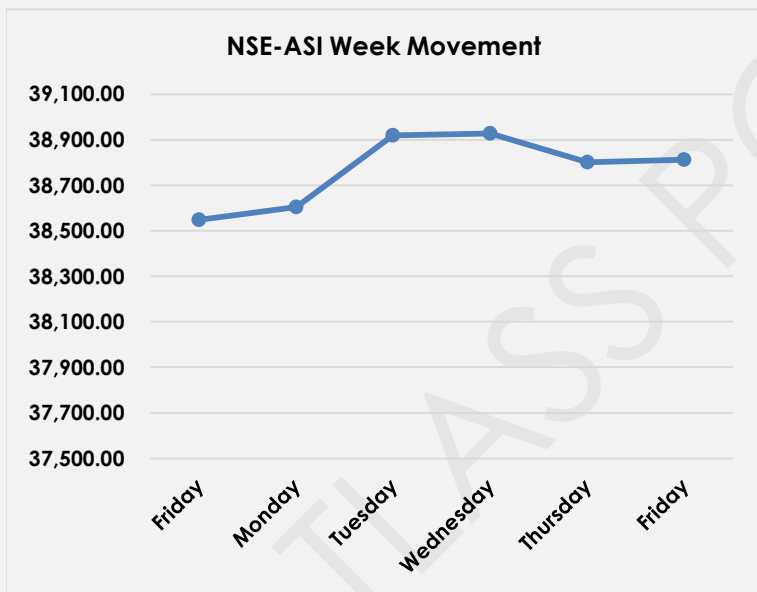
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NIGERIA EQUITY MARKET

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Nigeria local bourse reversed previous week bearish sentiment as investors' wealth grew by 0.68%w/w following bargain-hunting in some market bellwether, such as AIRTELAFRI, MTNN amongst others.

Consequently, the All-Share Index grew by 263.67 basis points, representing an increase of 0.68% to close at 38,810.75, while the Market Capitalization gained ₦137.38 billion, representing a growth of 0.68%, to close at ₦20.22 trillion.

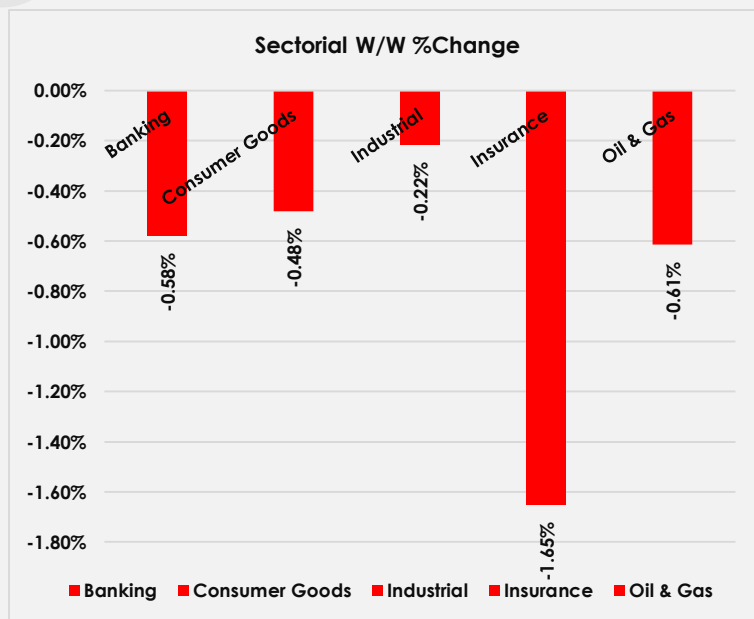


The positive sentiment was fueled by price appreciation in 23-stocks, among which are; CUTIX, which emerged as the best performing stock of the week with 17.95% growth, followed by REGALINS with 14.29% growth, while WEMABANK, AIRTELAFRI, MTNN, PRESCO and FLOURMILL

grew by 6.10%w/w, 5.69%w/w, 2.25%w/w, 1.82%w/w and 1.50%w/w respectively.

On the other hand, NEIMETH shed 14.29%w/w to top the decliners' table, trailed by AIICO (-12.04%w/w), AFRIPRUD (-5.51%w/w), DANGSUGAR (-4.32%w/w), GTCO (-1.75%w/w), NB (-0.87%), and ZENITHBANK (-0.81%w/w), as 36 stocks depreciated during the week.

Surprisingly, all of the five major sectors of the market experienced bearish sentiment, led by Insurance with 1.65%w/w gain, followed by Consumer Goods with 0.06%w/w growth. Whereas, the Industrial Goods, Insurance and Banking sectors shed 1.32%w/w, 1.12%w/w and 0.95%w/w, respectively.



Meanwhile, a total of 989.59 million shares valued at ₦8.18 billion in 19,617 deals were traded in the week, compared to 1.37 billion shares worth ₦11.82 billion in 22,982 deals traded in the prior week.

Outlook

Amid strong financial liquidity and bullish sentiment in the NTB market, we anticipate further bargain hunting in the equity market owing to the anticipating interim dividend from tier-I lenders.

FX, FOREIGN RESERVE & OIL MARKET

Naira regain strength in the parallel market

After reaching a record high of ₦525/USD in the previous week, the Naira regained strength against the US Dollar in the parallel market, as banks begin to comply with CBN directives on FX transactions.

As a result, the Naira appreciated in the parallel market by 0.97% to close on Friday at ₦510/USD, as against ₦515/USD in the previous week. Conversely, the Naira depreciated marginally in the I&E Window by 0.01% from ₦411.44/USD in the prior week to close the week at ₦411.50/USD.

FX Rate	Open	Close	W/W %Change
I & E Window	411.44	411.50	▼ -0.01%
Parallel Market	515.00	510.00	▲ 0.97%

Source: FMDQ, Abokifx, Atlass Portfolios

Oil prices sees weekly decline on demand worries

The global oil prices during the week fell on worries that travel restrictions to curb the spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19 will derail the global recovery in energy demand.

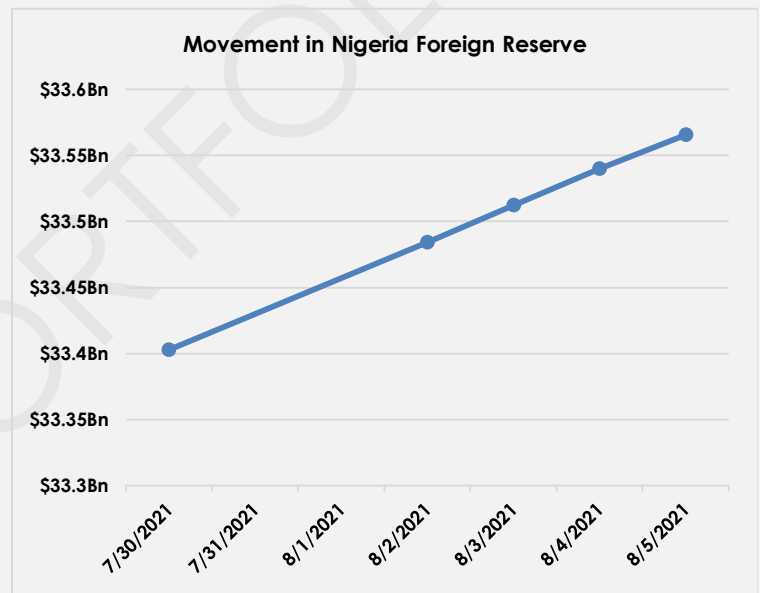
Consequently, the Brent fell by 6.25% to close at \$70.70pb, while the Nigeria oil benchmark (Bonny Light) shed 6.129% to \$69.77pb.

Oil Price	Open	Close	W/W %Change
Brent (\$)	75.41	70.70	▼ -6.25%
Bonny Light (\$)	74.32	69.77	▼ -6.12%

Source: oilprice.com, Atlass Portfolios

Foreign Reserve

The Nigeria Foreign Reserve sustained its uptrend to a gain of \$163.24 from the closing position of \$33.40Bn (Friday, 30th July, 2021) to \$33.57 billion on Thursday 5th August 2021.



Source: CBN, Atlass Portfolios

GLOBAL STOCKS

Solid jobs data boots investors confidence, shrugged off Delta variant impact

Positive sentiment prevailed in the global equity markets following a stronger-than-expected jobs report, while investors shrugged off concerns over the Delta variant impacting a nascent economic recovery.

As a result, all the three major market indices in the US, the DJIA, S&P 500 and NASDAQ, closed the week higher by 0.79%, 0.94% and 1.11%, respectively, reversing the previous week negative sentiments.

European stocks similarly traded higher as investors grew confident in the region's economic recovery and earnings growth. Consequently, UK FTSE 100, Germany DAX and France CAC 400 grew by 1.29%w/w, 1.40%w/w and 3.09%w/w respectively.

Also, the Asian market shrugged of the rising Delta variant as all of the four indices receded as China Shanghai Composite, Japan Nikkei 225, Honk-Kong HANG SENG, and India S&P BSE grew by 1.79%w/w, 1.97%w/w, 0.84%w/w and 3.22%w/w respectively.

	STOCK MARKET	OPEN	CLOSE	W/W % CHANGE
US	DJIA	34,935.47	35,208.51	▲ 0.78%
	S&P 500	4,395.26	4,436.52	▲ 0.94%
	NASDAQ	14,672.68	14,835.76	▲ 1.11%
EUROPE	France: CAC 40	6,612.76	6,816.96	▲ 3.09%
	Germany: DAX	15,544.39	15,761.45	▲ 1.40%
	UK: FTSE 100	7,032.30	7,122.95	▲ 1.29%
ASIA	China: Shanghai Composite	3,397.36	3,458.23	▲ 1.79%
	Hong Kong: Hang Seng	25,961.03	26,179.40	▲ 0.84%
	Japan: Nikkei 225	27,283.59	27,820.04	▲ 1.97%
	Indian: S&P BSE Sensex	52,586.84	54,277.72	▲ 3.22%
SOUTH AMERICA	Brazil: Bovespa	121,800.79	122,810.36	▲ 0.83%
	Mexico: IPC All-Share	50,868.32	51,113.85	▲ 0.48%
	Argentina: Merval	66,005.29	65,860.91	▼ -0.22%
AFRICA	South Africa: FTSE/JSE Africa All-Share	68,970.78	68,673.95	▼ -0.43%
	Egypt: EGX 30	10,742.23	10,723.18	▼ -0.18%
	Ghana: GSE Composite	2,717.30	2,741.65	▲ 0.90%
	Nigeria: ASI	38,547.08	38,810.75	▲ 0.68%

Source: WSJ, Atlass Portfolios

Mixed sentiment however triumphed in other emerging markets, Ghana GSE Composite, Brazil Bovespa and Mexico IP All-Share gained 0.90%w/w, 0.83%w/w and 0.48%w/w, respectively; save for Argentina Merval and Sout Africa FTSE/JSE Africa All-Share that shed 0.22%w/w and 0.43%w/w, respectively.

We anticipate further positive sentiment as the economic boost from an expected \$1 trillion infrastructure bill working its way through the U.S. Senate.

Source: WSJ, Atlass Portfolios

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