

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Equity Market Pulls Back Amid Profit-Taking as NGX-ASI Drops by 0.49%

Key Market Indicators	Units	Today	Previous Day	% Change
The All -Share Index	Basis Points	189,321.24	190,262.44	↓ -0.49%
Total Market Cap.	₦ Trillion	121.55	122.13	↓ -0.47%
Total Volume Traded	Million	1,199.85	1,062.45	↑ 12.93%
Total Value Traded	₦ Million	60,193.37	62,990.56	↓ -4.44%
Deals		86,607	64,237	↑ 34.82%

The Nigeria Equity market closed today's trading session in negative territory, halting the two-week market rally, as key performance indicators showed mixed outcomes. The NGX-ASI declined by -0.49%, while the Market Capitalization lost -0.47%. The downturn was primarily driven by profit-taking activities in some recently appreciated medium and large cap stocks including ZENITHBANK, UBA, ACCESSCORP, WAPCO, GTCO. Consequently, the market index (All-Share Index) fell by -941.20 basis points in today's trading session, indicating a -0.49% decline to close at 189,321.24, while Market Capitalization fell by ₦577.42 billion, representing a decline of -0.47%, settling at ₦121.55 trillion.

That said, the Total Volume of trades increased by +12.93% while the Total Value traded, on the other hand, declined by -4.44%. Approximately 1,199.85 million units valued at ₦60,193.37 million were transacted across 86,607 deals. As regards volume, ACCESSCORP generated 8.67% to emerge the most traded, followed by ZENITHBANK (7.80%), JAPAUFGOLD (6.18%), FIRSHOLDCO (4.55%), and NSLTECH with 3.85%. On value traded, ZENITHBANK generated 13.34% of the total value of trade, thereby making it the highest traded on the exchange.

Meanwhile, on the best performers' chart, ABCTRANS led by generating +9.94%, then trailed by ZICHIS (+9.93%), REDSTAREX (+9.87%), MEYER (+9.81%), JAPAUFGOLD (+9.78%), INFINITY (+9.68%), and thirty-eight others. A total of thirty-nine (39) stocks depreciated. With a price depreciation of -10.00% each, MECURE, SKYAVN, and ZENITHBANK topped the worst performers' chart, followed by RTBRISCOE (-9.95%), TRIPPLEG (-9.77%), MANSARD (-8.77%), DEAPCAP (-8.38%), and OMATEK (-7.41%). Hence, the market breadth closed on a positive note as there were 44 gainers and 39 losers.

Lastly, the market sectoral performance was negative today as four of the five major market sectors declined. The banking sector declined by -3.69%, followed by the Insurance sector (-0.57%), the Industrial goods sector (-0.50%), the Oil & Gas sector (-0.06%). Only the Consumer goods sector appreciated by +2.54%.

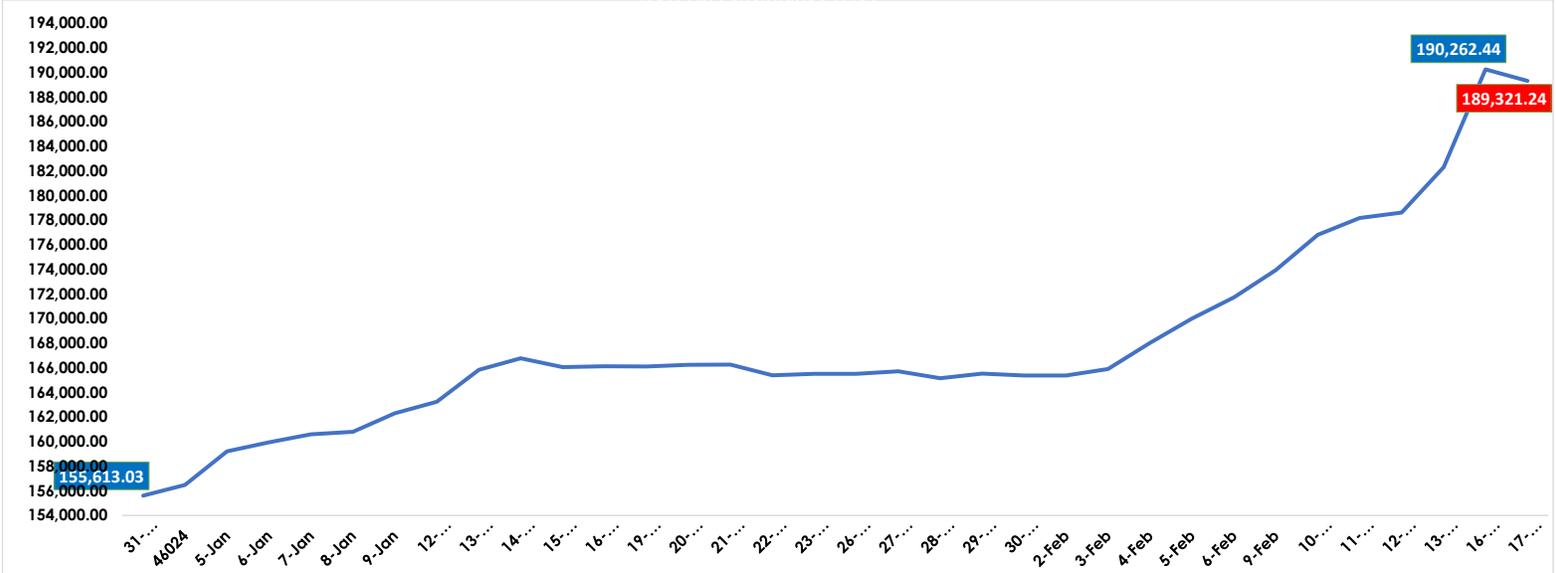
Best 10 Performers	OPEN (₦)	Close (₦)	%Change
ABCTRANS	8.25	9.07	9.94%
ZICHIS	11.88	13.06	9.93%
REDSTAREX	26.85	29.50	9.87%
MEYER	20.90	22.95	9.81%
JAPAUFGOLD	2.76	3.03	9.78%
INFINITY	10.85	11.90	9.68%
NSLTECH	1.66	1.82	9.64%
FTGINSURE	0.42	0.46	9.52%
JAIZBANK	9.13	9.90	8.43%
VITAFOAM	119.90	129.80	8.26%

Worst 10 Performers	OPEN (₦)	Close (₦)	%Change
MECURE	104.00	93.60	-10.00%
SKYAVN	130.00	117.00	-10.00%
ZENITHBANK	89.50	80.55	-10.00%
RTBRISCOE	15.68	14.12	-9.95%
TRIPPLEG	6.65	6.00	-9.77%
MANSARD	16.99	15.50	-8.77%
DEAPCAP	7.64	7.00	-8.38%
OMATEK	3.24	3.00	-7.41%
UBA	49.55	46.30	-6.56%
LEGENDINT	6.40	6.00	-6.25%

Top 10 Traders By Volume	Sector	Volume (Units)	% of Mkt Volme
ACCESSCORP	Banking	103,485,829	8.67%
ZENITHBANK	Banking	93,097,465	7.80%
JAPAUFGOLD	Oil & Gas	73,788,548	6.18%
FIRSHOLDCO	Banking	54,323,003	4.55%
NSLTECH	Services	45,921,449	3.85%
AIICO	Insurance	42,155,889	3.53%
STERLINGNG	Banking	41,627,669	3.49%
MBENEFIT	Financial services	36,883,133	3.09%
UBA	Banking	36,509,186	3.06%
VITAFOAM	Consumer goods	35,970,424	3.01%

Top 10 Traders By Value	Sector	Value (₦)	% of Mkt Value
ZENITHBANK	Banking	8,006,796,488.55	13.34%
ARADEL	Oil & Gas	5,498,227,296.60	9.16%
MTNN	Telecom	5,059,030,135.30	8.43%
VITAFOAM	Consumer goods	4,551,888,458.70	7.58%
GTCO	Banking	4,054,364,693.65	6.76%
ACCESSCORP	Banking	2,717,025,367.25	4.53%
FIRSHOLDCO	Banking	2,642,541,258.80	4.40%
PRESCO	Agriculture	2,424,513,130.70	4.04%
WAPCO	Industrial	2,405,925,746.10	4.01%
DANGCEM	Industrial	1,966,389,244.70	3.28%

NGX-ASI Performance (YTD)



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Market Performance History			Sector Indices		A-Day Change		YTD % Change	
A-Day Change	↓	-0.49%	NGX-30	↓	-0.56%	↑	20.87%	
Week-on-Week	↑	7.08%	Banking	↓	-3.69%	↑	18.26%	
Month-to-Date	↑	21.66%	Consumer Goods	↑	2.54%	↑	11.65%	
Quarter-to-Date	↑	21.66%	Industrial Goods	↓	-0.50%	↑	26.38%	
Year-to-Date	↑	21.66%	Insurance	↓	-0.57%	↑	11.91%	
52-Weeks High		190,262.44	Oil & Gas	↓	-0.06%	↑	47.12%	
52-Weeks Low		103,851.88						

Economic Indicators	Today	Previous Day	A-Day Change	YTD % Change	NTB True Yield	Closed	A-day Change
Exchange Rate - I&E (₺/\$)	1347.78	1355.42	↓	-0.57%	6.77%	16.53%	↑ 0.10%
Exchange Rate - Parallel (₺/\$)	1365.00	1420.00	↓	-4.03%	7.46%	16.43%	↓ -0.05%
Monetary Policy Rate (MPR)	27.00%	27.00%	→	0.00%	0.00%	17.26%	↓ -0.11%
Crude Oil Price (\$/Barrel)	68.64	67.98	↑	0.97%	11.39%	18.26%	↑ 0.06%
Foreign Reserve (\$'bn)	47.81	47.81	→	0.00%	5.07%	18.88%	↓ -0.04%
Inflation Rate	15.10%	15.10%	→	0.00%	0.65%		

Note : -Crude oil (Brent) and Foreign Exchange price represents spot price as at the time this report was prepared
 -Foreign reserves figures have two-day lag
 -Inflation figure as at January 2026
 -NTB True Yield have a day's lag

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