

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Equity Market Closes Higher as NGX-ASI Records 0.52% Gain

Key Market Indicators	Units	Today	Previous Day	% Change
The All -Share Index	Basis Points	196,908.76	195,898.53	0.52% ↑
Total Market Cap.	₦ Trillion	126.40	125.75	0.52% ↑
Total Volume Traded	Million	549.78	671.27	-18.10% ↓
Total Value Traded	₦ Million	44,735.94	26,134.51	71.18% ↑
Deals		55,465	58,792	-5.66% ↓

The Nigerian equity market closed trading activities for today on a positive note, recovering some of the losses of the last two sessions, as key market performance indicators (the NGX-ASI and Market Capitalization) both appreciated by 0.52%. The market rally, which ended the two-day retreat, was triggered by fresh bargain hunting amid positive trading sentiment in mid-cap and blue-chip stocks, across major market sectors. Consequently, the market index (All-Share Index) added 1,010.23 basis points in today's trading session, reflecting a 0.52% increase to close at 196,908.76 while Market Capitalization also gained ₦648.46 billion, representing a growth of 0.52%, settling at ₦126.40 trillion.

That said, the Total Volume of trades declined by -18.10% while the Total Value traded, on the other hand, increased +71.18%. Approximately 549.78 million units valued at ₦44,735.94 million were transacted across 55,465 deals. As regards volume, FTGINSURE generated 5.89% to emerge the most traded, followed by ACCESSCORP (5.15%), FIRSTHOLDCO (5.08%), ZENITHBANK (5.03%), and DANGCEM with 4.93%. On value traded, DANGCEM generated 46.26% of the total value of trade, thereby making it the highest traded on the exchange.

Meanwhile, on the best performers' chart, FTNCOCOA led by generating +10.00%, then trailed by FIDSON (+9.97%), DEAPCAP (+9.89%), CAVERTON (+9.40%), LIVESTOCK (+9.30%), STERLINGNG (+9.03%), and twenty-four others. A total of twenty-nine (29) stocks depreciated. With a price depreciation of -10.00% each, ETERNA and OMATEK topped the worst performers' chart, followed by SCOA (-9.94%), FTGINSURE (-9.24%), SOVRENINS (-9.09%), LEGENDINT (-8.40%), and GUINEAINS (-6.47%). Hence, the market breadth closed on a positive note as there were 30 gainers and 29 losers.

Finally, the market sectoral performance was negative today as three of the five major market sectors declined. The Insurance sector declined by -0.71%, followed by the Banking sector (-0.45%), and the Oil and Gas sector (-0.29%). The Industrial goods sector and the Consumer goods sector increased by +1.88% and +0.25% respectively.

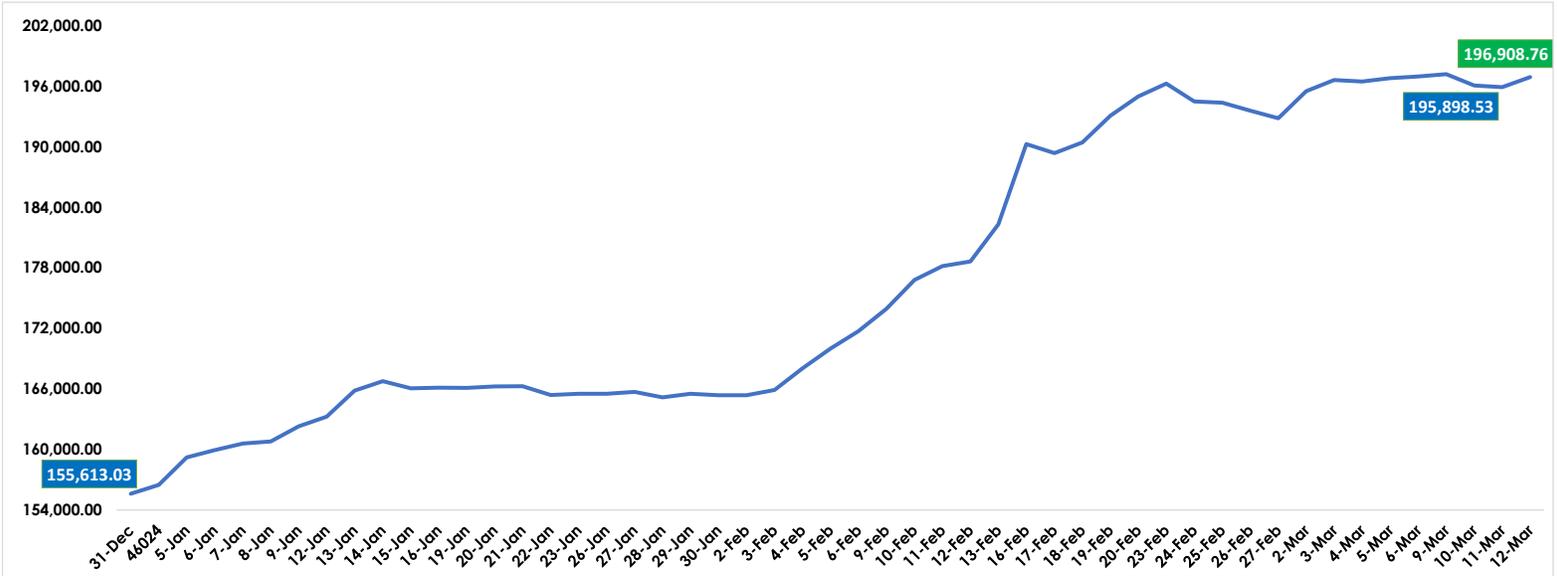
Best 10 Performers	OPEN (₦)	Close (₦)	%Change
FTNCOCOA	5.70	6.27	10.00%
FIDSON	95.80	105.35	9.97%
DEAPCAP	6.37	7.00	9.89%
CAVERTON	5.85	6.40	9.40%
LIVESTOCK	6.45	7.05	9.30%
STERLINGNG	7.20	7.85	9.03%
AUSTINLAZ	3.84	4.15	8.07%
CAP	92.25	99.00	7.32%
TRANSCOHOT	189.70	203.00	7.01%
VFDGROUP	11.10	11.85	6.76%

Worst 10 Performers	OPEN (₦)	Close (₦)	%Change
ETERNA	47.00	42.30	-10.00%
OMATEK	2.80	2.52	-10.00%
SCOA	25.15	22.65	-9.94%
FTGINSURE	1.19	1.08	-9.24%
SOVRENINS	2.31	2.10	-9.09%
LEGENDINT	6.55	6.00	-8.40%
GUINEAINS	1.39	1.30	-6.47%
JAPAULGOLD	3.69	3.50	-5.15%
ELLAHLAKES	12.25	11.70	-4.49%
CADBURY	70.00	67.00	-4.29%

Top 10 Traders By Volume	Sector	Volume (Units)	% of Mkt Volme
FTGINSURE	Insurance	32,182,365	5.89%
ACCESSCORP	Banking	28,124,042	5.15%
FIRSTHOLDCO	Banking	27,722,056	5.08%
ZENITHBANK	Banking	27,483,007	5.03%
DANGCEM	Industrial	26,892,570	4.93%
STERLINGNG	Banking	24,608,820	4.51%
JAPAULGOLD	Oil & Gas	22,899,581	4.19%
MBENEFIT	Financial services	22,257,267	4.08%
ELLAHLAKES	Agriculture	21,851,226	4.00%
CHAMS	ICT	16,460,687	3.01%

Top 10 Traders By Value	Sector	Value (₦)	% of Mkt Value
DANGCEM	Industrial	20,670,956,568.70	46.26%
ARADEL	Oil & Gas	4,116,540,448.60	9.21%
ZENITHBANK	Banking	2,558,541,571.70	5.73%
GTCO	Banking	1,591,610,125.50	3.56%
PRESCO	Agriculture	1,536,402,511.70	3.44%
MTNN	Telecom	1,413,908,928.40	3.16%
FIRSTHOLDCO	Banking	1,385,290,760.00	3.10%
WAPCO	Industrial	1,084,738,289.50	2.43%
NGXGROUP	Financial services	950,222,252.65	2.13%
CUSTODIAN	Insurance	878,657,988.35	1.97%

NGX-ASI Performance (YTD)



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Market Performance History		Sector Indices		A-Day Change		YTD % Change	
A-Day Change	↑ 0.52%	NGX-30	↑	0.54%	↑	25.76%	
Week-on-Week	↑ 0.05%	Banking	↓	-0.45%	↑	22.78%	
Month-to-Date	↑ 2.12%	Consumer Goods	↑	0.25%	↑	9.96%	
Quarter-to-Date	↑ 26.54%	Industrial Goods	↑	1.88%	↑	37.34%	
Year-to-Date	↑ 26.54%	Insurance	↓	-0.71%	↑	7.58%	
52-Weeks High	197,196.97	Oil & Gas	↓	-0.29%	↑	68.78%	
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 (₺/\$)	1376.19	1401.4	↓	-1.83%	4.81%	16.14%	⇒ 0.00%
Exchange Rate - Parallel (₺/\$)	1450.00	1415.00	↑	2.41%	1.69%	16.39%	⇒ 0.00%
Monetary Policy Rate (MPR)	26.50%	26.50%	⇒	0.00%	-0.50%	17.58%	⇒ 0.00%
Crude Oil Price (\$/Barrel)	98.27	90.79	↑	8.24%	59.48%	18.60%	⇒ 0.00%
Foreign Reserve (\$'bn)	50.01	49.99	↑	0.04%	9.91%	19.56%	⇒ 0.00%
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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