

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Equity Market Edges Higher by 0.04% as FIRSTHOLDCO Leads Bargain Hunting

Key Market Indicators	Units	Today	Previous Day	% Change
The All -Share Index	Basis Points	244,912.24	244,802.83	↑ 0.04%
Total Market Cap.	₦ Trillion	158.09	158.02	↑ 0.04%
Total Volume Traded	Million	824.06	1,562.23	↓ -47.25%
Total Value Traded	₦ Million	25,473.27	28,732.86	↓ -11.34%
Deals		48,114	54,160	↓ -11.16%

The Nigerian equity market closed trading activities for today in positive territory, as key market performance indicators (the NGX-ASI and Market Capitalization) both appreciated by 0.04%. Despite decliners outpacing gainers, the market rebounded slightly, driven by renewed bargain hunting in selective medium and large cap stocks including FIRSTHOLDCO, FCMB, NESTLE, MCNICHOLS, among others, across key market sectors, indicating fresh investors' positive trading sentiment. Hence, the market index (All-Share Index) added 109.41 basis points in today's trading session, reflecting a 0.04% increase to close at 244,912.24. Likewise, Market Capitalization gained ₦70.62 billion, representing a growth of 0.04%, settling at ₦158.09 trillion.

However, the Total Volume of trades and the Total Value traded declined by -47.25% and -11.34% respectively. Approximately 824.06 million units valued at ₦25,473.27 million were transacted across 48,114 deals. As regards volume, FCMB generated 44.88% to emerge the most traded, followed by CHAMS (5.67%), FIRSTHOLDCO (5.28%), ACCESSCORP (3.62%), and LINKASSURE with 2.38%. On value traded, FIRSTHOLDCO generated 22.37% of the total value of trade, thereby making it the highest traded on the exchange.

Meanwhile, on the best performers' chart, LINKASSURE led by generating +9.94%, then trailed by AVACAP (+9.55%), FTGINSURE (+7.69%), MCNICHOLS (+7.34%), WAPIC (+5.51%), FIRSTHOLDCO (+5.38%), and fourteen others. A total of twenty-nine (29) stocks depreciated. With a price depreciation of -9.94% each, HONYFLOUR and PZ topped the worst performers' chart, followed by ZICHIS (-9.74%), LEARNAFRCA (-9.62%), NEIMETH (-8.33%), AFRIPRUD (-7.75%), and LEGENDINT (-7.69%). Hence, the market breadth closed on a negative note, as there were 20 gainers and 29 losers.

Finally, the market sectoral performance was flat today as two of the five major market sectors increased, two declined, and one remained unchanged. The Banking sector and the Insurance sector increased by +0.69% each. The Consumer goods sector and the Oil & Gas sector declined by -0.41% and -0.005% respectively, while the Industrial goods sector remained unchanged.

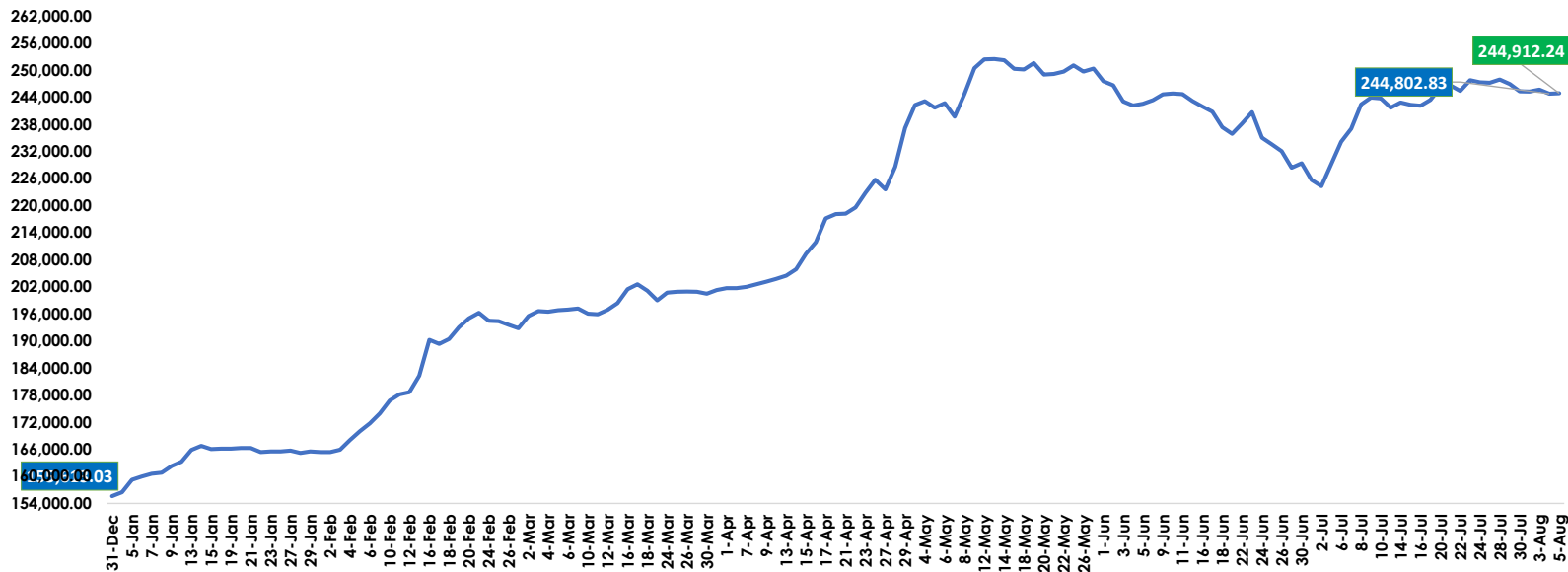
Best 10 Performers	OPEN (₦)	Close (₦)	%Change
LINKASSURE	1.61	1.77	9.94%
AVACAP	9.95	10.90	9.55%
FTGINSURE	2.60	2.80	7.69%
MCNICHOLS	5.45	5.85	7.34%
WAPIC	2.36	2.49	5.51%
FIRSTHOLDCO	130.00	137.00	5.38%
NSLTECH	0.79	0.83	5.06%
VERITASKAP	1.28	1.34	4.69%
VFDGROUP	11.05	11.50	4.07%
FCMB	11.25	11.70	4.00%

Worst 10 Performers	OPEN (₦)	Close (₦)	%Change
HONYFLOUR	18.10	16.30	-9.94%
PZ	83.00	74.75	-9.94%
ZICHIS	23.00	20.76	-9.74%
LEARNAFRCA	10.40	9.40	-9.62%
NEIMETH	9.00	8.25	-8.33%
AFRIPRUD	12.90	11.90	-7.75%
LEGENDINT	4.55	4.20	-7.69%
MULTIVERSE	22.95	21.30	-7.19%
CMFC	3.20	3.01	-5.94%
CHAMS	4.64	4.40	-5.17%

Top 10 Traders By Volume	Sector	Volume (Units)	% of Mkt Volume
FCMB	Banking	369,239,291	44.88%
CHAMS	ICT	46,679,187	5.67%
FIRSTHOLDCO	Banking	43,472,914	5.28%
ACCESSCORP	Banking	29,814,624	3.62%
LINKASSURE	Financial services	19,554,099	2.38%
NSLTECH	Services	18,423,428	2.24%
FIDELITYBK	Banking	16,093,179	1.96%
STERLINGNG	Banking	15,401,855	1.87%
SOVRENINS	Insurance	14,308,265	1.74%
CHAMPION	Consumer goods	12,003,615	1.46%

Top 10 Traders By Value	Value (₦)	% of Mkt Value
FIRSTHOLDCO	5,676,202,585.40	22.37%
FCMB	4,071,879,913.75	16.05%
MTNN	2,597,082,384.00	10.24%
ZENITHBANK	1,217,564,109.20	4.80%
ARADEL	1,201,647,202.80	4.74%
NESTLE	1,176,949,334.80	4.64%
GTCO	801,243,588.30	3.16%
HBMNG	783,087,683.50	3.09%
NB	779,549,298.10	3.07%
ACCESSCORP	777,952,634.60	3.07%

NGX-ASI Performance (YTD)



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Market Performance History			Sector Indices		A-Day Change		YTD % Change
A-Day Change	↑	0.04%	NGX-30	↑		0.10% ↑	58.21%
Week-on-Week	↓	-0.84%	Banking	↑		0.69% ↑	67.01%
Month-to Date	↑	6.75%	Consumer Goods	↓		-0.41% ↑	8.72%
Quarter-to-Date	↑	6.75%	Industrial Goods	→		0.00% ↑	85.80%
Year-to-Date	↑	57.39%	Insurance	↑		0.69% ↓	-1.31%
52-Weeks High		252,508.19	Oil & Gas	↓		0.00% ↑	96.23%
52-Weeks Low		132,451.73					

Economic Indicators	Today	Previous Day	A-Day Change	YTD % Change	NTB True Yield	Closed	A-day Change
Exchange Rate - I&E (₪/\$)	1362.55	1364.83 ↓	-0.17% ↑	5.75%	1-Month	15.88% ↓	-0.01%
Exchange Rate - Parallel (₪/\$)	1415.00	1410.00 ↑	0.35% ↑	4.07%	3-Month	16.96% ↓	-0.01%
Monetary Policy Rate (MPR)	26.50%	26.50% →	0.00% ↓	-0.50%	6-Month	17.91% ↑	0.03%
Crude Oil Price (\$/Barrel)	79.61	80.03 ↓	-0.52% ↑	29.20%	9-Month	19.22% ↓	-0.10%
Foreign Reserve (\$'Bn)	51.94	51.92 ↑	0.04% ↑	14.15%	12-Month	20.14% ↓	-0.10%
Inflation Rate	15.91%	15.91% →	0.00% ↑	1.46%			

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 June 2026
- NTB True Yield have a day's lag

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