

THE NIGERIAN EQUITY MARKET SUMMARY

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Equity Market Posts 0.35% Loss Amid Sustained Selling Pressure

Key Market Indicators	Units	Today	Previous Day	% Change
The All -Share Index	Basis Points	241,611.23	242,454.65	↓ -0.35%
Total Market Cap.	₦ Trillion	155.97	156.52	↓ -0.35%
Total Volume Traded	Million	429.84	1,330.31	↓ -67.69%
Total Value Traded	₦ Million	27,480.99	22,927.72	↑ 19.86%
Deals		35,683	45,494	↓ -21.57%

The Nigerian Equity market closed trading activities for today in bearish territory, as key market performance indicators (the NGX-ASI and Market Capitalization) both recorded a loss of -0.35%. The market's downturn, which has persisted for six consecutive sessions, was driven by sustained selling pressures across major market sectors, with the Banking sector losing the most, shedding 1.82%. Mid-cap and blue-chip stocks such as FCMB, FIRSTHOLDCO, ZENITHBANK, DANGSUGAR, UBA, among others, recorded significant losses today. Specifically, the market index (All-Share Index) fell by -843.42 basis points in today's trading session, indicating a -0.35% decline to close at 241,611.23, while Market Capitalization fell by ₦544.48 billion, representing a decline of -0.35%, settling at ₦155.97 trillion.

Additionally, the Total Volume of trades declined by -67.69% while the Total Value traded, on the other hand, increased by 19.86%. Approximately 429.84 million units valued at ₦27,480.99 million were transacted across 35,683 deals. As regards volume, STERLINGNG generated 12.36% to emerge the most traded, followed by FCMB (11.98%), CHAMS (7.77%), VERITASKAP (4.31%), and FIRSTHOLDCO with 4.08%. On value traded, SEPLAT generated 19.22% of the total value of trade, thereby making it the highest traded on the exchange.

Meanwhile, on the best performers' chart, HMCALL led by generating +9.97%, then trailed by VERITASKAP (+7.09%), TANTALIZER (+5.26%), RTBRISCOE (+4.31%), REGALINS (+3.66%), WAPIC (+2.27%), and sixteen others. A total of thirty-seven (37) stocks depreciated. With a price depreciation of -10.00%, REDSTAREX topped the worst performers' chart, followed by TRANSEXPR (-9.94%), MEYER (-9.88%), CHELLARAM (-9.77%), FTGINSURE (-9.70%), and AVACAP (-9.49%). Hence, the market breadth closed on a negative note, as there were 22 gainers and 37 losers.

Finally, the market sectoral performance was negative today as four of the five major market sectors declined. The Banking sector led by -1.82%, followed by the Consumer goods sector (-0.13%), the Oil & Gas sector (-0.01%), and the Industrial goods sector (-0.002%). Only the Insurance sector increased by +0.04%.

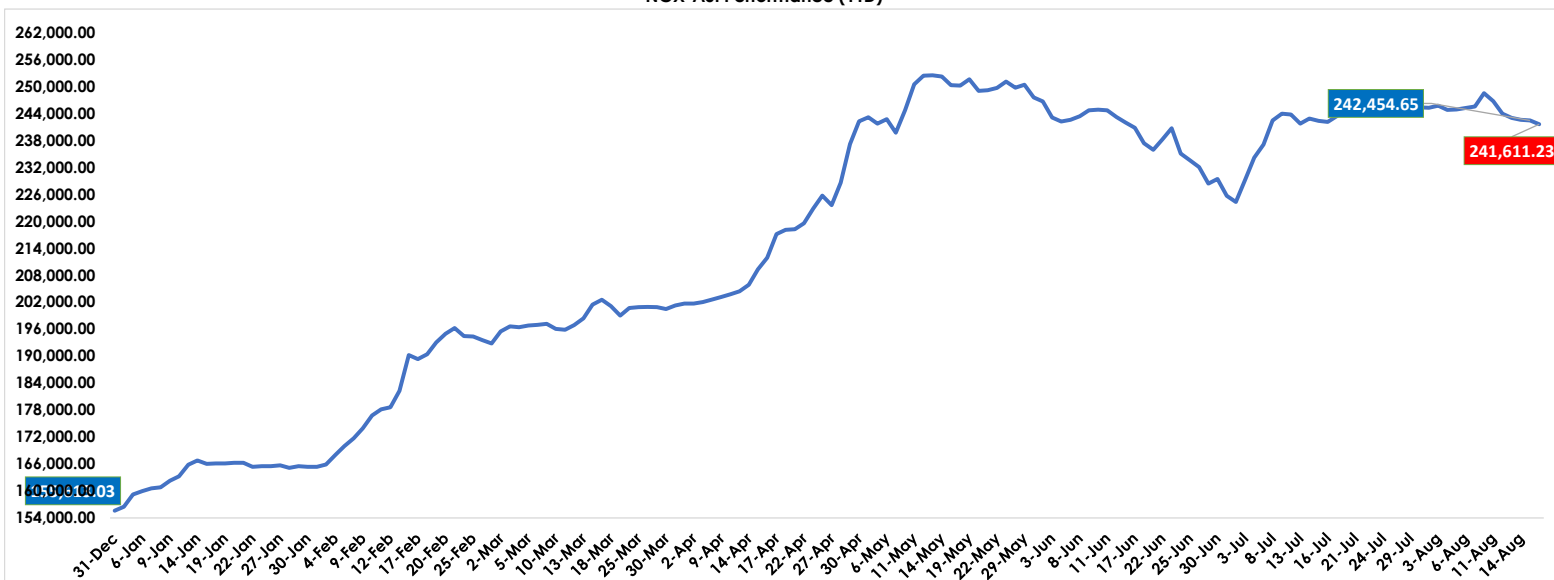
Best 10 Performers	OPEN (₦)	Close (₦)	%Change
HMCALL	2.91	3.20	9.97%
VERITASKAP	1.27	1.36	7.09%
TANTALIZER	3.80	4.00	5.26%
RTBRISCOE	10.45	10.90	4.31%
REGALINS	0.82	0.85	3.66%
WAPIC	2.20	2.25	2.27%
INTENEGINS	5.20	5.30	1.92%
CUTIX	2.29	2.33	1.75%
LASACO	1.96	1.99	1.53%
NB	67.90	68.90	1.47%

Worst 10 Performers	OPEN (₦)	Close (₦)	%Change
REDSTAREX	18.00	16.20	-10.00%
TRANSEXPR	3.12	2.81	-9.94%
MEYER	16.70	15.05	-9.88%
CHELLARAM	10.75	9.70	-9.77%
FTGINSURE	2.37	2.14	-9.70%
AVACAP	7.90	7.15	-9.49%
LIVINGTRUST	3.59	3.25	-9.47%
LIVESTOCK	8.50	7.80	-8.24%
SUNUASSUR	3.32	3.10	-6.63%
FIDELITYBK	22.00	20.55	-6.59%

Top 10 Traders By Volume	Sector	Volume (Units)	% of Mkt Volme
STERLINGNG	Banking	51,569,725	12.36%
FCMB	Banking	49,977,715	11.98%
CHAMS	ICT	32,406,631	7.77%
VERITASKAP	Financial services	17,968,269	4.31%
FIRSTHOLDCO	Banking	17,036,383	4.08%
ACCESSCORP	Banking	16,047,656	3.85%
AIICO	Insurance	15,668,435	3.76%
FTGINSURE	Insurance	12,383,970	2.97%
ZENITHBANK	Banking	9,653,790	2.31%
NB	Consumer goods	8,615,880	2.07%

Top 10 Traders By Value	Value (₦)	% of Mkt Value
SEPLAT	3,754,764,841.40	19.22%
FIRSTHOLDCO	2,232,437,409.15	11.43%
MTNN	1,860,755,670.70	9.52%
HBMNG	1,435,260,097.60	7.35%
ZENITHBANK	1,178,836,387.90	6.03%
ARADEL	1,141,461,365.40	5.84%
NESTLE	1,006,043,030.80	5.15%
GTCO	932,709,690.80	4.77%
NB	594,040,141.55	3.04%
FCMB	584,786,638.25	2.99%

NGX-ASI Performance (YTD)



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Market Performance History			Sector Indices		A-Day Change		YTD % Change	
A-Day Change	↓	-0.35%	NGX-30	↓	-0.35%	↑	56.18%	
Week-on-Week	↓	-2.07%	Banking	↓	-1.82%	↑	64.28%	
Month-to-Date	↑	5.31%	Consumer Goods	↓	-0.13%	↑	1.87%	
Quarter-to-Date	↑	5.31%	Industrial Goods	↓	0.00%	↑	82.83%	
Year-to-Date	↑	55.26%	Insurance	↑	0.04%	↓	-6.46%	
52-Weeks High		252,508.19	Oil & Gas	↓	-0.01%	↑	94.79%	
52-Weeks Low		138,157.16						

Economic Indicators	Today	Previous Day	A-Day Change	YTD % Change	NTB True Yield	Closed	A-day Change
Exchange Rate - I&E (₦/\$)	1349.54	1357.61	↓	-0.60%	6.65%	16.52%	↑ 0.07%
Exchange Rate - Parallel (₦/\$)	1410.00	1410.00	→	0.00%	4.41%	17.20%	↑ 0.19%
Monetary Policy Rate (MPR)	26.50%	26.50%	→	0.00%	-0.50%	18.44%	↑ 0.14%
Crude Oil Price (\$/Barrel)	90.99	88.76	↑	2.51%	47.66%	19.58%	↑ 0.15%
Foreign Reserve (\$'Bn)	0.00	52.26	↓	-100.00%	-100.00%	20.37%	↑ 0.11%
Inflation Rate	15.43%	15.43%	→	0.00%	0.98%		

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

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