

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Market Remains Under Pressure as ARADEL Selloffs Drag Index Down 0.36%

Key Market Indicators	Units	Today	Previous Day	% Change
The All -Share Index	Basis Points	240,750.47	241,611.23	↓ -0.36%
Total Market Cap.	₦ Trillion	155.42	155.97	↓ -0.36%
Total Volume Traded	Million	1,193.45	429.84	↑ 177.65%
Total Value Traded	₦ Million	37,818.25	27,480.99	↑ 37.62%
Deals		34,546	35,683	↓ -3.19%

The Nigerian domestic market closed today's trading session on a bearish note, as key market performance indicators (the NGX-ASI and Market Capitalization) both dropped further by 0.36%. Market performance remained weak amid continued selloffs in medium and high-cap stocks, across major market sectors. With the Oil & Gas sector accounting for the steepest losses today, shedding 4.63%, ARADEL, GTCO, INTBREW, and others, were among the notable decliners. Specifically, the market index (All-Share Index) fell by -860.76 basis points in today's trading session, indicating a -0.36% decline to close at 240,750.47, while Market Capitalization fell by ₦555.68 billion, representing a decline of -0.36%, settling at ₦155.42 trillion.

However, the Total Volume of trades and the Total Value traded increased by +177.65% and +37.62% respectively. Approximately 1,193.45 million units valued at ₦37,818.25 million were transacted across 34,546 deals. As regards volume, FTGINSURE generated 51.52% to emerge the most traded, followed by FCMB (5.13%), FIDELITYBK (4.81%), CONHALLPLC (3.91%), and ROYALEX with 3.67%. On value traded, SEPLAT generated 19.26% 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 +10.00%, then trailed by WAPIC (+8.44%), UACN (+6.56%), AVACAP (+6.29%), CAVERTON (+5.32%), OMATEK (+3.29%), and twenty-one others. A total of twenty-seven (27) stocks depreciated. With a price depreciation of -10.00%, INTENEGINS topped the worst performers' chart, followed closely by ARADEL (-9.99%), UNIVINSURE (-9.41%), REDSTAREX (-9.26%), ROYALEX (-8.62%), and THOMASWY (-8.33%). Hence, the market breadth closed flat, as there were 27 gainers and 27 losers.

Finally, the market sectoral performance was negative today as three of the five major market sectors declined. The Oil & Gas sector led by -4.63%, followed by the Insurance sector (-0.88%), and the Consumer goods sector (-0.31%). The Banking sector and the Industrial goods sector increased by +0.54% and +0.0002% respectively.

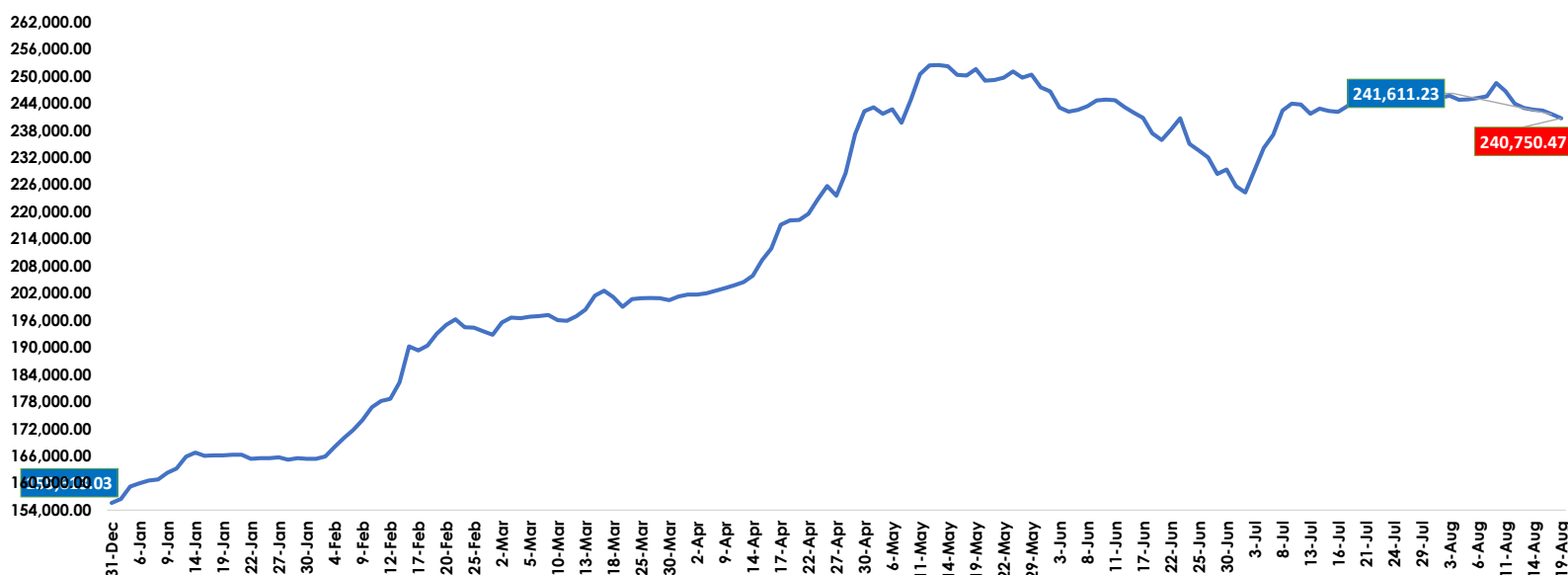
Best 10 Performers	OPEN (₦)	Close (₦)	%Change
HMCALL	3.20	3.52	10.00%
WAPIC	2.25	2.44	8.44%
UACN	166.90	177.85	6.56%
AVACAP	7.15	7.60	6.29%
CAVERTON	4.70	4.95	5.32%
OMATEK	1.52	1.57	3.29%
TANTALIZER	4.00	4.13	3.25%
ELLAHLAKES	8.15	8.40	3.07%
FTNCOCOA	8.42	8.65	2.73%
LIVESTOCK	7.80	8.00	2.56%

Worst 10 Performers	OPEN (₦)	Close (₦)	%Change
INTENEGINS	5.30	4.77	-10.00%
ARADEL	1526.80	1374.20	-9.99%
UNIVINSURE	0.85	0.77	-9.41%
REDSTAREX	16.20	14.70	-9.26%
ROYALEX	1.16	1.06	-8.62%
THOMASWY	3.00	2.75	-8.33%
SOVRENINS	1.89	1.75	-7.41%
LEGENDINT	4.30	4.00	-6.98%
REGALINS	0.85	0.80	-5.88%
GUINEAINS	0.77	0.73	-5.19%

Top 10 Traders By Volume	Sector	Volume (Units)	% of Mkt Volume
FTGINSURE	Insurance	610,676,239	51.52%
FCMB	Banking	60,847,422	5.13%
FIDELITYBK	Banking	57,020,362	4.81%
CONHALLPLC	Financial services	46,314,079	3.91%
ROYALEX	Financial services	43,543,179	3.67%
UBA	Banking	38,116,632	3.22%
VERITASKAP	Financial services	35,543,038	3.00%
CORNERST	Insurance	23,474,506	1.98%
ACCESSCORP	Banking	19,281,240	1.63%
STERLINGNG	Banking	15,966,896	1.35%

Top 10 Traders By Value			Value (₦)	% of Mkt Value
SEPLAT		Oil & Gas	6,254,900,712.60	19.26%
ARADEL		Oil & Gas	4,459,729,942.20	13.73%
HBMNG		Industrial	2,859,396,154.60	8.80%
MTNN		Telecom	2,830,724,148.90	8.72%
FIRSTHOLDCO		Banking	1,957,528,053.60	6.03%
UBA		Banking	1,724,495,920.05	5.31%
OKOMUOIL		Agriculture	1,696,340,354.40	5.22%
GTCO		Banking	1,365,815,513.30	4.21%
FTGINSURE		Insurance	1,194,649,758.31	3.68%
FIDELITYBK		Banking	1,180,678,832.95	3.64%

NGX-ASI Performance (YTD)



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Market Performance History			Sector Indices		A-Day Change		YTD % Change
A-Day Change	↓	-0.36%	NGX-30	↓	-0.39%	↑	55.57%
Week-on-Week	↓	-1.32%	Banking	↑	0.54%	↑	65.17%
Month-to Date	↑	4.94%	Consumer Goods	↓	-0.31%	↑	1.56%
Quarter-to-Date	↑	4.94%	Industrial Goods	→	0.00%	↑	82.84%
Year-to-Date	↑	54.71%	Insurance	↓	-0.88%	↓	-7.28%
52-Weeks High	252,508.19		Oil & Gas	↓	-4.63%	↑	85.78%
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 (₪/\$)	1343.32	1349.54	↓	-0.46% ↑	7.08%	1-Month	16.40% ↑ 0.01%
Exchange Rate - Parallel (₪/\$)	1404.00	1410.00	↓	-0.43% ↑	4.81%	3-Month	17.18% ↑ 0.02%
Monetary Policy Rate (MPR)	26.50%	26.50%	→	0.00% ↓	-0.50%	6-Month	18.42% ↑ 0.16%
Crude Oil Price (\$/Barrel)	90.87	90.99	↓	-0.13% ↑	47.47%	9-Month	19.75% ↑ 0.34%
Foreign Reserve (\$'Bn)	52.32	52.52	↓	-0.37% ↑	14.99%	12-Month	20.87% ↑ 0.34%
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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