

Dear Afrinvestor,

Market Summary

Bulls Kickstart the Week... ASI up 0.6%

The local bourse resumed the week on a positive note as gains in **GTCCO**(+1.8%), **OANDO** (+2.7%) **DANGSUGAR**(+3.1%) and newly listed **ARADEL** (10.0%) pushed the NGX-ASI higher by 0.6% to 98,215.13 points. As a result, YTD return improved to 31.3% (previously 30.5%), while market capitalisation rose more steeply by 6.1% to \$59.5tn. Meanwhile, activity level strengthened as volume and value traded rose 0.2% and 252.0% to 305.0m units and ₦19.7bn, respectively.

Mixed Sector Performance

Performance across our coverage sectors was mixed albeit positively skewed, as three indices gained, two lost while the **AFR-ICT** index closed flat. The **Banking** and **Insurance** indices rose 0.4% and 0.3% respectively due to price appreciation in GTCO (+1.8%), FBNH (+1.0%), WAPIC (+10.0%) and AIICO (+4.3%). Trailing, buy interest in DANGSUGAR (+3.1%) and NASCON (+6.7%) pushed the **Consumer Goods** index up 0.2%. Conversely the **Oil & Gas** and **Industrial Goods** indices fell 2bps and 1bp respectively, due to sell-offs on JAPALUGOLD (-0.4%) and CUTIX (-3.1%).

Outlook

Investor sentiment, as measured by market breadth, worsened to -0.17x (from 0.17x in the prior session) as 20 stocks advanced, 31 declined, while 66 closed flat. We anticipate the bourse to sustain the modest positive uptick tomorrow amid reassessment of opportunities.

Corporate Actions Update

Today, Aradel Holdings PLC was listed on the main board of the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NGX), offering 4.32bn shares at ₦702.69 per share. This listing brings the company's market capitalization to ₦3.1tn. The company recently acquired 100.0% of the Olo and Olo West marginal oil fields in Nigeria. This acquisition was made through a sale and purchase agreement with TotalEnergies and the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited (NNPCL). The deal is valued at \$16.0m, with additional deferred and conditional payments totaling \$3.5m.

Market Sentiment Gauge is defined as

$$\frac{\text{Advancers} - \text{Decliners}}{\text{Flat}}$$
 divided by the
 stocks that traded flat for the day.

Market Sentiment Gauge

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