

Offer volumes likely to increase

We believe that the volume and value traded in June 2009 of 512,042,638 and N4,226,581,539, respectively, in comparison to the volume and value traded in January 2009 of 228,340,619 and N1,417,375,197, respectively, indicates rising investor confidence. However, we expect offer volumes to increase, given that most stocks on the NSE are trading close to or above their fair values. However, we expect value investors with a long-term horizon to take advantage of the small windows of investment opportunities that still exist in the market.

Secondary market

The NSE ASI closed on a positive note last week, appreciating by 4.93% to 27,086.56 from 25,813.55 the preceding week. The market capitalisation of the 193 first-tier equities closed higher at N6.18 trillion from N5.90 trillion in the previous week. A turnover of 2.35 billion shares worth N19.06 billion in 46,350 deals was recorded last week, in contrast to a total of 2.64 billion shares valued at N20.64 billion and exchanged in 36,728 deals in the preceding week.

As illustrated in [Figure 3](#), the banking sector remained the most active during the week (measured by turnover volume), with a turnover of 1.31 billion shares worth N13.83 billion and exchanged by investors in 27,412 deals. Volume in the sector was driven largely by activity in the shares of Access Bank plc, First Bank plc, Zenith Bank plc and United Bank for Africa plc. Trading in the shares of the four banks accounted for 564.9 million shares, representing 43.01% of the sector's turnover.

The insurance sector, boosted by activity in the shares of Universal Insurance Company plc and Lasaco Assurance plc, followed on the week's activity chart with a turnover of 535.8 million shares valued at N548.33 million shares in 4,469 deals.

Share price performance

The number of gainers during the week increased to 70 stocks in comparison to 12 stocks the preceding week. Oando plc led on the gainers' table with a gain of N6.24 to close at N91.89 per share, while Total Nigeria plc followed with a gain of N5.95 to close at N175.00 per share.

All Share Index	▲ 4.93%	27,086.56
Market cap	▲ 4.75%	N6.18 trillion
Value traded	▼ 7.66%	N19.06 billion
Volume traded	▼ 10.98%	2.64 billion

Top gainers

Oando	7.29%	N6.24
Total	3.52%	N5.95
Mobil	4.98%	N5.88

Top losers

African Petroleum	5.27%	N5.26
Nestle	2.12%	N4.00
Conoil	5.71%	N3.51

Stocks to watch	Proj. P/E	Proj. P/BV	Proj. DY
Access	4.04	0.65	12.06
Diamond Bank	6.42	1.02	8.57
UAC-Prop	5.86	0.60	3.82
Mutual Benefits	6.16	0.83	7.47
Stanbic IBTC Ethical Fund	-	-	-



Share price adjustment

The price of Access Bank plc was adjusted for a dividend of N0.70 per share as recommended by the board of directors.

Company results

African Petroleum plc: Audited results for the year ended 31 December 2008 show turnover of N162,595.51 million as against N102,498.73 million in 2007. Profit after tax stood at N7,147.75 million compared with profit after tax and exceptional items of N7,077.1 million in 2007. The board of directors is recommending a dividend of N5.20 per share. The date of closure of register is 3 July 2009, while the payment date is 27 July 2009. The 30th annual general meeting is scheduled to take place at Civic Centre, Ozumba Mbadiwe Street, Victoria Island, Lagos on Wednesday, 22 July 2009 at 10.00a.m.

May & Baker plc: Audited results for the year ended 31 December 2008 show turnover of N5,439.91 million as against N3,859.75 million in 2007. Profit after tax and exceptional items stood at N418 million compared with profit after tax of N208.32 million in 2007. The board of directors is recommending a dividend of N0.40 per share. The date of closure of register is 16 July 2009, while the payment date is 10 August 2009. According to the board of directors, the exceptional items represent insurance claims less expenses incurred in the restoration of the pharmaceutical plant gutted by fire on 12 January 2008. The 58th annual general meeting is scheduled to take place at Muson Centre, Onikan, Lagos on Tuesday, 28 July 2009.

Ecobank Nigeria plc: Audited results for the year ended 31 December 2008 show gross earnings of N55,155.91 million as against N32,709.71 million in 2007. Profit after tax and exceptional items stood at N2,130.5 million compared with profit after tax of N7,449.78 million in 2007. The date of closure of register is 10 July 2009. The 21st annual general meeting is scheduled to take place at Muson Centre, Onikan, Lagos on Monday, 27 July 2009 at 11.00a.m.

Chevron Oil Nigeria plc: Audited results for the year ended 31 December 2008 show turnover of N48,687.82 million as against N72,628.1 million in 2007. Loss after tax stood at N225.42 million compared with profit after tax of N1,959.32 million in 2007. The board of directors informed the Exchange and operators that the first- and third-quarter results were impacted by strike action by the Transport Union and employees, which lasted for approximately five months. The date of closure of register is 14 September 2009. The annual general meeting is scheduled to take place at Zaranda Hotel Limited, Jos Road, Bauchi on Tuesday, 29 September 2009 at 11.00a.m.

Source: NSE

Figure 1: NSE ASI, 29 June – 3 July '09

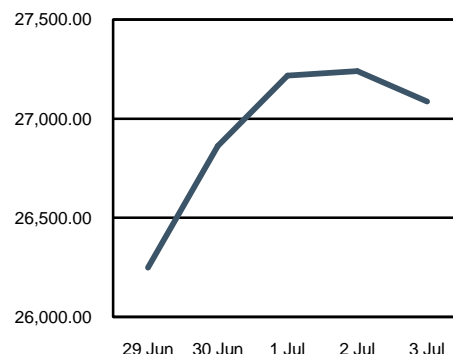


Figure 2: Vol. traded, 29 June – 3 July '09

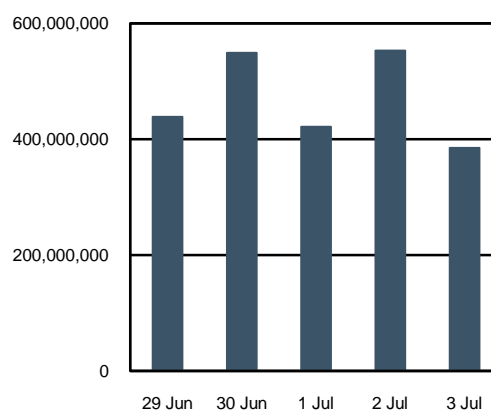
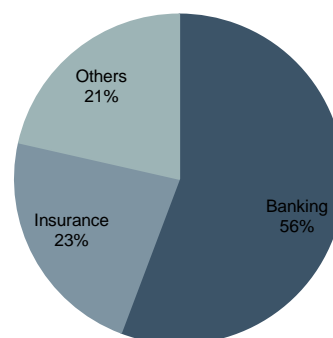


Figure 3: Vol. by sector, 29 June – 3 July '09



Source: NSE; Stanbic IBTC Research

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