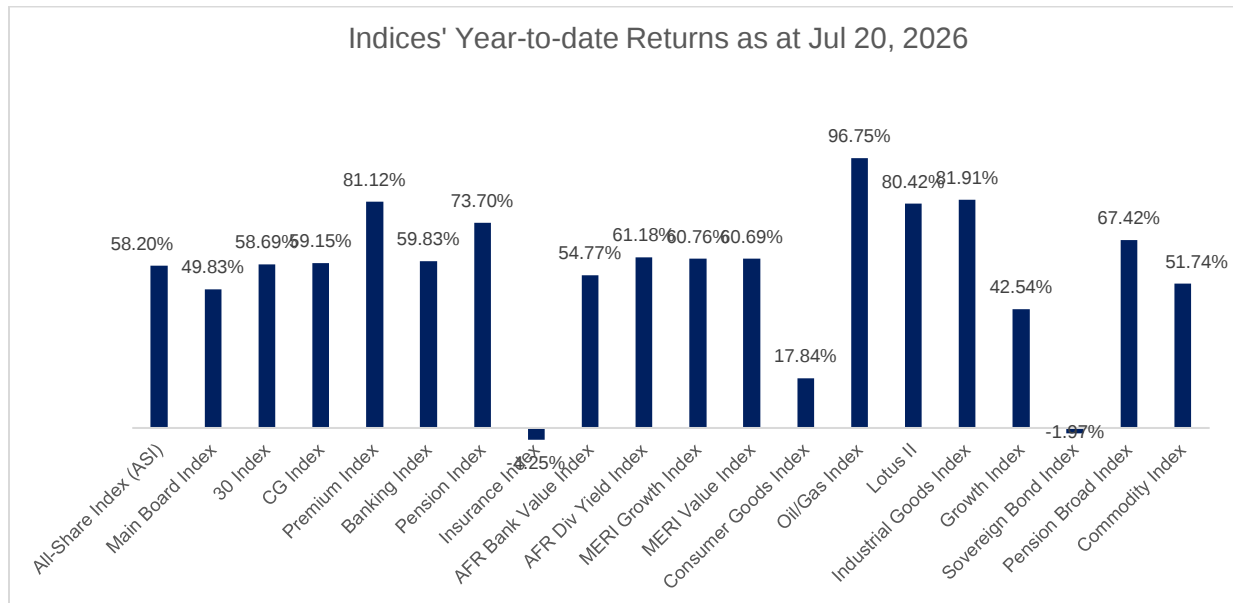
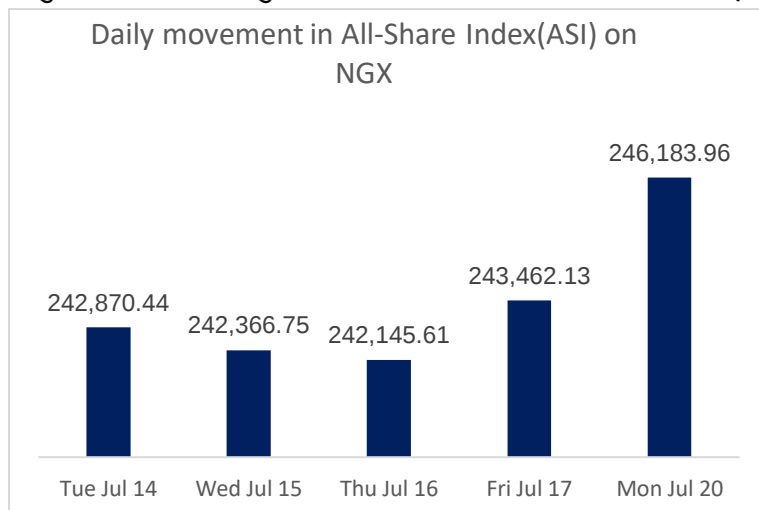


## Daily Market Report | 20 July 2026

### ASI gains 1.12% on strong buying interest in BUA Cement, First Holdco



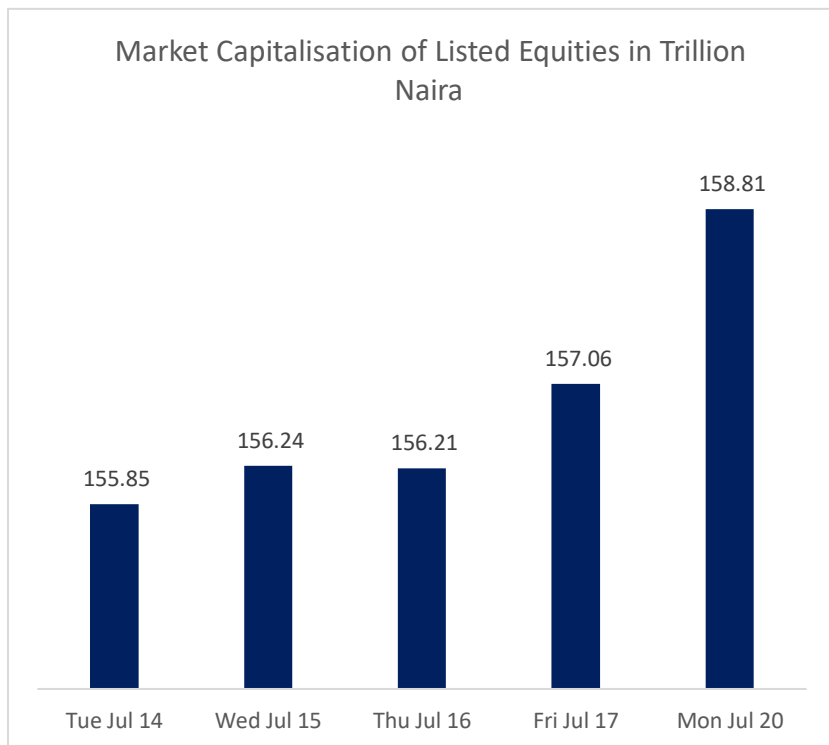
Nigerian Exchange Limited's All-Share Index (ASI) gained 2,721.83 points on



Monday to close the day's trading session at 246,183.96 points, up from 243,462.13 points as of Friday July 17, following strong buying interest in BUA Cement, First Holdco, and a few other blue chip firms. The move by investors to rebalance their portfolios in favour of dividend paying stocks

at half year followed the announcement of interim dividends by Transcorp Power and Africa Prudential.

Today's gains by ASI amounted to a daily return of 1.12% while its year-to-date



return increased further to 58.20%.

Consequently, the market capitalisation rose to N158.81trn on Monday, up from N157.06trn as of Friday July 17. This amounted to a daily gain of N1.75trn in the value of listed equities.

Other blue chip companies that aided today's bullish run include FCMB Group (+9.26%); NGX (+6.63%);

UBA (+6.37%), and Guinness Nigeria (+3.34%).

Overall, investors exchanged 851.63 million shares valued at N49.59bn traded in 56,873 deals. Market breadth remained largely balanced as a total of 150 stocks were traded on Monday. From the list, 38 stocks advanced; 40 stocks depreciated in price while the prices of 72 stocks remained unchanged.

Banking stocks maintained dominance on the activity chart by volume. First Holdco recorded 203.93 million shares in today's trade to emerge the most patronized stock by volume today. It was followed by Access Holdings, 190.71 million shares; United Bank for Africa (UBA), 29.18 million shares; Zenith Bank, 24.70 million shares, and Sterling Financial Holdings, 23.60 million shares.

By virtue of the huge trade in First Holdco, it also topped the value chart, recording N21.52bn worth of transactions on Monday. It was followed by HBM Nigeria



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(Formerly WAPCO), N4.91bn; Access Holdings, N4.82bn; Zenith Bank, N2.86bn, and GTCO, N2.45bn.

### Other Market Developments

- The board of directors of Transcorp Power has proposed an interim dividend of N1.50 per share for H1 2026. Qualification date is Monday July 20, 2026 while the payment date is July 23, 2026.
- The board of directors of Africa Prudential has proposed an interim dividend of 10 kobo per share for H1 2026. Qualification date is July 20, 2026 while the payment date is July 23, 2026.
- Coronation Infrastructure Fund has proposed ₦8.985 per unit semi-annual income distribution to unitholders whose names appeared in the register of unitholders as at the close of business on July 22, 2026. Payment date is July 28, 2026.



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| Daily Gainers   20 July, 2026 |               |               |        | Daily Losers   20 July 2026 |               |               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| Stock                         | Opening Price | Closing Price | Change | Stock                       | Opening Price | Closing Price | Change  |
| CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT          | 69.00         | 75.90         | 10.00% | FGN MAY 2032                | 189.99        | 115.76        | -39.07% |
| NEM INSURANCE                 | 28.00         | 30.80         | 10.00% | FGN DEC 2031                | 98.9          | 88            | -11.02% |
| BUA CEMENT                    | 275.60        | 303.10        | 9.98%  | SUNU ASSURANCES             | 4             | 3.6           | -10.00% |
| FIRST HOLDCO                  | 95.95         | 105.50        | 9.95%  | TRIPPLE GEE                 | 3.89          | 3.51          | -9.77%  |
| FTN COCOA PROCESSORS          | 8.45          | 9.29          | 9.94%  | ABC                         | 7.8           | 7.05          | -9.62%  |
| THOMAS WYATT                  | 3.09          | 3.39          | 9.71%  | ABBNEY BANK                 | 10            | 9.1           | -9.00%  |
| FCMB GROUP                    | 10.80         | 11.80         | 9.26%  | CORONATION INSURANCE        | 2.6           | 2.4           | -7.69%  |
| NEWGOLD ETF                   | 80,800.01     | 88,001.01     | 8.91%  | CAVERTON OFFSHORE           | 5             | 4.65          | -7.00%  |
| LIVINGTRUST MORTGAGE BANK     | 3.72          | 4.00          | 7.53%  | LASACO ASSURANCE            | 2             | 1.86          | -7.00%  |
| NGX                           | 131.20        | 139.90        | 6.63%  | TAJ SUKUK S2                | 98.98         | 92.2          | -6.85%  |

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