

Week 45, TD4

 Thursday, 05th Nov. 2009

Equity Markets – Highlights: Anxiety over banks' huge provisioning for bad assets eased today as key banks had announced their results. Consequently, the major market indices rebounded with the NSE market capitalisation and All-share Index both gaining 0.55% as investors took advantage of the low stock valuation to return to market. The volume and value of traded stocks however declined 1.39% and 4.75% respectively while the number of deals rose 22.51%. Trading activity was similar to prior days' pattern as investors' preference were concentrated on financials; accounting for 88% of volume (80.17% of value) of shares traded. Other sectors that recorded modest activities as investors search for value and stability were Agriculture, ICT and Conglomerates. Equities of 130 companies were traded, of which 34 stocks gained while the same number of stocks declined. We advise investors to cautious in their investment decisions as the market is still not out of the woods.

Global equities market was upbeat today as improvement in underlying economic conditions reinforced the prospect of economic recovery and central banks decisions to keep interest rates low to nurture nascent growth momentum. In US, continuing improvement in unemployment and rising productivity reassured investors about the pace of the recovery. The Dow Jones, S & P 500 and NASDAQ notched up 1.30%, 1.15% and 1.75% respectively. The European markets mood was positive as the FTSE 100, Germany's Dax and France's CAC rose 0.35%, 0.67% and 1.05% respectively. Asian markets however bucked the trend as the Japan's Nikkei, Hong Kong's Hang Seng and South Korea's KOSPI dipped 1.29%, 0.63% and 1.75% respectively while only the China's Shanghai gained 0.85%. We expect the unrelenting efforts of major countries to create liquidity to continue to impact on stock prices. However, our outlook on global equities is volatile because it is not unlikely that the strength of the recovery would be tested in the short run.

Equities (NSE) – Market Snapshot

Indicator	Thurs. 05 Nov.	Wed. 04 Nov.	Change	%
No. of Deals	7,080	5,779	1,301	22.51
Vol. Traded	679.17mn	688.75mn	(9.58)mn	(1.39)
Total Value	N3.09bn	N3.25bn	N(154.17)mn	(4.75)
Mkt. Cap	N5.03trn	N5.00trn	N27.41bn	0.55
All-Share Index	21,318.78	21,202.59	116.19	0.55

Company Results Released

Company	Period	N' bn		N' bn		Div (k) Bonus
		T'over	PAT	T'over	PAT	
Glaxo Smithkline	Q3'09	11.37	1.65	9.28	1.12	-
Standard Ins.	Q3'09	2.46	1.67	2.37	0.92	-
C & I Leasing	Q2'09	4.08	0.28	2.38	0.22	-

The Day's Gainers & Losers

GAINERS				LOSERS			
Company	OP (N)	CP (N)	%	Company	OP (N)	CP (N)	%
Nestle	214.0	224.7	5.0	Vitafoam	4.60	5.37	5.0
Royal Exch.	0.80	0.84	5.0	Intercont'l Bnk	2.41	2.29	5.0
Unilever	17.44	18.31	5.0	African Petrol.	32.36	30.75	5.0
NNFM	18.88	19.82	5.0	Union Bank	6.26	5.95	5.0
Julius Berger	25.57	26.84	5.0	Union Homes	1.42	1.35	4.9

FBN Heritage Fund @ 04 Nov.'09

Bid Price	Offer Price
N81.99	N84.43

OP/CP Opening Price /Closing Price

All share Index
