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## ARM Research | Weekly Call

- Seplat Plc – STRONG BUY (FVE: ₦964.45):** We remain positive on Seplat despite the material deterioration in earnings in 9M'20, which was due to the decline in global crude oil prices and management's provisioning for impairment charges in the year. Our optimism is premised on management's continued capex spend, which is set to improve production both in its crude oil and gas business. We make specific reference to Seplat's ANOH Gas project and the Amukpe-Escravos pipeline both of which are expected to come on stream in 2021. This combined with its resolve to curtail operating cost should support accretion in earnings. Furthermore, given that its revenue and dividends are reported in dollars, we find this comforting as it provides a shield against the volatility of the Naira in the FX space.
- Zenith Bank Plc – OVERWEIGHT (FVE: ₦30.20):** Despite pressures surrounding the banking sector, we however see some level of comfort particularly with Zenith bank given its capacity to withstand the pressures relative to other banks. Precisely, Zenith and GTB continue to command a better ROE (Zenith - 21.5%, GTB – 26.8%) and operating efficiency (Zenith - CIR: 54.3%, GTB – 43.2%) compared to most other banks. Elsewhere, Zenith bank net long dollar position of \$1.7 billion puts it in a comfortable position to record FX revaluation gain this year.
- Guinness Nigeria Plc – NEUTRAL (FVE: ₦21.40):** Guinness's Q121 results showed a surprising 11.6% YoY increase in revenue to ₦30.02 billion led by a 13% increase in domestic sales while exports declined over the period by 46%. Management's decision to focus more on their RTDs and spirits segments, which have better margins than the beleaguered mainstream larger, has been the main attraction for us with Guinness. And the performance in Q121 has led to a slight increase in our forecast for FY21 and on that basis our FVE is up to ₦21.40 while our neutral rating is maintained.
- Fidelity Bank Plc – NEUTRAL (FVE: ₦3.18):** Fidelity bank unaudited 9M 2020 result showed a 3.6% YoY and 7.1% YoY expansion in PBT and PAT respectively due to support from lower interest expense. We revised our interest expense lower for FY 2020 by 13% to ₦75.2 billion (previously ₦80.5 billion) to better reflect the lower interest rate environment. As a result, we expect a slower decline in Profit After Tax by 1.4% YoY to ₦28 billion in FY 2020. This adjustment takes our FVE to ₦3.18 (Previously: ₦2.9) which translates to a NEUTRAL rating on the stock.

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### Corporate Benefit Tracker

#### Next week

Closure of Register: Seplat Petroleum Dev. Company Plc and Cutix Plc.

- Click [here](#) to view full corporate actions thus far in 2020.

## Stock Recommendation

Sectors/Stocks	Rating	FVE (₦)	Price (₦)	Upside	YTD Return	P/E FY 19(x)	P/E FY 20E (x)	P/B FY 19E (x)	P/B FY 20E (x)	FY 20E dividend yield
<b>BANKING</b>										
ACCESS	NEUTRAL	9.80	9.15	7.1%	-8.5%	3.5	2.8	0.5	0.5	6.6%
FBNH	OVERWEIGHT	9.40	8.25	13.9%	34.1%	5.8	4.4	0.4	0.5	2.8%
FCMB	SELL	1.90	3.42	-44.4%	84.9%	2.4	3.5	0.2	0.2	3.4%
FIDELITY	NEUTRAL	3.18	2.89	10.0%	41.0%	3.2	2.0	0.2	0.1	5.2%
GTB	NEUTRAL	38.85	36.40	6.7%	22.6%	6.6	6.0	1.8	1.9	7.8%
UBA	NEUTRAL	10.00	9.2	8.7%	28.7%	3.0	2.1	0.5	0.4	10.2%
ZENITH	OVERWEIGHT	30.20	27.15	11.2%	46.0%	4.2	3.6	0.7	0.7	10.7%
<b>CEMENT</b>										
DANGCEM	OVERWEIGHT	235.35	200	17.7%	40.8%	21.0	14.8	5.0	4.0	5.8%
LAFARGE	UNDERWEIGHT	23.28	24.1	-3.4%	57.5%	NA	9.0	1.6	0.5	3.7%
<b>BREWERIES</b>										
GUINNESS	NEUTRAL	21.40	20.1	6.5%	-34.1%	35.9	31.1	2.8	2.6	10.0%
NB	SELL	53.20	63.1	-15.7%	6.9%	33.9	31.0	4.0	3.6	4.1%
<b>AGRIC</b>										
OKOMU	NEUTRAL	81.17	80	1.5%	43.9%	8.3	9.0	2.0	1.7	3.3%
PRESCO	SELL	72.98	79.75	-8.5%	67.9%	3.1	13.0	0.7	0.7	1.2%
<b>FOOD PRODUCERS</b>										
DANG SUGAR	SELL	18.97	22.2	-14.5%	63.2%	6.0	9.7	2.6	2.5	4.1%
NESTLE	SELL	1288.63	1450	-11.1%	-1.4%	36.6	24.2	27.5	27.5	4.5%
UACN	NEUTRAL	8.94	8.4	6.4%	-2.3%	-4.7	4.7	0.4	0.2	7.6%
<b>PERSONAL CARE</b>										
PZ	NEUTRAL	6.71	5.75	16.7%	1.8%	22.3	46.4	1.6	2.0	2.6%
UNILEVER	NEUTRAL	16.03	15	6.9%	-31.8%	23.0	8.4	2.3	1.0	7.9%
<b>OIL &amp; GAS</b>										
SEPLAT	STRONG BUY	964.45	420	129.6%	-36.2%	2.6	2.7	0.5	0.4	10.0%

“FVE” means Fair Value Estimate while “UR” means Under Review and “NA” means Not applicable

\*Means Last communicated FVE