

Online Trading Made Easy. Trade stocks on the Nigeria Stock Exchange (NSE) from anywhere in the world.

[How it works](#)

ARM Research | Weekly Call

- Dangote Cement Plc – STRONG BUY (FVE: ₦240.87):** The tough competitive play in 2019 placed pressure on DANGCEM’s FY 19 earnings, with EPS printing 21% lower to ₦11.8 (ex-tax credit impact). While competition is likely to continue playing out in 2020 pressuring domestic market, we expect recovery in exports from the Nigeria business, as the export terminal is set for completion in H1 20. This is expected to neuter negative impact of the border closure in 2019. We also expect positive contribution from the Pan-African businesses. Finally, shareholders stand to enjoy the attractive ₦16 dividend per share, yielding ~12% on current pricing, as well as value accretion from the planned share buy-back programme.
- Nestle Plc – STRONG BUY (FVE: ₦1447.39):** This year, incessant competition in the seasoning market informs relative stability in prices, particularly in the food segment. However, we believe the brand loyalty enjoyed thus far, lower seasoning price relative to the closest peer “Knorr” as well as modest growth in the beverage segment will keep sales afloat. Also, efficient cost management, low exposure to foreign debt and tax rate normalization informs our FY 20 EPS estimate of ₦69.12 (+19.9% YoY) and FVE of ₦1,447.39 which translates to a BUY rating.
- GTB – STRONG BUY (FVE: ₦49.66):** Amid heightened regulatory overhang, we like GTB given its impressive Cost to Income ratio relative to peers as well as proven strategies. In addition, management guided to reducing capex spending, also in a bid to reduce costs. We also see GTB’s plan of a Holdco as positive given that the current CEO (Segun Agbaje) would retain the helm of affairs thus ensuring a continuation of growth strategy in the group. Lastly, possible moves into the asset management business and payments services sector would offer a diversification away from the heightened regulations in core banking.
- Fidelity Bank Plc – BUY (FVE: ₦2.92):** Fidelity bank unaudited FY 19 result showed the bank closed the year on a good note with EPS growing (+28.5% YoY) due to support from a higher interest income and lower loan loss provisioning. Going into 2020, key driver for the bank would be a lower funding cost owing to a lower rate environment which should support earnings.
- UBA – STRONG BUY (FVE: ₦13.04):** We expect to see additional contribution to UBA’s PBT from its rest of Africa business, which could reduce impact of the regulatory overhang in the Nigeria business. In addition, we see the recent retail strategy as positive to the bank, as this should help reduce funding cost for the bank.

Please read our [Ratings, Disclosure & Disclaimer](#) to understand how our analysts reach their recommendations.

Corporate Benefit Tracker

This Week

- Following the rumours that Zenith Bank Plc is set to acquire Union Bank Plc, both banks stated that no binding offer or agreement has been made to acquire any financial institution. Click [here](#) for more
- PZ international Ltd notified the public of its contracts with Frieslandcampina WAMCO Nigeria for the sale of assets associated Nutricima limited. Click [here](#) for more

Next Week

- Closure of Register:** Transnational Corporation of Nigeria and Stanbic IBTC Holdings Plc.
- AGM:** United Capital Plc, Transcorp Hotels Plc, United Bank for Africa Plc, Transcorp of Nigeria Plc and Africa Prudential Plc.
- Payment:** Transcorp Hotels Plc, United Bank for Africa Plc and Africa Prudential 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 18(x)	P/E FY 19E (x)	P/B FY 18E (x)	P/B FY 19E (x)	FY 19E dividend yield
BANKING										
ACCESS	UR	NA	5.85	NA	-41.5%	3.5	1.8	0.3	0.3	10.3%
FBNH	STRONG BUY	9.12	4	128.0%	-35.0%	5.8	4.4	0.4	0.5	5.9%
FCMB	BUY	2.07	1.55	33.5%	-16.2%	2.4	3.5	0.2	0.2	7.5%
FIDELITY	BUY	2.92	1.69	72.8%	-17.6%	3.2	2.0	0.2	0.1	8.9%
GTB	STRONG BUY	49.66	18.60	167.0%	-37.4%	6.6	6.0	1.8	1.9	15.2%
UBA	STRONG BUY	13.04	5	160.7%	-30.1%	3.0	2.1	0.5	0.4	18.8%
ZENITH	STRONG BUY	31.50	11.85	165.8%	-36.3%	4.2	3.6	0.7	0.7	24.5%
CEMENT										
DANGCEM	STRONG BUY	240.87	129.7	85.7%	-8.7%	21.0	9.6	5.0	4.0	8.9%
LAFARGE	STRONG BUY	23.59	10.1	133.6%	-34.0%	NA	9.0	1.6	0.5	8.7%
BREWERIES										
GUINNESS	BUY	42.63	25.2	69.2%	-17.4%	35.9	31.1	2.8	2.6	7.9%
NB	STRONG BUY	75.82	30	152.7%	-49.2%	33.9	31.0	4.0	3.6	8.6%
AGRIC										
OKOMU	BUY	77.23	55.05	40.3%	-1.0%	5.7	6.2	2.0	1.7	4.8%
PRESCO	BUY	51.90	36.45	42.4%	-23.3%	1.4	5.9	0.7	0.7	2.5%
FOOD PRODUCERS										
DANG SUGAR	STRONG BUY	15.67	10.00	56.7%	-26.5%	6.0	4.4	2.6	1.1	9.1%
NESTLE	NEUTRAL	1447.39	850	70.3%	-42.2%	36.6	14.2	27.5	27.5	7.7%
UACN	BUY	8.94	7.85	13.9%	-8.7%	-4.7	4.7	0.4	0.2	8.2%
PERSONAL CARE										
PZ	PZ	6.71	4.05	65.7%	-28.3%	22.3	46.4	1.6	2.0	3.7%
UNILEVER	STRONG BUY	31.95	11.65	174.2%	-47.0%	23.0	6.5	2.3	0.8	10.1%
OIL & GAS										
ARDOVA	UR	NA	13.8	NA	-23.8%	1.2	5.4	0.9	0.8	NA
MRS	UR	NA	13.8	NA	-9.8%	2.5	51.4	0.4	0.4	NA
SEPLAT	STRONG BUY	828.90	544.50	52.2%	-17.2%	3.3	3.5	0.6	0.5	10.0%
TOTAL	UR	NA	107	NA	-3.5%	4.5	7.3	3.0	1.8	NA

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

*Means Last communicated FVE