

# EQUITY RESEARCH



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## MARKET INFORMATION

**Sector:** Financial Services  
**Sub Sector:** Banking  
**Nature of Biz:** Commercial Banking  
**O/Shares:** 31,396,493,786  
**Mkt Cap:** N658, 698,439,630.28  
**End of year:** 31st December  
**Listing Date:** 21<sup>ST</sup> October 2004  
**Com Reg:** Veritas Registrars Ltd

## PRICE / MARKET DATA

Current Price: N20.98k  
 Year high: N21.75k  
 Year low: N15.00k  
 YTD Returns: 13.96%  
 Proposed Div: N1.75k  
 Closure Date: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
 Payment Date: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015

## INVESTMENT RATIOS

P/E: 6.62x  
 INDUSTRY P/E: 7.34x  
 P/BV: 1.19x  
 ROA: 2.64%  
 ROE: 18.01%  
 DIVIDEND YIELD: 8.34%  
 NET MARGIN: 24.65%  
 EPS: N3.35K  
 BVPS: N17.58K

## DIV HISTORY- 5 YEARS

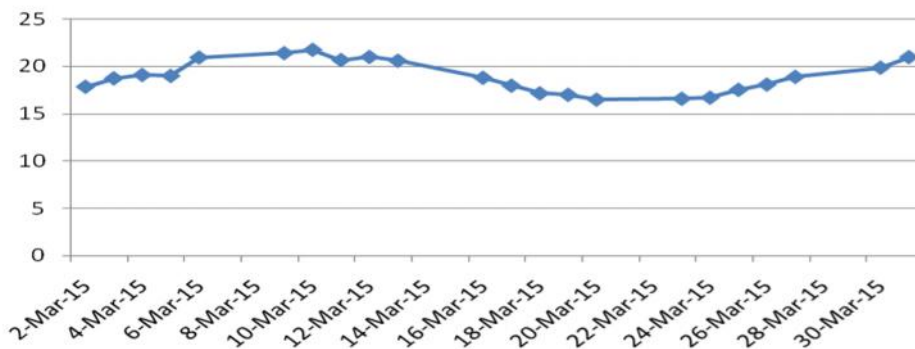
YEAR	DIV	BONUS
2010	N0.85K	NIL
2011	N0.95K	NIL
2012	N1.60K	NIL
2013	N1.75K	NIL
2014	N1.75K	NIL

## ZENITH BANK PLC FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DEC. 2014

### AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DEC 2014

	CURRENT (M)	PREVIOUS (M)	CHANGE (%)
GROSS EARNINGS	403,343	351,470	14.76%
PBT	119,796	110,597	8.32%
PAT	99,455	95,318	4.34%
<b>BALANCE SHEET ITEMS</b>			
TOTAL ASSET	3,755,264	3,143,133	19.48%
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,202,626	2,633,882	21.59%
NET ASSET	552,638	509,251	8.52%

### ZENITH BANK - PRICE TREND MAR '15



Zenith bank result for year ended 2014 reveals that the bank gross earnings grew by 14.76% to N403.34 billion from N351.47 billion recorded in 2013. Interest income showed a growth of 15.85% to N313.42 billion from N270.54 billion, while interest expense increased significantly by 51.02% to N106 billion in the year under review as against N70,796 billion in the preceding year. Similarly PAT increased by 4.34% to N99.46 billion in 2014 compared to N95.32 billion recorded in 2013. The profit made can be attributed to contribution from non interest income which rose by 39.12% to N90.05 billion in the current year from N64.73 billion in the previous year. Also net assets appreciated to N552.64 billion from N509.25 billion, this implies 8.52% growth. In the same vein, total assets advanced by 19.48%, as a result of strong loan growth. Zenith currently trades at P/E ratio of 6.83x and a current market price of N20.98k as at 31/03/2015. The recent downturn in markets price across the sector suggests a good time to take position to benefit from both dividend payment and capital appreciation. It is vital to state that Zenith bank brand moved up the ladder, as it won the CFI.co best commercial bank in Nigeria.