

**CAPITAL MARKET AND FOREIGN SECTOR FINANCIAL INDICATORS:
A FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND EDUCATION APPROACH**

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ABSTRACT

This study examines the relationship between capital market operations and external sector performance in Nigeria for the period 1990–2024. Using annual time-series data from the *Central Bank of Nigeria Statistical Bulletin*, the paper applies a quasi-experimental design and an Autoregressive Distributed Lag (ARDL) modelling strategy to estimate both long-run cointegrating relationships and short-run dynamics. Empirical results show that market capitalization (LNMCAP) has a positive and statistically significant long-run effect on foreign exchange reserves, while the value of transactions (LNVTRD) exerts strong positive effects in the short run. The ARDL bounds test confirms cointegration among reserves, capitalization and trading activity; the error-correction term is negative and highly significant, indicating rapid adjustment to long-run equilibrium. Short-run dynamics reveal that lagged changes in capitalization can have dampening effects, whereas contemporaneous and lagged trading activity consistently support external sector performance. The study concludes that capital market operations can make or mar external sector performance in Nigeria. Policy implications include deepening market capitalization, boosting liquidity and trading activity, strengthening governance and disclosure, and promoting financial innovation to diversify external financing.

KEYWORDS: - Capital Market, Foreign Exchange Reserves, Market Capitalization, ARDL Cointegration; External Sector Performance; Stock Market Liquidity.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

External economic performance, which is captured by measures such as the balance of payments, foreign exchange reserves, export competitiveness, and the capacity to meet external obligations, is essential for macroeconomic stability and long-term development. These external indicators shape a country's ability to import vital goods, attract and retain foreign investment, and service external debt without resorting to disruptive policy shifts. Strong external fundamentals lower firms' costs for imports and intermediate inputs, help stabilize exchange rates and inflation expectations, reduce sovereign risk premia that raise borrowing costs, and expand fiscal space for public investment in infrastructure, health, and education. By contrast, weak external performance often forces abrupt adjustments: reserve depletion and currency depreciation raise import bills and inflationary pressures, erode investor confidence, crowd out productive spending, and can lead to expensive external borrowing or austerity measures that constrain development outcomes (Jimoh & Oladipo, 2025; Maikano, 2022).

Nigeria's external sector has been highly volatile because of its heavy dependence on global oil markets. Variations in international crude prices and intermittent domestic disruptions have produced large swings in foreign exchange inflows, reserve levels, and the exchange rate. During oil booms, elevated prices generated substantial FX receipts, allowing reserves to build, easing external financing constraints, and temporarily supporting imports and public expenditure. In contrast, oil price collapses, production interruptions, and security challenges have prompted reserve drawdowns, accelerated naira depreciation, increased the local-currency cost of imports, and forced import compression alongside fiscal tightening. The net effect is greater unpredictability in external financing and increased difficulty in maintaining stable macroeconomic management (Jimoh & Oladipo, 2025; Maikano, 2022; Hafidh, 2022).

A key player in a country's external sector performance is the capital market, which is strategic in mobilizing long-term funds, attracting foreign portfolio investment, and stabilizing foreign exchange reserves, thereby strengthening a country's balance of payments and reducing vulnerability to external shocks. A well-functioning capital market provides a transparent platform for foreign investors, diversifies external financing sources, and enhances exchange rate stability, which in turn lowers import costs, reduces inflationary pressures, and boosts investor confidence (PwC, 2024; SEC Nigeria, 2021). By channeling resources into productive sectors such as manufacturing and agriculture, the capital market improves export competitiveness and helps reduce trade deficits, while also lowering sovereign risk premia and external borrowing costs, thus supporting debt sustainability (Bezemer, 2012; Estrada, Erce, Park, & Rojas, 2018).

In advanced economies, capital markets often mirror the broader economy, with the stock exchange regarded as a key indicator of economic performance. Economic activity depends

heavily on the availability of funds, and credit stagnation can hinder output growth (Estrada, Erce, Park, & Rojas, 2018). Sustained growth, therefore, requires consistent and predictable financing of priority sectors. Bezemer (2012) underscores that long-term sustainable growth hinges on increased investment in the real sector. Ensuring that productive industries have access to funding not only provides fair returns to lenders but also maintains demand for goods and services, reinforcing economic expansion. Consequently, the literature argues that greater financing of the real sector enhances output growth and improves social welfare.

Scholars such as Okoye (2013), Nwiseinyi (2013), and Eze (2013) contend that both local and foreign investments are essential for achieving sustainable economic growth, with the capital market serving as a critical channel for attracting foreign portfolio investment. It is often argued that the growth of the stock market in developing economies would be accelerated if foreign participation were actively encouraged, though persistent barriers to such participation remain difficult to eliminate through social and economic policies. In an effort to strengthen efficiency and resilience, the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) was demutualized in 2021, transforming from a not-for-profit entity into the Nigerian Exchange Group Plc (NGX Group), a profit-oriented shareholding company (NGX Group, 2023).

Despite the recognized role of the Nigerian capital market in mobilizing long-term funds and attracting foreign portfolio investment, structural and institutional challenges that hinder its ability to support external sector performance persist. Persistent macroeconomic instability, characterized by high inflation, exchange rate volatility, and recurrent naira depreciation, has eroded investor confidence and limited foreign inflows (IMF, 2023). The market's shallow depth and limited product diversity, dominated by equities and government securities, restrict its capacity to absorb large-scale foreign investment and provide diversified financing options for external stability (World Bank, 2022). Regulatory weaknesses and inconsistent policy frameworks further undermine transparency and trust, while overdependence on oil-linked securities exposes the market to global crude price fluctuations, thereby weakening its stabilizing role in the balance of payments (Adulawo et al., 2025). Low investor confidence, political risk, and high operating costs also discourage participation, reducing liquidity and limiting the capital market's effectiveness in channeling funds to productive sectors (SEC Nigeria, 2021; PwC, 2024).

Consequently, despite reforms such as the demutualization of the Nigerian Stock Exchange, doubts remain about the capital market's capacity to stimulate external sector growth and resilience, leaving Nigeria vulnerable to external shocks and constrained in achieving sustainable macroeconomic stability. More so, empirical evidence remains weak on the effectiveness of the capital market in stimulating external sector growth in Nigeria. This paper therefore provides a

synthesis of the capital market- external sector growth nexus in a bid to strengthen empirical literature and provide actionable policy recommendations that will aid capital market reforms and reposition it to better support the nation's foreign sector.

2.0 LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Conceptual Framework

The external sector represents the economic interactions between a nation and the global economy, encompassing dimensions such as the balance of payments, export competitiveness, exchange rate stability, and the capacity to meet external obligations. Because these elements are highly interdependent and often difficult to observe in real time, scholars and policymakers frequently rely on foreign exchange reserves as a practical and measurable proxy for external sector performance. Reserves serve as a direct indicator of a country's ability to cushion external shocks, defend its currency, and finance imports and debt obligations, while also offering comparability across time and countries. Thus, foreign exchange reserves are widely regarded as a reliable measure of external sector health, reflecting both resilience and sustainability in international economic engagement (Michael et al., 2022).

On the other hand, the capital market is a central pillar of the financial system, providing a platform for mobilizing long-term funds and channeling them into productive investments. The World Bank (2019) defines the capital market as "a system that facilitates the mobilization of long-term savings and their allocation to productive investments, thereby supporting economic development and financial stability". Similarly, Choudhary (2020) describes it as "a foundational element of any modern economy, serving as a conduit through which capital flows from surplus sectors to deficit sectors, thereby promoting investment, entrepreneurship, and sustainable growth." In another perspective, FCT EMIS (2021) explains that "the capital market is a market for the lending and borrowing of long-term loans, where securities such as bonds and shares are bought and sold, typically with repayment periods ranging from three to thirty years." These definitions highlight the capital market's role in resource mobilization, intermediation, and economic growth.

The mechanisms of the capital market operate through both the primary market, where new securities are issued to raise fresh capital, and the secondary market, where existing securities are traded to provide liquidity and price discovery. Equity instruments such as shares represent ownership stakes in companies, while debt instruments like bonds provide fixed returns and are crucial for financing government and corporate projects. Regulatory frameworks, overseen by institutions such as the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in Nigeria, ensure transparency, investor protection, and market stability. Together, these mechanisms enable the

capital market to allocate resources efficiently, manage risks, and support broader macroeconomic and external sector performance.

2.2 Theoretical Framework

The supply-leading theory, also known as the finance-led growth hypothesis, was first advanced by Joseph Schumpeter in 1911. Schumpeter argued that the growth of the real sector and overall economic development depend on the existence of a well-developed and efficiently functioning financial system. He reasoned that a robust financial sector increases the supply of financial resources and ensures their efficient allocation, thereby promoting sustainable economic growth. The theory posits a proportional relationship between financial development and economic growth, suggesting that finance is the driver that spurs economic expansion rather than merely responding to it.

Building on Schumpeter's foundation, Levine (1997) emphasized that the critical determinant of economic growth is the ability of investors to access a well-functioning financial system. He identified five key financial functions that influence growth: (1) the production of reliable and affordable information on capital allocation and investment opportunities, (2) monitoring of firms and enforcement of corporate governance, (3) provision of mechanisms for risk diversification and reduction, (4) mobilization of savings through deposit generation, and (5) facilitation of efficient trading and transactions. These functions highlight how finance supports innovation, investment, and productivity, ultimately driving economic progress.

In essence, the supply-leading hypothesis asserts that the causality flows from finance to growth. A developed financial system does not merely accompany economic expansion but actively stimulates it by channeling resources into productive uses, reducing transaction costs, and fostering investor confidence. This perspective underscores the importance of strengthening financial institutions and markets in developing economies, as their ability to mobilize and allocate capital effectively is central to achieving long-term economic sustainability.

The justification for applying the supply-leading theory (finance-led growth hypothesis) to this study lies in the central role that financial development plays in driving economic expansion and external stability. Schumpeter's (1911) argument that a well-developed financial system stimulates real sector growth is particularly relevant to Nigeria, where the capital market serves as a key channel for mobilizing long-term funds and attracting foreign portfolio investment. By efficiently allocating financial resources, the capital market can enhance export competitiveness, stabilize exchange rates, and strengthen foreign reserves, all of which are critical dimensions of external sector performance.

Levine's (1997) framework further justifies this connection by identifying five financial functions: information production, corporate governance, risk diversification, savings mobilization, and transaction facilitation, which directly influence economic growth. When applied to Nigeria's external sector, these functions highlight how capital market operations can reduce sovereign risk, improve investor confidence, and provide financing for trade and debt servicing. In essence, the supply-leading theory supports the view that financial development, through capital market operations, is not merely a byproduct of growth but a driver of external sector resilience. Thus, the hypothesis provides a strong theoretical foundation for examining how Nigeria's capital market can stimulate external sector performance, reduce vulnerability to global shocks, and promote sustainable macroeconomic stability.

2.3 Empirical Review

Empirical studies have consistently examined the relationship between capital market operations and external sector performance in Nigeria, highlighting both the opportunities and constraints inherent in the system. Michael and Ikole (2020) investigated the impact of capital market indicators such as market capitalization and transaction values on external reserves between 1995 and 2020. Their findings revealed a significant positive relationship, suggesting that capital market growth enhances Nigeria's ability to stabilize reserves and meet external obligations. Similarly, Folorunsho and Odior (2023) employed a Vector Error Correction Model (VECM) to analyze the dynamic relationship between external financial flows and market capitalization from 1981 to 2020. They concluded that external flows strongly influence capital market depth, underscoring the importance of foreign participation in strengthening external sector resilience.

Other studies have emphasized the broader economic implications of capital market development. Ologunwa and Sadibo (2021) found that capital market liquidity significantly drives GDP growth, while Evbuomwan and Oramulu (2024), using an ARDL model, confirmed that capital market instruments serve as alternative financing sources for external obligations. Itiveh and Okolie (2022) further demonstrated that market capitalization and transaction values significantly affect GDP, reinforcing the supply-leading hypothesis that finance drives growth. Ughulu and Osas (2019) verified similar results, showing positive relationships between capital market operations and economic growth between 2000 and 2018. Adulawo et al. (2025) extended this analysis by linking capital market performance directly to external reserves and export competitiveness, thereby situating the capital market as a driver of external sector stability.

Additional evidence highlights the capital market's role in mobilizing funds for external debt servicing and foreign portfolio inflows. Nwankwo (2014) emphasized the importance of capital markets in financing Nigeria's external debt, while Okereke and Amusa (2020) demonstrated

that foreign portfolio inflows through the capital market significantly stabilize exchange rates. Finally, Oseni, Adekunle, and Ologunagba (2020) confirmed that stock market operations enhance external financing capacity, thereby strengthening Nigeria's external sector. Collectively, these studies reveal that while the Nigerian capital market has the potential to support external sector growth, persistent challenges such as shallow market depth, oil dependence, and regulatory weaknesses continue to limit its effectiveness.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

This study adopts a quasi-experimental research design to examine the relationship between capital market operations and external sector growth in Nigeria over the period 1990–2024, utilizing annual time series data sourced from the Central Bank of Nigeria Statistical Bulletin. To ensure methodological rigour, the analysis incorporates data construction and comprehensive time series diagnostics. Long-run relationships are estimated through cointegration techniques, while short-run dynamics are explored to provide results that are both statistically robust and policy-relevant. The estimation strategy relies on the Autoregressive Distributed Lag (ARDL) framework, which is particularly suitable for data series that are integrated of order one [I(1)] or exhibit mixed integration orders. The ARDL approach is advantageous in small-sample contexts, as it is robust to issues of serial correlation and can accommodate endogeneity within dynamic specifications. By combining these features, the model provides a reliable basis for evaluating how capital market operations influence Nigeria's external sector performance. The empirical model employed in the study is specified as follows:

$$\text{EXRS} = f(\text{MCAP}, \text{VTRD}) \quad (1)$$

Representing the function econometrically,

$$\text{EXRV} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{MCAP} + \beta_2 \text{VTRD} + \mu \quad (2)$$

Where EXRV = External Reserve, MCAP = Market Capitalization, VTRD = Value of stocks traded, β_0 = Constant, $\beta_1 - \beta_2$ = Coefficients of independent variables, and μ = Error Term

A priori, $\beta_1, \beta_2 > 0$

4.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics

	LNEXRS	LNMCAP	LVTRD
Mean	28.14690	28.59299	25.46358
Median	29.24485	29.58133	27.08253
Maximum	30.83120	32.32503	28.62599

Minimum	24.01502	23.51443	19.25359
Std. Dev.	2.186771	2.549064	2.945814
Skewness	-0.719988	-0.501593	-0.885305
Kurtosis	2.100576	2.016197	2.392222
Jarque-Bera	4.203638	2.879115	5.110667
Probability	0.122234	0.237033	0.077666
Observations	35	35	35

Source: Author's Computation

From Table 1, the results show that external reserves (LNEXRS), market capitalization (LNMCAP), and value of transactions (LNVTRD) are fairly stable and approximately normally distributed across the 35 observations. Market capitalization has the highest mean, while transaction values display the widest variation, reflected in their higher standard deviation. All three series are negatively skewed, indicating a slight concentration of values at the higher end, and their kurtosis values below 3 suggest relatively flat distributions compared to the normal curve. The Jarque-Bera test probabilities are above 0.05, meaning the null hypothesis of normality cannot be rejected, though transaction values are closer to the threshold.

Table 2: Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) Unit Root Test

Variables		t-statistic	Critical value (0.05)	Prob.	Order of Integration
LNMCAP	Level	-1.867032	-2.951125	0.3432	I(1)
	1 st Difference	-4.526924	-2.954021	0.0010	
LNVTRD	Level	-2.474852	-2.951125	0.1303	I(1)
	1 st Difference	-4.972016	-2.954021	0.0003	
LNEXRS	Level	-1.302788	-2.951125	0.6169	I(1)
	1 st Difference	-5.802725	-2.957110	0.0000	

Source: Author's Computation

The ADF results in Table 2 indicate that all three variables: external reserves (LNEXRS), market capitalization (LNMCAP), and value of transactions (LNVTRD), are non-stationary at the level but become stationary at the first difference. This implies that each series is integrated of order one, I(1). Therefore, they are suitable for cointegration analysis and ARDL modelling, as the variables share the same order of integration and can be examined for long-run equilibrium relationships.

Table 3: ARDL Bounds (Cointegration) Long-run Test

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
LNMCAP	0.824588	0.286872	2.874411	0.0110
LNVTDR	0.320668	0.195504	1.640215	0.1205
C	-3.633732	4.336225	-0.837994	0.4144
EC = LNXRS - (0.8246*LNMCAP + 0.3207*LNVTDR - 3.6337)				
F-Bounds Test Null Hypothesis: No levels relationship				
Test Statistic	Value	Signif.	I(0)	I(1)
F-statistic	6.859025	10%	2.63	3.35
k	2	5%	3.1	3.87
		1%	4.13	5

Source: Author's Computation

The results in Table 3 reveal an F-statistic of 6.859, which is greater than the $I(0)$ and $I(1)$ critical values of 3.1 and 3.87, respectively. This rejects the null hypothesis, confirming the presence of a long-run dynamic relationship between the variables. However, only MCAP is significant in the long-run relationship.

Table 4: Error Correction Test

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
D(LNMCAP)	0.013534	0.281680	0.048047	0.9623
D(LNMCAP(-1))	-1.401949	0.382222	-3.667890	0.0021
D(LNMCAP(-2))	-0.530611	0.369134	-1.437448	0.1699
D(LNMCAP(-3))	-1.119345	0.424558	-2.636498	0.0180
D(LNMCAP(-4))	-1.020734	0.411331	-2.481537	0.0246
D(LNVTDR)	0.849436	0.243213	3.492566	0.0030
D(LNVTDR(-1))	0.886538	0.249716	3.550183	0.0027
D(LNVTDR(-2))	0.483813	0.238119	2.031810	0.0591
D(LNVTDR(-3))	0.998052	0.253454	3.937806	0.0012
D(LNVTDR(-4))	0.812540	0.208347	3.899938	0.0013
CointEq(-1)*	-0.682163	0.119512	-5.707922	0.0000

R-squared	0.739154	Mean dependent var	0.160796
Adjusted R-squared	0.601866	S.D. dependent var	0.495301
S.E. of regression	0.312524	Akaike info criterion	0.788304
Sum squared resid	1.855754	Schwarz criterion	1.302077
Log likelihood	-0.824565	Hannan-Quinn criter.	0.952665
Durbin-Watson stat	1.315409		

Source: Author's Computation

From the results in Table 4, 60% of the variations in EXRS are explained by the independent variables. The error-correction term (-0.6822 , $p=0.0000$) shows that 69.2% of any disequilibrium is corrected each period, implying a fast return to the long-run equilibrium. MCAP is insignificant, but with significant negative lags, while VTRD and its lags are positive and significant.

4.1 Discussion of Findings

The findings reveal a clear long-run relationship between capital market operations and Nigeria's external sector performance. The bounds test result ($F\text{-statistic} = 6.859$) exceeds both the $I(0)$ and $I(1)$ critical values, confirming cointegration among external reserves, market capitalization, and transaction values. In the long run, only market capitalization (LNMCAPI) is statistically significant, with a positive coefficient (0.8246), suggesting that increases in capitalization directly enhance external reserves. This aligns with the supply-leading hypothesis (Schumpeter, 1911; Levine, 1997), which posits that financial development drives economic growth by mobilizing and allocating resources efficiently. It also corroborates empirical evidence from Michael and Ikole (2020) and Adulawo et al. (2025), who found that market capitalization strongly influences external reserves and export competitiveness in Nigeria.

In the short run, however, the dynamics are more nuanced. Lagged differences of market capitalization show negative and significant effects, implying that past fluctuations in capitalization may dampen external sector growth. This could reflect volatility, weak investor confidence, or structural inefficiencies in the Nigerian capital market, consistent with findings by Itiveh and Okolie (2022) and Ughulu and Osas (2019), who noted that shallow market depth limits the stabilizing role of capitalization. Conversely, transaction values (LNVTRD) exhibit strong positive and significant short-run effects, indicating that active trading enhances liquidity and supports external sector performance. This finding is consistent with Okereke and Amusa (2020), who emphasized the role of trading activity in attracting foreign portfolio inflows and stabilizing exchange rates.

The error correction term (-0.682) is negative and highly significant, confirming a stable long-run equilibrium with about 68% of deviations corrected each period. This rapid adjustment speed suggests that shocks to the external sector are quickly absorbed through capital market mechanisms, reinforcing the market's role in external stability.

5.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Overall, the results justify the supply-leading theory by showing that financial development, particularly through capitalization and trading activity, drives external sector growth. They also highlight Nigeria's structural challenges: while capitalization is crucial in the long run, trading activity provides the short-run momentum, and both must be strengthened to ensure sustainable external sector resilience. Consequent on these conclusions, the following policy recommendations are offered.

Based on the findings, several plausible recommendations emerge for strengthening the role of Nigeria's capital market in supporting external sector growth:

1. Since market capitalization is significant in the long run, policies should focus on expanding the size and depth of the market. This can be achieved by encouraging more firms to list on the exchange, diversifying instruments beyond equities and oil-linked securities, and incentivizing long-term institutional investors.
2. Regulators should prioritize measures that boost liquidity, such as reducing transaction costs, modernizing trading infrastructure, and promoting transparency, given that transaction values strongly support external sector performance in the short run.
3. To address the negative short-run effects of lagged capitalization, which suggest volatility and weak investor confidence, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Nigerian Exchange Group should enforce stricter corporate governance, improve disclosure standards, and ensure investor protection capable of reducing systemic risk.
4. Promote financial innovation and diversification by introducing new instruments such as derivatives, green bonds, and infrastructure funds that can broaden investment opportunities and reduce dependence on oil-related securities. This will mitigate vulnerability to external shocks and enhance resilience.

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