

PRESS RELEASE**Lagos, July 1, 2026****NOTICE OF AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026, AND DECLARATION OF CLOSED PERIOD**

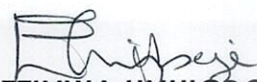
In accordance with the provisions of the Rulebook of Nigerian Exchange Limited (NGX or The Exchange), we hereby notify NGX, our esteemed shareholders and the General public that Fidelity Bank Plc (the Bank) has commenced the audit of its Financial Statements for the half-year ended June 30, 2026.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank is scheduled to hold on August 6, 2026, to consider various matters including the Audited Financial Statements for the half-year ended June 30, 2026. Thereafter, the Audited Financial Statements shall be presented to the Central Bank of Nigeria for regulatory approval and thereafter, published in compliance with the provisions of the NGX Rulebook and other relevant statutes/regulations.

Premised on the foregoing, the Bank's insiders have been informed that the trading window for dealing in its shares will remain closed to them and their connected persons from July 1, 2026, until 24 hours after publication of the Audited Financial Statement on the trading floor of the NGX.

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