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PSX Bulls Charge as KSE-100 Gains 1,018 Points

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Pakistan's equity market began the week on a strong note, with the benchmark KSE-100 Index gaining 1,017.66 points on Monday to close at 142,052.64. The index maintained bullish momentum throughout the day, hitting an intraday high of 142,323.34. This positive performance reflects growing investor confidence supported by improving macroeconomic indicators.

Market participation was notably strong, with trading volumes reaching 349.23 million shares. Key sectors leading the rally included banking, energy, and cement. The financial sector attracted interest due to optimistic earnings forecasts, while the energy sector benefited from global stability in oil prices and domestic policy clarity.

Analysts attribute Monday's surge to a combination of favorable developments. Progress in negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has improved investor sentiment, especially amid signs of stronger foreign exchange reserves. In addition, the government's ongoing efforts to stabilize inflation and improve fiscal discipline are being viewed positively by both local and institutional investors.

The KSE-100 Index has shown resilience in recent sessions, rebounding from earlier corrections seen in the second quarter of 2025. Technical analysts are now watching the 143,000 psychological barrier, which, if breached, could signal the start of a more extended upward trend. The index has recovered over 5% in the past month, reflecting increased activity and renewed confidence across market participants.

Institutional investors have been seen taking fresh positions, supported by improving fundamentals and relative currency stability. Meanwhile, retail investors have returned to the market, encouraged by consistent gains and a more predictable economic outlook.

Despite the upbeat sentiment, analysts caution that sustained growth will depend on several external and domestic factors. These include future developments in IMF policy reviews, movement in global commodity prices, and any geopolitical developments affecting regional markets.

For now, Monday's performance sets a positive tone for the trading week. With investors closely monitoring upcoming corporate earnings announcements and policy signals, the Pakistan Stock Exchange appears poised for continued activity in the sessions ahead.

