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Aradel Holdings Targets Mid-2027 Commissioning for Nigeria Gasoline Refinery Train

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Aradel Holdings is advancing plans to commission its Gasoline Production Train — a PMS (Premium Motor Spirit) facility within its existing refinery — by mid-2027, according to reporting by Africa Oil+Gas Report. The project, which had previously stalled, is described as being back on the front burner, signalling renewed momentum from one of Nigeria's domestically-focused upstream and downstream operators.

The development is significant in the context of Nigeria's long-running struggle with domestic fuel supply. Nigeria has historically imported the vast majority of its gasoline despite being a major crude producer, a structural imbalance that has cost the country billions of dollars annually in foreign exchange and fuel subsidy expenditure. Aradel's move to bring a domestic gasoline production unit online aligns with a broader national push — accelerated by the removal of the fuel subsidy regime — to develop in-country refining capacity and reduce import dependency.

The commissioning timeline of mid-2027 places this project within a competitive landscape that now includes the Dangote Refinery, which has begun operations in Lagos. However, Aradel's refinery represents a different scale and ownership model — a Nigerian independent operator building out integrated downstream capability from its upstream base. The gasoline train is a key addition to the facility, moving Aradel from crude production and basic processing toward higher-value refined product output.

For Norwegian energy service companies tracking Nigerian downstream and midstream opportunities, Aradel's refinery expansion is a project to monitor closely. Commissioning activities at refinery-scale facilities typically require a range of technical services — instrumentation, process safety systems, rotating equipment support, and project management — that Norwegian firms with Gulf of Guinea experience are well-positioned to provide. While the article does not specify the refinery's configuration or the engineering partners currently engaged, the mid-2027 target suggests that procurement and service contracting windows are likely opening within the next 12 to 18 months.

Aradel Holdings has in recent years grown its profile significantly, having listed on the Nigerian Exchange and expanded its upstream portfolio. The decision to re-prioritise the gasoline train suggests management confidence in the regulatory and commercial environment for refined products in Nigeria following subsidy reform. For partners assessing entry or expansion in the Nigerian market, Aradel represents an independent operator with both financial standing and a clear downstream growth strategy — a combination that tends to indicate durable contracting relationships rather than one-off project engagements.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian service companies with refinery commissioning, process safety, or rotating equipment expertise should begin mapping Aradel as a direct client or partnership target ahead of the mid-2027 commissioning window. The 12-18 month lead time before commissioning is a realistic horizon for pre-FEED or FEED-stage service engagement. Firms already active in Nigeria through upstream clients have a credible pathway to introduce downstream capabilities to Aradel's technical procurement teams.

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- **Service:** Commissioning and pre-commissioning service providers should identify Aradel's technical procurement contacts now, as the mid-2027 target implies contracting activity beginning within 12 months.

- **Pipeline:** Refined product evacuation infrastructure — pipelines or loading systems from the refinery — may require engineering and integrity services as the gasoline train comes online.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Less directly relevant, but FPSO operators supplying crude feedstock to Nigerian refineries should assess whether Aradel's expanded downstream capacity creates new offtake or crude supply arrangements.
- **LNG:** If the refinery train requires fuel gas supply for process heating, Norwegian companies with gas handling and small-scale LNG or CNG infrastructure experience may find a niche service opportunity.

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