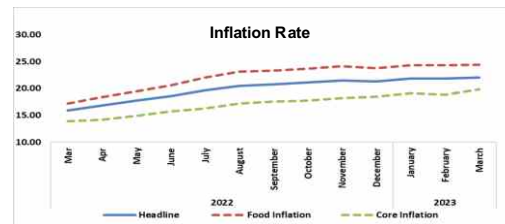
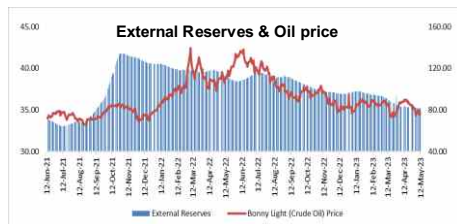
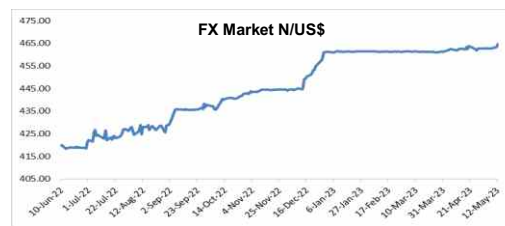
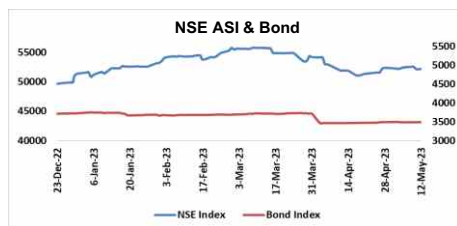


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KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

| Indicators | Current Figures | Comments |
|--|-----------------|---|
| GDP Growth (%) | 3.52 | Q4 2022 — higher by 1.27% compared to 2.25% in Q3 2022 |
| Broad Money Supply (N' trillion) | 54.63 | Rose by 2.5% in March 2023 from N53.3 trillion in February 2023 |
| Credit to Private Sector (N' trillion) | 43.07 | Rose by 0.58% in March 2023 from N41.75 trillion in February 2023 |
| Currency in Circulation (N' trillion) | 1.68 | Increased by 71.4% in March 2023 from N0.98 trillion in February 2023 |
| Inflation rate (%) (y-o-y) | 22.04 | Increased to 22.04% in March 2023 from 21.91% in February 2023 |
| Monetary Policy Rate (%) | 18 | Adjusted to 18% in March 2023 from 17.5% in January 2023 |
| Interest Rate (Asymmetrical Corridor) | 18(+1/-7) | Lending rate changed to 19.5% & Deposit rate 11% |
| External Reserves (US\$ billion) | 35.22 | May 10, 2023 figure — a decrease of 0.17% from May start |
| Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) (Bonny Light) | 76.22 | May 11, 2023 figure — an increase of 5.9% from the prior week |
| Oil Production mbpd (OPEC) | 0.99 | April 2023, figure — an decrease of 24.43% from March 2023 figure |



STOCK MARKET

| Indicators | Last Week | 2 Weeks Ago | Change (%) |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| | 12/5/23 | 5/5/23 | |
| NSE ASI | 52,214.62 | 52,465.31 | (0.48) |
| Market Cap(N'tr) | 28.43 | 28.57 | (0.48) |
| Volume (bn) | 1.42 | 0.48 | 193.73 |
| Value (N'bn) | 10.98 | 5.64 | 94.63 |

MONEY MARKET

| NIBOR | | | |
|---------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Tenor | Last Week Rate (%) | 2 Weeks Ago Rate (%) | Change (Basis Point) |
| | 12/5/23 | 5/5/23 | |
| OPR | 12.13 | 11.00 | 113 |
| O/N | 12.63 | 11.38 | 125 |
| CALL | 13.02 | 11.47 | 155 |
| 30 Days | 14.30 | 11.48 | 282 |
| 90 Days | 15.63 | 12.24 | 339 |

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

| Market | Last Week Rate (N/\$) | 2 Weeks Ago Rate (N/\$) | 1 Month Ago Rate (N/\$) |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 12/5/23 | 5/5/23 | 12/4/23 |
| NAFEX (N) | 464.50 | 462.67 | 462.39 |

BOND MARKET

| AVERAGE YIELDS | | | |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Tenor | Last Week Rate (%) | 2 Weeks Ago Rate (%) | Change (Basis Point) |
| | 12/5/23 | 5/5/23 | |
| 7-Year | 11.05 | 11.07 | (2) |
| 10-Year | 11.46 | 11.48 | (1) |
| 15-Year | 14.96 | 14.75 | 21 |
| 20-Year | 14.62 | 14.62 | (0) |
| 25-Year | 15.47 | 15.48 | (0) |
| 30-Year | 15.72 | 15.72 | (0) |

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* Crude oil (Bonny Light) is as at the previous day.

Market Analysis and Outlook: May 12 - May 19, 2023

Global Economy

The British economy remained unchanged respectively. Also, longer-dated in Q1 2023 from 0.1% recorded quarter-on-quarter placements such as the 30-day Nigerian quarter in Q4 2022. However, year-on-year Interbank Offered Rate (NIBOR) rose to growth slowed to 0.2% in Q1 2023 from 14.30% from 11.48%. This week, rates are 0.6% recorded in the preceding quarter. anticipated to stay around similar levels.

According to the Office for National Statistics, there were decreases in education, health, public administration and Dollar illiquidity persisted in the forex defence, and transport and storage. On the market as supply was insufficient to match other hand, the services sector grew 0.1%, demand. Consequently, Naira exchanged led by information and communication, and the Dollar at the Nigerian Autonomous administrative and support service Foreign Exchange (NAFEX) for N464.50/\$, activities. Also, the construction sector depreciating by N1.83 week-on-week. This grew by 0.7% and manufacturing 0.5%, led week, with no expectation of major forex by basic metals and the manufacture of inflows to cushion the demand pressure, the computer, electronic and optical products. exchange rate might record another On the consumption side, household marginal depreciation.

spending showed no growth on the quarter as incomes continue to be squeezed by high inflation. Also, public expenditure went down 2.5%, exports and imports fell 8.1% as demand was seen across board and 7.2%, respectively. In another region, particularly on the short end maturities. the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Yields on the 7-, 10-, 20-, 25-, and 30-year Implementation (MOSPI) revealed that debt papers closed lower at 11.05%, annual inflation rate in India slowed sharply 11.46%, 14.62%, 15.47%, and 15.72% from to 4.7% in April 2023, the lowest since 11.07%, 11.48%, 14.62%, 15.48% and October of 2021, from 5.7% in March. Food 15.72%, respectively. The Access Bank inflation came in at 3.84%, the lowest since bond index rose by 4.55 points to close at November of 2021, with a fall in prices for 3,499.26 points from 3,494.71 points. This vegetables, oils and fats and meat, partially week, the outcome from the bond auction is offsetting a rise in cost for cereals, milk, and expected to dictate market sentiments. spices. A slowdown was also seen in cost for fuel and light, miscellaneous, clothing and footwear.

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Commodities

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Domestic Economy

According to the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) was cancelling some of the 140 million barrels of previously mandated crude sales Monthly Oil Market Report (MOMR) for May, from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) Angola overtook Nigeria as the largest and will purchase crude to refill the SPR later crude oil producer in April 2023 as Nigeria's in the year. Consequently, Bonny light, oil production, excluding condensate, Nigeria's benchmark crude price gained dropped below 1 million barrels per day \$4.23 per barrel (pb) to close the week at (mbpd) to settle at 998,602bpd. The \$76.22pb from \$71.99pb posted in the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory preceding week. In separate development, Commission (NUPRC) cited challenges gold price steadied, remaining in positive ranging from insecurity, low investment, territory as the latest Consumer Price Index and de-prioritisation of funding of (CPI) report showed that headline inflation hydrocarbon development arising from the in the US unexpectedly slowed last month, energy transition. Oil proceeds accounts for supporting bets that the Federal Reserve over 60% of government revenue and (Fed) will pause its interest rate hikes in around 75% of forex proceeds. A decline in June. Consequently, the price of gold rose oil production would put pressure on the by \$3.91 or 0.2% to settle at \$2,011.87 per Naira, owing to limited Dollar inflow, thus ounce. However, the price of silver went the incapacitating the government's ability to opposite direction recording a loss of \$1.44 seamlessly meet its external funding or 5.7% to settle at \$23.94 per ounce, weighed down by concerns of lower industrial demand. Oil prices are expected to be muted as the Energy Information Administration (EIA) data showed an declined as some investors exited positions, unexpected increase in US crude taking along gains accumulated in previous inventories, exacerbating concerns about weeks. Pension, industrial goods, consumer weakening demand in the world's top oil goods and banking stocks led the laggards. consumer. Also, trade data from China also Consequently, the All-Share Index (ASI) showed that crude oil imports fell 16% closed at 52,214.62 points losing 250.69 annually to 10.6 million barrels per day in points. Similarly, market capitalization April, adding to fears of a slowdown in Asia's descended further by N140 billion closing at largest economy. On the other hand, bullion N28.43 trillion. This week, and improvement prices are expected to respond positively to in sentiments is expected as investors the expectation of the Fed pausing its leverage the dip to maximize portfolio tightening cycle in the next meeting. Lower interest rates reduce the opportunity cost of holding non-interest-bearing assets, lifting bullion prices.

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Money Market

As anticipated, liquidity in the money market shrank as banks provided for pending obligations. Consequently, short-dated placements like the Open Repo Rate (OPR) and Over Night (ON) rose to 12.13% and 12.63% from 11.00% and 11.38%

recorded in the preceding week,

Monthly Macro Economic Forecast

| Variables | May'23 | Jun'23 | Jul'23 |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Exchange Rate (NAFEX) (N/\$) | 463 | 464.5 | 466.5 |
| Inflation Rate (%) | 22.0 | 23.0 | 23.5 |
| Crude Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) | 85 | 83.5 | 80 |

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