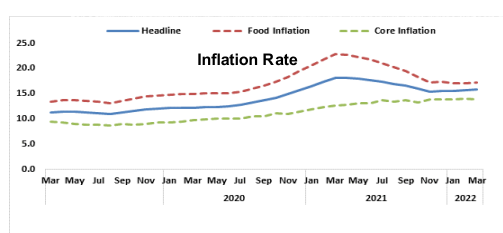
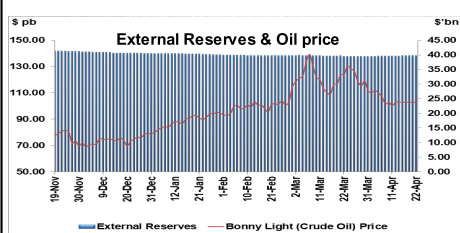
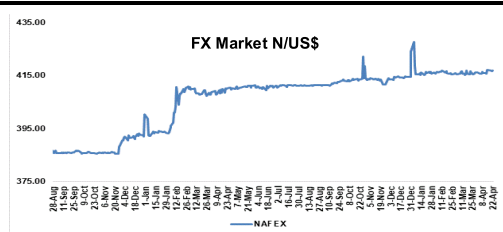
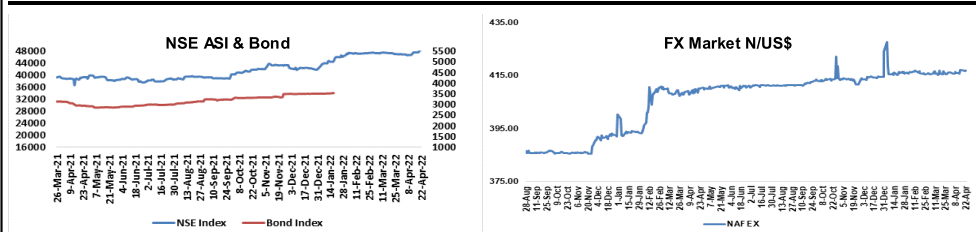


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## KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicators	Current Figures	Comments
GDP Growth (%)	3.98	Q4 2021 — lower by 0.05% compared to 4.03% in Q3 2021
Broad Money Supply (N' trillion)	45.65	Rose by 2.03% in March' 2022 from N44.74 trillion in February' 2022
Credit to Private Sector (N' trillion)	36.37	Rose by 1.07% in March' 2022 from N35.45 trillion in February' 2022
Currency in Circulation (N' trillion)	3.25	Declined by 0.14% in March' 2022 from N3.25 trillion in February' 2022
Inflation rate (%) (y-o-y)	15.92	Increased to 15.92% in March' 2022 from 15.7% in February' 2022
Monetary Policy Rate (%)	11.5	Adjusted to 11.5% in September 2020 from 12.5%
Interest Rate (Asymmetrical Corridor)	11.5 (+1/-7)	Lending rate changed to 12.5% & Deposit rate 4.5%
External Reserves (US\$ million)	39.8	April 20, 2022 figure — an increase of 0.65% from April start
Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) (Bonny Light)	108.13	April 21, 2022 figure— an increase of 4.97% from the prior week
Oil Production mbpd (OPEC)	1.35	March 2022, figure — a decrease of 1.74% from February figure



## STOCK MARKET

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (%)
	22/4/22	14/4/22	
NSE ASI	48,459.65	47,510.38	2.00
Market Cap(N'tr)	26.13	25.61	2.00
Volume (bn)	0.39	0.39	0.10
Value (N'bn)	3.86	4.02	(4.14)

## MONEY MARKET

NIBOR			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	22/4/22	14/4/22	
OPR	5.00	10.83	(583.0)
O/N	5.67	11.17	(550)
CALL	6.00	10.00	(400.0)
30 Days	9.60	9.68	(8)
90 Days	10.58	10.36	22.0

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

Market	Last Week Rate (N/\$)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (N/\$)	1 Month Ago Rate (N/\$)
	22/4/22	14/4/22	22/3/22
Official (N)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inter-Bank (N)	416.82	417.09	416.51
BDC (N)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parallel (N)	0.00	0.00	0.00

## BOND MARKET

AVERAGE YIELDS			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	22/4/22	14/4/22	
5-Year	0.00	0.00	0
7-Year	0.00	0.00	0
10-Year	0.00	0.00	0
15-Year	0.00	0.00	0
20-Year	0.00	0.00	0
25-Year	0.00	0.00	0
30-Year	0.00	0.00	0

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## Market Analysis and Outlook: April 14 - April 22, 2022

### Global Economy

Global growth is expected to slow significantly in 2022, largely as a consequence of the war in Ukraine. This is according to the April world economic outlook by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Global growth is projected to slow from an estimated 6.1% in 2021 to 3.6% in 2022 and 2023. This is 0.8 and 0.2 percentage points lower for 2022 and 2023 than projected in January. A severe double-digit drop in GDP is expected in Ukraine due to fighting. A deep contraction is projected for Russia due to sanctions and European countries' decisions to scale back energy imports. The economic costs of war are expected to spread farther afield through commodity markets, trade, and—to a lesser extent—financial interlinkages. Fuel and food price rises are already having a global impact, with vulnerable populations—particularly in low-income countries—most affected. In a separate development, Japan's consumer prices rose by 1.2% year-on-year in March 2022, the most since October 2018, after a 0.9% gain a month earlier. The latest figure marked the 7<sup>th</sup> straight month of annual inflation, with food prices rising at the fastest pace in over 5 years. Core consumer prices went up 0.8% year-on-year, the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of rises and the most since January 2020, but remaining well below the Bank of Japan's 2% target. On a monthly basis, consumer prices went up 0.4% in March, the same pace as in February and staying at their steepest pace in five months.

### Domestic Economy

Data from the National Bureau of Statistics revealed that Nigeria's annual inflation rate jumped to 15.92% in March 2022, from 15.7% in February 2022, the fastest rise in consumer prices since October 2021. Prices of diesel, which is used to power most businesses, has more than doubled, while analysts said the impact of the war in Ukraine could be felt in the coming weeks. Prices rose faster for food & non-alcoholic beverages. Inflationary pressures were also stronger due to prices in housing & utilities. The annual core inflation rate, which excludes the prices of agricultural produce, slowed to 13.91% from a 5-year high of 14.01% in February. On a monthly basis, prices advanced 1.74%, accelerating from a 1.63% rise in the prior month.

### Stock Market

The Nigerian stock market crossed 48,000 all share index point, levels not seen since September 2008. This is the third consecutive week of bullish growth in April as investors kept ploughing capital into the stock market. The market gain was driven by price appreciation in large and medium capitalised stocks. Stocks in the oil & gas, industrial goods and hotel services sector were responsible for performance in the market. Consequently, the All Share Index notched up, gaining 2% to close at 48,459.65 points the prior week. Similarly, market capitalization climbed by 2% to settle at N26.13 trillion. We expect to see a continuous bullish sentiment, as investors continue to hunt for the right instrument to maximise their portfolio.

### Money Market

Borrowing cost declined for the week ended April 22, 2022 as system liquidity was boosted by the Open Market Operations (OMO) maturity of ₦23.95 billion. Consequently, short-dated placements such as Open Repo Rates (OPR) and Over Night (O/N) rates plummeted to 5% and 5.67% from 10.83% and 11.17% respectively the previous week. Longer dated placements such as the 30-day Nigerian Interbank Offered Rate (NIBOR) also dipped to 9.6% from 9.68% the prior week. We expect the rates to hover around these levels this week as anticipated April 2022 Federation Accounts Allocation Committee (FAAC) inflows counters the effect of the April 2022 Bond auction outflows.

### Foreign Exchange Market

Despite the central bank's intervention to attract foreign portfolio investors, dollar illiquidity at the Nigerian Autonomous Foreign Exchange (NAFEX) persisted. Nevertheless, the Naira gained 27 kobo to close the day at ₦416.82/\$. This week, we expect rates to trade at similar levels. Also, we expect the lender of last resort to intervene by meeting the legitimate dollar needs of Small & Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs) and invisibles market.

### Commodities

Crude oil price rose last week as investors weighed tighter supplies from Russia and Libya against concerns about subdued demand in top consumer China. Markets remained wary as the EU considered a ban on Russian oil for its invasion of Ukraine. On top of that, OPEC members have struggled to meet their production targets, with Libya saying that it was losing more than 550,000 barrels per day of oil output due to blockades at major fields and export terminals. Bonny light, Nigeria's benchmark crude jumped 4.97% to close the week at \$108.13/barrel from \$103.01/barrel posted in the preceding week. Precious metal prices also went in opposing direction as prices of both gold and silver dipped as a rebound in US Treasury yields dampened bullion's safe-haven demand stemming from the Ukraine crisis and its potential impact on the global economy. Gold prices declined 1.29% or \$25.37 to settle at \$1,943.06 per ounce while silver fell 4.93% or \$1.26 to close at \$24.28 per ounce. Oil prices might dip this week weighed down by the prospect of higher interest rates, weaker global growth and slower demand from top importer China, even as the EU considered a ban on Russian oil. On the other hand, safe haven prices might be pressured by a strong dollar and rising US Treasury yields as investors prepared for the Federal Reserve to aggressively raise interest rates to bring decades-high inflation under control.

### Monthly Macro Economic Forecast

Variables	Apr'22	May'22	Jun'22
Exchange Rate (NAFEX) (N/\$)	416	417	417
Inflation Rate (%)	16.15	16.4	16.67
Crude Oil Price (US\$/Barrel)	110	100	98

## COMMODITIES MARKET

Indicators	22/4/22	1-week Change (%)	YTD Change (%)
<b>Energy</b>			
Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	108.13	4.97	67.75
Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu)	6.84	(2.29)	76.74
<b>Agriculture</b>			
Cocoa (\$/MT)	2535.00	(4.20)	30.94
Coffee (\$/lb.)	227.20	0.07	74.50
Cotton (\$/lb.)	136.49	(5.24)	76.12
Sugar (\$/lb.)	19.62	(3.16)	27.98
<b>Metals</b>			
Wheat (\$/bu.)	1069.00	(4.57)	146.60
Gold (\$/t oz.)	1943.06	(1.29)	47.47
Silver (\$/t oz.)	24.28	(4.93)	41.24
Copper (\$/lb.)	468.40	(1.31)	42.89

## NIGERIA INTERBANK TREASURY BILLS TRUE YIELDS

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	22/4/22	14/4/22	
1 Mnth	2.71	2.24	47
3 Mnths	3.14	2.78	36
6 Mnths	3.90	3.50	40
9 Mnths	4.25	4.06	19
12 Mnths	4.83	4.70	13

## ACCESS BANK NIGERIAN GOV'T BOND INDEX

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (Basis Point)
	22/4/22	14/4/22	
Index	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mkt Cap Gross (N'tr)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mkt Cap Net (N'tr)	0.00	0.00	0.00
YTD return (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00
YTD return (%) (US \$)	0.00	0.00	0.00

## TREASURY BILLS PMA AUCTION

Tenor	Amount (N' million)	Rate (%)	Date
91 Day	4,508.01	1.74	13-Apr-2022
182 Day	10,555.34	3	13-Apr-2022
364 Day	143,969.47	4.6	13-Apr-2022

Sources: CBN, Financial Market Dealers Quotation, NSE, NBS, Energy Information Agency, Oilprice, Bloomberg and Access Bank Economic Intelligence Group computation.  
\* Crude oil (Bonny Light) is as at the previous day.

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