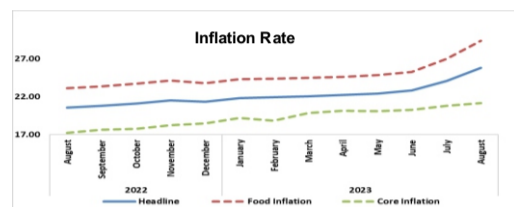
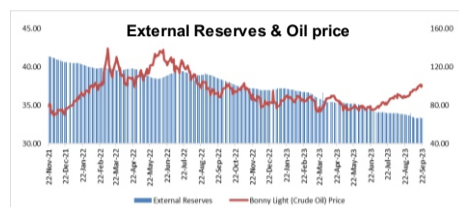
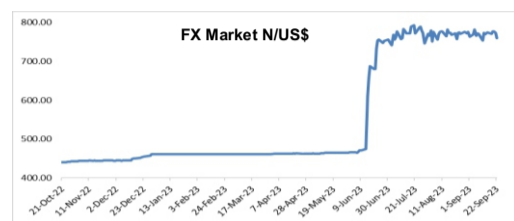
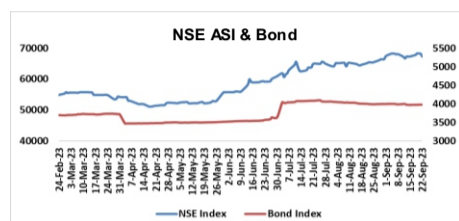


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KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicators	Current Figures	Comments
GDP Growth (%)	2.51	Q2 2023 — lower by 0.2% compared to 2.31% in Q1 2023
Broad Money Supply (N' trillion)	65.47	Rose by 0.86% in July 2023 from N64.91 trillion in June 2023
Credit to Private Sector (N' trillion)	54.16	Rose by 2.56% in July 2023 from N52.81 trillion in June 2023
Currency in Circulation (N' trillion)	2.59	Decreased by 0.38% in July 2023 from N2.60 trillion in June 2023
Inflation rate (%) (y-o-y)	25.80	Increased to 25.80% in August 2023 from 24.08% in July 2023
Monetary Policy Rate (%)	18.75	Adjusted to 18.75% in July 2023 from 18.5% in May 2023
Interest Rate (Asymmetrical Corridor)	18.75(+1/-3)	Lending rate changed to 19.75% & Deposit rate 15.75%
External Reserves (US\$ billion)	33.28	September 21, 2023 figure— a decrease of 0.86% from September start
Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) (Bonny Light)	100.09	September 22 2023 figure — an increase of 1.94% from the prior week
Oil Production mbpd(OPEC)	1.18	August 2023, figure—an increase of 9.26% from July 2023 figure



Market Analysis and Outlook: September 22, - September 29, 2023

Global Economy

The Bank of England held its policy interest rate at 5.25% in its September meeting, keeping borrowing costs at their highest level since 2008, as policymakers opted for a wait-and-see approach following the latest inflation and labour data, which suggested that the accumulated impacts of previous policy tightening might be taking effect. It was the first pause in policy tightening in nearly two years, following the central bank's unprecedented 515 bps hikes. The central bank also stated that inflation rate is expected to decline significantly in the near term, reflecting lower energy pressure from oil prices, and further declines in food and core goods price inflation. Policymakers have reiterated their commitment to tightening policy further if deemed necessary. In another event, the Ministry of Internal Affairs & Communications revealed that the annual inflation rate in Japan edged down to 3.2% in August 2023 from 3.3% in the prior month, pointing to the lowest reading in 3 months. Prices continued to rise for food, housing, furniture & household utensils, transport, clothes, medical care, education, culture & recreation, and miscellaneous. In contrast, prices of fuel, light, and water charges fell much faster, decreasing for the seventh month in a row, mainly due to inflation was unchanged at a 4-month low of 3.1%, staying outside the Bank of Japan's 2% target for the 17th month. On a monthly basis, consumer prices rose by 0.2%, easing from a 0.4% gain in July which was the steepest increase in 3 months.

Foreign Exchange Market

At the foreign market, the CBN intervened by selling to deposit money banks. Hence, the Naira appreciated by ₦14.92 to close at ₦759.71/\$. This week, the Naira is expected to trade at these levels as market participants anticipate that the CBN will be more active in the market.

Bond Market

The bond market closed last week on a relatively quiet note as most market participants maintained a cautious trading approach ahead of the recently nominated CBN Governor. Consequently, average yields on the 10-, 15-, and 20-year debt papers closed higher at 12.15%, 15.20%, and 14.86%, respectively. Meantime, core inflation was unchanged at a 4-month low of 3.1%, staying outside the Bank of Japan's 2% target for the 17th month. On a monthly basis, consumer prices rose by 0.2%, easing from a 0.4% gain in July which was the steepest increase in 3 months.

Commodities

Oil prices crossed the \$100/b mark, hovering close to 10-month highs amid concerns that a Russian ban on fuel exports could tighten global oil supply further. The Russian government announced it will temporarily restrict exports of gasoline and diesel to stabilize fuel prices in the domestic market. The ban comes after exports of diesel from the country have fallen by nearly a third in the first 2 weeks of September. Consequently, Bonny Light, Nigeria's benchmark crude, price rose by \$1.90 per barrel (pb) to close the week at \$100.09pb from \$98.19pb posted in the preceding week. In another news, bullion prices rebounded, riding on higher appeal for the non-yielding metal. Subsequently, gold price gained \$7.78 or 0.4% to sit at \$1,925.59 per ounce. Also, silver gained \$0.64 or 2.8% to sit at \$23.68 per ounce. This week, oil prices are expected to move further into the triple-digit zone supported by production cuts by key exporting countries. On the other hand, bullion prices are expected to reverse gains as investors fret about global growth prospects and weak data from Europe.

Stock Market

Equities on the Nigerian Exchange experienced a further decline last week as investors chose to sell off their holdings to capitalize on the recent market gains. Consequently, the All-Share Index (ASI) decreased by 73.86 points, ending the week at 67,321.88 points. In a similar vein, the market capitalization dropped by ₦40 billion, concluding the week at ₦36.85 trillion. Looking ahead to this week's trading sessions, we anticipate the return of bargain hunters, which should lead to an uptick in trading activity within the market. Additionally, a cautious trading approach is expected to prevail this week as investors await the policy decisions of the new Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).

Monthly Macro Economic Forecast

Variables	Aug'23	Sep'23	Oct'23
Exchange Rate (NAFEX) (N/\$)	780	775	780
Inflation Rate (%)	24.5	26.04	26.80
Crude Oil Price (US\$/Barrel)	85	83.5	80

Money Market

The system was awash with liquidity owing to inflow from bond coupon payments and the Subsidy Reinvestment

STOCK MARKET

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (%)
	22/9/23	15/9/23	
NSE ASI	67,321.88	67,395.74	(0.11)
Market Cap(N'tr)	36.85	36.89	(0.12)
Volume (bn)	1.01	0.41	147.40
Value (N'bn)	4.08	5.23	(22.01)

COMMODITIES MARKET

Indicators	22/9/23	1-week Change (%)	YTD Change (%)
	22/9/23	15/9/23	

Energy			
Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	100.09	1.94	55.27
Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu)	2.64	(2.94)	(31.78)
Agriculture			
Cocoa (\$/MT)	3634.00	(2.70)	87.71
Coffee (\$/lb.)	155.40	0.62	19.35
Cotton (\$/lb.)	87.04	(1.27)	12.31
Sugar (\$/lb.)	27.57	0.44	79.84
Wheat (\$/bu.)	576.75	(3.15)	33.04
Metals			
Gold (\$/t oz.)	1925.59	0.41	46.15
Silver (\$/t oz.)	23.68	2.78	37.75
Copper (\$/lb.)	372.85	(1.97)	13.74

NIGERIA INTERBANK TREASURY BILLS TRUE YIELDS

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	22/9/23	15/9/23	
1 Mnth	3.44	3.86	(42)
3 Mnths	5.00	5.08	(7)
6 Mnths	7.82	7.57	25
9 Mnths	10.06	9.89	17
12 Mnths	14.04	14.50	(45)

ACCESS BANK NIGERIAN GOV'T BOND INDEX

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (Basis Point)
	22/9/23	15/9/23	
Index	3980.70	3976.46	0.11
Mkt Cap Gross (N'tr)	25.04	25.01	0.12
Mkt Cap Net (N'tr)	14.30	14.30	0.00
YTD return (%)	62.05	61.88	0.17
YTD return (%)(US \$)	-212.68	-228.34	15.66

TREASURY BILLS PMA AUCTION

Tenor	Amount (million)	(N'Rate (%))	Date
91 Day	1,101.72	6.5	13-Sep-2023
182 Day	918.383	7.0	13-Sep-2023
364 Day	150,180.915	12.98	13-Sep-2023

MONEY MARKET

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	22/9/23	15/9/23	
NIBOR			
OPR	2.58	23.64	(2106.3)
O/N	3.30	24.42	(2112)
CALL	3.00	25.17	(2216.7)
30 Days	9.38	10.17	(79)
90 Days	9.96	10.67	(70.4)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

Market	Last Week Rate (N/\$)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (N/\$)	1 Month Ago Rate (N/\$)
	22/9/23	15/9/23	22/8/23
NAFEX (N)	759.71	774.63	757.10

BOND MARKET

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	22/9/23	15/9/23	
AVERAGE YIELDS			
7-Year	12.82	12.82	0.0
10-Year	12.15	12.14	1.1
15-Year	15.20	15.19	1.3
20-Year	14.86	14.84	1.5
25-Year	15.63	15.63	(0.2)
30-Year	15.86	15.91	(5)

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