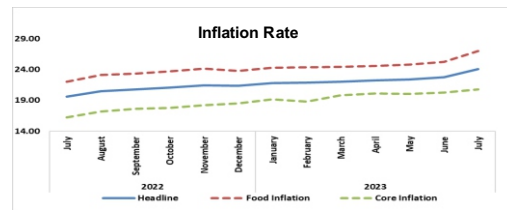
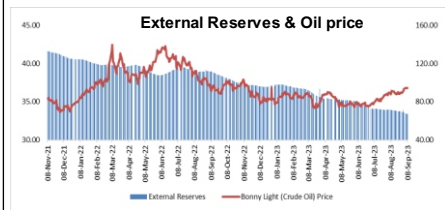
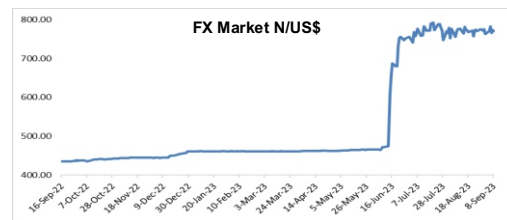
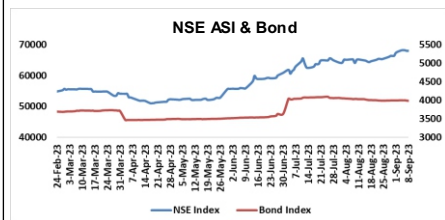


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KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

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)	24.08	Increased to 24.08% in July 2023 from 22.79% in June 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)	33.39	September 6, 2023 figure — a decrease of 0.54% from September start
Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) (Bonny Light)	94.19	September 4, 2023 figure — an increase of 2.6% from the prior week
Oil Production mbpd (OPEC)	1.08	July 2023, figure — an decrease of 13.6% from June 2023 figure



STOCK MARKET

Indicators	Last Week 2 Weeks Ago		Change (%)
	8/9/23	1/9/23	
NSE ASI	68,138.25	67,527.19	0.90
Market Cap(N'tr)	37.29	36.96	0.90
Volume (bn)	0.48	0.50	(5.07)
Value (N'bn)	8.23	6.92	19.00

COMMODITIES MARKET

Indicators	8/9/23	1-week Change (%)	YTD Change (%)
Energy			
Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	94.19	2.60	46.12
Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu)	2.64	(4.00)	(31.78)
Agriculture			
Cocoa (\$/MT)	3656.00	0.36	88.84
Coffee (\$/lb.)	150.75	(2.27)	15.78
Cotton (\$/lb.)	85.76	(3.29)	10.66
Sugar (\$/lb.)	26.60	5.26	73.52
Wheat (\$/bu.)	600.50	(1.15)	38.52
Metals			
Gold (\$/t oz.)	1924.80	(1.05)	46.09
Silver (\$/t oz.)	23.03	(6.53)	33.97
Copper (\$/lb.)	372.55	(3.93)	13.65

MONEY MARKET

NIBOR			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	8/9/23	1/9/23	
OPR	17.83	1.67	1616
O/N	18.75	2.42	1633
CALL	11.45	3.25	820
30 Days	9.77	7.83	194
90 Days	11.15	9.17	198

NIGERIA INTERBANK TREASURY BILLS TRUE YIELDS

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	8/9/23	1/9/23	
1 Mnth	3.38	3.08	30
3 Mnths	4.65	4.34	31
6 Mnths	7.43	7.21	22
9 Mnths	9.77	8.97	80
12 Mnths	13.91	11.54	237

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

Market	Last Week 2 Weeks 1 Month Ago		
	Rate (N/\$)	Rate (N/\$)	Rate (N/\$)
	8/9/23	1/9/23	8/8/23
NAFEX (N)	770.65	763.58	769.62

ACCESS BANK NIGERIAN GOV'T BOND INDEX

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (Basis Point)
	8/9/23	1/9/23	
Index	3,991.17	4001.23	(0.25)
Mkt Cap Gross (N'tr)	25.10	25.17	(0.28)
Mkt Cap Net (N'tr)	14.47	14.57	(0.69)
YTD return (%)	62.48	62.89	(0.41)
YTD return (%) (US \$)	-217.65	-221.64	3.99

BOND MARKET

AVERAGE YIELDS			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	8/9/23	1/9/23	
7-Year	11.30	11.36	(6)
10-Year	11.95	11.87	8
15-Year	15.07	14.94	13
20-Year	14.66	14.47	19
25-Year	15.35	15.13	22
30-Year	15.60	15.49	11

TREASURY BILLS PMA AUCTION

Tenor	Amount (million)	(N'Rate (%))	Date
91 Day	4,522	5.0	9-Aug-2023
182 Day	1,314.9	5.9	9-Aug-2023
364 Day	203,153.245	12.55	6-Sep-2023

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Market Analysis and Outlook: September 8, - September 15, 2023

Global Economy

The Eurostat revealed that the Eurozone posted a revised marginal year-on-year growth of 0.5% in Q2 2023 relative to 1.1% in the preceding quarter. On the expenditure side, household consumption was stable, the same as in Q1 2023, government expenditure rebounded, and gross fixed capital formation rose. On the other hand, exports sank, and imports rose. In Q2 2023, Germany, which is the Euro Area largest economy stalled, France expanded 0.5% and Spain grew 0.4% while Italy contracted 0.4%. However, concerns persist regarding the health of the bloc's economy, and doubts are growing about its ability to avoid a recession, especially given the sluggish outlook for Germany. In another space, the Japanese economy declined to 1.6% year-on-year in Q2 2023 from 2% posted in the prior period. Data from the Cabinet Office, Japan revealed that there was a downward revision in both capital spending, and private consumption. Meanwhile, government spending was flat. Simultaneously, net trade contributed positively as exports rebounded while imports fell for the 3rd consecutive quarter. The economy has seen a delayed recovery from a pandemic this year due to persistent cost pressure.

17.83% and 18.75% from 1.67% and 2.42% recorded in the prior week, respectively. Also, longer-dated placements such as the 30-day Nigerian Interbank Offered Rate (NIBOR) rose to 9.77% from 7.83%. This week, rates are expected to increase owing to

Foreign Exchange Market

The thin liquidity in the forex market persisted during trading sessions last week as the bids of willing buyers were met with minimal supply. Hence, the Naira depreciated by ₦7.07 to close at ₦770.65/\$. This week, the naira is expected to strengthen as market rates are expected to hover around similar levels barring any significant changes in market dynamics.

Commodities

The quiet trend in the Bond market persisted throughout most trading sessions last week as the unclear market direction continued to subdue market activities. Consequently, average yields on the 10-, 15-, 20-, 25- and 30-year debt papers closed higher at 11.95%, 15.07%, 14.66%, 15.35% and 15.60% from 11.87%, 14.94%, 14.47%, 15.13% and 15.49%. The Access Bank bond index declined by 10.07 points to close at 3,991.17 points from 4,001.23 points. Going into a new trading week, similar sentiment is anticipated as market participants maintained a cautious stance given market uncertainty.

Domestic Economy

The Q2 2023 foreign trade report published by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) revealed that Nigeria recorded a positive trade balance in the quarter. This is the third consecutive quarter of trade surplus as exports outweighed imports by ₦1.29 trillion. Comparing Q2 2023 export figures to Q1 2023, exports increased by 8.15% to reach ₦7.02 trillion. Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals and crude remained the chief contributor to exports, accounting for 79.63% of total exports in Q2 2023. On the other hand, imports grew, but at a slower pace, increasing by 2.99% to reach ₦5.73 trillion. Overall, total trade volume rose by 5.73% to reach ₦12.74 trillion, up from the ₦12.05 trillion recorded in the previous quarter. Nigeria's top 5 export trading partners for Q2 2023 were the Netherlands, the USA, Indonesia, France, and Spain while the top 5 import trading partners were China, the USA, Belgium, India, and the Netherlands.

Commodities

Oil prices finished the week higher as extended supply cuts from Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries Plus (OPEC+) leaders tightened the outlook. Saudi Arabia recently announced that it would extend its voluntary output cut of 1 million barrels per day through the end of December. Russia also extended its voluntary reduction in oil exports by 300,000 bpd until the end of the year. All these cuts came amidst the declining crude oil inventories in the US. Consequently, Bonny Light, Nigeria's benchmark crude, price rose by \$2.39 per barrel (pb) to close the week at \$94.19pb from \$91.80pb posted in the preceding week. In another development, bullion prices reversed gains as the latest batch of data pointed to a robust US economy, giving the Federal Reserve (Fed) some space to keep monetary settings restrictive or even raise interest rates further. Subsequently, gold price lost \$20.51 or 1.1% to sit at \$1,924.80 per ounce. Also, silver lost \$1.61 or 6.5% to sit at \$23.03 per ounce. This week, oil prices might come under pressure amid persistent concerns about China's flagging economy and renewed fears of further interest rate hikes from the US Fed. On the other hand, bullion price might remain depressed owing to potential hawkish stance of the Fed.

Stock Market

The local bourse sustained uptrend last week as investors sustained their buy-interests in Nigerian stocks. The stellar performance in the market could be attributed to rallies in the banking stocks as listed commercial lenders reported outstanding performance. As a result, the All-Share Index (ASI) gained 611.06 points to close at 68,138.25 points. Similarly, market capitalization ascended by ₦330 billion to close the week at ₦37.29 trillion. Going into trading this week, we expect the bullish trend to continue as investors ramp up their holdings in banking stocks in anticipation interim dividends.

Monthly Macro Economic Forecast

Variables	Aug'23	Sep'23	Oct'23
Exchange Rate (NAFEX) (N/\$)	780	775	776
Inflation Rate (%)	24.5	24.79	24.9
Crude Oil Price (US\$/Barrel)	85	83.5	80

Money Market

Cash Reserve Requirement (CRR) debits by the Apex Bank and Nigerian Treasury Bills (NTB) auction settlement dampened liquidity in the money market. Consequently, the Open Repo Rate (OPR) and Over Night (ON) jumped to

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