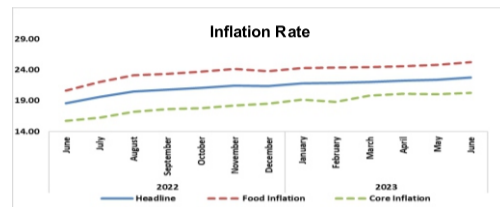
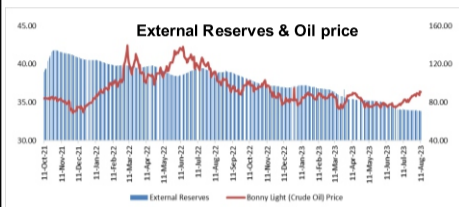
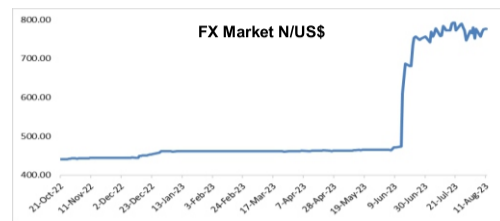
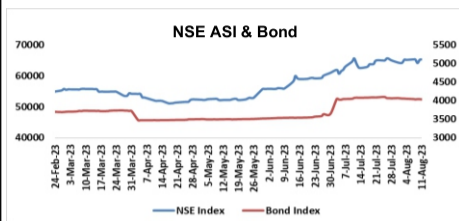


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KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicators	Current Figures	Comments
GDP Growth (%)	2.31	Q1 2023 —lower by 1.21% compared to 3.52% in Q4 2022
Broad Money Supply (N' trillion)	64.91	Rose by 16.33% in June 2023 from N55.80 trillion in May 2023
Credit to Private Sector (N' trillion)	52.81	Rose by 19.45% in June 2023 from N44.21 trillion in May 2023
Currency in Circulation (N' trillion)	2.60	Increased by 2.77% in June 2023 from N2.53 trillion in May 2023
Inflation rate (%) (y-o-y)	22.79	Increased to 22.79% in June 2023 from 22.41% in May 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)	33.88	August 10, 2023 figure — a decrease of 0.18% from August start
Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) (Bonny Light)	90.75	August 11, 2023 figure — a increase of 1.16% 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 (%)
	11/8/23	4/8/23	
NSE ASI	65,325.37	65,198.08	0.20
Market Cap(N'tr)	35.57	35.48	0.26
Volume (bn)	0.79	0.36	117.46
Value (N'bn)	8.36	6.07	37.69

COMMODITIES MARKET

Indicators	11/8/23	1-week Change (%)	YTD Change (%)
Energy			
Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	90.75	1.16	40.78
Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu)	2.79	8.14	(27.91)
Agriculture			
Cocoa (\$/MT)	3335.00	(4.96)	72.26
Coffee (\$/lb.)	156.90	(4.62)	20.51
Cotton (\$/lb.)	85.57	0.59	10.41
Sugar (\$/lb.)	23.81	0.13	55.32
Wheat (\$/bu.)	659.75	2.49	52.19
Metals			
Gold (\$/t oz.)	1917.68	(0.79)	45.55
Silver (\$/t oz.)	22.69	(3.41)	32.00
Copper (\$/lb.)	372.00	(3.55)	13.48

MONEY MARKET

NIBOR			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	11/8/23	4/8/23	
OPR	2.00	5.83	(383)
O/N	2.80	6.83	(403)
CALL	3.13	4.85	(173)
30 Days	11.00	10.17	83
90 Days	11.93	11.80	13

NIGERIA INTERBANK TREASURY BILLS TRUE YIELDS

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	11/8/23	4/8/23	
1 Mnth	3.49	3.62	(13)
3 Mnths	4.74	4.91	(17)
6 Mnths	6.89	6.47	42
9 Mnths	8.69	8.16	53
12 Mnths	10.60	10.19	41

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

Market	Last Week Rate (N/\$)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (N/\$)	1 Month Ago Rate (N/\$)
	11/8/23	4/8/23	11/7/23
NAFEX (N)	776.36	776.16	759.19

ACCESS BANK NIGERIAN GOV'T BOND INDEX

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (Basis Point)
	11/8/23	4/8/23	
Index	4,035.21	4052.17	(0.42)
Mkt Cap Gross (N'tr)	25.11	25.22	(0.44)
Mkt Cap Net (N'tr)	14.65	14.79	(0.95)
YTD return (%)	64.27	64.96	(0.69)
YTD return (%) (US \$)	-225.97	-224.35	(1.62)

BOND MARKET

AVERAGE YIELDS			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	11/8/23	4/8/23	
7-Year	10.69	9.62	107
10-Year	11.24	11.06	18
15-Year	14.47	14.30	17
20-Year	13.87	13.68	19
25-Year	15.03	14.80	23
30-Year	15.15	15.09	6

TREASURY BILLS PMA AUCTION

Tenor	Amount (N' Rate (%) million)	Date
91 Day	1,737.75 6	26-July-2023
182 Day	1,263.25 8	26-July-2023
364 Day	261,327.285 12.15	26-July-2023

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Market Analysis and Outlook: August 11 - August 18, 2023

Global Economy

Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labour Statistics revealed that annual inflation rate for the American economy accelerated to 3.2% in July 2023 from 3% in June. It marks a halt in the 12 consecutive months of declines, due to base effects. In July 2023, energy cost fell 12.5%, less than a 16.7% drop in June, with prices declining at a smaller pace for fuel oil, gasoline, and utility gas. Also, cost of apparel, and transportation services increased more. On the other hand, inflation slowed for food, electricity, shelter, and new vehicles. The cost of medical services declined, and prices of used cars and trucks fell. Meanwhile, core inflation which excludes food and energy eased to 4.7% from 4.8% recorded in the previous month. In another zone, the British economy expanded 0.4% year-on-year in the second quarter of 2023, following 0.2% recorded in the preceding quarter. Office for National Statistics revealed that services grew 0.1%, led by motion picture, video, TV programme production, computer programming and food and beverage services, boosted by the good weather and an increase in live events. Also, the production sector rose by 0.7%, with 1.6% growth in manufacturing, led by manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers. Construction rose 0.3% while mining went down 4.3% due to falls in extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas. On the expenditure side, there was strong growth in household consumption led by transport, recreation and culture, restaurants and hotels and gas.

Domestic Economy

S&P Global Rating, an international credit rating agency affirmed Nigeria's credit rating at "B-" revising the outlook to "stable" from negative. The revision hinges on S&P belief that the government latest policy reforms could positively impact the country's overall growth. According to the credit agency, "Nigeria's newly elected government has moved quickly to implement a series of fiscal and monetary reforms, which we believe will gradually benefit public finances and the balance of payments". The bold policy moves of fuel subsidy removal and exchange rate unification are expected to restore foreign investors' confidence in the Nigerian economy which will help propel the much-needed sustainable growth.

Stock Market

Nigerian bourse closed last week in the positive zone as investors persistently showed interest in the country's listed companies. Stocks in the insurance segment propelled the making leading indicators northward after the sector closed the week on a positive note. Consequently, the All-Share Index (ASI) rose to 65,325.37 points gaining 127.29 points. Similarly, market capitalization ascended by ₦90 billion closing at ₦35.57 trillion. Going into trading this week, we expect profit taking to be the dominant theme as investors are poised to exit their positions in overbought equities.

Money Market

The system was awash with liquidity at the end of last week. Consequently, the Open Repo Rate (OPR) and Over Night

(ON) declined to 2.00% and 2.80% from 5.83% and 6.83% recorded in the prior week, respectively. However, longer-dated placements such as the 30-day Nigerian Interbank Offered Rate (NIBOR) ascended to 11.00% from 10.17%. Rates are expected to increase due to the bond auction scheduled to take place this week.

Foreign Exchange Market

Last week, the bids of willing buyers were met with minimal supply of the greenback. As a result, the Naira depreciated slightly by ₦0.20 to close the week at ₦776.36/\$. This week, rates are expected to appreciate as the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) intervenes.

Bond Market

The bulls dominated the bond market as demand for debt papers increased. Consequently, average yields on the 7-, 10-, 15-, 20-, 25- and 30-year debt papers closed higher at 10.69%, 11.24%, 14.47%, 13.87%, 15.03% and 15.15% from 9.62%, 11.06%, 14.30%, 13.68%, 14.80% and 15.09%. The Access Bank bond index declined by 16.96 points to close at 4,035.21 points from 4,052.17 points. Going into a new trading week, a quiet trend is expected as local players shift focus to the bond auction where the Debt Management Office (DMO) is set to offer a total of ₦360 billion across the on-the-run bonds.

Commodities

Gains in oil prices held steady, holding close to a 6-month high of \$90pb as investors assess the global economy, interest rates, and International Energy Agency (IEA) and Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) outlooks. The IEA signalled potential declines in worldwide oil stockpiles throughout 2023, potentially pushing prices even higher. Bonny Light, Nigeria's benchmark crude, price rose by \$1.04 per barrel (pb) to close the week at \$90.75pb from \$89.71pb posted in the preceding week. In a separate development, bullion prices maintained its southward trajectory, as expected, as markets remained skeptical over the Federal Reserve's (Fed) course of action following the latest economic releases. Subsequently, gold price declined \$15.26 or 0.8% to sit at \$1,917.68 per ounce. Similarly, the silver price trimmed \$0.80 or 3.4% to sit at \$22.69 per ounce. This week, oil prices might stay elevated as Saudi Arabia and Russia output cuts continue to support prices. On the other hand, the Fed signal of more work to do to bring inflation down will increase the opportunity cost of holding non-interest-bearing precious metals, thus, dampening prices.

Monthly Macro Economic Forecast

Variables	Aug'23	Sep'23	Oct'23
Exchange Rate (NAFEX) (N/\$)	790	785	787
Inflation Rate (%)	24	21	20
Crude Oil Price (US\$/Barrel)	85	85	85