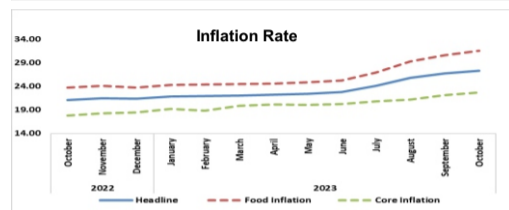
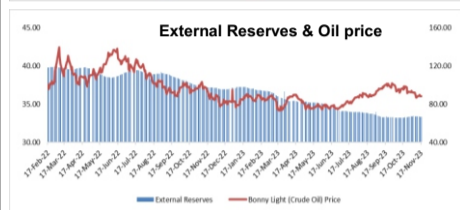
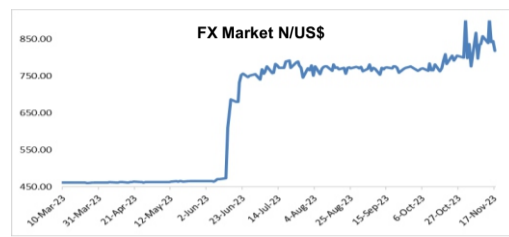
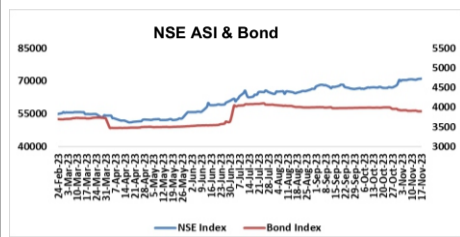


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KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

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)	67.18	Rose by 2.64% in September 2023 from N65.45 trillion in August 2023
Credit to Private Sector (N' trillion)	58.60	Rose by 7.01% in September 2023 from N54.76 trillion in August 2023
Currency in Circulation (N' trillion)	2.76	Increased by 3.76% in September 2023 from N2.66 trillion in August 2023
Inflation rate (%) (yo-y)	27.33	Increased to 27.33% in October 2023 from 26.72% in September 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)	33.31	November 16, 2023 figure — a decrease of 0.27% from November start
Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) (Bonny Light)	88.13	November 15, 2023 figure — an increase of 6.97% from the prior week
Oil Production mbpd (OPEC)	1.35	October 2023, figure — an increase of 0.3% from September 2023 figure



STOCK MARKET

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (%)
	17/11/23	10/11/23	
NSE ASI	71,112.99	70,849.38	0.37
Market Cap(N'tr)	39.11	38.93	0.47
Volume (bn)	0.44	0.56	(20.68)
Value (N'bn)	6.03	5.56	8.46

MONEY MARKET

NIBOR			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	17/11/23	10/11/23	
OPR	20.8300	16.5800	425
O/N	22.2000	17.5800	462
CALL	23.8333	17.1250	671
30 Days	15.0833	16.9167	(183)
90 Days	16.1667	17.7500	(158)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

Market	Last Week Rate (N/\$)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (N/\$)	1 Month Ago Rate (N/\$)
	17/11/23	10/11/23	17/10/23
NAFEX (N)	818.90	858.24	771.94

BOND MARKET

AVERAGE YIELDS			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	17/11/23	10/11/23	
7-Year	15.10	15.17	(6)
10-Year	13.24	13.17	7
15-Year	16.07	16.04	3
20-Year	15.80	15.74	6
25-Year	16.82	16.69	13
30-Year	17.51	16.98	53

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Market Analysis and Outlook: November 17, - November 24, 2023

Global Economy

The annual inflation rate for the American economy slowed to 3.2% in October 2023 from 3.7% printed in the preceding month. Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics revealed that energy costs dropped specifically gasoline, utility (piped) gas service and fuel oil costs. Additionally, prices increased at a softer pace for food, shelter and new vehicles and continued to decline for used cars and trucks. Compared to September, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was unchanged, the least in 15 months, as lower gasoline prices offset increases in prices for shelter, natural gas, and food. Meanwhile, the core CPI unexpectedly rose 4% year-on-year and 0.2% month-on-month. In different territory, the Office for National Statistics disclosed that the inflation rate for the British economy dropped to 4.6% in October 2023, down from 6.7% printed in the prior month. This marks the lowest rate since October 2021, due in part to the recent reduction in energy prices following the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets' (Ofgem) decision to lower the cap on household bills. The cost of housing and utilities was down 3.5% with both gas and electricity costs falling by the most since January 1989. Also, food inflation eased to 10.1%, the lowest since June 2022. The core inflation rate, which excludes volatile items such as food and energy, also eased to 5.7%, the lowest since March 2022. On a monthly basis, the CPI was unchanged.

Improved supply of forex to meet increasing demand supported the naira in the forex market last week. Hence, the Naira appreciated by ₦39.34 to close at ₦818.90/\$. Forex rates are expected to react to the outcome of the Monetary Policy Meeting holding this week.

Foreign Exchange Market

The Bond market closed last week on a bearish note. Demand for bond instruments remained weak amidst an excess supply of papers. Consequently, average yields on the 10-, 15-, 20-, 25-, and 30-year settled higher at 13.24%, 16.07%, 15.80%, 16.82, and 17.51% from 13.17%, 16.04%, 15.74%, 16.69, and 16.98%. Also, the Access Bank bond index declined further by 14.26 points to close at 3,898.33 points from 3,912.59 points. Going into the new trading week, bearish sentiment might persist owing to weak investors' appetite.

Bond Market

Oil prices steadied above \$80 per barrel (pb) last week after facing heightened volatility in the previous session, as investors weighed the risk-on rally driven by soft US inflation data against concerns about market fundamentals. Oil prices also advanced this week after the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) reassured markets that fundamentals remained strong and attributed the recent price drop to financial market speculators. Consequently, Bonny Light, Nigeria's benchmark crude price rose by \$6.97 to close the week at \$88.13pb from \$81.16pb posted in the preceding week. In another event, bullion prices rerouted northwards underpinned by cooling inflation and signs of slowing economic momentum in the US which reinforced market expectations that the Federal Reserve (Fed) is done raising interest rates. Subsequently, gold price gained \$42.31 or 2.2% to sit at \$1,989.61 per ounce. Also, silver gained \$1.66 or 7.4% to sit at \$24.13 per ounce. This week, oil prices might reverse gains as signs of robust supplies and an uncertain demand outlook weighed heavily. On the other hand, bullion prices are expected to maintain an uptrend as bets on the Fed cutting rate continue.

Domestic Economy

According to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Nigeria's annual inflation rate rose to 27.3% in October 2023, the highest since August 2005, up from 26.7% posted in the prior month. Inflationary pressures have intensified over the recent months due to the effect of fuel subsidy removal and exchange rate unification. Prices of food, which is the most relevant in the CPI basket, picked up to 31.5% in October, the highest since August 2005, from 30.6% in the prior month, amid persistent security issues in food-producing regions. The annual core inflation rate, which excludes farm produce, rose further to a record 22.7% in October, accelerating from September's reading of 22.1%. On a monthly basis, consumer prices rose by 1.7% in October, following a 2.1% surge in the prior month.

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Stock Market

Despite the rising inflation rate, the Nigerian bourse sustained a bullish trend on positive investors' sentiment. Rallies in the pension, consumer goods and insurance segments helped the local bourse sustain another weekly gain. As a result, the All-Share Index (ASI) rose by 263.61 points to close the week at 71,112.99 points. Similarly, market capitalization ascended by ₦180 billion to close the week at ₦39.11 trillion. Going into trading this week, we expect the positive trend to persist as investors continue to show buy-interest in stocks with strong fundamentals.

Monthly Macro Economic Forecast

Variables	Nov'23	Dec'23	Jan'24
Exchange Rate (NAFEX) (N/\$)	780	750	700
Inflation Rate (%)	28.2	29.5	27.1
Crude Oil Price (US\$/Barrel)	87	85	85

Money Market

The Bond auction settlement conducted last week further weakened the liquidity position of money market participants. Consequently, the Open Repo Rate (OPR) and Over Night (ON) rose to

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