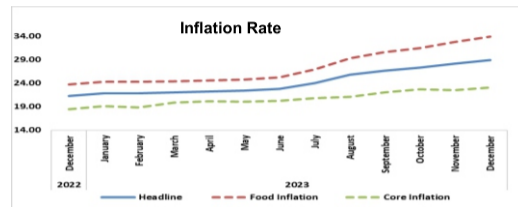
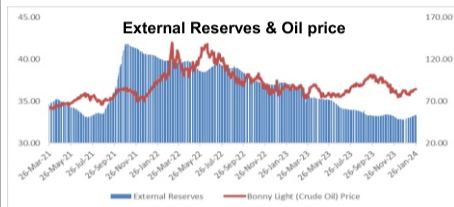
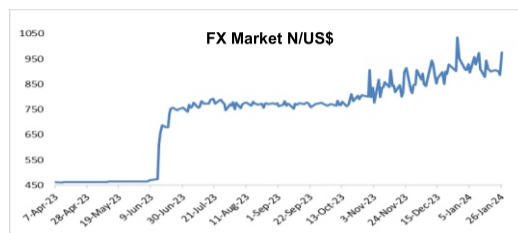


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KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicators	Current Figures	Comments
GDP Growth (%)	2.54	Q3 2023 — Higher by 0.03% compared to 2.51% in Q2 2023
Broad Money Supply (N' trillion)	70.01	Rose by 4.21% in November 2023 from N67.18 trillion in September 2023
Credit to Private Sector (N' trillion)	59.74	Rose by 1.95% in November 2023 from N58.60 trillion in September 2023
Currency in Circulation (N' trillion)	3.35	Increased by 21.4% in November 2023 from N2.76 trillion in September 2023
Inflation rate (%) (y-o-y)	28.92	Increased to 28.92% in December 2023 from 28.2% in November 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)	33.35	January 23, 2024 figure — an increase of 1.0% from January start
Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) (OPEC)	84.41	January 25, 2024 figure — an increase of 1.3% from the prior week
Oil Production mbpd (OPEC)	1.34	December 2023, figure — an increase of 7.2% from November figure



STOCK MARKET

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (%)
	26/1/24	19/1/24	
NGX ASI	102,401.88	94,538.12	8.32
Market Cap(N'tr)	56.04	51.74	8.32
Volume (bn)	0.52	0.84	(38.50)
Value (N'bn)	8.85	15.04	(41.17)

MONEY MARKET

NIBOR			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	26/1/24	19/1/24	
OPR	17.58	22.10	(452.0)
O/N	18.33	23.25	(492)
CALL	19.55	21.10	(155.0)
30 Days	15.55	15.35	20
90 Days	16.35	16.00	35.0

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

Market	Last Week Rate (N/\$)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (N/\$)	1 Month Ago Rate (N/\$)
	26/1/24	19/1/24	27/12/23
NAFEX (N)	975.14	900.57	903.15

BOND MARKET

AVERAGE YIELDS			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	26/1/24	19/1/24	
7-Year	11.99	12.09	(10.4)
10-Year	11.76	11.56	19.8
15-Year	14.98	14.37	61.2
20-Year	14.53	14.23	30.7
25-Year	15.14	14.99	15.0
30-Year	15.33	15.31	2

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Market Analysis and Outlook: January 26, - February 2, 2024

Global Economy

A report from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis revealed that the US economy expanded at 3.1% year-on-year (y-o-y) in Q4 2023, much better than the 2.9% recorded in the prior quarter. Consumer spending slowed while consumption of services rose faster. Private inventories and government spending rose at a slower pace. On the other hand, exports accelerated, and imports grew less. Non-residential investment increased more while investment in structures eased. Finally, residential investment continued to grow although at a slower pace. Considering the full year 2023, the US economy grew 2.5%, compared to 1.9% in 2022 and the Fed's estimates of 2.6%. In a separate zone, the Chinese economy expanded 5.2% y-o-y in Q4 of 2023, faster than a 4.9% growth recorded in the previous quarter. A report from the National Bureau of Statistics of China revealed that activity data for December showed that industrial production rose the most in almost 2 years, but retail sales increased the least in 3 months and the surveyed jobless rate edged up to a 4-month high. For the full year, the economy also grew by 5.2%, exceeding the official target of around 5.0% and picking up from a 3.0% posted in 2022 amid various support measures from Beijing and a base effect. Excluding the pandemic years through 2022, the 2023 GDP growth is the slowest pace of annual rise since 1990, underscoring the impact of a prolonged property crisis, persistently weak consumption, and global turmoil.

Money Market

The money market witnessed an influx of funds. Consequently, the Open Repo Rate (OPR) and Over Night (ON) declined to 17.58% and 18.33% from 22.10% and 23.25% recorded in the prior week. However, relatively longer-dated placements such as the 90-day Nigerian Interbank Offered Rate (NIBOR) increased to 16.35% from 16.00%. This week, rates might decline owing to expected improvement in liquidity.

Foreign Exchange Market

The forex market experienced a shortage of funds, with the persistent demand for Dollars surpassing its supply. Hence, the Naira lost ₦74.57 to close at ₦975.14. This week, the forex rate is expected to trade around a similar rate.

Bond Market

The bond market closed on a quiet note and remained subdued during the trading session as market participants continued to trade on a cautious note ahead of the Bond auction. Consequently, average yields on the 10-, 15-, 20-, 25-, and 30-year inched higher at 11.76%, 14.98%, 14.53%, 15.14% and 15.33% from 11.56%, 14.37%, 14.23%, 14.99% and 15.31%. Also, the Access Bank bond index declined by 30.10 points to close at 4,089.66 points from 4,119.76 points. Going into the new trading week, market participants are expected to trade cautiously ahead of the anticipated Q1 2024 Bond Calendar

Domestic Economy

Total equity transactions for December 2023 sat at ₦343.90 billion from ₦300.67 billion and ₦140.70 billion recorded in the previous month and the corresponding month of the preceding year, respectively. This reflected a month-on-month increase of 14.08% and a y-o-y increase of 244.42%. Total equity transactions for 2023 rose by 153.94%, settling at ₦3.58 trillion relative to ₦2.32 trillion reported at the end of 2022. The significant activities witnessed in the equities market in 2023 were driven majorly by the local investors as they sought a higher yield environment to reduce the impact of rising inflation on investments. Considering the full year 2023, the domestic portfolio equity remained the chief contributor to the total equity bourse, accounting for 88.52% while foreign portfolio equity accounted for 11.48%.

Commodities

Oil prices continued on an upward trajectory owing to increased demand expectations driven by strong U.S. economic growth and stimulus measures in China. Additionally, falling crude inventories caused by winter storms contributed to a tightening of the supply side. Consequently, Bonny Light, Nigeria's benchmark crude price further gained \$1.05 to close the week at \$84.41 per barrel (pb) from \$83.36pb posted in the preceding week. In different news, gold price was subdued as investors cautiously awaited a key US inflation reading that could influence the outlook for Federal Reserve (Fed) monetary policy. The metal is also facing pressure from a rising dollar amid stronger-than-expected US economic data. Consequently, gold price lost \$9.37 or 0.5% to sit at \$2,022.40 per ounce. However, silver price gained \$0.10 or 0.4% to sit at \$22.90 per ounce. This week, oil prices might lose a winning streak as China's reported request to Iran to help contain Houthi attacks on Red Sea shipping or risk hurting business relations with Beijing, could help ease market concerns about supply disruption. On the other hand, bullion prices might witness strong gains as the latest economic data from the US raised bets on a first Fed rate cut in March, boosting the appeal of a non-yielding instrument.

Stock Market

As anticipated, the bulls sustained dominance on the floor of the Nigerian Exchange as the All-Share Index (ASI) crossed an unprecedented level of 100,000 points. Buy-interests in the pension, banking, consumer goods, oil & gas and insurance stocks drove the market-leading index further north. As a result, the All-Share Index (ASI) rose to 102,401.88 points after adding 7,863.76 points last week. Also, market capitalization rose by ₦4.30 trillion to close the week at ₦56.04 trillion. Going into trading this week, we expect the bullish trend to be sustained as investors ramp up their holding in anticipation of stellar 2023 financials. However, profit-

COMMODITIES MARKET

Indicators	26/1/24	1-week Change (%)	YTD Change (%)
Energy			
Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	84.41	1.26	30.95
Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu)	2.60	(1.52)	(32.82)
Agriculture			
Cocoa (\$/MT)	4625.00	2.48	138.89
Coffee (\$/lb.)	186.95	1.88	43.59
Cotton (\$/lb.)	85.06	2.84	9.75
Sugar (\$/lb.)	24.04	3.67	56.82
Wheat (\$/bu.)	608.25	3.53	40.31
Metals			
Gold (\$/t oz.)	2022.40	(0.46)	53.50
Silver (\$/t oz.)	22.90	0.44	33.22
Copper (\$/lb.)	385.25	2.07	17.53

NIGERIA INTERBANK TREASURY BILLS TRUE YIELDS

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	26/1/24	19/1/24	
1 Mnth	2.78	2.29	49
3 Mnths	4.69	3.39	129
6 Mnths	6.98	4.75	224
9 Mnths	9.30	6.28	302
12 Mnths	11.04	8.12	292

ACCESS BANK NIGERIAN GOV'T BOND INDEX

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (Basis Point)
	26/1/24	19/1/24	
Index	4089.66	4119.76	(0.73)
Mkt Cap Gross (N'tr)	27.24	27.44	(0.73)
Mkt Cap Net (N'tr)	15.89	16.12	(1.43)
YTD return (%)	66.49	67.71	(1.22)
YTD return (%) (US \$)	-284.47	-284.59	0.12

TREASURY BILLS PMA AUCTION

Tenor	Amount (N' million)	Rate (%)	Date
91 Day	7846.504	5.00	24-Jan-2024
182 Day	6437.75	7.15	24-Jan-2024
364 Day	217532.85	11.54	24-Jan-2024

Monthly Macro Economic Forecast

Variables	Jan'24	Feb'24	Mar'24
Exchange Rate (NAFEX) (N/\$)	850	800	800
Inflation Rate (%)	27.1	26.2	25.7
Crude Oil Price (US\$/Barrel)	80	82	85

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