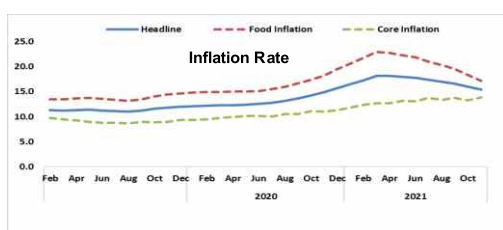
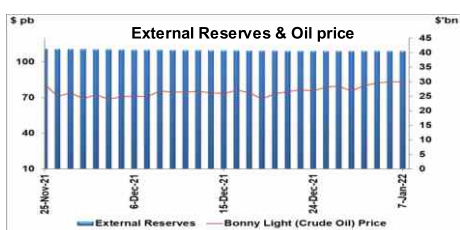
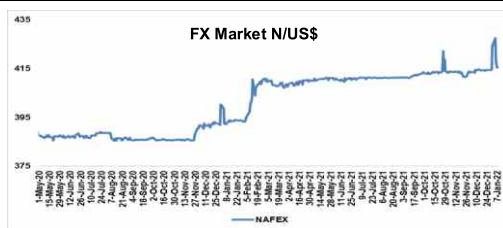
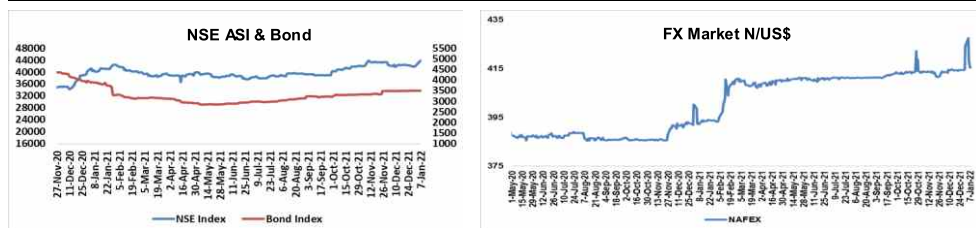


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KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicators	Current Figures	Comments
GDP Growth (%)	4.03	Q3 2021 — lower by 0.98% compared to 5.01% in Q2 2021
Broad Money Supply (N' trillion)	42.58	Rose by 2.65% in November' 2021 from N41.48 trillion in September' 2021
Credit to Private Sector (N' trillion)	35.31	Rose by 1.99% in November' 2021 from N34.62 trillion in September' 2021
Currency in Circulation (N' trillion)	3.15	Rose by 6.06% in November' 2021 from N2.97 trillion in September' 2021
Inflation rate (%) (y-o-y)	15.4	Decreased to 15.4% in November 2021 from 16.63% in October 2021
Monetary Policy Rate (%)	11.5	Adjusted to 11.5% in September 2020 from 12.5%
Interest Rate (Asymmetrical Corridor)	11.5 (+1/-7)	Lending rate changed to 12.5% & Deposit rate 4.5%
External Reserves (US\$ million)	40.52	January 05 2022 figure — an increase of 0.00% from January start
Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) (Bonny Light)	83.29	January 06, 2022 figure— an increase of 9.23% from the prior week
Oil Production mbpd (OPEC)	1.42	November 2021, figure — an increase of 4.41% from October figure



STOCK MARKET

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (%)
	7/1/22	31/12/21	
NSE ASI	43,854.42	41,813.27	4.88
Market Cap(N'tr)	23.63	21.83	8.25
Volume (bn)	12.40	0.36	3344.44
Value (N'bn)	0.40	1.84	(78.26)

MONEY MARKET

NIBOR			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	7/1/22	31/12/21	
OBB	14.0000	10.0000	400
O/N	14.7500	10.5000	425
CALL	14.5000	14.0000	50
30 Days	10.1500	9.6345	52
90 Days	10.5300	10.1143	42

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

Market	Last Week Rate (N/\$)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (N/\$)	1 Month Ago Rate (N/\$)
	7/1/22	31/12/21	7/12/21
Official (N)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inter-Bank (N)	415.28	424.11	413.20
BDC (N)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parallel (N)	0.00	0.00	0.00

BOND MARKET

AVERAGE YIELDS			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	7/1/22	31/12/21	
5-Year	3.84	3.74	10
7-Year	10.54	10.55	(1)
10-Year	9.62	9.61	1
15-Year	12.90	12.90	0
20-Year	12.70	12.69	0
25-Year	12.00	12.00	0
30-Year	13.18	13.04	14

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Market Analysis and Outlook: December 31, 2021 - January 07, 2022

Global Economy

Data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) revealed that the US trade deficit increased to \$80.2 billion in November 2021 from \$67.2 billion recorded in October. This brings the US trade deficit for 2021, excluding December, to a total of \$785.5 billion. November imports and exports rose by 4.6% and 0.2% respectively. Higher imports were driven by purchase of finished metal shapes, crude oil, and passenger cars while higher exports were driven by services mainly travel and transport, and higher shipments of crude oil. In other news, household spending in Japan declined by 1.3% in November 2021 as reported by the Ministry of Internal Affairs & Communications. This was the fourth consecutive decline amidst worries over the rapid spread of the Omicron strain of COVID-19 that could hamper economic recovery. Spending fell further for food, housing, fuel, light & water, furniture, education and culture & recreation. In contrast, consumption grew for clothing, medical care, and transport.

and 90-day Nigerian Interbank Offered Rate (NIBOR) edged up to 14.5% and 10.15% from 14% and 9.63% respectively the previous week. Rates are expected to decline at the opening of this week as inflows from maturing treasury bills come into the system barring any significant funding activity.

Foreign Exchange Market

At the foreign exchange market, participants traded cautiously due to uncertainty over the direction of rates. The CBN intervened in the market by selling to foreign portfolio investors through the biweekly retail secondary market intervention sales (SMIS) auction on the last trading day of the week. Consequently, the rate at the Nigerian Autonomous Foreign Exchange (NAFEX) window significantly appreciated week-on-week by N8.83 to close at N415.28/\$. The outlook for this week is that the Naira will meander around the sub N416/\$ level as closed at last week.

Domestic Economy

The Nigerian Customs Service (NCS) declared a N2.24 trillion revenue for 2021, reflecting a 34.1% increase from the set target for the year and 43.6% increase from the revenue generated in 2020. The increase, according to the comptroller-general, was attributed to the current ongoing reforms in the agency. Such reforms included automation of customs process, robust stakeholders sensitization, increased disposition of officers and men to make national interest a priority amongst others. He further added that the e-customs take-off process which was adopted is now at the final signing stage. The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) disclosed that \$1.68 billion was spent on food importation between January and September 2021.

Bond Market

A bit of resistance was witnessed on the 2050 bonds at 13% levels as market participants demanded for higher yields. Bids were firmly quoted at 13.12% but very few trades were matched as bid/ask spread remained 7 basis points wide apart. Yields on the 5-, 10-, 15-, 20-, 25- and 30-year debt papers finished higher at 3.84%, 9.62%, 12.90%, 12.70%, 12%, 13.18% from 3.74%, 9.61%, 12.90%, 12.69%, 12% and 13.04%, respectively. The Access Bank Government bond index dipped by 0.01% to close at 3,508.07 points from 3,508.46 points. This week, the Debt Management Office (DMO) may likely release the Q1 2022 bond calendar which is expected to spur activities in the market.

The month of September 2021 recorded the highest food import value of \$271.59 million, followed by June (\$213.58 million) and February (\$197.73 million). The Governor of the CBN, Godwin Emefiele, said Nigeria could produce enough to feed its citizens. According to him, diversification of the economy and reduction in unemployment and poverty will help reduce the level of insecurity in the country. The CBN Governor said the central bank had done a lot to support the economy and would continue to do more to catalyse the economy for growth.

Commodities

Brent crude futures held above \$82 per barrel on Friday and is headed for its third weekly advance, as the market tightened due to a civil unrest in Kazakhstan and supply outages in Libya. The supply disruptions came as OPEC+ kept its existing policy of modest monthly output increases and as US crude oil inventories declined for the 6th consecutive week. Bonny light, Nigeria's benchmark crude rose by 9.23% to settle at \$83.29/barrel from \$76.25/barrel posted in the preceding week. In a separate news, the price of precious metals retreated amidst expectations of monetary policy tightening in 2022 and weak industrial demand. Gold prices declined by 1.62% or \$29.40 to settle at \$1,789.25 per ounce from \$1,818.65 per ounce. In the same vein, silver declined by 4.36% or \$1.01 at \$22.18 per ounce from \$23.19 per ounce. This week, oil price might continue on an upward trend if supply disruptions from Kazakhstan and Libya remains unresolved. The price of precious metals will remain under pressure owing to the Fed's hawkish stance.

Stock Market

The Nigerian stock market performance ended last week on a positive note as the All Share Index (ASI) rose by 4.88% week-on-week to 43,854.42 points. Similarly, market capitalization gained 8.25% to close the week at N23.63 trillion. The increase could be attributed to investors who continued to position in counters with cheap valuations. However, this week, investors might take a bearish stance as the cash out of the gains recorded in the preceding week.

Money Mark

The bi-weekly retail SMIS auction conducted by the CBN spurred the Open Repo Rates (OPR) and Overnight (O/N) rates to rise to 14% and 14.75%, an increase from 10% and 10.5% recorded the previous week, respectively. In the same light, slightly longer dated instruments like the 30-day

Monthly Macro Economic Forecast

Variables	Dec'21	Jan'22	Feb'22
Exchange Rate (NAFEX) (N/\$)	413	415	416
Inflation Rate (%)	15.04	14.97	14.64
Crude Oil Price (US\$/Barrel)	80	82	78

COMMODITIES MARKET

Indicators	7/1/22	1-week Change (%)	YTD Change (%)
Energy			
Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	83.29	9.72	29.21
Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu)	3.86	5.46	(0.26)
Agriculture			
Cocoa (\$/MT)	2,423.00	(4.68)	25.15
Coffee (\$/lb.)	231.70	1.96	77.96
Cotton (\$/lb.)	115.31	0.95	48.79
Sugar (\$/lb.)	18.38	(2.91)	19.90
Wheat (\$/bu.)	739.75	(5.37)	70.65
Metals			
Gold (\$/t oz.)	1,789.25	(1.62)	35.80
Silver (\$/t oz.)	22.18	(4.36)	29.03
Copper (\$/lb.)	437.05	(1.59)	33.33

NIGERIA INTERBANK TREASURY BILLS TRUE YIELDS

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	7/1/22	31/12/21	
1 Mnth	2.83	2.64	19
3 Mnths	3.30	3.13	17
6 Mnths	4.23	3.83	40
9 Mnths	4.79	4.64	15
12 Mnths	5.49	5.53	(4)

ACCESS BANK NIGERIAN GOV'T BOND INDEX

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (Basis Point)
	7/1/22	31/12/21	
Index	3,508.07	3,508.46	(0.01)
Mkt Cap Gross (N'tr)	16.03	15.84	1.20
Mkt Cap Net (N'tr)	10.05	9.96	0.90
YTD return (%)	42.81	42.83	(0.02)
YTD return (%) (US \$)	-67.32	-67.07	(0.25)

TREASURY BILLS PMA AUCTION

Tenor	Amount (N' million)	Rate (%)	Date
91 Day	4612.616	2.49	29-Dec-2021
182 Day	3314.956	3.45	29-Dec-2021
364 Day	44837.72	4.9	29-Dec-2021