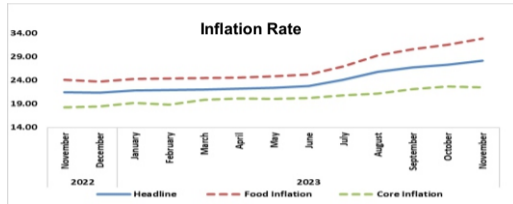
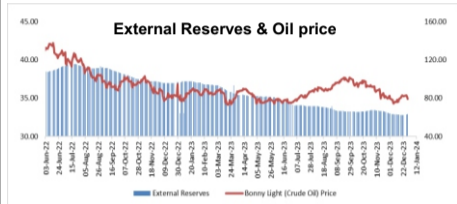
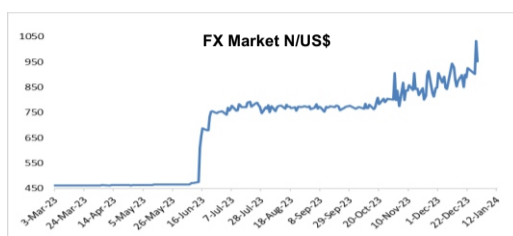


Access Bank Rateswatch

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)	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)	28.2	Increased to 28.2% in November 2023 from 27.33% in October 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)	33.09	January 11, 2024 figure — an increase of 0.21% from January start
Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) (OPEC)	81.39	January 11, 2024 figure — a increase of 2.7% from the prior week
Oil Productionmbpd (OPEC)	1.25	November 2023, figure — a decrease of 7.41% from October 2023 figure



STOCK MARKET

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (%)
	12/1/24	5/1/24	
NGX ASI	83,042.96	79,664.66	4.24
Market Cap(N'tr)	45.44	43.59	4.24
Volume (bn)	0.60	0.89	(32.72)
Value (N'bn)	9.10	14.33	(36.51)

COMMODITIES MARKET

Indicators	12/1/24	1-week Change (%)	YTD Change (%)
Energy			
Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	81.39	2.67	26.26
Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu)	3.13	12.59	(19.12)
Agriculture			
Cocoa (\$/MT)	4326.00	1.55	123.45
Coffee (\$/lb.)	184.20	(0.65)	41.47
Cotton (\$/lb.)	81.72	1.87	5.45
Sugar (\$/lb.)	21.84	4.40	42.47
Wheat (\$/bu.)	608.50	(1.38)	40.37
Metals			
Gold (\$/t oz.)	2044.66	0.32	55.19
Silver (\$/t oz.)	22.99	0.17	33.74
Copper (\$/lb.)	378.30	(0.85)	15.41

MONEY MARKET

NIBOR			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	12/1/24	5/1/24	
OPR	16.58	14.25	233
O/N	17.80	14.90	290
CALL	22.70	15.25	745
30 Days	18.70	15.36	334
90 Days	17.10	15.88	123

NIGERIA INTERBANK TREASURY BILLS TRUE YIELDS

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	12/1/24	5/1/24	
1 Mnth	1.94	2.67	(72)
3 Mnths	2.88	4.66	(178)
6 Mnths	3.75	6.17	(242)
9 Mnths	4.99	8.65	(365)
12 Mnths	6.45	10.96	(451)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

Market	Last Week Rate (N/\$)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (N/\$)	1 Month Ago Rate (N/\$)
	12/1/24	5/1/24	12/12/23
NAFEX (N)	909.40	895.92	929.26

ACCESS BANK NIGERIAN GOV'T BOND INDEX

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (Basis Point)
	12/1/24	5/1/24	
Index	4,135.89	4077.58	1.43
Mkt Cap Gross (N'tr)	27.55	27.16	1.44
Mkt Cap Net (N'tr)	16.26	15.91	2.20
YTD return (%)	68.37	66.00	2.37
YTD return (%) (US \$)	-285.12	-298.18	13.06

BOND MARKET

AVERAGE YIELDS			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	12/1/24	5/1/24	
7-Year	12.11	12.13	(2)
10-Year	11.28	11.67	(38)
15-Year	14.22	14.69	(47)
20-Year	13.79	14.16	(37)
25-Year	14.98	15.25	(26)
30-Year	15.22	15.70	(48)

TREASURY BILLS PMA AUCTION

Tenor	Amount (million)	(N'Rate (%)	Date
91 Day	2,777.581	2.44	10-Jan-2024
182 Day	1,489.311	4.22	10-Jan-2024
364 Day	52,290.995	8.399	10-Jan-2024

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Market Analysis and Outlook: January 12, - January 19, 2024

Global Economy

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics revealed that the annual inflation rate for the American economy went up to 3.4% year-on-year (y-o-y) in December 2023 from a 5-month low of 3.1% in November. Prices rose at a softer pace for food, shelter, new vehicles, apparel, medical care commodities and transportation services. Energy costs dropped, albeit at a slower pace. Gasoline, utility (piped) gas service, and fuel oil fell by 1.9%, 13.8% and 14.7%, respectively. Prices continued to decline for used cars and trucks. The annual core inflation rate eased to 3.9%, below the 4% printed in the previous period. Compared to November, consumer prices went up 0.3%, the most in 3 months. In another territory, the inflation rate in the Euro Area rose to 2.9% y-o-y in December 2023, climbing from an over 2-year low of 2.4% seen in November. It was the first uptick in inflation since April and was primarily propelled by energy-related base effects. Energy prices saw a decline of 6.7%, while services inflation remained steady at 4.0%. Moreover, the pace of price rises moderated for both food, alcohol & tobacco, and non-energy industrial goods. The core rate, excluding volatile food and energy prices, also cooled to 3.4% marking its lowest point since March 2022. On a monthly basis, consumer prices increased by 0.2% in November.

Money Market

Money market liquidity shrunk owing to the Cash Reserve Requirement (CRR) debit, OMO (Open Market Operations) and Nigerian Treasury Bills (NTB) auction settlement. Consequently, the Open Repo Rate (OPR) and Over Night (ON) rose to 16.58% and 17.80% from 14.25% and 14.90% recorded in the prior week. Also, relatively longer-dated placements such as the 90-day Nigerian Interbank Offered Rate (NIBOR) rose to 15.88% from 17.10%. This week, rates might decline owing to expected improvement in liquidity.

Foreign Exchange Market

Last week's trading was mainly on the buy side as very few counterparties had Dollars to offer. Hence, the Naira lost ground, the forex rate is expected to trade around a similar rate.

Bond Market

The Bond market remained bullish as participants reacted to the decline in the NTB stop rate. Most trades centred around the long-dated maturities. Consequently, average yields on the 7-, 10-, 15-, 20-, 25-, and 30-year settled further lower at 12.11%, 11.28%, 14.22%, 13.79%, 14.98% and 15.22% respectively. The 90-day rate, excluding volatile food and energy prices, also cooled to 3.4% marking its lowest point since March 2022. On a monthly basis, Access Bank bond index increased by 58.31 points to close at 4,135.89 points from 4,077.58 points. Going into the new trading week, market participants are expected to trade cautiously ahead of the anticipated Q1 2024 Bond Calendar.

Domestic Economy

The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to 52.7 points in December 2023 from 48 points recorded in the prior month. The latest reading pointed to a renewed expansion in the country's private sector after 2 months of contraction, and the highest since June 2023. Both output and new orders rebounded, reflecting some signs of recovery in demand. Business activity also returned to growth, despite the continued decline in wholesale and retail activity. Employment saw an increase for the 8th consecutive month, and backlogs of work rose for the 3rd time in the last 4 months. Purchasing activity and inventory holdings also expanded. On the cost side, purchase price inflation accelerated to a 2-year high, linked to exchange rate weakness and higher fuel costs. Concurrently, selling price inflation quickened at a faster pace. Also, business confidence dropped to lower levels.

Oil prices rallied last week as investors were concerned that military strikes carried out by Britain and the US against Houthi-controlled areas in Yemen would further disrupt supply. Consequently, Bonny Light, Nigeria's benchmark crude price further gained \$2.12 to close the week at \$81.39 per barrel (pb) from \$79.27pb posted in the preceding week. In other news, bullion prices reversed losses as weekly performance closed in the positive space. The increase in demand rode on the back of a subdued greenback and an escalating Middle East conflict which spurred safe-haven demand for the price metal. Consequently, gold price gained \$6.45 or 0.3% to sit at \$2,044.66 per ounce. Also, the silver price gained \$0.04 or 0.2% to sit at \$22.99 per ounce. This week, oil prices might stay elevated if the ongoing tension in Yemen is not doused. On the other hand, bullion prices could reroute southwards as traders scaled back bets on early interest rate cuts from the US Federal Reserve owing to the December 2023 US inflation figure.

Stock Market

Last week, the bullish trend persisted on the Nigerian Exchange, driven by a resurgence in investor confidence in the country's equities, leading to an upward surge in market activities. As a result, the All-Share Index (ASI) crossed an unprecedented level by adding 3,378.30 points to close the week at 83,042.96 points. Also, market capitalization rose by N1.85 trillion to close the week at N45.44 trillion. Going into trading this week, more buy-interests are expected to be expressed as investors are expected to increase their holdings ahead of the release of full-year figures and favourable corporate actions.

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