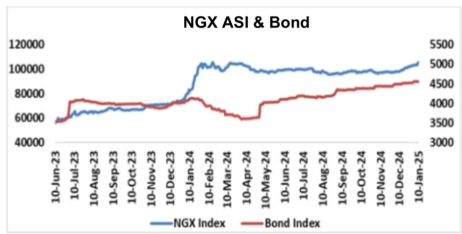
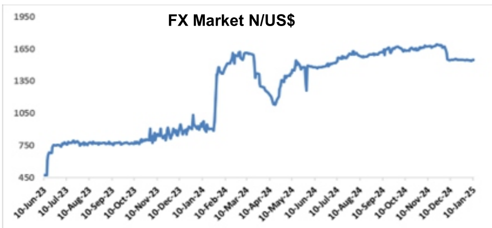
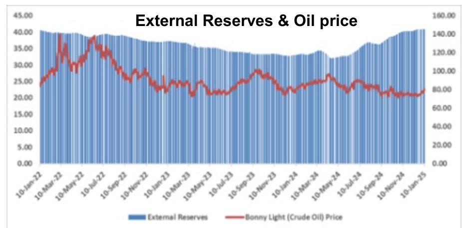
Access Bank Rateswatch

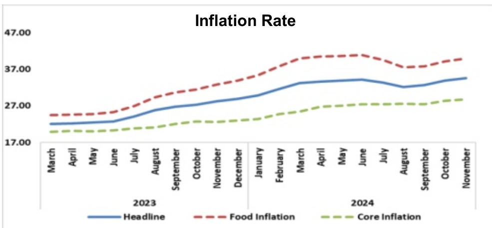
KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicators	Current Figures	Comments
GDP Growth (%)	3.46	Q3 2024 — Higher than 3.19% in Q2 2024
Broad Money Supply (N' trillion)	108.97	Increased by 0.90% in Nov 2024 from N108.00 trillion in October 2024
Credit to Private Sector (N' trillion)	75.96	Increased by 2.6% in Nov 2024 from N74.07 trillion in October 2024
Currency in Circulation (N' trillion)	4.88	Rose by 7.25% in Nov 2024 from N4.55 trillion in October 2024
Inflation rate (%) (y-o-y)	34.60	Increased to 34.60% in November 2024 from 33.88% in October 2024
Monetary Policy Rate (%)	27.50	Adjusted to 27.5% in Nov 2024 from 27.25% in Sept. 2024
Interest Rate (Asymmetrical Corridor)	27.50(+5/-1)	Lending rate changed to 32.50% & Deposit rate 26.50%
External Reserves (US$ billion)	40.85	Jan 08 2025 figure — a decrease of 0.07% from the prior week
Oil Price (US$/Barrel) (OPEC)	80.70	Jan 10 2025 figure — an increase of 4.75% from the prior week
Oil Production mbpd (OPEC)	1.49	November 2024, figure — an increase of 11.4% from October 2024 figure









STOCK MARKET

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (%)
	10/1/25	3/1/25	
NGX ASI	105,451.06	103,586.33	1.80
Market Cap (N'trn)	64.30	63.17	1.80
Volume (bn)	1.48	0.71	109.22
Value (N'bn)	19.39	8.24	135.26

MONEY MARKET

NIBOR

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	10/1/25	3/1/25	
OPR	27.2857	26.7500	54
O/N	27.8571	27.2500	61
CALL	28.3929	27.4167	98
30 Days	27.7360	27.2795	46
90 Days	28.7799	28.3056	47

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

Market	Last Week Rate (N/$)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (N/ $)	1 Month Ago Rate (N/$)
	10/1/25	3/1/25	10/12/24
NAFEX (N)	1551.67	1543.50	1547.50

BOND MARKET

AVERAGE YIELDS

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	10/1/25	3/1/25	
3-Year	20.51	19.62	89
5-Year	21.14	20.85	29
7-Year	22.05	21.98	7
9-Year	21.12	21.12	1
10-Year	20.39	20.26	13
15-Year	18.63	18.63	0
20-Year	19.89	19.81	8
25-Year	17.37	17.37	0
30-Year	17.16	16.99	17

COMMODITIES MARKET

Indicators	10/1/25	1-week Change (%)	YTD Change (%)
Energy			
Crude Oil ($/bbl)	80.70	5.67	1.64
Natural Gas ($/MMBtu)	3.94	12.89	1.81
Agriculture			
Cocoa ($/MT)	10631.00	(4.01)	449.12
Coffee ($/lb.)	323.80	0.83	148.69
Cotton ($/lb.)	68.18	0.31	(12.03)
Sugar ($/lb.)	19.14	(2.69)	24.85
Wheat ($/bu.)	531.00	(1.53)	22.49
Metals			
Gold ($/t oz.)	2688.54	1.57	104.05
Silver ($/t oz.)	30.55	2.45	77.72
Copper ($/lb.)	433.85	6.75	32.35

NIGERIA INTERBANK TREASURY BILLS TRUE YIELDS

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	10/1/25	3/1/25	
1 Mnth	23.70	24.92	(122)
3 Mnths	24.38	25.39	(101)
6 Mnths	24.03	24.97	(95)
9 Mnths	25.84	26.04	(20)
12 Mnths	27.01	27.60	(59)

ACCESS BANK NIGERIAN GOV'T BOND INDEX

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (Basis Point)
Indicators	10/1/25	3/1/25	
Index	4,554.78	4562.40	(0.17)
Mkt Cap Gross (N'trn)	30.94	31.00	(0.19)
Mkt Cap Net (N'trn)	17.73	17.81	(0.45)
YTD return (%)	85.42	85.73	(0.31)
YTD return (%)(US $)	-596.84	-596.68	(0.16)

TREASURY BILLS PMA AUCTION

Tenor	Amount (N' million)	Rate (%)	Date
91 Day	22,944.87	18	08-Jan-2025
182 Day	20,818.27	18.5	08-Jan-2025
364 Day	888,433.64	22.8	11-Dec-2024

Sources: CBN, Financial Market Dealers Quotation, NGX, NBS, Energy Information Agency, Oilprice, Bloomberg and Access Bank Economic Intelligence Group computation.

Market Analysis and Outlook: January 10, - January 17, 2025

Global Economy

China's annual inflation rate eased to 0.1% in December 2024, down from 0.2% in November, aligning with market expectations and marking the lowest level since March 2024. This outcome highlights mounting deflation risks despite the government's stimulus measures and the central bank's supportive monetary policies. Core consumer prices, which exclude food and energy, rose 0.4% year-on-year (yoy) - the highest increase in five months - after a 0.3% gain in November. Year-on-year, food prices declined 0.5%, while non-food prices increased 0.2%. On a month-on-month (mom) basis, China's consumer price index was flat in December, compared to a 0.6% decline in the previous month. Meanwhile, wholesale prices continued their downward trajectory for the 27th consecutive month, with producer price inflation dropping 2.3% yoy in December. For the entire year 2024, consumer prices rose by a modest 0.2% compared to the previous year. In the Euro Area, the annual inflation rate accelerated for a third straight month to 2.4% in December 2024, its highest since July, up from 2.2% in November, in line with market expectations. This increase was largely due to base effects, as last year's sharp declines in energy prices no longer impacted annual rates. Energy prices recorded their first increase since July, rising 0.1% from -2% in November, while inflation for services edged up to 4% from 3.9%. Among the bloc's largest economies, inflation rose in Germany (2.8% from 2.4%), France (1.8% from 1.7%), and Spain (2.8% from 2.4%), but eased in Italy (1.4% from 1.5%). Core inflation, which excludes volatile items such as energy, food, alcohol, and tobacco, remained steady at 2.7%. The European Central Bank (ECB) maintained its supportive stance, cutting all three main interest rates by 25 basis points (bps) on December 12, 2024—the fourth cut in 2024. The deposit rate now stands at 3%, the main refinancing rate at 3.15%, and the marginal lending

Domestic Economy

A year-on-year analysis reveals significant growth in Nigeria's foreign reserves over the past year. As of January 3, 2024, the reserves stood at $33.042 billion, rising to $40.884 billion by January 3, 2025. This increase of $7.842 billion, representing a 23.74% growth, highlights the effectiveness of the government's initiatives to attract foreign capital and stabilize external finances. The remarkable growth is driven by factors such as Eurobond proceeds, higher oil revenues, and the Central Bank of Nigeria's strategic management of foreign exchange inflows. This rise in FX reserves has substantial implications for the Nigerian economy, bolstering the country's ability to meet external payment obligations, including debt servicing and import financing.

Stock Market

Nigeria's equities sustained their bullish momentum as investors remained drawn to the Nigerian stock market. The All-Share Index (ASI) climbed by 1,864.73 points, closing at 105,451.06, signifying strong market performance. Similarly, market capitalization expanded by ₦1.14 trillion, reaching ₦64.30 trillion. Heading into the week, market momentum is projected to remain robust, driven by strategic positioning by investors ahead of 2024 financial year dividend announcements. This anticipation is expected to sustain interest in key equities and reinforce positive market sentiment.

Money Market

The money market rates for the previous was largely stable despite CBN's CRR debit and OMO auction settlement. The Open Repo Rate (OPR) declined marginally to 27.29% from 26.75% in the prior week, however, the Overnight rate (ON) rose marginally to 27.86% from 27.25%. Meanwhile, the 30-day Nigerian Interbank Offered Rate (NIBOR) increased slightly to 27.74%, compared to 27.42% recorded earlier. We expect rates to hover around similar levels his week barring any significant funding activity.

Foreign Exchange Market

Last week, the Naira depreciated as demand for the US dollar outpaced its supply. The currency lost ₦8.17, closing the week at ₦1,551.67. The Naira is expected to remain stable around this level going into this week, barring any significant market disruptions. Stability will be influenced by prevailing economic conditions and the flow of foreign exchange into the market.

Bond Market

The Bond market traded on a relatively quiet note last week as most market participants' attention was skewed towards the NTB auction settlement that happened in the prior week. This resulted in a muted trading environment, with slight increases in the average yields for the 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, 20- and 30-year bonds which closed at 20.51%, 21.14%, 22.05%, 20.39%, 19.89% and 0.17% respectively up from 19.62%, 20.85%, 21.98%, 20.26%, 19.81% and 16.99%. However, the Access Bank Bond Index fell slightly by 7.62 points, reaching 4,554.40, compared to 4,562.40 in the previous period. Sentiment is expected to remain muted this week as market participants await the release of the Q1 2025 Bond calendar.

Commodities

Crude oil futures surged over 5% last week, closing at $80.70 per barrel, the highest level since October. The increase was driven by growing concerns over potential US sanctions targeting Russian oil supplies. Reports suggest the US is preparing to impose significant measures on 180 vessels, key Russian oil companies, and prominent executives. Indian oil refiners are reportedly bracing for these sanctions, which could disrupt global supply chains. The sanctions are also expected to impact maritime insurance providers linked to Russia, adding further pressure to the market. These developments have heightened concerns over tightening global oil supplies. In parallel, gold prices surged past $2,680 per ounce, marking their highest level since mid-December and extending gains for the fourth consecutive session. This rally occurred despite a stronger-than-expected US jobs report, which underscored the resilience of the labour market and reinforced the Federal Reserve's cautious approach to rate cuts. The economy added 256,000 jobs in December, significantly exceeding forecasts of 160,000, while the unemployment rate fell to 4.1% from 4.2%. As a result, traders now expect the Fed to maintain rates until the second half of the year. While gold traditionally serves as a hedge against inflation, higher interest rates could dampen its appeal as a non-yielding asset. For the week, gold is on track to post its best performance since mid-November of the previous year.

Monthly Macro Economic Forecast

Variables	Jan-2025	Feb-2025	Mar-2025
Exchange Rate (NAFEX) (N/$)	1,500	1,500	1,480
Inflation Rate (%)	33.60	31.80	30.05
Crude Oil Price (US$/Barrel)	75.00	76.50	77.00

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