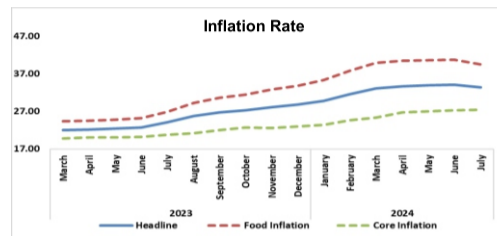
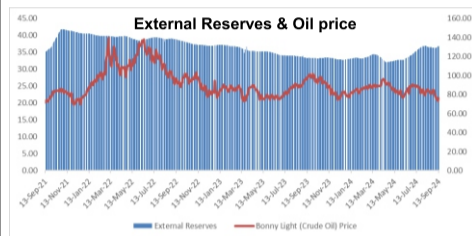
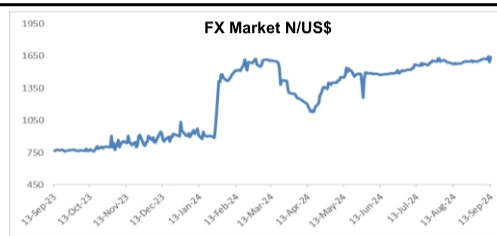
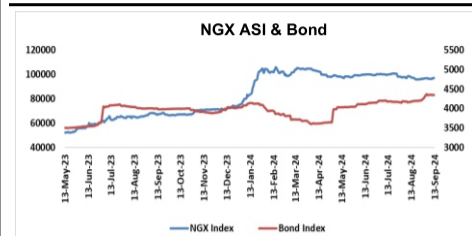


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KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicators	Current Figures	Comments
GDP Growth (%)	3.19	Q2 2024 — Higher by 0.21% compared to 2.98% in Q1 2024
Broad Money Supply (N' trillion)	106.27	Increased by 4.74% in July 2024 from N101.46 trillion in June 2024
Credit to Private Sector (N' trillion)	75.48	Increased by 3.13% in July 2024 from N73.19 trillion in June 2024
Currency in Circulation (N' trillion)	4.05	Rose by 0.12% in July 2024 from N4.048 trillion in June 2024
Inflation rate (%) (y-o-y)	33.4	Decreased to 33.4 % in July 2024 from 34.19% in June 2024
Monetary Policy Rate (%)	26.75	Adjusted to 26.75% in July 2024 from 26.25% in May 2024
Interest Rate (Asymmetrical Corridor)	26.75(+5/-1)	Lending rate changed to 31.75% & Deposit rate 25.75%
External Reserves (US\$ billion)	36.81	Sept 11, 2024 figure — an increase of 1.15% from the prior week
Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) (OPEC)	75.96	Sept 13, 2024 figure — an increase of 0.6% from the prior week
Oil Production mbpd (OPEC)	1.35	August 2024, figure — an increase of 3.05% from July 2024 figure



STOCK MARKET

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (%)
	13/9/24	6/9/24	
NGX ASI	97,456.62	96,433.53	1.06
Market Cap (N'trn)	56.00	55.39	1.10
Volume (bn)	0.41	0.39	5.20
Value (N'bn)	6.47	12.02	(46.21)

COMMODITIES MARKET

Indicators	13/9/24	1-week Change (%)	YTD Change (%)
Energy			
Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	75.96	0.65	(4.33)
Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu)	2.34	2.63	(39.53)
Agriculture			
Cocoa (\$/MT)	7625.00	4.88	293.85
Coffee (\$/lb.)	258.95	8.26	98.89
Cotton (\$/lb.)	70.57	3.29	(8.94)
Sugar (\$/lb.)	19.63	2.24	28.05
Wheat (\$/bu.)	594.75	3.34	37.20
Metals			
Gold (\$/t oz.)	2578.83	2.55	95.73
Silver (\$/t oz.)	30.63	7.40	78.18
Copper (\$/lb.)	422.75	3.30	28.97

MONEY MARKET

NIBOR				
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)	
	13/9/24	6/9/24		
OPR	31.2000	31.2500	(5)	
O/N	31.7250	31.7000	3	
CALL	31.8750	31.6571	22	
30 Days	28.3750	26.7898	159	
90 Days	28.9167	27.6622	125	

NIGERIA INTERBANK TREASURY BILLS TRUE YIELDS

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	13/9/24	6/9/24	
1 Mnth	16.81	17.57	(76)
3 Mnths	17.77	18.05	(28)
6 Mnths	20.64	19.96	69
9 Mnths	21.37	21.05	32
12 Mnths	22.42	21.60	83

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

Market	Last Week Rate (N/\$)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (N/\$)	1 Month Ago Rate (N/\$)
	13/9/24	6/9/24	13/8/24
NAFEX (N)	1639.20	1619.95	1573.54

BOND MARKET

AVERAGE YIELDS			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	13/9/24	6/9/24	
3-Year	19.10	19.10	0
5-Year	19.56	19.01	55
7-Year	19.96	19.44	53
9-Year	20.25	20.05	20
10-Year	19.17	19.04	13
15-Year	17.93	17.93	0
20-Year	18.82	18.77	5
25-Year	17.37	17.49	(12)
30-Year	17.03	17.03	0

ACCESS BANK NIGERIAN GOV'T BOND INDEX

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (Basis Point)
	13/9/24	6/9/24	
Index	4,343.30	4346.72	(0.08)
Mkt Cap Gross (N'trn)	29.51	29.53	(0.07)
Mkt Cap Net (N'trn)	17.19	17.25	(0.35)
YTD return (%)	76.81	76.95	(0.14)
YTD return (%) (US \$)	-658.78	-645.90	(12.88)

TREASURY BILLS PMA AUCTION

Tenor	Amount (N' million)	Rate (%)	Date
91 Day	17,801.66	16.63	11-Sep-2024
182 Day	6,158.99	17.0	11-Sep-2024
364 Day	41,743.24	18.94	11-Sep-2024

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Market Analysis and Outlook: September 13, - September 20, 2024

Global Economy

U.S. inflation declined to 2.5% in August 2024, signaling a potential shift in monetary policy as the Federal Reserve prepares for a likely reduction in interest rates at its upcoming meeting. This decrease in the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) follows July's rate of 2.9%. The easing inflation figures support expectations for a quarter-point cut in the Fed's benchmark interest rate, currently at a 23-year peak of 5.25% to 5.5%. Meanwhile, core inflation, which excludes the more volatile categories of food and energy, remained unchanged at 3.2%, while core prices rose 0.3% month-over-month, exceeding economists' projections. Overall, the CPI rose by 0.2% on a monthly basis, in line with July's increase and market expectations. Turning to Asia, China's inflation rate in August edged up to 0.6% from 0.5% in July. Nevertheless, this marks the highest inflation print since February 2024 and reflects the seventh consecutive month of consumer inflation, driven largely by supply disruptions caused by extreme weather conditions. Deadly floods to scorching heat pushed up farm produce prices, contributing to faster inflation. China's affected crops due to various natural disasters totalled 1.46 million hectares in August. Food prices surged by 2.8%, their fastest pace in 19 months, following sharp increases in fresh vegetable prices. In contrast, non-food prices rose by a modest 0.2%, down from the previous month's 0.7%. Core inflation, excluding food and energy costs, inched up by 0.3%, marking the smallest increase since March 2021. On a monthly basis, China's CPI rose by 0.4%.

The Open Repo Rate (OPR) edged down slightly to 31.20%, while the Overnight (ON) rate rose to 31.73%, compared to the previous week's 31.25% and 31.70%, respectively. Additionally, the 30-day Nigerian Interbank Offered Rate (NIBOR) increased to 28.38%, up from 26.79%. We anticipate that rates will remain around the same levels opening this week.

Foreign Exchange Market

Despite the Central Bank of Nigeria's market intervention, the Naira depreciated last week due to elevated demand for the dollar and constrained supply. Consequently, the Naira weakened by ₦19.25 over the week, closing at ₦1,639.20. We anticipate that the CBN will remain active in the FX market this week.

Bond Market

The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) Bond market experienced a subdued start last week, with limited activity as market participants allocated funds for the NTB auction debit. Average yields saw a slight increase, with the 5-, 7-, 9-, and 20-year bonds rising to 19.56%, 19.96%, 20.25%, and 18.82%, respectively, from the previous week's 19.01%, 19.44%, 19.76%, and 18.77%. Additionally, the Access Bank bond index fell marginally by 3.42 points, ending the week at 4,343.30 points, compared to 4,346.72 points previously. We anticipate an increased activity this week, driven by the expected bond coupon payment of approximately ₦398 billion entering the market.

Domestic Economy

Nigeria's trade balance reached N5.19 trillion in Q2 2024, according to the latest Foreign Trade in Goods Statistics report from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). The total value of merchandise trade for the quarter stood at N31.89 trillion, reflecting a 3.76% decline from Q1 2024 but a remarkable 150.39% increase compared to Q2 2023. Exports accounted for 60.89% of total trade, amounting to N19.42 trillion, a substantial 131% rise from Q1 2024's export value of N19.17 trillion. During this period, import trade volume stood at N12.47 trillion, while exports totaled N19.42 trillion. Crude oil remained the dominant export, contributing N14.56 trillion, which represented 74.98% of total exports. Non-crude oil exports made up the remaining N4.86 trillion, accounting for 25.02% of export activity. In a separate development, the Debt Management Office (DMO) reported a highly successful \$500 million Federal Government bond issuance, which was oversubscribed by 80%, reaching \$900 million. This strong demand highlights growing investor confidence in Nigeria's economic outlook.

Commodities

Gold prices surged to approximately \$2,570 per ounce last week, setting a new all-time high, driven by a weaker dollar and declining bond yields. This increase was fueled by recent economic data that heightened expectations for more assertive Federal Reserve actions, including anticipated interest rate cuts next week. Initial jobless claims in the U.S. rose from the previous week and remained above historical averages, indicating a cooling labor market, as evidenced by weaker August payroll figures. Additionally, U.S. producer prices in August exceeded forecasts due to higher service costs, though the overall trend still suggested easing inflation. In the oil market, Brent spot prices ended the week at \$75.96 per barrel, marking a third consecutive session of gains, driven by supply disruptions from Hurricane Francine's impact on the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. The hurricane caused the shutdown of over 730,000 barrels per day, representing 42% of the region's crude oil output as of Thursday. However, bearish sentiment persists due to concerns about sluggish demand in major markets. The International Energy Agency (IEA) highlighted a slowdown in global oil demand growth, particularly due to China's economic slowdown, and forecasted a potential supply surplus in 2024, even with ongoing OPEC+ production cuts. Data showed that China's crude oil imports from January to August 2024 declined by 3.1% year-on-year. In the U.S., rising oil and fuel inventories have further intensified demand concerns.

Stock Market

Nigeria's equities market recorded a 1.06% gain last week, buoyed by a series of positive trading sessions. The rise was largely driven by increased investor interest in banking and oil & gas stocks, which bolstered the overall market's performance. Consequently, the All-Share Index (ASI) climbed by 1,023.09 points, closing at 97,456.62. In parallel, market capitalization surged by ₦607.77 billion, reaching ₦56.0 trillion. The market outlook for this week remains positive, with investors anticipated to continue taking positions in stocks that offer attractive valuations.

Monthly Macro Economic Forecast

Variables	Sep-2024	Oct-2024	Nov-2024
Exchange Rate (NAFEX) (N/\$)	1,550	1,500	1,480
Inflation Rate (%)	32.20	31.65	30.45
Crude Oil Price (US\$/Barrel)	86.50	85.00	85.00

Money Market

The money market faced tight liquidity conditions last week due to the Central Bank's Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and foreign exchange intervention debits, which

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