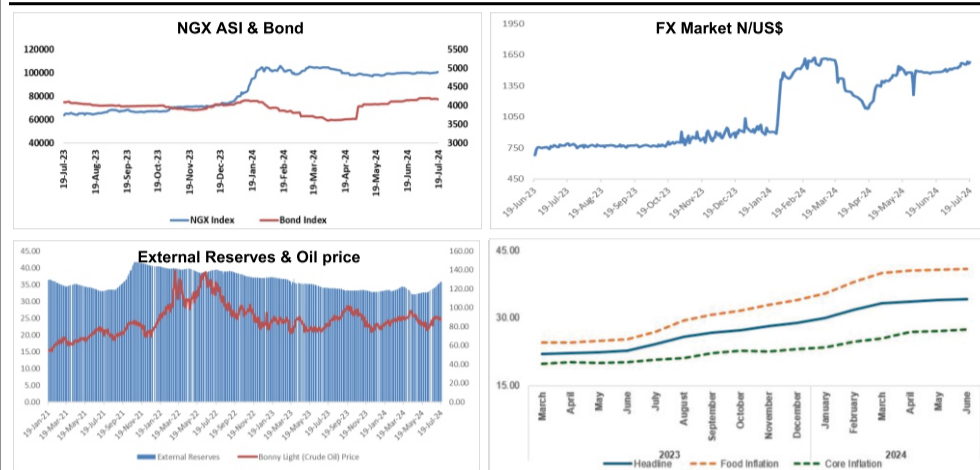


Access Bank Rateswatch

KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicators	Current Figures	Comments
GDP Growth (%)	2.98	Q1 2024 — Lower by 0.48% compared to 3.46% in Q4 2023
Broad Money Supply (N' trillion)	96.97	Increased by 5.01% in April 2024 from N92.34 trillion in March 2024
Credit to Private Sector (N' trillion)	72.92	Increased by 2.4% in April 2024 from N71.21 trillion in March 2024
Currency in Circulation (N' trillion)	3.92	Rose by 1.39% in April 2024 from N3.86 trillion in March 2024
Inflation rate (%) (y-o-y)	34.19	Increased to 34.19 in June 2024 from 33.95% in May 2024
Monetary Policy Rate (%)	26.25	Adjusted to 26.25% in May 2024 from 24.75% in March 2024
Interest Rate (Asymmetrical Corridor)	26.25(+1/-3)	Lending rate changed to 27.25% & Deposit rate 23.25%
External Reserves (US\$ billion)	35.93	July 18, 2024 figure — an increase of 9.18% from the start of the year
Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) (OPEC)	85.43	July 18, 2024 figure — a decrease of 0.81% from the prior week
Oil Production mbpd (OPEC)	1.28	June 2024, figure — an increase of 2.0% from May 2024 figure



STOCK MARKET

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (%)
	19/7/24	12/7/24	
NGX ASI	100,539.40	99,671.28	0.87
Market Cap (N'trn)	56.93	56.44	0.86
Volume (bn)	0.60	0.42	43.48
Value (N'bn)	9.16	6.82	34.36

MONEY MARKET

NIBOR			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	19/7/24	12/7/24	
OPR	31.3900	31.6136	(22)
O/N	32.0200	32.4545	(43)
CALL	32.2500	32.5833	(33)
30 Days	26.2000	27.0417	(84)
90 Days	26.9500	27.6667	(72)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

Market	Last Week Rate (N/\$)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (N/\$)	1 Month Ago Rate (N/\$)
	19/7/24	12/7/24	19/6/24
NAFEX (N)	1578.71	1569.62	1482.02

BOND MARKET

AVERAGE YIELDS			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	19/7/24	12/7/24	
3-Year	19.62	19.62	0
5-Year	18.91	18.90	1
7-Year	21.00	21.00	1
9-Year	21.94	21.77	17
10-Year	19.73	19.40	34
15-Year	18.63	18.63	0
20-Year	18.95	18.94	1
25-Year	17.50	17.50	0
30-Year	17.96	17.74	22

COMMODITIES MARKET

Indicators	19/7/24	1-week Change (%)	YTD Change (%)
Energy			
Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	88.10	(1.62)	10.96
Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu)	2.08	(10.73)	(46.25)
Agriculture			
Cocoa (\$/MT)	7971.00	(5.04)	311.73
Coffee (\$/lb.)	236.00	(4.38)	81.26
Cotton (\$/lb.)	71.21	0.51	(8.12)
Sugar (\$/lb.)	18.59	(3.88)	21.27
Wheat (\$/bu.)	549.70	(1.35)	26.81
Metals			
Gold (\$/t oz.)	2405.00	(0.24)	82.53
Silver (\$/t oz.)	29.21	(5.47)	69.92
Copper (\$/lb.)	424.20	(7.70)	29.41

NIGERIA INTERBANK TREASURY BILLS TRUE YIELDS

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	19/7/24	12/7/24	
1 Mnth	19.46	19.37	9
3 Mnths	20.92	22.11	(119)
6 Mnths	23.88	25.44	(156)
9 Mnths	26.68	25.44	124
12 Mnths	25.92	26.12	(20)

ACCESS BANK NIGERIAN GOV'T BOND INDEX

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (Basis Point)
	19/7/24	12/7/24	
Index	4,167.19	4,176.46	(0.22)
Mkt Cap Gross (N'trn)	28.31	28.37	(0.21)
Mkt Cap Net (N'trn)	16.04	16.14	(0.62)
YTD return (%)	69.64	70.02	(0.38)
YTD return (%) (US \$)	-634.79	-622.26	(12.53)

TREASURY BILLS PMA AUCTION

Tenor	Amount (N' million)	Rate (%)	Date
91 Day	29,833.974	16.3	26-Jun-2024
182 Day	30,671.051	17.44	26-Jun-2024
364 Day	168,211.622	20.68	26-Jun-2024

Market Analysis and Outlook: July 19, - July 26, 2024

Global Economy

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Foreign Exchange Market

The demand for foreign exchange continued to rise at the Nigerian Autonomous Foreign Exchange market (NAFEM), despite CBN's intervention only few trades were executed due to high offer levels. As a result, the Naira declined in value, depreciating slightly by ₦9.09 to close the week at ₦1,578.71/\$. We anticipate that rates will remain at these levels this week barring any significant supply into the market.

Bond Market

Closing the previous week, the quiet trend in the FGN Bond market persisted as market participants maintained a cautious approach ahead of the MPC meeting taking place this week. Average yields on 9-, 10-, and 30-year bonds saw slight increases to 21.95%, 19.73% and 17.96% from 21.77%, 19.40% and 17.74% respectively. However, Access Bank bond index decreased marginally by 9.27 points, closing at 4,167.19 points compared to 4,176.46 points. We expect an active market this week as local players shift focus to the bond auction where the DMO is set to offer a total of ₦300bn across the 2029, 2031 and 2033 instruments.

Domestic Economy

The Nigeria's headline index continued its upward trend in June 2024, with the latest data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) indicating that the inflation rate rose to 34.19%, up from 33.95% in May 2024. However, the rate of increase in June was slightly slower than in the previous month. The rise in the headline index was mainly driven by a surge in prices, as shown by the year-on-year increase in both food and core inflation rates to 40.87% and 27.40% respectively in June 2024, compared to 40.66% and 27.04% in May. Moreover, on a month-on-month basis, the headline inflation rate in June 2024 was 2.31%, which was 0.17% higher than the 2.14% recorded in May 2024. This indicates that the average price level increased at a faster rate in June 2024 compared to May 2024.

Commodities

Gold dropped near \$2,405 per ounce at the end of the trading week, retreating further from record highs as the dollar rebounded on robust US economic data, although bets for Federal Reserve interest rate cuts remained intact. The greenback was bolstered by stronger-than-expected manufacturing growth in the United States Mid-Atlantic region for July, while the rise in weekly jobless claims was seen as a result of seasonal factors. However, bullion is on track for its weekly gain, driven by growing optimism that the Federal Reserve will reduce rates as early as September. In another news, crude futures dropped more than 1.6% to around \$88 per barrel at the end of last week, marking the second consecutive week of losses. The decline was driven by a stronger dollar and concerns about China's economy, which overshadowed a tighter supply outlook. The dollar strengthened after better-than-expected U.S. labour market and manufacturing data earlier in the week. A stronger U.S. currency reduces demand for dollar-denominated oil from buyers using other currencies. Additionally, renewed hopes for a ceasefire in Gaza impacted market dynamics. The ongoing conflict in Gaza had previously led investors to factor in a risk premium for oil due to concerns over global supply disruptions.

Stock Market

The bulls maintained their grip on the Nigerian Exchange due to renewed demand for industrial stocks. Despite the inflation rate reaching a new 28-year high in June, investors remain optimistic about the performance of industrial stocks. As a result, the All-Share Index (ASI) increased to 100,539.40 points by 868.12 points. Similarly, market capitalization ascended by ₦487.94 billion closing at ₦56.93 trillion. Going into this week, investors are expected to adopt a wait-and-see approach in anticipation of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decision.

Monthly Macro Economic Forecast

Variables	Aug-2024	Sep-2024	Oct-2024
Exchange Rate (NAFEX) (N/\$)	1,480	1,450	1,420
Inflation Rate (%)	33.90	33.20	32.85
Crude Oil Price (US\$/Barrel)	88.70	86.50	85.00

Money Market

Liquidity improved in the money market last week owing to multiple repo payment made in the week causing rates to decline marginally. Open Repo Rate (OPR) and Over Night (ON) rate fell slightly to

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