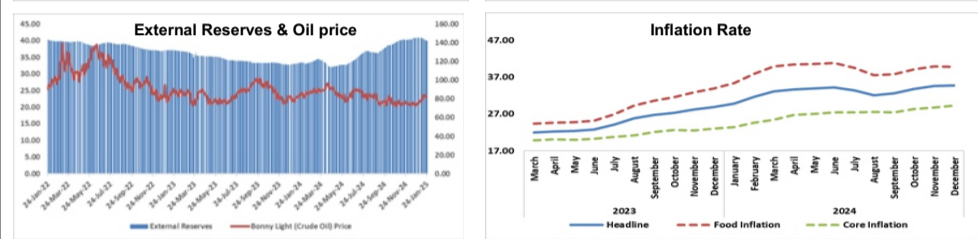
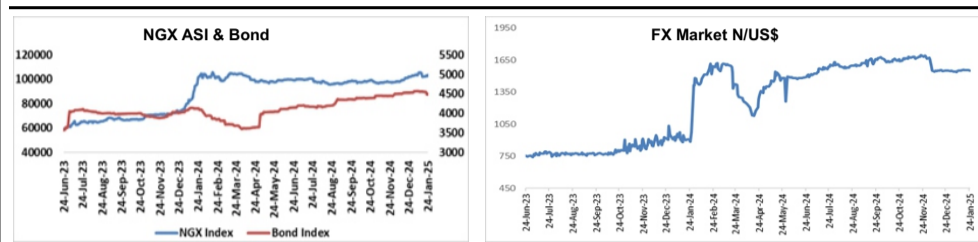


# Access Bank Rateswatch

## 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)	34.80	Increased to 34.80% in December 2024 from 34.60% in November 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)	39.99	Jan 23 2025 figure — a decrease of 0.77% from the prior week
Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) (OPEC)	80.89	Jan 24 2025 figure — an decrease of 3.73% from the prior week
Oil Production mbpd (OPEC)	1.48	December 2024, figure — a decrease of 0.07% from Nov 2024 figure



## STOCK MARKET

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (%)
	24/1/25	17/1/25	
NGX ASI	103598.30	102,353.68	1.22
Market Cap (N'trn)	63.65	62.85	1.26
Volume (bn)	0.58	0.33	75.82
Value (N'bn)	8.98	11.81	(23.95)

## MONEY MARKET

NIBOR				
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)	
	24/1/25	17/1/25		
OPR	27.00	32.33	(533.3)	
O/N	27.50	32.75	(525)	
CALL	28.08	32.50	(441.7)	
30 Days	28.13	27.67	47	
90 Days	28.74	28.67	7.2	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

Market	Last Week Rate (N/\$)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (N/\$)	1 Month Rate (N/\$)
	24/1/25	17/1/25	24/12/24
NAFEX (N)	1549.22	1556.71	1548.40

## BOND MARKET

AVERAGE YIELDS			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	24/1/25	17/1/25	
3-Year	21.00	20.59	41
5-Year	21.53	21.14	39
7-Year	22.47	22.40	8
9-Year	21.50	21.12	38
10-Year	21.43	20.72	71
15-Year	19.75	18.64	111
20-Year	20.64	20.24	40
25-Year	18.48	17.37	111
30-Year	17.77	17.16	61

## COMMODITIES MARKET

Indicators	24/1/25	1-week Change (%)	YTD Change (%)
<b>Energy</b>			
Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	80.89	(3.73)	1.88
Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu)	3.85	(3.99)	(0.52)
<b>Agriculture</b>			
Cocoa (\$/MT)	11346.00	1.37	486.05
Coffee (\$/lb.)	344.70	4.95	164.75
Cotton (\$/lb.)	68.02	1.14	(12.23)
Sugar (\$/lb.)	19.00	4.97	23.94
Wheat (\$/bu.)	546.50	2.34	26.07
<b>Metals</b>			
Gold (\$/t oz.)	2778.23	2.46	110.86
Silver (\$/t oz.)	30.68	0.99	78.48
Copper (\$/lb.)	432.85	(1.05)	32.05

## NIGERIA INTERBANK TREASURY BILLS TRUE YIELDS

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	24/1/25	17/1/25	
1 Mnth	22.10	23.13	(103)
3 Mnths	21.25	23.02	(177)
6 Mnths	22.92	23.37	(45)
9 Mnths	25.27	25.37	(11)
12 Mnths	26.55	27.42	(87)

## ACCESS BANK NIGERIAN GOV'T BOND INDEX

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (Basis Point)
	24/1/25	17/1/25	
Index	4491.75	4545.41	(1.18)
Mkt Cap Gross (N'trn)	30.52	30.88	(1.17)
Mkt Cap Net (N'trn)	17.23	17.63	(2.27)
YTD return (%)	82.86	85.04	(2.18)
YTD return (%) (US \$)	-604.19	-601.74	(2.45)

## 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

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## Market Analysis and Outlook: January 24, - January 31, 2025

### Global Economy

The United States annual inflation rate climbed for the third consecutive month, reaching 2.9% in December 2024, up from 2.7% in November, aligning with market expectations. This year-end increase was partly attributed to the low base effects from the previous year, particularly in the energy sector. Energy costs declined at a slower pace, at -0.5% compared to -3.2% in November, primarily due to smaller decreases in gasoline, fuel oil, and natural gas prices. Additionally, food inflation inched higher to 2.5% from 2.4% in the prior month. On a monthly basis, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by 0.4% - the highest since March and exceeding the forecast of 0.3%. Energy prices surged by 2.6%, contributing to over 40% of the monthly increase, with gasoline rising sharply by 4.4%. Food prices increased by 0.3%, while shelter costs also edged up by 0.3%. In Asia, the Chinese economy grew by 5.4% year-on-year in Q4 2024, up from 4.6% in Q3 and outperforming market projections of 5.0%. This marked the fastest annual growth rate in 18 months, driven by stimulus measures introduced since September to stimulate recovery and rebuild confidence. December saw industrial output growth reach an 8-month high, and retail sales rebounded from a 3-month low. However, the unemployment rate rose to a 3-month high. On the trade front, exports experienced a double-digit increase in December, marking nine consecutive months of growth and achieving their highest level in three years, as firms accelerated shipments ahead of potential tariff hikes under the US Trump administration. Imports also recorded an unexpected surge, reaching their highest value in 27 months. For 2024, China's GDP expanded by 5.0%, meeting Beijing's target of around 5%, although slightly below the 5.2% growth achieved in 2023. Fixed investment for the year rose by 3.2% year-on-year, outpacing the 3.0% growth recorded in 2023.

### Domestic Economy

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has projected a positive economic outlook for 2025, with the nation's GDP expected to grow by 4.17%, signalling accelerated economic expansion. This forecast is underpinned by the ongoing implementation of government reforms, stable crude oil prices, and improvements in domestic oil production. The CBN highlighted the critical importance of exchange rate stability in maintaining this positive trajectory. Additionally, the inflation rate is anticipated to decline, driven by the impact of economic reforms. Achieving the targeted inflation rate of 15% by 2025 will require coordinated efforts between monetary and fiscal authorities, alongside active private sector engagement, to foster a stable and conducive economic environment. While the evolving policy landscape poses certain challenges, it also creates significant opportunities for business growth.

### Stock Market

Nigeria's equities market ended last week on a positive note, driven by increased investor interest in industrial and banking stocks. As a result, the All-Share Index (ASI) climbed by 1,244.62 points to close at 103,598.30, while market capitalization surged by ₦7.94 trillion, reaching ₦63.65 trillion. As the trading week begins, investor sentiment is likely to stay focused on market fundamentals, fostering a more optimistic outlook for the days ahead.

### Money Market

Market liquidity improved last week, supported by coupon payments and FAAC inflows into the financial system.

Consequently, the Open Repo Rate (OPR) and Overnight (ON) rate declined to 27.00% and 27.50%, respectively, from 32.33% and 32.75%. However, the 30-day Nigerian Interbank Offered Rate (NIBOR) edged higher to 28.13% from 27.67%. Looking ahead, rates are expected to remain at these elevated levels due to ongoing liquidity constraints.

### Foreign Exchange Market

The Nigerian foreign exchange market experienced a notable improvement in liquidity last week, driven by inflows from the Central Bank of Nigeria and offshore investors. This development led to an appreciation of the Naira against the USD, with the currency strengthening by ₦7.49 to close at ₦1,549.22. Going into the trading week, the naira is expected to remain relatively stable at current level in the absence of significant market activity.

### Bond Market

The FGN Bond market opened on a subdued note last week, with limited trading activity as investor focus shifted towards the NTB auction held during the week. This quiet trading environment resulted in an uptick in average yields across various maturities: 3-, 5-, 9-, 10-, 15-, and 25-year bonds closed at 21.00%, 21.53%, 21.50%, 21.43%, 19.75%, and 18.48%, respectively, compared to the previous week's levels of 20.59%, 21.14%, 21.12%, 20.72%, 18.64%, and 17.37%. Meanwhile, the Access Bank Bond Index declined by 53.66 points to 4,491.75 from 4,545.41. We anticipate a similar trend this week as market participants position ahead of the upcoming Bond auction.

### Commodities

Crude oil futures rebounded to \$80.89 per barrel after six consecutive days of losses but still ended the week more than 3% lower, the steepest decline since November. This drop was largely driven by President Trump's call for reduced crude prices. The President recently outlined plans to press Saudi Arabia and OPEC to lower oil prices, while also taking steps to boost US oil production. Additionally, Trump's threat of imposing tariffs on China, Canada, and Mexico raised concerns about global economic growth and oil demand. On the supply side, EIA data revealed a 1-million-barrel decline in US crude inventories last week, marking the ninth consecutive drop and pushing stock levels below the five-year seasonal average. Meanwhile, distillate fuel stocks experienced a significant decrease, while gasoline inventories continued to rise. In other developments, gold rose above \$2,770 per ounce at the close of last week, reaching its highest point since October and nearing its record high of \$2,790. The price increase was fuelled by a weaker dollar and President Trump's call for interest rate cuts. Additionally, traders continued to seek safe-haven assets amid uncertainties over the potential impact of Trump's proposed tariffs and immigration policies. Investors are also closely monitoring policy updates from central banks worldwide. The Bank of Japan has raised interest rates as expected, while the Federal Reserve is anticipated to hold rates steady next week, and the European Central Bank is expected to cut rates. For the week, gold is poised to achieve its fourth consecutive weekly gain.

## 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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