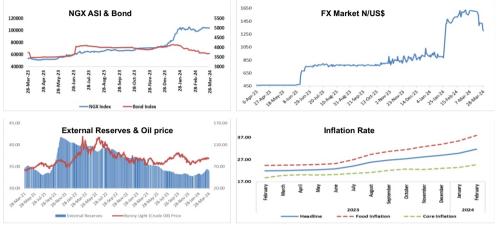


# Access Bank Rateswatch

KEY MACROECONOMIC IN	NDICATORS	
Indicators	Current Figures	s Comments
GDP Growth (%)	3.46	Q4 2023 — Higher by 0.92% compared to 2.54% in Q3 2023
Broad Money Supply (N' trillion)	95.56	Rose by 1.96% in February 2024 from N93.72 trillion in January 2024
Credit to Private Sector (N' trillion)	80.86	Rose by 5.09% in February 2024 from N76.94 trillion in January 2024
Currency in Circulation (N' trillion)	3.69	Rose by 1.1% in February 2024 from N3.65 trillion in January 2024
Inflation rate (%) (y-o-y)	31.7	Increased to 31.7% in February 2024 from 29.9% in January 2024
Monetary Policy Rate (%)	24.75	Adjusted to 24.75% in March 2024 from 22.75% in February 2024
Interest Rate (Asymmetrical Corridor)	) 24.75(+1/-3)	Lending rate changed to 25.75% & Deposit rate 21.75%
External Reserves (US\$ billion)	33.95	March 26, 2024 figure — an increase of $0.56\%$ from March start
Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) (OPEC)	89.21	March 26, 2024 figure — an increase of 1.93% from the prior week
Oil Production mbpd (OPEC)	1.32	February 2024, figure — a decrease of 7.69% from January 2024 figure



STOCK MARKE	т			COMMODITIE	S MARKE	т		
Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (%)	Indicators		28/3/24	1-week Change (%)	
	28/3/24	22/3/24		Energy			(70)	
NGX ASI	104,562.06	104,647.37	(0.08)	Crude Oil (\$/b	bl)	89.21	1.21	38.18
Market Cap(N'tr)	59.12	59.17	(0.08)	Natural Gas (\$ Agriculture		1.70	1.19	(56.07)
Volume (bn)	0.62	0.51	23.34	Cocoa (\$/MT)		9804.00	14.12	406.40
Value (N'bn)	16.95	14.24	19.10	Coffee (\$/lb.)		188.35	1.56	44.66
				Cotton (\$/lb.)		91.54	(0.90)	18.12
MONEY MARKE	Т			Sugar (\$/lb.)		22.37	1.36	45.92
NIBOR				Wheat (\$/bu.)		548.25	1.06	26.47
Tenor	Last Week 2 Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)	Metals Gold (\$/t oz.)		2210.30	1.94	67.76
	28/3/24	22/3/24	,	Silver (\$/t oz.) Copper (\$/lb.)		24.52 400.10	(0.45) (0.17)	42.64 22.06
OPR	27.2900	26.2200	107	NIGERIA IN YIELDS	NTERBAN	K TREA	SURY	BILLS TRUE
O/N	28.2100	27.2900	92	Tenor	Last Wee	k 2 Wee	eks Ago	Change
CALL	27.0000	25.2000	180		Rate (%)	Rate	(%)	(Basis Point)
30 Days	23.2000	20.2000	300					
90 Days	25.1000	20.8500	425		28/3/24	4 2	2/3/24	
FOREIGN EXCH		KET		1 Mnth	13.06		12.90	15
				3 Mnths	16.52		15.89	62
Market	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago Rate (N	1 Month Ago	6 Mnths	18.86		18.37	50
	Rate (N/\$)	*)	Rate (N/\$)	9 Mnths	22.55		21.56	99
	28/3/24	22/3/24	28/2/24	12 Mnths	24.92		23.51	141
NAFEX (N)	1303.33	1422.85	1616.83	ACCESS BA	NK NIGER	IAN GOV	'T BOND	INDEX
BOND MARKET AVERAGE YIELDS				Indicators		Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	s Change (Basis Point
Tenor Las	t Week 2 We te (%) Ra		Change asis Point)	Indicators		28/3/24	22/3/24	
	( )			Index		3,681.48	3,678.40	0.08

# Market Analysis and Outlook: March 28, - April 5, 2024

### **Global Economy**

over 3 decades. Additionally, the BoJ disbursement into the system. discontinued yield curve control for 10-

vear government bonds and ceased Foreign Exchange Market purchasing ETFs and J-REITs. During trading last week, the forex market the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) Naira. unanimously decided to maintain its key

repo rate at 8.25% on March 27th, 2024, Bond Market marking the fifth consecutive meeting at Last week, most market participants forecasts at 1.2% for 2024.

### **Domestic Economy**

manage inflation expectations, and high-yielding investment alternatives in stabilize the exchange rate, the Monetary the market. Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central

Bank of Nigeria (CBN) raised the key Commodities Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) by 200 basis Oil prices saw an uptick following the free-floating of the Naira.

## **Stock Market**

theme on the Nigerian Bourse last week of \$0.11 or 0.4%, settling at \$24.52 per as the market responded to yet another ounce. Looking ahead, oil prices may see MPR hike. Sell pressure remained further gains driven by optimism pronounced, particularly in the consumer surrounding ongoing production cuts by goods segment. Consequently, the All- the Organization of the Petroleum Share Index (ASI) concluded at Exporting Countries Plus (OPEC+). 104,562.06 points, marking a decrease of Conversely, the trajectory of the US 85.31 points. Furthermore, market inflation rate will heavily influence trader capitalization saw a decline of ₦50 billion, sentiment. settling at \$59.12 trillion at the end of the week. As the new trading week commences, there is anticipation for a turnaround in performance, with investors positioning themselves for dividend announcements, notably within the banking sector, which could potentially drive the market towards positive territory

In its March 2024 meeting, the Bank of of the MPC. Consequently, the Open Japan (BoJ) raised its key short-term Repo Rate (OPR) and Over Night (ON) interest rate to approximately 0% to 0.1%, rose to 27.29% and 28.21% from 26.22% ending 8 years of negative interest rates. and 27.29% recorded the prior week. This marks the first interest rate hike since Also, relatively longer-dated placements 2007, spurred by inflation surpassing the such as the 90-day Nigerian Interbank central bank's 2% target for over a year Offered Rate (NIBOR) increased to and major companies in the country 25.10% from 20.85%. This week, rates committing to a significant salary increase could decline owing to the Federal of 5.28%, the largest wage hike seen in Account Allocation Committee

Furthermore, the BoJ announced a experienced an improved supply of the gradual reduction in the pace of corporate Dollar as offshore counterparties sourced bond purchases. However, the bank Naira for their Nigerian Treasury Bills emphasized its readiness to swiftly (NTB) auction bid. Hence, the Naira respond to a sudden surge in long-term gained ₩119.52 to close at ₩1,303.33. rates, such as by increasing Japanese This week, more supply of forex is government Bond purchases. In contrast, expected, thus providing a boost for the

levels not seen since 2009. Policymakers traded cautiously ahead of the outcome of underscored that risks to the inflation the NTB auction. As the market outlook were predominantly skewed progressed, improved bids were upwards. Headline inflation accelerated witnessed on long-dated maturities as for the second consecutive month, market participants cherry-picked highreaching 5.6% in February, up from vielding instruments. As a result, the January's 5.3%, nearing the upper limit of average yields on the 25- and 30-year the central bank's target range of 3 - 6%. bonds declined to 18.64%, and 18.53%, The inflation projection for the current respectively, down from 18.79%, and year was slightly adjusted upward to 18.63%. Furthermore, the Access Bank 5.1%. The SARB upheld its growth bond index rose slightly by 3.07 points, closing at 3,681.48 points compared to the previous 3,678.40 points. Going into the new trading week, cherry-picking is To combat inflationary pressures, expected to continue due to inadequate

points (bps) to a new record high of latest Energy Information Administration 24.75% on March 26th, 2024. This (EIA) report, which indicated a smaller decision follows a significant 400bps weekly increase in US crude inventories increase during the February 2024 compared to the build reported by the meeting, marking the largest surge in American Petroleum Institute (API). borrowing costs in 17 years. Since the Consequently, Bonny Light, Nigeria's tightening campaign commenced in May benchmark crude, rose by \$1.07, closing 2022, there has been a cumulative the week at \$89.21 per barrel (pb) increase of 1,325bps. Policymakers have compared to \$88.14pb in the previous affirmed their dedication to maintaining week. Meanwhile, in another this tightening cycle. In February of this development, gold prices remained year, the annual inflation rate reached a steady as investors awaited a crucial US fresh high not seen since 1996, soaring to inflation reading that could influence the 31.7%. This surge was primarily Federal Reserve's (Fed) monetary policy attributed to the ripple effects stemming stance. Geopolitical tensions in Ukraine from the removal of fuel subsidies and the and the Middle East continued to provide support to gold prices. As a result, the price of gold increased by \$42.15 or 1.9% to reach \$2,210.30 per ounce. However,

The bearish sentiment was the dominant silver prices experienced a slight decline

15-Year	18.94	18.93	0				
20-Year	19.28	19.20	8	YTD return (%)	49.87	49.75	0.12
25-Year	18.64	18.79	(14)	YTD return (%)(US \$	) -568.98	-585.73	16.75
30-Year	18.53	18.63	(10)				
				TREASURY BILLS	PMA AUCTIO	N	
			om various sources	Tenor	Amount (N million)	' Rate (%)	Date
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Mkt Cap Gross (N'tr)

Mkt Cap Net (N'tr)

25.02

13.53

24.99

13.53

0.12

0.00

28/3/24

20.15

17.36

7-Year

10-Year

22/3/24

19.81

16.93

34

43

### **Money Market**

Liquidity shrunk in the money market riding on the back of the hawkish stance

Monthly Macro Economic Forecast					
Variables	Feb'24	Mar'24	April'24		
Exchange Rate	1500	1450	1400		
(NAFEX) (N/\$)	1500	1450	1400		
Inflation Rate (%)	30.5	30	29.2		
Crude Oil Price			85		
(US\$/Barrel)	80	82			

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

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