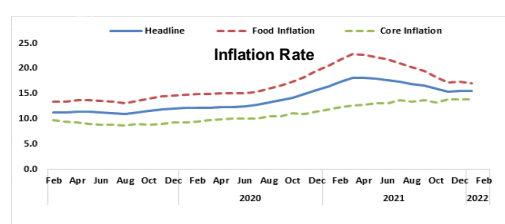
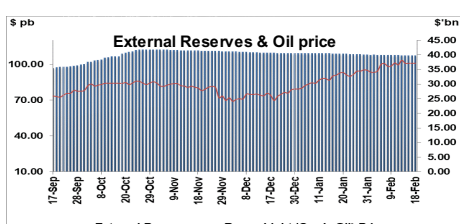
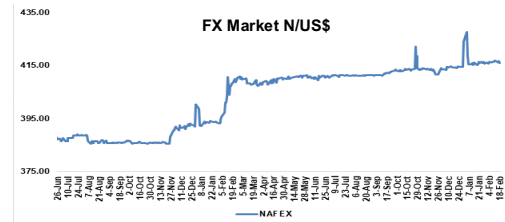
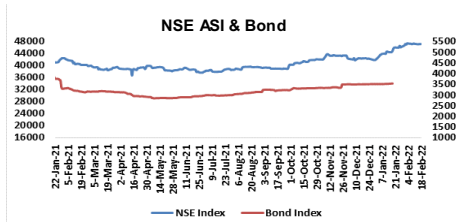


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KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicators	Current Figures	Comments
GDP Growth (%)	3.98	Q4 2021 — lower by 0.05% compared to 4.03% in Q3 2021
Broad Money Supply (N' trillion)	43.95	Rose by 3.15% in December' 2021 from N42.60 trillion in November' 2021
Credit to Private Sector (N' trillion)	35.73	Rose by 0.98% in December' 2021 from N35.38 trillion in November' 2021
Currency in Circulation (N' trillion)	3.33	Rose by 5.61% in December' 2021 from N3.15 trillion in November' 2021
Inflation rate (%) (y-o-y)	15.6	Decreased to 15.6% in January 2022 from 15.63% in December 2021
Monetary Policy Rate (%)	11.5	Adjusted to 11.5% in September 2020 from 12.5%
Interest Rate (Asymmetrical Corridor)	11.5 (+1/-7)	Lending rate changed to 12.5% & Deposit rate 4.5%
External Reserves (US\$ million)	39.78	February 15, 2022 figure — a decrease of 0.52% from February start
Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) (Bonny Light)	100.69	February 15, 2022 figure— a decrease of 0.3% from the prior week
Oil Production mbpd (OPEC)	1.4	January 2022, figure — an increase of 6.15% from November figure



STOCK MARKET

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (%)
	18/2/22	11/2/22	
NSE ASI	47,140.48	47,202.30	(0.13)
Market Cap(N'tr)	25.41	25.44	(0.12)
Volume (bn)	0.42	0.31	36.34
Value (N'bn)	6.52	4.39	48.75

MONEY MARKET

NIBOR			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	18/2/22	11/2/22	
OBB	13.0000	3.3300	967
O/N	14.0000	4.0000	1000
CALL	17.5000	4.0000	1350
30 Days	9.6290	9.5818	5
90 Days	10.8273	10.9073	(8)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

Market	Last Week Rate (N/\$)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (N/\$)	1 Month Ago Rate (N/\$)
	18/2/22	11/2/22	18/1/22
Official (N)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inter-Bank (N)	415.96	416.79	415.78
BDC (N)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parallel (N)	0.00	0.00	0.00

BOND MARKET

AVERAGE YIELDS			
Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	18/2/22	11/2/22	
5-Year	0.00	0.00	0
7-Year	0.00	0.00	0
10-Year	0.00	0.00	0
15-Year	0.00	0.00	0
20-Year	0.00	0.00	0
25-Year	0.00	0.00	0
30-Year	0.00	0.00	0

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Market Analysis and Outlook: February 11, - February 18, 2022

Global Economy

In the UK, annual inflation rate inched up to 5.5% in January 2022, the highest reading since March 1992, from 5.4% in December according to the Office for National Statistics. Prices of housing and utilities made the largest contribution (7.1% vs 6.9%), mainly gas (28.3% vs 28.1%) and electricity (19.2% vs 18.8%); followed by food (4.3% vs 4.2%); clothing and footwear (6.3% vs 4.2%); and furniture and household services (8.4% vs 7.3%). On a monthly basis, consumer prices fell 0.1%, the first decline in a year and compared to forecasts of a 0.2% drop. The Ministry of Finance, Japan revealed that Japan's trade deficit expanded to JPY 2.19 trillion in January 2022 from JPY 327.2 billion in the same month a year earlier. This was the sixth straight month of trade shortfall and the largest figure since January 2014, with imports jumping 39.6% to JPY 8.5 trillion year-on-year, a fresh high amid strong domestic demand and soaring commodity prices. Meanwhile, exports increased at a softer 9.6% to JPY 6.3 trillion.

Secondary Market Intervention Sales (rSMIS) auction as well as the bond auction debit. These outflows led short-dated placements such as Open Repo Rates (OPR) and Overnight (O/N) rates to surge to 13% and 14% from 3.33% and 4% prior week. In the same vein, slightly longer dated instruments like the 30-day Nigerian Interbank Offered Rate (NIBOR) increased as it closed at 9.63% from 9.58%. We expect rates to decline this week following expected Open Market Operations (OMO) maturity.

Foreign exchange

The market remained illiquid as demand continued to outweigh supply at the Investors and Exporters' window. Nevertheless, the naira at the Nigerian Autonomous Foreign Exchange fixing (NAFEX) window gained 83 kobo to close the day at 415.96/\$. The relative stability of the local currency continues to be supported by the apex bank in its push to keep the currency exchange rate stable. This week, we envisage the naira remaining at prevailing levels.

Domestic Economy

Data from the National Bureau of Statistics revealed that Nigeria's GDP advanced by 3.98% year-on-year in Q4 2021, the fifth consecutive quarter of economic expansion, amid the ongoing recovery from the pandemic crisis which hit hard the country's oil sector. The expansion continued to be driven by the non-oil sector (4.73%), with main positive contributions from agriculture (3.58%), trade (5.34%), information and communication (5.03%) and financial services (24.14%). On the other hand, the oil sector shrank 8.06%, reflecting lower oil output as the average daily crude oil production stood at 1.50 million barrels per day, down from 1.57 mbpd in Q3 and 1.56 mbpd a year ago. Despite a recovery in oil prices, Nigeria has struggled to meet its production targets due to operational challenges and insecurity coming from pipeline vandalism. On a quarterly basis, the GDP increased 9.63%, following an 11.07% jump in the third quarter. For full year 2021, Nigeria grew by 3.4%, the fastest expansion since 2014, better than central bank's estimate of 3%. In a separate development, Nigeria's annual inflation rate was recorded at 15.6% in January 2022, little changed from 15.63% in the previous month according to the National Bureau of Statistics. There was a slight deceleration in prices of major component food (17.13% vs 17.37% in December). Meanwhile, inflation was higher for almost all other categories, primarily clothing & footwear (15.4% vs 15.1%); transport (15.1% vs 15%); furnishings (14.6% vs 14.5%); miscellaneous goods & services (14.4% vs 14.1%) and alcoholic beverages & tobacco (14.1% vs 13.7%). The annual core inflation rate, which excludes the prices of agricultural produce, was flat at 13.87% in January.

Commodities

Crude oil prices declined slightly as the prospect of Iranian oil returning to the market outweighed fears of possible supply disruptions from a Russia-Ukraine conflict. Iran watchers opine that a deal to revive the 2015 Iran nuclear deal is taking shape, with a draft accord outlining a sequence of steps that would eventually lead to granting waivers on oil sanctions, and bring about 1 million barrels a day of oil back to the market. Bonny light, Nigeria's benchmark crude dipped by 0.3% to close the week at \$100.69/barrel from \$100.99/barrel posted in the preceding week. In other news, price of precious metals sustained their bullish momentum as investors worried about escalating geopolitical tensions involving the West, Russia, and Ukraine. NATO said it had not seen Russia pulling back troops from Ukraine's borders, while Russian news reported mortars fired in eastern Ukraine. Gold prices rose by 3.44% or \$62.91 to settle at \$1,826.96 per ounce. Also, silver rose by 3.57% or \$0.82 at \$23.77 per ounce. This week, it is expected that oil price will hold in the \$90 to \$100 a barrel range despite the potential return of Iranian oil exports, as geopolitical uncertainties and a tight global market, driven by capacity constraints and demand recovery continue to keep energy prices elevated. On the other hand, the price of precious metals is expected to remain bullish as the obscurity on the Ukrainian border still persists, keeping safe-haven appeal underpinned.

COMMODITIES MARKET

Indicators	18/2/22	1-week Change (%)	YTD Change (%)
Energy			
Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	100.69	(0.30)	56.21
Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu)	4.44	11.56	14.73
Agriculture			
Cocoa (\$/MT)	2658.00	(4.77)	37.29
Coffee (\$/lb.)	246.10	(3.74)	89.02
Cotton (\$/lb.)	120.07	(2.67)	54.93
Sugar (\$/lb.)	17.85	(0.06)	16.44
Wheat (\$/bu.)	801.75	2.20	84.95
Metals			
Gold (\$/t oz.)	1889.87	3.44	43.44
Silver (\$/t oz.)	23.77	3.57	38.28
Copper (\$/lb.)	454.75	(0.41)	38.73

NIGERIA INTERBANK TREASURY BILLS TRUE YIELDS

Tenor	Last Week Rate (%)	2 Weeks Ago Rate (%)	Change (Basis Point)
	18/2/22	11/2/22	
1 Mnth	2.66	2.71	(6)
3 Mnths	3.32	4.37	(105)
6 Mnths	4.03	5.09	(106)
9 Mnths	4.57	5.09	(51)
12 Mnths	5.21	5.77	(55)

ACCESS BANK NIGERIAN GOV'T BOND INDEX

Indicators	Last Week	2 Weeks Ago	Change (Basis Point)
	18/2/22	11/2/22	
Index	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mkt Cap Gross (N'tr)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mkt Cap Net (N'tr)	0.00	0.00	0.00
YTD return (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00
YTD return (%) (US \$)	0.00	0.00	0.00

TREASURY BILLS PMA AUCTION

Tenor	Amount (N' million)	N' Rate (%)	Date
91 Day	1,911.90	2.48	9-Feb-2022
182 Day	1,820.09	3.3	9-Feb-2022
364 Day	211,227.30	5.2	29-Feb-2022

Money Market

The direction of money market rates trended upwards for the week ended February 18th 2022 due to outflows from the bi-weekly retail

Monthly Macro Economic Forecast

Variables	Feb'22	Mar'22	Apr'22
Exchange Rate (NAFEX) (N/\$)	415	416	417
Inflation Rate (%)	15.04	14.97	14.64
Crude Oil Price (US\$/Barrel)	95	92	94

Sources: CBN, Financial Market Dealers Quotation, NSE, NBS, Energy Information Agency, Oilprice, Bloomberg and Access Bank Economic Intelligence Group computation.
* Crude oil (Bonny Light) is as at the previous day.

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