Global Economy

In the United States, the goods and services deficit recorded in February was $46.6 billion, recently released data by Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) showed. According to BEA, this was lower than $48.2 billion deficit recorded in January. A breakdown also showed exports increased by 0.2% to $132.9 billion, boosted by rise in car shipment and textile exports. Exports of goods rose to $128.5 billion from $128.3 billion and exports of services climbed to $13.3 billion from $13.2 billion. The services deficit decreased to $4.7 billion from $5.3 billion. Government surplus increased to $29 billion from $26.1 billion.

Market Analysis and Outlook: Apr 07 - Apr 14, 2017

Money Market

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Foreign Exchange Market

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Outside Investors (OIS) rate declined to 0.9% from 1.2% the previous week.

The Local bourse closed on a positive note last week with the major market indicators trending upwards. The All-Share Index (ASI) gained 230.18 points to close at 23,146.52 points from 25,516.34 points the previous week, representing 0.9% increase. Similarly, market capitalization gained 0.9% to close at N8.91 trillion from N8.83 trillion the previous week. The positive performance may be attributed to gains stock in the consumer goods sector and financial services sector. This week, we envisage the upward momentum in the market would be sustained, buoyed by positive investor sentiment following the impression made by the full year results released by highly capitalized companies.

Stock Market

Commodity Market

Brent crude gained 79 cents, or 1.5%, to settle at $49.98 a barrel Wednesday, as US Energy Information Administration reported that crude oil inventories fell 5.9 million barrels, or 1.8%, to 313.2 million barrels last week.

Bond Market

The 6-year treasury bills yield fell to 16.45% from 16.46% the previous week. In contrast, the 3-month treasury bills yield fell to 1.84% from 1.85% the previous week.

CMT May 2017 yield declined to 16.45% from 16.42% the previous week.

March 2017 yield fell to 16.45% from 16.43% the previous week.

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