Global Economy

In the U.S, Q1 2018 GDP growth rate was revised to 2.0% according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis. This contraction from the earlier estimate (2.3%) is due to a slower than expected increase in personal consumption expenditures and services which grew at 0.1%, 1.8% and 4.2% respectively as opposed to 0.7%, 2.1% and 4.8% in that order while fixed investments rose faster at 1.0% from the previous month in inventories, structures and intellectual property included higher. Elsewhere in the Eurozone, inflation rose to a 1.9 year high in March from 1.5% in February driven by energy (6.1%) with 2.6% in April, followed by food, alcohol & tobacco (2.6% compared with 2.4% in April, then services and non-energy industrial goods. In another development, Japan’s Statistics Agency reported that the unemployment rate stood at 2.5% in April 2018. This signifies a year-on-year decline in unemployment rate from 2.8% in April 2017. Employment declined to 66.9% million, a decrease by 10.2% compared with the previous month’s labor force of 68.6 million.

Local Economy

Total transactions at the nations’ bureau slumped in the month of April 2018 by 22.1% to N32.3 billion from N42.48 billion recorded in March 2018. This information was disclosed by the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) in its monthly Domestic & Foreign Portfolio Investment report for the month of April 2018. According to the report, total foreign transactions likewise fell by 7.32% to N12.23 billion from N12.21 billion month on month. Total transactions in the month under review declined in the month under review. According to the report, the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) in its monthly Domestic & Foreign Portfolio Investment report for the month of April 2018. According to the report, total foreign transactions likewise fell by 7.32% to N12.23 billion from N12.21 billion month on month. Total transactions in the month under review declined in the month under review.

Bond Market

Bond yields closed on a bullish note for the week driven by local client demand as a result of expected expansion in the market which will strengthen U.S. dollar. Speculated interest rate hike this month and war emerging from U.S. tariff decision and next week as a result of fears of global trade war, which will strengthen U.S. dollar. Speculated interest rate hike this month and war emerging from U.S. tariff decision and next week as a result of fears of global trade war. Oil prices may trend higher at $1,298.02 per ounce from $1306.05 per barrel due to sustained CBN interventions in the retail segment of the market.

Commodities Market

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Stock Market

The Nigerian Stock Market continued descending in the week ended June 1, 2018. This drop was due to sustained sell-offs that happened in the week. The All Share Index (ASI) fell by 2,507.33 points or 6.4% to settle at 36,816.29 points from 39,323.62 points the preceding week. Simultaneously, market capitalization declined by 6.4% to N14.24 trillion from N15.24 trillion the previous week. Stocks in the industrial goods and consumer goods sectors led to the plunge witnessed in the market. Ardoiu Industries, Dangote Cement and Nigerian Breweries are some of the stocks that witnessed severe losses. Despite the sell-offs, buying momentum is anticipated this week as investors position for short-term gains.

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