Global Economy
In the US, the Bureau of Economic Analysis released its second report on gross domestic product growth for the third quarter of 2018, confirming a preliminary release in October. The economy grew at an annual rate of 3.5% from July through the end of September. This marked a decrease from 4.2% in the preceding quarter as upward revisions to non-residential fixed investment and private inventory investment unwound by a downward revision to consumer spending and a higher drag from net trade. According to the report, gross domestic product expanded by 4.0% in the second quarter versus 3.0% in the first quarter.

Money Market Rates
Inched higher at the money market in the week ended November 30, 2018 as market liquidity declined owing to the Retail Money Market Intervention Sales (RMMIS), Open Market Operation (OMO) auction & wholesale SMS that occurred in the week. According to the Monetary Policy Meeting report, open market operations over N600 billion placements such as Open Buy Back (OBB) and Other Money Market Placements (OMMP) increased to 17.36% from 5.83% and 6.58% respectively in the previous week. Longer dated placements also saw an uptick in rates. The 30-day and 90-day LIBOR settled at 13.85% and 13.94% in the previous week, this week, rates may trend lower emanating from the aftermath of Federal Accounts Allocation Committee (FAAC) disbursement that is expected to hit the system.

Foreign Exchange Market
The local currency witnessed mixed signals across all markets last week. The demand for the local currency shed N6 to settle at N370/$. This week, we anticipate depreciation at all the markets segments reflecting dollar shortage occasioned by rising demand for the greenback.

Bond Market
Bond orders saw some last week. This was a spillover from the increase in rates by 25 basis points at the OMO auction carried out at the end of the week. In the foreign and twenty- year debt paper market, yields settled at 15.27% and 15.73% for N306/363/$ from N306/373.75/$ the previous week. At the official window, interest rates remain at 15.0% and 16.0% for 364 day and 182 day respectively at N370/$. This week, we anticipate bearish sentiments as participants remain cautious about yield levels.

Commodities
Oil prices dipped last week, weighed down by uncertainty over the US-China trade war and signs of increased global crude production. The OPEC Reference Basket (ORB) ended $5.99 lower at $58.09 per barrel. In a similar vein, precious metals prices retraced amid expectations of another interest rate hike this year. US Fed meeting minutes last week showed the central bank is expecting to hike interest rates but did not offer a timeline. Risks in interest rates reduce demand for safe haven assets like precious metals, which do not generate regular payments the way other investments, like bonds, do. Gold slipped 0.9% to $1,211.41 per ounce, while silver shed 0.6% to $16.14 per ounce. This is the direction of oil prices will largely take a cue from the direction of the outcome of the upcoming OPEC meeting. For precious metals, prices will be largely influenced by development at the G20 meeting where U.S. and Chinese leaders are scheduled to discuss trade matters after months of tensions.

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**Key Macro Economic Indicators**

**O&D Growth (%)**
1.00  Q2 2018 — lower by 0.4% compared to 1.56% in Q1 2018

**Credit to Private Sector (Ntrillion)**
22.72  Increased by 0.7% in Oct 2018 from N22.65 trillion in Sep 2018

**Currency in Circulation (Ntrillion)**
3.67  increased by 1.5% in Oct 2018 from N3.65 trillion in Sep 2018

**Inflation Rate (CPI)**
11.26  Declined to 11.26% in October 2018 from 11.29% in September 2018

**Monetary Policy Rate (%)**
13.00  Raised to 13.00% in July '2016 from 12.00%

**GDP Growth (%)**
1.50  Q2 2018 — lower by 0.45% compared to 1.95% in Q1 2018

Sources: CBN, Financial Market Dealers Association of Nigeria, NSE and Access Bank Economic Intelligence Group computation.