

## MARKET COMMENTARY

## **Money Market**

Opening System liquidity increased to c. ₹382.74 billion long, compared with the opening balance of ₹18.11 billion long, recorded yesterday. Consequently, the Open Repo Rate (OPR) and Overnight Rate (O/N) declined to 11.00 and 11.50% respectively. : We expect the interbank rates to cling to similar levels tomorrow, barring any significant flows.

# **Treasury Bills**

The buyside interest lingered in the NTB market, as investors demanded for short-dated papers amid a potential announcement of a hike in monetary policy rate by the MPC and the NTB auction slated for tomorrow. The long end of the curve also witnessed buy interest, but not aggressively. Overall, the average mid-rate closed c.20bps lower to settle at 5.38%. We expect a quiet session tomorrow, as focus tilts to the MPC meeting and NTB auction where c.N180bn will be offered across the usual tenors.

### **FGN Bonds**

The FGN bonds market endured a mixed to bullish theme with most of the interest skewed to 2026, 2028, 2032, 2042 and 2050 papers. However, the executed trades were few and far between. Thus, the average mid-yield dipped by c.18bps to settle at 13.89%. We anticipate this trend to persist tomorrow, barring any major catalyst.

### **Eurobonds**

The Eurobonds space sustained its bullish affair, with sizeable demand recorded across Nigeria and Angola. On the one hand, Ghana and Egypt endured a mixed theme amid the recent hold stance taken by the monetary policy authorities of both countries.

In other news, Nigeria hopes that the operations of the recently commissioned giant Dangote refinery, will help eliminate a \$26 billion foreign-exchange bill on the import of petroleum products and fertilizer

We expect the buyside activity to linger tomorrow. .

# Benchmark Bond Yields

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GDP (Q4 2022)	+3.52% (Q3 2022: +2.25% y/y)		
Inflation	22.22% (Mar'23: 22.04%)		
External Reserve (US\$'billion)	35.20 (-5.08% YTD)		
Monetary Policy Rate	18.00%		
Cash Reserve Requirement (CRR)	32.50%		
Brent Crude Price US\$/bbl	*76.25(+0.34% d/d)		
Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital			

Benchmark T-Bills Discount Rates				
	23-May-23	22-May-23	Change in Rates	
16 days	5.50%	5.50%	(0.00%)	
170 days	6.00%	6.00%	(0.00%)	
324 days	7.90%	7.90%	(0.00%)	
Source: FM DQ DQL for 23 M ay 2023				

Benchmark FGN Bond Yields				
	23-May-23	22-May-23	Change in Yield	
5 yrs: 16.2884% 17-Mar-2027	12.55%	12.45%	(0.10%)	
10 yrs: 12.50% 27-Apr-2032	14.90%	14.90%	(0.00%)	
20 yrs: 13.00% 21-Jan-2042	15.50%	15.55%	+0.05%	
30 yrs: 12.98% 27-Mar-2050	15.77%	15.77%	(0.00%)	
Source: FM DQ DQL for 23 May 2023				

Benchmark FGN Eurobond Yields				
	23-May-23	22-May-23	Change in Yield	
1 yr: NGERIA 6 3/8 07/12/23	6.98%	6.97%	(0.01%)	
5 yrs: NGERIA 6 1/2 11/28/27	11.39%	11.67%	+0.28%	
10 yrs: NGERIA 7.875 02/16/32	12.20%	12.40%	+0.20%	
15 yrs: NGERIA 7.696 23/02/38	12.42%	12.57%	+0.15%	
30 yrs: NGERIA 9.248 01/21/49	12.56%	12.65%	+0.09%	
7.125% ECOTRAN 16/02/26	13.98%	13.97%	(0.01%)	
Source: FBN UK Runs for 23 May 2023				



## **Nigerian Equities**

The Nigerian equity market closed on a bullish note, as the Nigerian Stock Exchange All Share Index (NGX ASI) gained c.0.48% to close at 52,621.19 points, while year-to-date return settled at c 2.67%. Observably, buying interest in ZENITHBANK (0.55%), and GTCO (0.55%) drove the positive

The NGX Banking, Industrial Goods, Consumer Goods and Oil & Gas Indices all appreciated in value by 1.55%, 0.02%. 0.35% and 0.04%.respectively. UBA led the volume charts today with c. 62.45million units, while ZENITHBANK led the value charts today with c. ₹ 1.58 billion

We expect the market to extend its bullish posture tomorrow.

## Foreign Exchange

FMDQ's Nigerian Autonomous Foreign Exchange Fixing (NAFEX) rate depreciated to ₹464.42/US\$1.00 from ₹463.50/US\$1.00 recorded last week. We expect the NAFEX rate to hover at similar levels tomorrow.

## **Commodities**

Oil prices rose further on Tuesday, with investors expecting a tighter market due to seasonal increases in gasoline demand and production curbs from OPEC+ countries, however concerns about a U.S. debt default limited gain. As of report time, Brent oil prices appreciated by c. 0.34% to \$76.25pb, dayon-day, while WTI appreciated by c 0.36% day-on-day to settle at US\$72,31pb. However, Spot Gold depreciated by c. 0.66% day-on-day to close at US\$1,964.20 per ounce as of report time. We expect Oil Prices to rise due to increase in demand for gasoline and tighter supplies.

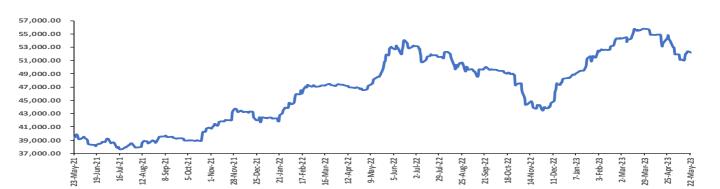
AIICO Money Market Fund (AMMF)	
Net Yield (As at 22nd May 2023)	12.7484%
Added Benefit	Personal accident insurance cover

Top 5 Equity Advancers					
Name (Symbol)	Closing Price	Gain(N)	% Change		
TRANSCORP	2.64	0.26	9.85%		
TRIPPLEG	2.95	0.29	9.83%		
UNILEVER	13.40	1.30	9.70%		
UPL	1.87	0.18	9.63%		
CHAMS	0.32	0.03	9.37%		
Source: NCV AUCO Conital					

Top 5 Equity Decliners					
Name (Symbol)	Closing Price	Loss(N)	% Change		
CHELLARAM	1.63	-0.18	-9.94%		
SUNUASSUR	0.48	-0.05	-9.43%		
CILEASING	3.20	-0.31	-8.83%		
JAPAULGOLD	0.33	-0.02	-5.71%		
CADBURY	16.40	-0.95	-5.48%		
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital					

		W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	<b>1</b> 0.48%	<b>1</b> 0.39%	<b>1</b> 0.42%	<b>2</b> .67%
NSE Banking Index	<b>1</b> .55%	<b>4</b> .28%	<b>9.81%</b>	<b>1</b> 5.22%
NSE Insurance Index	<b>-</b> 0.01%	<b>4</b> .79%	<b>1</b> 1.22%	<b>17.61%</b>
NSE Industrial Goods Index	<b>1</b> 0.02%	<b>-</b> 0.08%	-3.27%	-1.50%
NSE Consumer Goods Index	<b>1</b> 0.35%	<b>1.72%</b>	<b>1.55%</b>	<b>1</b> 29.44%
NSE Oil & Gas Index	<b>1</b> 0.04%	<b>-</b> 1.55%	<b>1</b> 8.06%	<b>1</b> 7.35%

# **NSE All Share Index**



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