

MARKET COMMENTARY

Money Market

Opening system liquidity improved to ₹640.08 billion, compared with ₹339.72 billion, recorded yesterday. As a result, the Open Repo Rate (OPR) increased by 8bps to 2.58%, while the Overnight Rate (O/N) declined by 10bps to 3.00%.

Outlook: We expect interbank rates to hover at similar levels tomorrow.

Treasury Bills

The treasury bills market closed on a bearish note today, as yield improved on several papers, given the less aggressive demand and possibility of an OMO auction later this week. As a result, the average mid-yield nudged up by 28bps to 8.06%.

Outlook: We expect a similar trend tomorrow.

FGN Bonds

The Eurobonds market closed on a bearish note across the African curves, amid fresh reports of a military coup in Gabon and weakened US economic data. For context, the US GDP grew at 2.1% in Q2'2023 below 2.4% estimate, while ADP employment data showed that 177k jobs were added in August, lower than market forecast of 195k jobs. Thus, the average yield surged by 12bps to 10.92%.

Outlook: The PCE Price Index, amongst other economic data on our watch, should drive activity tomorrow.

Eurobonds

Cash Reserve Requirement (CRR)

Brent Crude Price US\$/bbl

Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital

The Eurobonds market resumed fully today, with positive performance across the curve of Africa's papers. Meanwhile. the US Job opening data fell below expectation at 8.82 million in July, from 9.58 million in June. Average yield scored 10.80% at the end of today's session, implying a contraction of 10bps.

Outlook: The US ADP Employment data and GDP is expected to dictate market activity tomorrow, in the absence of any other major market-moving even.

32.50%

*84.47 (+0.06% d/d)

| Date | Sys. Liq. (₹'bn) | | Diff. |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 30-Aug-23 | 640.08 | | 1 300.36 |
| 29-Aug-23 | 339.72 | | 1500.50 |
| Source: CBN | | | |
| AlICO Money Market Fund (AMM | IF) | | |
| Net Yield (As at 28th August 2 | 2023 | 11.6418% | |
| Added Benefit | | Personal accident insura | nce cover |
| Macro Indicators | | | |
| GDP (Q1 2023) | | +2.31% (Q4 2022: | +3.52% y/y) |
| Inflation | | 24.08% (May'2 | 3:22.41%) |
| External Reserve (US\$'billion) | | 33.68 (| -9.17% YTD) |
| Monetary Policy Rate | | | 18.75% |

| Benchmark T-Bills Discount Rates | 30-Aug-23 | 29-Aug-23 | Change in Rates |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| 71 days | 3.50% | 3.94% | +0.44% |
| 162 days | 6.38% | 6.38% | (0.00%) |
| 316 days | 10.50% | 10.50% | (0.00%) |
| Source: FM DQ DQL for 30 August 2023 | | | |

| Benchmark FGN Bond Yields | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| | 30-Aug-23 | 29-Aug-23 | Change in Yield |
| 5 yrs: 16.2884% 17-Mar-2027 | 13.05% | 13.05% | (0.00%) |
| 10 yrs: 12.50% 27-Apr-2032 | 14.61% | 14.61% | (0.00%) |
| 20 yrs: 13.00% 21-Jan-2042 | 15.04% | 15.04% | (0.00%) |
| 30 yrs: 12.98% 27-Mar-2050 | 15.40% | 15.40% | (0.00%) |
| Source: FM DQ DQL for 30 August 2023 | | | |

| Benchmark FGN Eurobond Yields | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------------------|--|
| | 30-Aug-23 | 29-Aug-23 | Change in Yield | |
| 5 yrs: NGERIA 6 1/2 11/28/27 | 10.28% | 10.08% | (0.20%) | |
| 10 yrs: NGERIA 7.875 02/16/32 | 10.99% | 10.86% | (0.13%) | |
| 15 yrs: NGERIA 7.696 23/02/38 | 11.27% | 11.12% | (0.15%) | |
| 30 yrs: NGERIA 9.248 01/21/49 | 11.42% | 11.34% | (0.08%) | |
| 7.125% ECOTRAN 16/02/26 | 12.13% | 12.19% | +0.06% | |
| Source: FBN UK Runs for 30 August 2023 | | | | |



Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian's bourse closed on a bearish note, as the NGX ASI decreased by c.0.08%, to settle at 66,439.53 points, while year-to-date return settled at c.29.64%. Selling interests in TRANSCORP (-0.70%), and ACCESSCORP (-0.05) drove the negative performance today.

The NGX Banking and Oil& Gas Indices depreciated by 0.64% and 0.02% respectively. While the Consumer Goods and Industrial Goods Indices appreciated by 0.32% and 0.11% respectively. TRANSCORP led both the volume charts and the value charts with 292.41 million units and \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{2}.15 billion, respectively.

Outlook: We expect the bearish sentiment to linger tomorrow.

Foreign Exchange

FMDQ's I & E rate appreciated to \$/₹738.18, compared with \$/₹772.92 recorded yesterday.

Outlook: We expect rates to remain volatile in the interim.

Commodities

Oil prices rose further on Wednesday after data showed a significant draw in oil stocks in the United States, the world's largest fuel user, and as a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico put investors on edge. Brent oil prices appreciated by c.0.61% to \$86.01pb, day-on-day, while WTI appreciated by c. 0.74% day-on-day to settle at US\$81.76pb. Spot Gold appreciated by c.0.03% day-on-day to close at US\$1,965.60 per ounce as of report time.

Outlook: We expect oil prices to climb as the United States stockpiles deplete.

| Top 5 Equity Advancers | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------|---|----------|--|
| Name (Symbol) | Closing Price | Gain(N) | | % Change | |
| CHIPLC | 1.10 | 0.10 | Ŧ | 10.00% | |
| CAPHOTEL | 2.75 | 0.25 | 4 | 10.00% | |
| UPL | 2.36 | 0.21 | Ŧ | 9.77% | |
| CHAMPION | 3.50 | 0.31 | 1 | 9.72% | |
| THOMASWY | 2.17 | 0.19 | P | 9.60% | |
| Source: NGX. AIICO Capital | | | | | |

| Top 5 Equity Decliners | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------|----------|--|--|
| Name (Symbol) | Closing Price | Loss(N) | % Change | | |
| TRANSCORP | 6.31 | -0.70 | -9.99% | | |
| CWG | 3.65 | -0.40 | -9.88% | | |
| IKEJAHOTEL | 2.84 | -0.31 | -9.84% | | |
| FTNCOCOA | 2.04 | -0.18 | -8.11% | | |
| RTBRISCOE | 0.42 | -0.03 | -6.67% | | |
| Source: NGX, AIICO Capital | | | | | |

| | | W-o-W | MTD | YTD |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| NGX ASI | - 0.08% | 1.45 % | 1 3.27% | 1 29.64% |
| NSE Banking Index | - 0.64% | ↓ -1.61% | ↓ -3.89% | 54.29% |
| NSE Insurance Index | 1.46 % | -0.59% | 1 3.47% | 54.73% |
| NSE Industrial Goods Index | 1 0.11% | 1 0.29% | 1 0.58% | 19.04% |
| NSE Consumer Goods Index | 1 0.32% | 1 9.87% | 1 25.94% | 82.57% |
| NSE Oil & Gas Index | - 0.02% | - 9.25% | ↓ -4.28% | 9 2.78% |

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