

Daily Financial Market Update

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MARKET COMMENTARY

Money Market

Opening system liquidity plunged further into the negative region at $-\text{₦}1,010.82$ billion, from $-\text{₦}903.91$ billion reported last week Friday. Consequently, the Open Repo Rate (OPR) and Overnight Rate (O/N) increased by 50 bps and 71 bps to 29.89% and 30.96%, respectively.

Outlook: We expect interbank rates to stay elevated tomorrow.

Treasury Bills

Ahead of the NTB auction later this week, the treasury bills market traded mixed to bullish, with minimal buying observed at the long end of the curve while slight selling interests were seen at the short end of the curve. Nevertheless, market closed relatively flat, as average mid-rate lost 0.1bps to 19.549%, from 19.550% at the end of last week.

Outlook: We expect a similar session tomorrow.

FGN Bonds

The FGN local bonds market also started the session in a similar trajectory, with minimal activity on selected papers, including 2026, 2027, 2034, and 2042 papers. At the end of the session, market settled bullish, as the average mid-yield fell by 2bps to 18.68% from 18.70% last week Friday.

Outlook: We expect the same trend to resurface tomorrow.

Eurobonds

The week began positively in the Eurobond market, marked by a surge in bullish sentiments spanning across the SSA and North African regions. This upbeat mood observed in Nigerian bonds was supported by the announcement from the Nigerian Minister of Finance regarding the \$2.25 billion loan secured with the World Bank. As a result, the average mid-yield on Nigerian Eurobonds dipped by 20 bps, closing at 9.64%.

Outlook: Tomorrow's session could be impacted by the S&P flash US services and manufacturing PMI.

AiICO Money Market Fund (AMMF)

(As of 19th April 2024) 15.3789%

Date	Sys. Liq. (₦'bn)	Diff.
22-Apr-24	-1,010.82	
19-Apr-24	-903.91	↓ (106.91)

Source: CBN

Macro Indicators

GDP (Q4 2023)	+3.46% (Q3: 2023 +2.54% y/y)
Inflation (March'2024)	33.20% (Feb'24: 31.70%)
External Reserve (US\$'billion)	32.11 (+2.44% YTD)
Monetary Policy Rate	24.75%
Cash Reserve Requirement (CRR)	45.00%
Brent Crude Price US\$/bbl	*86.76 (-0.61 d/d)

Source: NBS, CBN, AiICO Capital

Benchmark T-Bills Discount Rates

	22-Apr-24	19-Apr-24	Change in Rates
94 days	23.35%	23.35%	→ 0.00%
185 days	22.40%	22.40%	→ 0.00%
339 days	21.35%	21.00%	↑ 0.35%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 22 April 2024

Benchmark FGN Bond Yields

	22-Apr-24	19-Apr-24	Change in Yield
5 yrs: 16.2884% 17-Mar-2027	18.57%	18.56%	↑ 0.01%
10 yrs: 12.50% 27-Apr-2032	19.81%	19.80%	↑ 0.01%
20 yrs: 13.00% 21-Jan-2042	18.69%	18.69%	→ 0.00%
30 yrs: 12.98% 27-Mar-2050	18.33%	18.33%	→ 0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 22 April 2024

Benchmark FGN Eurobond Yields

	22-Apr-24	19-Apr-24	Change in Yield
5 yrs: NGERIA 6 1/2 11/28/27	8.55%	8.68%	↓ -0.13%
10 yrs: NGERIA 7.875 02/16/32	9.90%	10.03%	↓ -0.13%
15 yrs: NGERIA 7.696 23/02/38	10.36%	10.47%	↓ -0.11%
30 yrs: NGERIA 9.248 01/21/49	10.31%	10.44%	↓ -0.13%
7.125% ECOTRAN 16/02/26*	9.49%	9.49%	→ 0.00%

Source: ZENITH UK Runs for 22 April 2024

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian Equity market closed bullish in today's reading session, with as the All-Share Index gained 0.05% to settle at 99,586.57 points. The bullish bias was driven by the partial rebound in the banking sector. Also, the year-to-date return and market capitalization settled at 33.18% and ₦56.32 trillion, respectively.

The Banking and Industrial Indices appreciated by 1.27% and 0.06%, while consumer goods index declined by 0.01%. GTCO led both the total volume charts with 50.16 million units and total value chart with ₦1.77 billion in value.

Outlook: *The expect a mixed sentiment tomorrow.*

Foreign Exchange

FMDQ's Nigeria's Autonomous Foreign Exchange (NAFEM) depreciated by ₦64.50 (or 5.51%) to \$/₦1,234.49 compared to \$/₦1,169.99 recorded last week Friday.

Outlook: *We expect volatility to linger.*

Commodities

Crude oil prices edged lower today after Iran said it will not escalate the conflict with Israel. Brent crude lost by 0.61% to \$86.76 per barrel, while WTI declined by 0.17% fell by \$83.00 per barrel. In similar fashion, the price of gold fell by 2.56% to \$2,352.60 per ounce.

Outlook: *We expect the volatility to persist.*

Top 5 Equity Advancers			
Name (Symbol)	Closing Price	Gain(N)	% Change
JAPAULGOLD	1.83	0.16	↑ 9.58%
GTCO	36.70	3.20	↑ 9.55%
FTNCOCOA	1.49	0.12	↑ 8.76%
UNIVINSURE	0.38	0.03	↑ 8.57%
RTBRISCOE	0.64	0.05	↑ 8.47%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

Top 5 Equity Decliners			
Name (Symbol)	Closing Price	Loss(N)	% Change
TIP	1.80	-0.20	↓ -10.00%
PRESTIGE	0.55	-0.06	↓ -9.84%
OMATEK	0.76	-0.08	↓ -9.52%
VITAFOAM	17.15	-1.75	↓ -9.26%
LEARNAFRCA	3.00	-0.30	↓ -9.09%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↑ 0.05%	↓ -3.36%	↓ -4.76%	↑ 33.18%
NSE Banking Index	↑ 1.27%	↓ -14.53%	↓ -22.41%	↓ -10.96%
NSE Insurance Index	↑ 0.46%	↓ -4.74%	↓ -5.56%	↑ 19.19%
NSE Industrial Goods Index	↑ 0.06%	↓ -2.88%	↓ -3.14%	↑ 72.89%
NSE Consumer Goods Index	↓ -0.01%	↓ -2.02%	↓ -1.36%	↑ 41.70%
NSE Oil & Gas Index	→ 0.00%	↓ -0.28%	↓ -0.28%	↑ 23.75%

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