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# Weekly Commentary & Stock recommendation

... for the week 03 August - 07 August 2020



#### **Global Economy**

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#### **Domestic Economy**

For companies with December accounting year, the FIRS extended the July 31st deadline by an additional week for these companies to file their 2020 annual tax returns. Meanwhile, the Federal government received financing from African Development Bank (AfDB) for the Nigeria Electrification Project (NEP), in a bid to support its goal of increasing electricity access across the country. Accordingly, part of the loan would be channeled towards training beneficiaries on productive use of energy under NEP. Elsewhere, Petroleum Products Marketing Company, PPMC, a subsidiary of the NNPC raised the retail pump price for petrol to N138.6, effective from 5th of August 2020. In addition, Kerosene would be sold for N160 at depots and diesel, which is set at N160 per litre in Lagos while at the Oghara depots it would be sold at N165 per litre.

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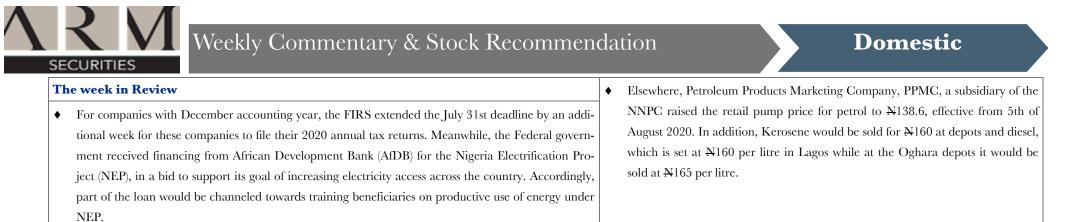
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<b>Global Fixed I</b>	ncome					Global Currence	ies			
-	1-Yr	WoW	10-yr	WoW	Inflation		This Week	Prior	<b>WoW</b> (%)	YTD
TIC	Tenor	(pps)	Tenor	$(\mathbf{pps})$	(%)	E (C)	1.0	Week	0.0	(%)
US	0.12		0.56	-0.3	0.6	Euro (€)	1.2	1.2	0.0	5.1
UK	A Real T	in <i>i</i> a n <i>i</i>	0.01	-0.4	0.6	GBP (f)	1.3	1.3	-0.3	-1.6
Euro	-0.42	-0.7	-0.22	2.2	0.4	JPY (¥)	105.9	105.8	-0.1	2.5
Japan	A Real T	N/A N/	-0.11	-0.1	0	INR (?)	74.9	74.8	-0.2	-4.7
China	2.42	1.5	3.08	0.7	2.5	CNY (¥)	7.0	7.0	0.1	-0.1
India	3.46	0.0	5.84	0.0	5.06	MXN (\$)	22.4	22.3	-0.5	-15.5
Mexico	4.54	-0.3	5.42	-0.2	3.62	RUB (p.)	73.8	74.1	0.5	-16.0
Turkey	21.27	1.5	13.85	-6.5	11.76	ZAR (R)	17.6	17.1	-3.1	-20.5
Russia	4.19	0.6	1.92	-0.8	3.4	EGP (f)	16.0	16.0	0.0	0.4
Egypt	13.69	0.88	14.38	0.70	5.6	KES (sh)	108.0	107.8	-0.3	-6.2
South Africa	4.12	-4.2	9.19	0.1	2.2	GHS (?	5.8	5.8	-0.2	-1.1
Kenya	7.46	0.9	12.42	3.0	4.4	XOF (?)	555.1	557.4	0.4	5.4
Ghana	17.90	N/AN/	19.00	0.0	11.2	XAF (?)	556.9	556.0	-0.2	5.2
Nigeria	3.40	1.5	7.69	-1.9	12.6	NGN (?)	386.2	389.1	0.8	-6.1
Global Comm	odities					<b>Global Indicato</b>	rs for the Week			
		This	Prior	WoW	YTD			Latest	Prior	
		Week	Week	(%)	(%)			Latest	FHOF	
Brent Crude	\$ <i>i</i> bbl	44.6	43.3	2.9	-32.5	EU Producer Pri	ce Index (YoY) - June	-3.7%	-5.0%	
OPEC Crude	\$ <i>i</i> bbl	45.2	43.0	5.0	-33.5	EU Retail Sales	(YoY) - June	1.3%	-3.1%	
Gasoline	\$/gal	121.1	117.1	3.4	-32.1	US Trade Baland	ce - June	\$-50.7B	\$-54.8B	
Natural Gas	\$∕MBtu	2.2	1.8	24.1	-3.4	China Trade Bal	ance USD - July	\$62.33B	46.42B	
Gold	\$⁄t oz	2027.5	1975.9	2.6	33.6	Brazil Interest R	ate Decision	2.0%	2.3%	
Sugar	\$/Ь	12.7	12.6	0.0	-8.7	JP Overall House	ehold Spend (YoY) -July	-1.2%	-16.2%	
Wheat	\$∕bsh	495.5	531.3	-6.7	-12.9	US Unemployment Rate - July 10.2% 11.1%				
Crude Palm oil	MYR/MT	2758.0	2677.0	0.0		Brazil Unemploy	ment Rate - June	13.3%	12.9%	
						** means Prelimina	ary Estimate			



Currency	This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)	<b>YTD</b> (%)	
External Reserve (\$'bn)	35.71	35.92	-0.58%	-7.49%	Report released this week (Click Link below for Full report) Nestle Nigeria Q2 20 - Flattish revenue and elevated cost drag earnings
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<u>USD/NGN (₩/\$)</u>	_				FBN Holdings Plc H1 2020 - Inherent pressures persist
NAFEX	386	390	1.04%	-5.44%	NB Q2 20 - Sharp earnings decline, outlook remains bleak
Parallel	471.0	471.5	0.11%	-23.57%	FCMB H1 2020 - Modest result, seems fairly valued
Economic Snapshot	Latest (%)	Prior	CHG (pps)	2020 Avg.	
			CHG		
Inflation YoY (April)			( <b>pps</b> )		
Headline	12.56	12.34	0.22	12.31	
Core	10.13	10.12	0.01	9.79	
Food	15.18	15.04	0.14	15	
GDP (%) - YoY	Q1 20	Q4 19	Q3 19	FY19	
Real GDP	1.87	2.55	2.3	2.3	
Oil	5.1	6.4	6.5	4.6	News Headline for the week (click news for link)
Agriculture	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	*Marketers stockpile petrol, August price may hit N150/litre
Manufacturing	0.4	1.2	1.1	0.8	*International flights to resume in weeks -FG
Services	3.5	4	3.5	3.4	*MTN to exit Middle East, focus on Africa
Labor Data (%) - Q3 18			Latest	Prior	*Currency in circulation rises to N2.39tn
Unemployment Rate			23.1	18.8	*Banks owe telcos N17bn for USSD access -NCC
Underemployment			20.1	21.2	*Trade to drive growth in August – CBN survey
Capital Importation (\$'mn)	Q4 19	Q3 19	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	*Shoprite welcomes local investors
Foreign Portfolio Investment - Equities	353.65	358.19	-1.3%	62.0%	*Nigeria's oil projects threatened as IOCs suffer \$27.8bn loss
Bonds	47.36	91.60	-48.3%	-96.0%	*OPEC braces for dwindling demand
Money Market	1482.57	2549.71	-41.9%	50.8%	*MTN prepares to sell stake in Jumia
Foreign Direct Investment	257.25	206.58	24.53%	-6.2%	*Lagos slashes land use charge, waives N5.7bn fees
Balance of Payment (\$'mn)	Q4 19	Q3 19	Q2 19	QoQ	*Bristow pilots, engineers to begin strike
Trade Balance	2,382	2,559	1,668	-6.9%	*BoI Increases Support for MSMEs to N53bn
CA Balance	(2,475)	(2,796)	(3,772)	-11.5%	*FIRS Grants One Week Extension for Companies to File Returns
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Source: CBN, NBS, FMDQ, Aboki FX, ARM Research



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Index Perform	ance			Index Returns (%)			Sector Performance		Returns (?	%)
	Level	WoW	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 year		WoW	QTD	YTD
NSEASI	25041.89	1.41	1.41	2.30	-6.71	-8.65	Banking	5.25%	4.24%	-17.19%
NSEASI (\$)	25041.89	1.41	2.26%	2.43%	-12.21%	-13.99%	Brewers	3.16%	-10.88%	-46.60%
Market Cap (?'bn)	A Invalid Secu	1.41%	1.41%	2.30%	0.81%	-1.83%	Cement	0.11%	8.95%	11.09%
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NSE 30	1070.58	1.65	1.65	1.76	-9.11	-4.19	Personal Care	-4.32%	-18.44%	-41.99%
NSE Premium	2232.04	1.19	1.19	5.03	5.47	-0.90	Construction	0.16%	-13.44%	-13.99%
NSE 50	1138.27	2.35	2.35	1.35	-15.48	-12.95	Food	0.38%	-4.84%	-16.74%
NSEASEM	740.58	0.00%	0.00	-0.20	0.76	-5.00	Insurance	-1.56%	-4.18%	-5.29%
NSE Banking	292.37	4.94	4.94	3.69	-18.07	-9.35	Oil & Gas	14.19%	-16.44%	-66.56%
NSE Insurance	122.00	-0.28	-0.28	-5.95	-3.04	14.05	Real Estate	0.43%	-0.09%	-0.11%
NSE Consumer	405.36	0.72	0.72	-8.23	-31.63	-26.02	ARM Indices			
NSE Oil & Gas	178.53	4.81	4.81	-9.13	-32.00	-20.31		WoW	QTD	YTD
NSE Indus trial	1147.87	0.10	0.10	3.99	6.72	7.00	Large Cap (Top 10%)	1.47%	3.09%	5.10%
NSE Lotus	1847.16	0.08	0.08	1.17	0.68	3.94	Mid Cap (Mid 30%)	0.38%	-4.32%	-13.09%
NSE Pensions	956.89	2.88	2.88	0.39	-9.22	-0.30	Small Cap (Bottom 60%)	-7.78%	-2.72%	-46.02%
	<b>Top 10</b>	Gainers			<u> </u>	Losers	Volume and Value Traded (millions)			
Company	This Week	WoW	Com	pany	This Week	WoW	Value (? ) 3,89	3 Volume (Units	)	
UACPROP	0.96	18.5%	ETERNA		1.90	-4.5%		Volume (O mo	/	
FLOUMIL	19.30	13.2%	INTBREW		3.15	-4.5%				
UPL	1.11	9.9%	JAPAULOI		0.21	-4.5%				
MANSARD	1.58	9.7%	LINKASS		0.38	-5.0%		2,133	1,99	4
FIDSON	3.42	8.6%	NEM		1.87	-6.5%	1,309 1,457			
GUARANTY	24.35	8.2%	UNILEVER		11.20	-8.6%	1,309		_	
GLAXOSMI	5.25	7.1%	MBENEFIT		0.21	-8.7%			_	
MPFMCRFB	1.25	5.9%	CUSTODIA		5.00	-9.1%				
UBA	6.55	5.6%	TOTAL		79.10	-9.9%	3-Aug 4-Aug 5-Au	g 6-Aug	7-Au	a
UCAP	3.03	5.6%	UACN		6.20	-11.4%	5-rug F-Aug 5-Au	s 0-Aug	<i>i-</i> Au	6



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	This	Prior	WoW		90 Days	180	1 Year	Issuance (N'billion)	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year
Money Market	Week	Week	change	Primary Market Auction (Rates) OMO		Days		OMO	-	-	
Overnight (O/N)	7.17%	1.40%	5.77%	02-Jul-20	4.95%	7.79%	8.99%	02-Jul-20	10.00	10.00	80.00
Open Buy Back (OBB)	6.33%	2.10%	4.23%	18-Jun-20	4.95%	7.79%		18-Jun-20	10.00	10.00	60.00
NIBOR - 1M	3.84%	4.84%	-1.00%	11-Jun-20	4.95%	7.79%		11-Jun-20	5.00		50.00
				5	4.95%	7.79%		0		5.00	
NIBOR - 3M	4.00%	5.03%	-1.03%	04-Jun-20	7.00%	8.75%		04-Jun-20	20.00	20.00	30.00
NIBOR - 6M	4.35%	5.62%	-1.27%	28-May-20	7.00%	8.75%	9.90%	28-May-20	4.00	50.00	60.00
Treasury Bills				Treasury Bills	91 Day	182 Day	364 Day	Treasury Bills	91 Day	182 Day	364 Day
1-month	1.38%	1.40%	-0.02%	29-Jul-20	1.20%	1.50%	3.40%	29-Jul-20	49.84	54.59	161.52
3-month	1.20%	1.21%	-0.01%	15-Jul-20	1.30%	1.80%	3.35%	15-Jul-20	5.85	26.60	71.60
6-month	2.00%	1.82%	0.18%	01-Jul-20	1.79%	1.91%	3.39%	01-Jul-20	10.00	20.00	58.86
9-month	2.74%	2.74%	0.00%	17-Jun-20	1.80%	2.04%	3.75%	17-Jun-20	2.00	2.00	10.61
12-month	2.95%	2.96%	-0.01%	10-Jun-20	2.00%	2.20%	4.02%	10-Jun-20	4.41	7.82	78.71
FGN Bonds (Local)				FGN Bonds	5 Year	15 Year	30 Year	FGN Bonds	5 Year	15 Year	30 Year
14.50% 15-JUL-2021	2.81%	3.03%	-0.22%	22-Jul-20		9.50%	9.95%	22-Jul-20		42.0	36.5
16.39% 27-JAN-2022	2.97%	3.84%	-0.87%	17-Jun-20	8.00%	11.00%	12.15%	17-Jun-20	33.0	16.2	50.8
14.20% 14-MAR-2024	4.54%	3.98%	0.56%	21-May-20	9.20%	11.70%	12.60%	21-May-20	40.1	82.3	53.7
12.50% 22-JAN-2026	7.11%	5.35%	1.76%	22-Apr-20	9.00%	12.00%	12.50%	22-Apr-20	15.0	30.0	25.0
16.2884% 17-MAR-2027	7.91%	6.75%	1.16%	25-Mar-20	10.00%	12.50%	12.98%	25-Mar-20	55.0	65.0	40.0
12.1493% 18 <b>-</b> JUL-2034	10.47%	8.88%	1.59%	Corporate Bonds	This Week	Prior Week	<b>WoW</b> (%)	Corporate Eurobond	This Week	Prior Week	<b>WoW</b> (%)
16.2499% 18-APR-2037	9.84%	9.20%	0.64%	MIXTA   17.00%   16-JAN-2022	4.00%	4.24%	-0.24%	ACCESS   10.50%   19-OCT-2021	6.71%	6.76%	-0.05%
14.8% 26-APR-2049	10.43%	9.72%	0.71%	FIDELITY   16.48%   13-MAY-2022	4.44%	5.11%	-0.67%	ZENITH   7.375%   30-MAY-2022	6.52%	6.62%	-0.10%
				DUFIL   18.25%   1-SEP-2022	5.19%	5.66%	-0.47%	UBA   7.75%   08-JUN-2022	7.60%	8.01%	-0.41%
FGN Eurobonds				LAPO MFB 17.75% 19-DEC-2022	7.33%	7.60%	-0.27%	SEPLAT   9.25%   1-APR-2023	9.04%	9.17%	-0.13%
5.625% 27 <b>-</b> JUN-2022	4.84%	4.89%	-0.05%	STERLING   16.50%   3-AUG-2023	5.11%	4.96%	0.15%				
6.50% 28-Nov-2027	7.08%	7.49%	-0.41%	FCMB   17.25%   8-DEC-2023	5.71%	5.32%	0.39%				
7.875% 16-FEB-2032	8.02%	8.50%	-0.48%	STANBIC 13.25% 30-SEP-2024	6.30%	5.50%	0.80%				
7.625% 28-Nov-2047	8.27%	8.49%	-0.22%	VIATHAN   16.00%   14-DEC-2027	6.87%	5.87%	1.00%				
				UNION   16.20%   27-JUN-2029	11.46%	10.85%	0.61%				

Source: DMO, FMDQ, Bloomberg, ARM Research



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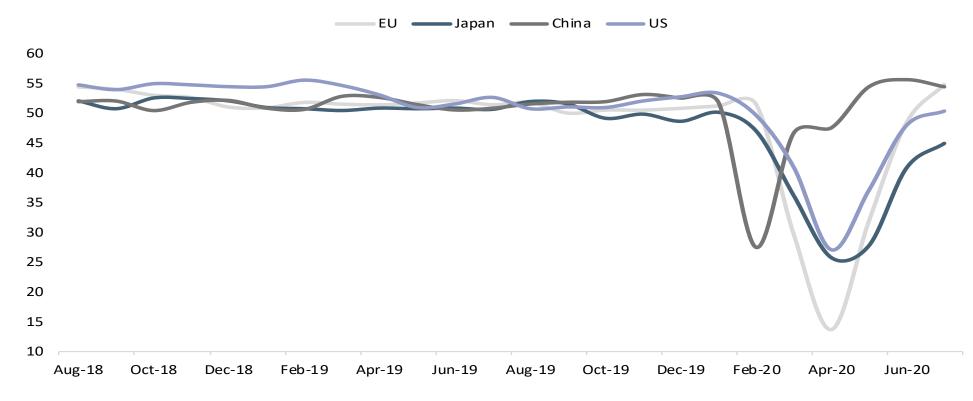
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug	13-Aug	14-Aug
	China Consumer Price Index (YoY) (Jul)	US Producer Price Index (YoY)(Jul)	UK Trade Balance; non-EU(Jun)	Germany Consumer Price Index (YoY)(Jul)	China Industrial Production (YoY)(Jul)
	Japan Trade Balance - BOP Basis(Jun)	UK ILO Unemployment Rate (3M)(Jun)	UK Industrial Production (YoY)(Jun)	US Initial Jobless Claims(Aug 7)	China House Price Index (Jul)
bal		US Redbook Index (YoY)(Aug 7)	UK Gross Domestic Product (YoY)(Q2) **	US Import Price Index (YoY)(Jul)	European Union Trade Balance n.s.a.(Jun)
Global			US Consumer Price Index (YoY)(Jul)	US Export Price Index (YoY)(Jul)	European Union Gross Domestic Product s.a. (QoQ)(Q2)
			Japan Producer Price Index (YoY)(Jul)		European Union Employment Change (QoQ)(Q2)
			UK Manufacturing Production (YoY)(Jun)		
					Daily Energy Generated and Sent Out (Q2 2020)
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\*\* means Preliminary Estimate



### **Trend in PMI and GDP**

We feature the trend in manufacturing PMI and GDP data for major advanced and developing economies. The chart reveals a v- shaped recovery in business activities for all countries after the lockdown period in Q2 2020. For GDP data, save for China which recorded a growth in Q2 2020 after a contraction in Q1 2020, recently released GDP figures showed a contraction across other advanced countries.



Source: Bloomberg, ARM Research





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