

Weekly Commentary & Stock recommendation ...for the week 20 July - 24 July 2020



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Global Fixed I	Heome					Global Current	ies			
	1-Yr Tenor	WoW (pps)	10-yr Tenor	WoW (pps)	Inflation (%)		This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)	YTD (%)
US	0.13		0.58	0.4	0.6	Euro (€)	1.2	1.1	1.8	3.8
UK	A Real T	NA NA	-0.02	0.1	0.6	GBP (£)	1.3	1.3	1.7	-3.6
Euro	-0.39	-3.8	-0.20	-11.5	0.3	JPY (¥)	105.8	107.0	1.1	2.6
Japan	A Real T	N/A N/	-0.12	0.0	0	INR (?)	74.8	75.0	0.3	-4.6
China	2.30	-3.6	2.94	-3.4	2.5	CNY (¥)	7.0	7.0	-0.4	-0.8
India	3.45	2.7	5.83	0.3	5.1	MXN (\$)	22.3	22.5	1.0	-15.2
Mexico	4.61	-0.9	5.47	0.1	3.33	RUB (p.)	71.8	71.9	0.2	-13.7
Turkey	17.64	7.1	11.84	1.2	12.62	ZAR (R)	16.7	16.7	0.1	-16.1
Russia	4.21	-0.2	1.80	-0.1	3.2	EGP (£)	16.0	16.0	-0.2	0.3
Egypt	13.43	-0.52	14.25	2.15	5.6	KES (sh)	107.8	107.5	-0.3	-6.0
South Africa	4.35	-1.1	9.17	1.4	2.1	GHS (?	5.8	5.7	-0.6	-1.3
Kenya	7.37	-1.3	12.42	3.0	4.6	XOF (?)	565.3	574.8	1.7	3.5
Ghana	17.90	N/A N/	19.00	0.0	11.2	XAF (?)	563.8	573.6	1.7	3.9
Nigeria	3.35	-1.2	7.72	4.1	12.6	NGN (?)	388.3	388.1	-0.1	-6.6
Global Comm	Global Commodities					Global Indicato	rs for the Week			
		This	Prior	WoW	YTD			Latest	Prior	
		Week	Week	(%)	(%)			LittleSt	11101	
Brent Crude	\$ <i>I</i> bbl	43.0	43.1	-0.3	-34.8	Germany Produc	er Price Index (YoY) - June	-1.8%	-2.2%	
OPEC Crude	\$ <i>I</i> bbl	44.6	43.8	3.2	-34.3	Japan CPI (YoY) - June	0.1%	0.1%	
Gasoline	\$/gal	126.9	122.5	3.6	-30.2	US Initial Jobless	s claims (July)	1360.25k	1376.75k	
Natural Gas	\$∕MBtu	1.8	1.7	3.7	-23.2	Germany Markit PMI Composite (July)**		55.50	47	
Gold	\$/t oz	1900.4	1810.4	5.0	25.3	EU Markit PMI Composite - July**		54.8	48.5	
Sugar	\$ <i>I</i> b	11.5	11.7	0.0	-17.2	UK Markeit Manufacturing PMI (July)**		56.60	47.10	
Wheat	\$∕bsh	536.5	534.8	0.3	-5.7	US Housing Price Index (MoM) (May)		-0.30%	0.10%	
Crude Palm oil	MYR/MT	2778.0	2614.0	0.0		China PBoC inte	rest rate decision	3.85%	3.85%	
						** means Prelimina	ary Estimate			

Global Currencies



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Currency	This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)	YTD (%)	Report released this week (Click Link below for Full report)
External Reserve (\$'bn)	36.02	36.01	0.02%	-6.68%	Unilever Nigeria Plc O2 20 - Outlook remains bleak, despite positive surprise in sales
USD/NGN (#/\$)	. 30.02	30.01	0.0470	0.0070	Constitution of the Consti
NAFEX	388	389	0.13%	-6.05%	
Parallel	469.0	402.5	-14.18%	-23.24%	
Economic Snapshot	Latest (%)	Prior	CHG (pps)	2020 Avg.	
Inflation YoY (April)			CHG (pps)		
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	*We've identified plans to generate N18tn revenue – FG
Manufacturing	0.4	1.2	1.1	0.8	*FG's July bonds oversubscribed by N340.13bn
Services	3.5	4	3.5	3.4	*Free trade pact's benefits to Africa's economies huge — Brou
Labor Data (%) - Q3 18			Latest	Prior	*NBS: food prices soared in June
Unemployment Rate			23.1	18.8	*Total pension assets hit N10.79tn
Underemployment			20.1	21.2	*FG plans N4.28tn loan for N12.66tn 2021 budget
Capital Importation (\$'mn)	Q4 19	Q3 19	\mathbf{QoQ} (%)	YoY (%)	*FG releases N995.7bn for capital projects
Foreign Portfolio Investment - Equities	353.65	358.19	-1.3%	62.0%	*CBN disburses N295.695bn on COVID-19 interventions
Bonds	47.36	91.60	-48.3%	- 96.0%	*CBN boosts economy with N3.3tr credit
Money Market	1482.57	2549.71	-41.9%	50.8%	*Access Bank completes acquisition of Kenyan bank
Foreign Direct Investment	257.25	206.58	24.53%	-6.2%	*Nigeria's rating suffers blow from COVID-19, oil shock – Fitch
Balance of Payment (\$'mn)	Q3 19	Q2 19	Q1 19	QoQ	*NNPC raises August selling prices of crude oil
Trade Balance	2,559	1,668	775	230.2%	*FG, states, LGs' borrowing from banks hits N954.27bn
CA Balance	(2,796)	(3,772)	(2,819)	-0.8%	*CBN releases N16b for Anchor Borrowers' Programme
Source: CBN, NBS, FMDQ, Aboki FX, ARM	A Research				

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Index Perform	ance		In	dex Returns (%)			Sector Performance		Returns (%)			
	Level	WoW	MID	QTD	YTD	1 year		WoW	QTD	YTD		
NSEASI	24427.73	0.58	-0.21	-0.21	-8.99	-13.03	Banking	-0.13%	-3.44%	-23.29%		
NSEASI(\$)	24427.73	0.58	-0.98%	-0.98%	-15.23%	-19.16%	Brewers	2.34%	-13.11%	-47.94%		
Market Cap (?'bn)	A Invalid Secu	0.58%	-0.21%	-0.21%	-1.66%	-6.34%	Cement	1.97%	4.59%	6.64%		
Market Cap (\$'mn)	A Invalid Secu	0.32%	-0.98%	-0.98%	-8.40%	-13.47%	Telecom	1.10%	3.48%	17.89%		
NSE 30	1040.14	0.72	-1.14	-1.14	-11.69	-11.01	Personal Care	-2.62%	-13.25%	-38.30%		
NSE Premium	2165.54	2.35	1.90	1.90	2.33	-5.70	Construction	4.88%	-7.86%	-8.44%		
NSE 50	1088.80	1.43	-3.06	-3.06	-19.15	-20.24	Food	-0.04%	-5.11%	-16.98%		
NSEASEM	741.05	0.00%	-0.14	-0.14	0.82	-4.77	Insurance	1.91%	-2.53%	-3.66%		
NSE Banking	270.41	-0.62	-4.10	-4.10	-24.22	-19.71	Oil & Gas	-11.14%	-16.21%	-66.47%		
NSE Insurance	122.34	-0.80	-5.69	-5.69	-2.77	7.65	Real Estate	0.00%	-0.26%	-0.29%		
NSE Consumer	404.25	-0.38	-8.48	-8.48	-31.81	-30.34	ARM Indices					
NSE Oil & Gas	182.20	-4.67	-7.26	-7.26	-30.60	-23.44		WoW	QTD	YTD		
NSE Indus trial	1106.55	0.60	0.24	0.24	2.88	3.00	Large Cap (Top 10%)	0.71%	0.31%	2.26%		
NSE Lotus	1824.65	0.83	-0.06	-0.06	-0.55	0.57	Mid Cap (Mid 30%)	$0.14^{\circ}/_{\circ}$	-3.23%	-12.11%		
NSE Pensions	920.06	0.47	-3.47	-3.47	-12.71	-6.26	Small Cap (Bottom 60%)	0.44%	23.44%	-31.51%		
	Top 10				Top 10		Volume and Value Traded (millions)					
Company	This Week	WoW	Compa	ny	This Week	WoW	Value (?) 4,55	5 Volume (Units)				
FIDSON	3.13	18.1%	LEARNAFRI		1.01	-4.7%	value (i)	1				
UNITYBNK	0.52	15.6%	MBENEFIT		0.20	-4.8%	3,316					
CUSTODIA	5.50	14.6%	STERLNBA		1.18	-5.6%				_		
JBERGER	17.05	10.0%	BUACEMEN		39.00	-5.9%	2,100	2,126	2,385	5		
HONYFLOU	1.04	8.3%	LASACO		0.24	-7.7%						
VITAFOAM	5.75	7.9%	CAP		18.95	-8.2%						
NPFMCRFB	1.42	7.6%	CORNERST		0.50	-9.1%						
DANGCEM	134.20	6.5%	SEPLAT		347.40	-10.0%						
REGALINS	0.23	4.5%	INTBREW		3.40	-10.5%	20-Jul 21-Jul 22-Ju	l 23-Jul	24-Jul	1		
JA PA ULOI	0.23	4.5%	PRESTIGE		0.46	-14.8%		. 20,00	2 1-5 01	-		



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	This Week	Prior Week	WoW change	Primary Market Auction (Rates)	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	Issuance (N'billion)	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year
Money Market				ОМО		-		омо			
Overnight (O/N)	2.20%	21.75%	-19.55%	02-Jul-20	4.95%	7.79%	8.99%	02-Jul-20	10.00	10.00	80.00
Open Buy Back (OBB)	1.60%	20.33%	-18.73%	18-Jun-20	4.95%	7.79%	8.99%	18-Jun-20	10.00	10.00	60.00
NIBOR - 1M	3.92%	4.79%	-0.87%	11-Jun-20	4.95%	7.79%	8.99%	11-Jun-20	5.00	5.00	50.00
NIBOR - 3M	3.90%	5.87%	-1.97%	04-Jun-20	4.95%	7.79%	8.99%	04-Jun-20	20.00	20.00	30.00
NIBOR - 6M	4.46%	5.52%	-1.06%	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	1.40%	1.89%	-0.49%	15-Jul-20	1.30%	1.80%	3.35%	15-Jul-20	8.85	26.60	71.60
3-month	1.21%	1.71%	-0.50%	01-Jul-20	1.79%	1.91%	3.39%	01-Jul-20	10.00	20.00	58.86
6-month	1.82%	1.54%	0.28%	17-Jun-20	1.80%	2.04%	3.75%	17-Jun-20	2.00	2.00	10.61
9-month	2.74%	2.74%	0.00%	10-Jun-20	2.00%	2.20%	4.02%	10-Jun-20	4.41	7.82	78.71
12-month	2.96%	2.96%	0.00%	27-May-20	2.45%	2.72%	4.02%	27-May-20	20.37	19.16	19.84
FGN Bonds (Local)				FGN Bonds	5 Year	15 Year	30 Year	FGN Bonds	5 Year	15 Year	30 Year
14.50% 15-JUL-2021	3.06%	3.11%	-0.05%	22-Jul-20		9.50%	9.95%	22-Jul-20		42.0	36.5
16.39% 27-JAN-2022	3.94%	4.08%	-0.14%	17-Jun-20	8.00%	11.00%	12.15%	17-Jun-20	33.0	16.2	50.8
14.20% 14-MAR-2024	4.64%	4.00%	0.64%	21-May-20	9.20%	11.70%	12.60%	21-May-20	40.1	82.3	53.7
12.50% 22-JAN-2026	5.90%	7.02%	-1.12%	22-Apr-20	9.00%	12.00%	12.50%	22-Apr-20	15.0	30.0	25.0
16.2884% 17-MAR-2027	8.00%	8.18%	-0.18%	25-Mar-20	10.00%	12.50%	12.98%	25-Mar-20	55.0	65.0	40.0
12.1493% 18-JUL-2034	8.57%	9.75%	-1.18%	Corporate Bonds	This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)	Corporate Eurobond	This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)
16.2499% 18-APR-2037	9.14%	9.91%	-0.77%	MIXTA 17.00% 16-JAN-2022	4.27%	4.31%	-0.04%	ACCESS 10.50% 19-OCT-2021	7.39%	7.79%	-0.40%
14.8% 26-APR-2049	9.69%	10.55%	-0.86%	FIDELITY 16.48% 13-MAY-2022	5.28%	5.29%	-0.01%	ZENITH 7.375% 30-MAY-2022	6.91%	7.43%	-0.52%
				DUFIL 18.25% 1-SEP-2022	5.92%	5.84%	0.08%	UBA 7.75% 08-JUN-2022	7.88%	7.78%	0.10%
FGN Eurobonds				LAPO MFB 17.75% 19-DEC-2022	7.94%	7.74%	0.20%	SEPLAT 9.25% 1-APR-2023	8.90%	9.15%	-0.25%
5.625% 27 -JUN- 2022	4.90%	5.12%	-0.22%	STERLING 16.50% 3-AUG-2023	5.46%	5.04%	0.42%				
6.50% 28-Nov-2027	7.57%	7.77%	-0.20%	FCMB 17.25% 8-DEC-2023	5.92%	5.37%	0.55%				
7.875% 16-FEB-2032	8.59%	8.83%	-0.24%	STANBIC 13.25% 30-SEP-2024	5.82%	5.89%	-0.07%				
7.625% 28-Nov-2047	8.52%	8.79%	-0.27%	VIATHAN 16.00% 14-DEC-2027	6.01%	6.56%	-0.55%				
				UNION 16.20% 27-JUN-2029	11.01%	11.94%	-0.93%				

Source: DMO, FMDQ, Bloomberg, ARM Research



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	27 - Jul	28-Jul	29-Jul	30-Jul	31-Jul
			US Fed interest Rate Decision	Germany GDP (YoY) - Q2 2020	China Manufacturing PMI - July
			Japan Retail Trade (YoY) - June	Germany Consumer Price Index (July)	EU Consumer Price Index (YoY) - July
oal			US EIA Crude oil stocks change (July 24th)	EU Unemployment Rate (June0	US Markit PMI Composite - July**
Global				Germany Consumer Price Index (YoY) - July	US Personal Consumption Expenditure (MoM) - June
				USS Gross Domestic Product Q2 2020**	
				Japan Industrial Production (YoY) - June	
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Domestic					

^{**} means Preliminary Estimate



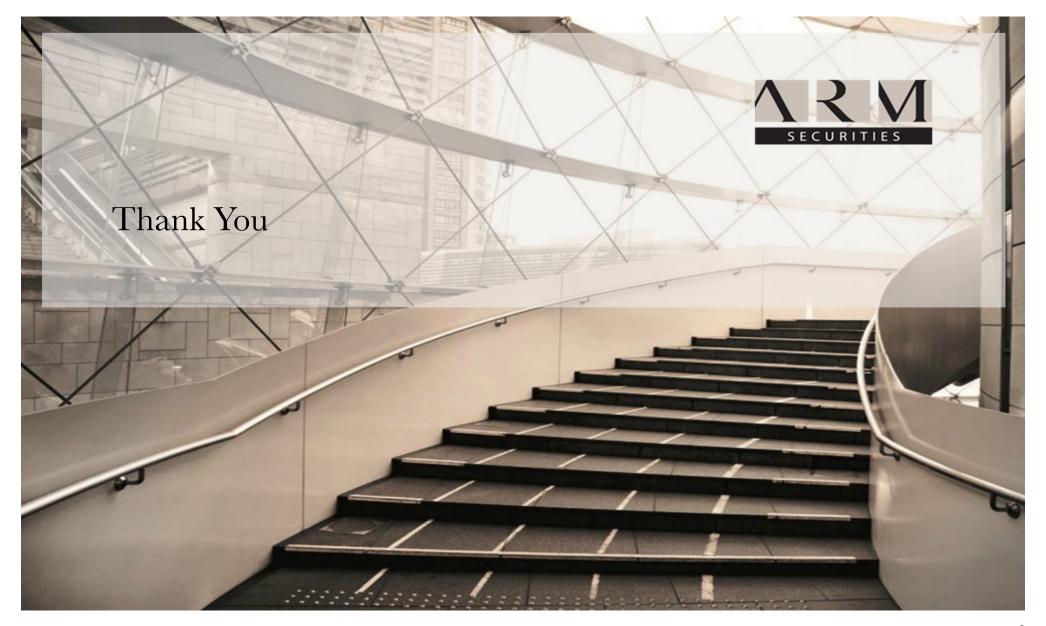
Pension Fund Assets

This week, we feature the trend in Pension Fund Assets (PFA) over a one year period. Precisely, PFA assets rose 17% YoY, and 2% MoM to 410.79 trillion as at May 2020. FGN securities which accounts for 67% of PFA grew by 9% YoY. In addition, significant growth was seen in corporate debt securities (+59% YoY), Local Money Market Securities (+57% YoY), Mutal funds (+42% YoY) and others (+10% YoY).

Pension Fund asset (N'trillion)



Source: PENCOM, ARM Research





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