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Weekly Economic & Financial Commentary

... for the week 15 – 18 April 2019



Global Economy

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Domestic Economy

Inflation data released during the week, showed further moderation in price level to 11.25% YoY, declining 6bps compared to 11.31% reported in the prior month. This was driven by softening of core inflation to 9.46%, down by 34bps, as average petrol price across the country declined to N145 per litter (-11%YoY) – overshadowing the uptick in diesel (+11% YoY) and Kerosene (+13%) prices. Food inflation at the other end only dipped by 2bps to 13.45% YoY mirroring increase in farm produce.

Equities

After five consecutive weeks of losses, the market took a turn this week with the NSE ASI appreciating 2.52% WoW to close at 30,086.31 points, with the market capitalization gaining N197.5 billion. The bullish sentiment was spurred by gains across major sectors – Banking (+2.01%), Breweries (+5.53%), Cement (+1.52%), Personal care (+1.54%), and Food (+8.12%). Dissecting the sector performance reveals interest across bellwether stocks (ACCESS: +14.17%, GUARANTY: +1.61%, ZENITH: +2.20%, NB: +7.97%, DANGCEM: +1.61%, PZ: +6.78%, NESTLE: +8.97%, DANGFLOUR: +33.75% and DANGSUGA: +5.17%).

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 On the long end, yields contracted 8bps to 14.14% as higher interest for JUN 2019 and FEB 2020 bonds saw their yields fall at least 40bps each. Elsewhere, akin to the NTB auction this week wherein the FG sold N76.7 billion worth of treasury bills at lower stop rates (Mean stop rates: -11bps to 11.8%) due to higher demand, secondary market yields dipped to 12.73% (vs 13.11% last week) on higher liquidity levels which buoyed investors interest in short dated instrument.



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			Index	Retur	ns (%)	Index	Characte	ristics	Global Fixed	Income					Global Currencies			
Country	Index	Level (in \$)	WoW (%)	YTD (%)	52- Wk	P/E (x)	Mkt. Cap (\$'bn)	Div. Yld (%)	-	1-Yr Tenor	WoW (pps)	10-yr Tenor	WoW (pps)	Inflatio n (%)	This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)	YTD (%)
US	S&P 500	2,905	-0.1	15.9	7.3	19.1	<u> </u>	2.0	US	2.44		2.56	0.1	1.9	Euro (€) 1.1	1.1	-0.6	-2.0
	NASDAQ	7,993	0.1	20.5	9.6	34.0	11,982.2	1.2	UK	0.74	0.0	1.07	0.1	1.9	GBP (£) 1.3	1.3	-0.6	1.9
UK	FISE ASI	7,460	0.3	10.9	1.9	17.5		4.7	Euro	-0.23	-0.4	0.53	-4.5	1.4	JPY (¥) 112.0	111.7	0.0	-2.0
France	CAC 40	5,580	1.4	18.0	3.7	18.7	1,106.7	3.4	Japan	-0.17	0.0	-0.10	-0.2	0.7	INR (Rs) 69.4	68.9	-0.3	0.6
Germany	XETRA DAX	12,222	1.9	15.8	-2.9	15.4		3.3	China	2.84	0.8	3.51	0.9	2.3	CNY (¥) 6.7	6.7	-0.1	2.5
Japan	NIKKEI 25	22,090	1.0	10.4	-0.5	16.3	5.4	2.0	India	6.44	1.6	7.42	0.2	6.97	MXN (\$) 18.8	18.8	-0.1	4.6
China	Shanghai Com	3,250	1.9	30.3	4.3	15.5	5,291.4	2.5	Mexico	8.13	0.1	8.01	-0.8	4	RUB (p.) 64.0	64.6	0.5	8.4
Brazil	Ibovespa	94,364	1.6	7.4	10.0	15.7	38.0	3.9	Turkey	26.91	6.0	16.41	-0.9	19.71	ZAR (R) 64.0	64.6	0.5	8.4
India	BSE Sens	39,140	1.0	8.5	13.8	29.4	574.9	1.5	Russia	7.62	-0.2	3.61	0.0	5.3	EGP (£) 17.2	17.3	0.7	4.2
Russia	RTS	672	0.6	17.5	10.3	5.3	3.3	6.9	Egypt	17.00	0.0	16.78	0.0	14.2	KES (sh) 101.3	100.9	-0.3	0.4
Mexico	S&P/BMV IPC	45,525	1.9	9.3	-7.3	16.7		3.0	South Africa	7.72	0.3	8.98	0.3	4.5	GHS (¢ 17.2	17.3	0.7	4.2
Turkey	Borsa Istanbul	96,886	0.9	6.2	-13.6	6.8	0.4	4.8	Kenya	9.35	-0.2	12.44	-0.5	4.4	XOF (F) 581.7	581.6	-0.2	-1.5
	JCI Index	6,507	1.6	5.0	2.4	21.0	516.5	1	Ghana	15.50	0.0	19.00	0.0	9.3	XAF (F) 604.7	598.9	-1.3	-4.0
	a KASE Index	2,399	-4.0	3.2	-2.7	6.5	3.4	1.6	Nigeria	12.74	-0.9	14.54	0.4	11.3	NGN (₦) 359.8	359.6	-0.1	0.8
Vietnam	VN Index	962	-2.1	7.8	-12.1	16.2	136.2	1.7	Global Comm	odities					Global Indicators for the Week			
South Africa	FISE/JSE ASI	59,222	1.4	12.3	2.6	18.1		3.9			This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)	YTD (%)		Latest	Prior	
Egypt	EGX 30	14,876	-1.5	14.1	-16.0	16.5	11.7	3.1	Brent Crude	\$/bbl	71.6	70.8	0.1	33.1	US Industial production (MoM) (Mar)	-0.10%	0.10%	
Kenya	NSEASI	158	0.2	12.7	-14.4	12.3	22.1	5.4	OPEC Crude	\$/bbl	70.8	70.3	0.5	37.4	Japan Imports (YoY) (Mar)	1.10%	-6.60%	
Morrocco	MSCI MX	301	0.6	-3.0	-13.1	19.1	8.9	4.0	Gasoline	\$/gal	205.4	203.1	0.8	36.7	Japan Exports (YoY) (Mar)	-2.4%	-1.2%	
Ghana	GSE Composite	2,392	-0.6	-4.3	-30.4	20.2	3.9	1.4	Natural Gas	\$/MBtu	2.5	2.7	-6.1	-6.5	China Retail sales (YoY) (Mar)	8.7%	8.2%	
Tunisia	TunIndex	6,942	-0.2	-4.5	-2.9	17.5	0.6	2.2	Gold	\$/t oz	1273.1	1292.5	-1.3	-0.7	China Industrial Production (YoY) (Mar)	8.5%	5.3%	
BRVM	BRVM	174	0.2	1.2	-25.9	8.7	8.5		Sugar	\$/lb	12.9	12.8	0.1	5.6	UK Cunsumer Price Index (YoY) (Mar)	1.9%	1.9%	
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,155	-0.7	-2.9	-5.4	19.4	8.9		Wheat	\$/bsh	444.3	465.5	-5.2	-14.3	US Trade Balance (Feb)	\$-2.90B	\$-3.09B	
Nigeria	NGSE ASI	30,087	1.76	-4.27	-26.2	7.5	29.9	6.3	Crude Palm oil	fYR/MT	2183.0	2176.0	0.0		Austrialia Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.9%	
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Currency	This Week	Prior Wee	k WoW (%)	YTD (%)	Report released this week (Click Link below for Full report)
					Initial View - GTB Plc Q1 2019 - Strong start to the year, growth to remain steady
External Reserve (\$'bn)	44.74	44.71	0.06%	3.75%	GTBank Plc - Slower but persistent earnings growth in near term
USD/NGN (₦/\$)	_				PZ Cussons Nigeria Plc - Will the pressures abate
NAFEX	360	360	-0.08%	1.11%	Initial View - Access Bank Plc Q1 2019 - Regulatory capital still strong but worrisome NPL
Parallel	359.0	359.0	0.00%	0.56%	Equity Report - Fidelity Bank Plc - Resounding our BUY call
Economic Snapshot	Latest (%)	Prior	CHG (pps)	2019 Avg.	Initial View - Zenith Bank Plc Q1 2019 - FX loss distorts PBT, lower tax saves PAT
Inflation YoY (December)			CHG (pps)		Call memo - Nigeria Palm Oil Sector. Okomuoil.NL and Presco.NL
Headline	11.25	11.31	-0.06	11.31	Initial View - FBNH Plc FY 2018 - Material loan write-off, still swollen NPL
Core	9.72	9.68	0.04	9.7	
Food	13.45	13.47	-0.02	13.48	
GDP (%) - YoY	Q4 18	Q3 18	Q2 18	FY19F	
Real GDP	2.4	1.8	1.5	2.1	
Oil	-1.6	-2.9	-4.0	9.3	News Headline for the week (click news for link)
Agriculture	2.5	1.9	1.2	3.3	*Court dismisses suit challenging 9mobile sale
Manufacturing	2.4	1.9	0.7	2.7	*FG seeks fresh \$247.3m external loan
Services	3.8	3.4	4.1	1	*GSK, Fidson to expand drug production in Nigeria
Labor Data (%) - Q3 18			Latest	Prior	*Senate Bows to President, Reviews, Passes PIGB
Unemployment Rate			23.1	18.8	*Gas flaring to attract N10m fine
Underemployment			20.1	21.2	*Inflation rate dropped to 11.25% in March, says NBS
Capital Importation (\$'mn)	Q4 18	Q3 18	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	*Petrol landing cost now N180 per litre, says Kachikwu
Foreign Portfolio Investment - Equities	218.27	394.47	-44.7%	-88.7%	*FG shortlists four firms for Afam Power, Yola Disco's sale
Bonds	193.33	37.48	415.8%	68.1%	*FG seeks \$1bn World Bank loan for power sector
Money Market	983.08	1291.1	-23.9%	36.7%	*No plan to remove fuel subsidy, FG insists
Foreign Direct Investment	156.8	530.63	-70.5%	-42.9%	*FG gives approval for Nigeria-Seme-Benin road project
Balance of Payment (\$'mn)	Q4 18	Q3 18	Q2 18	QoQ	*Kachikwu: ExxonMobil, Other IOCs Not Exiting Nigeria
Trade Balance	2,080	1,148	2,266	81.2%	*Meters: Electricity Consumers to Pay through Service Charge
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Source: CBN, NBS, FMDO, Aboki FX, ARM Research



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Index Performa	nce		I	ndex Returns (%	(0)	Sector Performance	1	Returns (%)			
	Level	WoW	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 year		WoW	QTD	YTD	
NSE ASI	30086.91	1.76	-3.07	-3.07	-4.27	-26.21	Banking	2.01%	-3.89%	-3.49%	
NSE ASI (\$)	83.51	1.76	-2.97%	-2.97%	-3.30%	-26.39%	Brewers	5.53%	-3.92%	-23.23%	
Market Cap (₩bn)	11300.65	1.76%	-3.18%	-3.18%	-3.58%	-23.46%	Cement	1.52%	-1.30%	-0.62%	
Market Cap (\$'mn)	31365.42	1.76%	-3.08%	-3.08%	-2.60%	-23.45%	Personal Care	1.54%	-11.14%	-13.74%	
NSE 30	1351.59	2.08	-2.95	-2.95	-4.63	-26.58	Construction	-5.67%	-5.67%	13.34%	
NSE Premium	2163.63	0.72	-1.82	-1.82	-1.43	-26.81	Food	8.12%	-0.20%	3.93%	
NSE 50	1603.01	2.18	-2.78	-2.78	-3.55	-23.20	Insurance	-1.40%	-0.86%	0.62%	
NSE ASEM	809.63	0.81	0.30	0.30	1.99	-17.28	Oil & Gas	-3.69%	-9.00%	-13.35%	
NSE Banking	386.23	2.07	-4.39	-4.39	-3.19	-24.40	Real Estate	-0.45%	-0.45%	-1.15%	
NSE Insurance	120.26	2.44	-4.54	-4.54	-4.92	-19.43	ARM Indices				
NSE Consumer	690.82	5.70	-2.88	-2.88	-7.75	-28.25		WoW	QTD	YTD	
NSE Oil & Gas	278.43	-2.12	-4.16	-4.16	-7.87	-20.13	Large Cap (Top 10%)	2.83%	-2.37%	-3.55%	
NSE Industrial	1156.66	0.46	-6.70	-6.70	-6.56	-46.56	Mid Cap (Mid 30%)	0.58%	-3.78%	-2.40%	
NSE Lotus	2202.13	2.76	-2.89	-2.89	-1.42	-17.77	Small Cap (Bottom 60%)	-3.01%	-1.65%	-18.67%	
NSE Pensions	1144.89	1.20	-3.63	-3.63	-5.18	-28.33	Volume and Value Traded (million	ns)			
	Тор 10	Gainers			Тор 10	Losers					
Company	This Week	WoW	Comp	any	This Week	WoW	Value (¥) 4,657	Volume (U	nits)		
CHAMS	0.36	38.5%	ABC		0.33	-25.0%					
DANGFLOUR	10.70	33.8%	ROYALEX		0.22	-18.5%		0.000			
FIRSTALUM	0.41	28.1%	UCAP		2.48	-10.5%		3,228			
ACCESS	6.85	14.2%	CILEASING		7.20	-9.9%					
AIICO	0.75	10.3%	AGLEVENT		0.28	-9.7%	1,785			1,739	
UNITYBNK	0.80	9.6%	UACN-PROP		1.50	-9.6%				1,755	
INITSPLC	0.80	9.6%	JOHNHOLT		0.47	-9.6%					
MEYER	0.59	9.3%	JBERGER		25.00	-9.1%					
LIVESTOCK	0.60	9.1%	VITAFOAM		3.50	-9.1%				-	
NESTLE	1580.00	9.0%	NIGERINS		0.20	-9.1%	15-Apr 16-Apr	17-Apr	1	8-Apr	

Source: NSE, Bloomberg, ARM Research



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	This	Prior	WoW			180	1				
	Week	Week		Primary Market Auction (Rates)	90 Days	Days		Issuance (N'billion)	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year
Money Market				ОМО				ОМО			
Overnight (O/N)	10.57%	21.57%	-11.00%	05-Apr-19	11.78%	13.00%	13.04%	05-Apr-19	15.86	29.45	481.2
Open Buy Back (OBB)	9.86%	20.29%	-10.43%	22-Mar-19	11.80%	13.06%	13.04%	22-Mar-19	30.94	150.36	228.4
NIBOR - 1M	12.31%	12.34%	-0.03%	15-Mar-19	11.84%	13.20%	0.00%	15-Mar-19	7.91	53.1	627.2
NIBOR - 3M	12.77%	12.29%	0.48%	08-Mar-19	11.90%	13.47%	0.00%	08-Mar-19	21.61	86.1	678.8
NIBOR - 6M	15.12%	14.96%	0.16%	01-Mar-19	11.90%	13.60%	14.30%	01-Mar-19	61.72	65.9	446.9
Treasury Bills				Treasury Bills	91 Day	182 Day	364 Day	Treasury Bills	91 Day	182 Day	364 Day
1-month	10.59%	11.38%	-0.79%	17-Apr-19	10.15%	12.50%	12.74%	17-Apr-19	10.0	17.6	49.1
3-month	10.56%	10.80%	-0.24%	03-Apr-19	10.29%	12.60%	12.85%	03-Apr-19	24.4	38.7	52.0
6-month	13.44%	13.83%	-0.39%	20-Mar-19	10.30%	12.20%	12.34%	20-Mar-19	5.9	26.6	119.6
9-month	14.11%	14.45%	-0.34%	13-Mar-19	10.75%	12.50%	12.85%	13-Mar-19	10.0	20.0	44.8
12-month	14.20%	14.71%	-0.51%	27-Feb-19	10.90%	13.01%	14.37%	27-Feb-19	24.4	23.2	103.1
FGN Bonds (Local)				FGN Bonds	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year	FGN Bonds	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year
16.00% 29 - JUN-2019	10.74%	11.14%	-0.40%	27-Mar-19	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	27-Mar-19	39.8	62.2	20.0
15.54% 13-FEB-2020	13.68%	14.11%	-0.43%	20-Feb-19	14.52%	14.79%	14.93%	20-Feb-19	1.1	3.4	1.3
14.50% 15-JUL-2021	14.94%	14.90%	0.04%	30-Jan-19	15.20%	15.25%	15.35%	30-Jan-19	1.1	4.3	34.2
16.39% 27-JAN-2022	14.01%	14.02%	-0.01%	19-Dec-18	15.25%	15.50%	15.50%	19-Dec-18	12.7	20.1	55.3
14.20% 14-MAR-2024	13.94%	14.03%	-0.09%	21-Nov-18	15.20%	15.50%		25-Apr-18	17.5	7.4	71.9
12.50% 22 - JAN-2026	14.54%	14.39%	0.15%	Corporate Bonds	This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)	Corporate Eurobond	This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)
16.2884% 17-MAR-2027	14.47%	14.69%	-0.22%	UBA 16.45% 30-DEC-2021	15.33%	15.35%	. ,	ZENITH 6.25% 22-APR-2019	2.92%		i
12.1493% 18-JUL-2034	14.45%	14.30%	0.15%	MIXTA 17.00% 16-JAN-2022	15.68%	15.83%	-0.15%	DIAMOND 8.75% 21-MAY-2019	13.94%	15.43%	-1.49%
16.2499% 18-APR-2037	14.56%	14.45%	0.11%	FIDELITY 16.48% 13-MAY-2022	15.36%	15.44%	-0.07%	FBN 6.488% 23-JUL-2021	8.91%	8.90%	0.01%
FGN Eurobonds				DUFIL 18.25% 1-SEP-2022	16.01%	16.14%	-0.13%	ECOBANK 8.75% 14-AUG-2021	9.60%	9.68%	-0.08%
5.625% 27 - JUN-2022	5.27%	5.29%	-0.02%	LAPO MFB 17.75% 19-DEC-2022	18.04%	18.23%	-0.19%	ACCESS 10.50% 19-OCT-2021	6.54%	6.62%	-0.08%
6.50% 28-Nov-2027	6.71%	6.80%	-0.09%	STERLING 16.50% 3-AUG-2023	15.32%	15.52%	-0.20%	ZENITH 7.375% 30-MAY-2022	5.88%	5.97%	-0.09%
7.875% 16-FEB-2032	7.40%	7.50%	-0.10%	FCMB 17.25% 8-DEC-2023	15.48%	15.63%	-0.14%				
7.625% 28-Nov-2047	7.90%	7.98%	-0.08%	STANBIC 13.25% 30-SEP-2024	15.11%	15.15%	-0.04%				
				VIATHAN 16.00% 14-DEC-2027	15.18%	15.20%	-0.02%				

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Source: DMO, FMDQ, Bloomberg, ARM Research

Economic and Financial Calendar for the week 22nd April - 26th April 2019

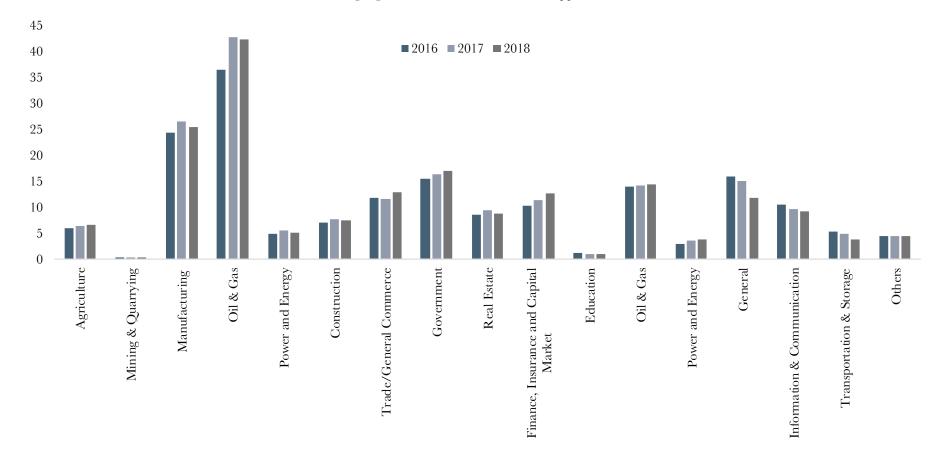
	Mon day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	22-Apr	23-Apr	24-Apr	25-Apr	26-Apr
	US 3-Month Bill Auction	US Housing Price Index (MoM) - Feb	Australia Consumer price index (YoY) (Q1)	Bank of Japan Interest Rate Decision	France Consumer confidence - April
	US 6-Month Bill Auction		Japan All Industry Activity Index (MoM) - February	Japan unemployment rate - March	Australia Producer price index (YoY) (Q1)
Global			UK Public sector net borrowing - March	Japan Retail Trade (YoY) - March	US GDP Annualized (Q1)
65			Japan Foreign Bond Investment	Japan Tokyo Consumer Price Index (YoY) - April	
				Japan Industrial production (YoY) - March	
	2018 Food Security Survey		Daily Energy Generated and Sent Out - Q1 18		
tic	2018 Immigration Data				
Domestic					

** means Preliminary Estimate



States with the highest Foreign and Domestic debt as at FY 18 (N' billion)

This week, we feature the Deposit Money Banks' allocation of credit across sectors over the past two years, which shows the Oil & Gas and Manufacturing sectors have remained a toast to the lenders, while the Education and Mining segments have received the least support.







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