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# Weekly Economic & Financial Commentary

... for the week 23 – 26 April 2019



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			Index	Returns	s (%)	Index	Character	ristics	Global Fixed	Income					Global Currencies			
Country	Indor	Level (in \$)	WoW		52-		Mkt. Cap		- GIUDAI I IACU	1-Yr	WoW	10-yr	WoW	Inflatio		Prior	WoW (%)	YTD
Country	muex	Level (III \$)	(%)	(%)	Wk	( <b>x</b> )	( <b>\$'bn</b> )	Yld (%)		Tenor	(pps)	Tenor	(pps)	n (%)	T IIIS WEEK	Week	<b>WUW</b> (78)	(%)
US	S&P 500	2,931	0.9	16.9	9.9	19.1		2.0	US	2.41		2.50	0.5	1.9	Euro (€) 1.1	1.1	-0.8	-2.7
	NASDAQ	8,117	1.5	22.3	14.0	34.5	12,169.9	1.1	UK	0.75	0.0	1.01	0.4	1.9	GBP (f) 1.3	1.3	-0.5	1.4
UK	FTSE ASI	7,428	-0.4	10.4	0.1	17.2		4.7	Euro	-0.23	1.8	0.50	-5.7	1.4	JPY (¥) 111.6	111.9	0.3	-1.7
France	CAC 40	5,569	-0.2	17.7	2.1	18.7	1,113.0	3.4	Japan	-0.17	0.0	-0.11	0.1	0.8	INR (Rs) 70.0	69.4	-0.9	-0.4
Germany	XETRA DAX	12,315	0.8	16.6	-1.5	15.9		3.3	China	2.87	1.0	3.54	0.7	2.3	CNY (¥) 6.7	6.7	-0.4	2.2
Japan	NIKKEI 25	22,259	0.0	11.2	-0.9	16.4	5.4	2.0	India	6.46	0.3	7.41	-0.1	6.97	MXN (\$) 18.9	18.8	-0.8	3.8
China	Shanghai Com	3,086	0.0	23.8	0.1	14.6	5,010.6	2.6	Mexico	8.16	0.4	8.05	-0.2	4	RUB (p.) 64.8	64.0	-1.3	7.0
Brazil	Ibovespa	96,092	1.6	9.3	11.2	15.9	39.4	3.8	Turkey	28.28	-3.0	17.74	-5.7	19.71	ZAR (R) 64.8	64.0	-1.3	7.0
India	BSE Sens	39,067	-0.2	8.3	12.5	30.5	562.7	1.5	Russia	7.56	-0.4	3.61	0.0	5.3	EGP (f) 17.2	17.2	0.1	4.4
Russia	RTS	665	-1.1	16.2	9.4	5.0	3.2	6.9	Egypt	17.00	0.0	16.78	0.0	14.2	KES (sh) 101.5	101.4	-0.1	0.3
Mexico	S&P/BMV IPO	44,973	-1.2	8.0	-6.9	16.7		3.0	South Africa	7.75	0.4	9.11	-0.8	4.5	GHS (¢ 17.2	17.2	0.1	4.4
Turkey	Borsa Istanbul	94,783	-2.1	3.8	-11.4	6.6	0.4	4.7	Kenya	9.32	-0.4	12.44	-0.5	4.4	XOF (F) 588.4	582.3	-1.0	-2.7
Indonesia	JCI Index	6,401	0.0	3.3	8.1	20.5	502.6	2.3	Ghana	15.50	0.0	19.00	0.0	9.3	XAF (F) 590.1	584.6	-0.9	-1.7
Kazahasta	a KASE Index	2,341	-1.8	0.6	-1.5	6.3	3.3	1.5	Nigeria	12.74	-0.9	14.54	0.0	11.3	NGN (₩) 360.4	360.2	-0.1	0.6
Vietnam	VN Index	980	0.0	9.8	-6.7	16.5	138.1	1.7	Global Comm	odities					Global Indicators for the Week			
South Africa	FISE/JSE ASI	58,894	-0.6	11.7	2.5	18.0		3.9			This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)	YTD (%)		Latest	Prior	
Egypt	EGX 30	14,770	0.0	13.3	-18.5	16.4	11.7	3.0	Brent Crude	\$/bbl	71.6	72.0	-0.6	33.0	US Gross Domestic Product Annualized	- Q1 3.2%	2.2%	
Kenya	NSEASI	158	-0.1	12.6	-12.0	12.4	22.0	5.5	OPEC Crude	\$/bbl	74.0	70.8	4.5	43.6	Japan Consumer Price Index (YoY) (Apr	il) 1.4%	0.9%	
Morrocco	MSCI MX	302	0.2	-2.5	-13.4	19.3	8.9	4.0	Gasoline	\$/gal	207.2	207.2	0.0	37.9	Japan Unemployment Rate (YoY) (Mar)	2.5%	2.3%	
Ghana	GSE Composit	2,385	1.1	-4.6	-31.2	20.1	3.9	1.4	Natural Gas	\$/MBtu	2.6	2.5	3.0	-4.0	Japan Retail Trade (YoY) (Mar)	1.0%	0.6%	
Tunisia	TunIndex	6,928	-0.2	-4.7	-2.6	18.1	0.6	2.2	Gold	\$/t oz	1288.4	1275.5	1.0	0.5	China Industrial Production (YoY) (Mar	) 8.5%	5.3%	
BRVM	BRVM	176	1.5	2.4	-25.5	8.7	8.4		Sugar	\$/lb	12.6	13.0	-2.7	3.2	US Initial Jobless Claims (April) (Thousa		193.00	
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,146	-0.4	-3.3	-5.5	19.3	8.8		Wheat	\$/bsh	444.0	5	-0.9	-14.4	Italy Trade Balance (Feb) (Billion)	€3.42	€2.16	
Nigeria	NGSE ASI	29,740	5		-27.0	) (	29.8	6.5	Crude Palm oil	I IYR/MT	2118.0	2190.0	0.0		Japan Interest rate	-0.1%	-0.1%	
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Currency	This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)	YTD (%)	Report released this week (Click Link below for Full report)
External Reserve (\$'bn)	44.78	44.74	0.09%	3.85%	Initial View - Nigerian Breweries Plc Q1 2019 - Cost pressures mar earnings
USD/NGN (₦/\$)	_				CCNN Plc Q1 19 - Initial view - Solid volume, diluted EPS, pricey valuation
NAFEX	361	360	-0.07%	1.03%	Initial View - Fidelity Bank Plc - Loan growth pulled the magic
Parallel	359.0	359.0	0.00%	0.56%	Initial View - UBA Plc Q1 2019 - Solid outing to the year
Economic Snapshot	Latest (%)			2019 Avg.	Initial View - Guinness Nigeria Plc Q3 19 - Intense competition bite earnings
Inflation YoY (December)			CHG (pps)		
Headline	11.25	11.31	-0.06	11.31	
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	
Dil	-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	*NNPC shifts 40 billion oil reserves target to 2025
Manufacturing	2.4	1.9	0.7	2.7	*World Bank sees lower oil prices
Services	3.8	3.4	4.1	1	*MTN Nigeria Limited changes to Plc
Labor Data (%) - Q3 18			Latest	Prior	*FG wants Saudi Arabia to invest in refineries
Unemployment Rate			23.1	18.8	*FG to establish port for solid mineral shipment
Underemployment			20.1	21.2	*Senate to Pass 2019 Budget Tuesday
Capital Importation (\$'mn)	Q4 18	Q3 18	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	*Seplat Eyes \$700m for Gas Development
Foreign Portfolio Investment - Equities	218.27	394.47	-44.7%	-88.7%	*Olam offers to buy Dangote Flour for N130bn
Bonds	193.33	37.48	415.8%	68.1%	*SAHCO lists 1.35 billion shares on NSE at N4.65
Money Market	983.08	1291.1	-23.9%	36.7%	*Buhari, Emir of Qatar discuss investment opportunities in power, transport, oil
Foreign Direct Investment	156.8	530.63	-70.5%	-42.9%	*Tin-Can quay apron collapse threatens port operations
Balance of Payment (\$'mn)	Q4 18	Q3 18	Q2 18	QoQ	*NSE fines Access Bank, two others N8.12m for disclosure violations
Trade Balance	2,080	1,148	2,266	81.2%	*World Bank loan portfolio in Nigeria now \$8.67bn
CA Balance	338	(472)	1,332	-171.6%	FG's Road Trust Fund Policy Begins with Reconstruction of N73bn Apapa-Ojota

Source: CBN, NBS, FMDQ, Aboki FX, ARM Research



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<b>Index Performa</b>	nce		Iı	ndex Returns (%	(o)		Sector Performance	Returns (%)			
	Level	WoW	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 year			WoW	QTD	YTD
NSE ASI	29740.41	-1.15	-4.19	-4.19	-5.38	-27.02	Banking		-0.25%	-4.12%	-3.72%
NSE ASI (\$)	82.47	-1.15	-1.15%	-4.18%	-4.50%	-27.94%	Brewers		-4.28%	-8.03%	-26.51%
Market Cap (₩'bn)	11176.95	1.76%	-1.12%	-4.24%	-4.64%	-25.19%	Cement		-1.10%	-2.39%	-1.71%
Market Cap (\$'mn)	30991.98	1.76%	-1.15%	-4.23%	-3.76%	-25.24%	Personal Care		-6.54%	-16.96%	-19.38%
NSE 30	1332.75	-1.39	-4.30	-4.30	-5.96	-27.90	Construction		-6.01%	-11.33%	6.54%
NSE Premium	2149.97	-0.63	-2.44	-2.44	-2.05	-26.73	Food		-0.05%	-0.26%	3.87%
NSE 50	1583.08	-1.24	-3.99	-3.99	-4.75	-24.12	Insurance		-0.79%	-1.64%	-0.17%
NSE ASEM	808.61	-0.13	0.17	0.17	1.86	-15.64	Oil & Gas		0.91%	-8.17%	-12.57%
NSE Banking	385.87	-0.09	-4.48	-4.48	-3.28	-24.75	Real Estate		0.00%	-0.45%	-1.15%
NSE Insurance	119.18	-0.90	-5.40	-5.40	-5.77	-17.85	ARM Indices				
NSE Consumer	673.00	-2.58	-5.38	-5.38	-10.13	-31.77			WoW	QTD	YTD
NSE Oil & Gas	279.64	0.43	-3.75	-3.75	-7.47	-23.46	Large Cap (Top 10%)		-1.16%	-3.50%	-4.67%
NSE Industrial	1148.47	-0.71	-7.36	-7.36	-7.22	-44.42	Mid Cap (Mid 30%)		0.76%	-3.05%	-1.65%
NSE Lotus	2153.09	-2.23	-5.05	-5.05	-3.62	-19.46	Small Cap (Bottom 60%)		27.68%	25.57%	3.83%
NSE Pensions	1113.76	-2.72	-6.25	-6.25	-7.76	-29.51	Volume and Value Tr	raded (millions)			
	Тор 10	Gainers			Тор 10	Losers					
Company	This Week	WoW	Comp	any	This Week	WoW	-	Value (N)	Volume (U 7,269	nits)	
DANGFLOUR	15.55	45.3%	GUINNESS		48.60	-19.0%					
JAPAUL	0.28	40.0%	JBERGER		2.25	-13.5%					
FIRSTALUM	2.05	28.1%	MAYBAKER		20.00	-13.0%					
CUTIX	0.26	18.2%	CONOIL		22.50	-10.0%	3,645				
CHAMS	0.48	17.1%	UACN		72.00	-10.0%	0,010	0.691			
BOCGAS	0.42	16.7%	UNILEVER		12.15	-9.7%		2,631			
VITAFOAM	3.89	11.1%	INTERBREW		9.40	-9.6%				1	1,542
FIDSON	5.30	10.4%	TOTAL		20.80	-9.6%					
TRANSEXPR	0.76	10.1%	AGLEVENT		0.30	-9.1%					-
ROYALEX	4.16	9.8%	CUSTODYINS		0.50	-9.1%	23-Apr	24-Apr	25-Apr	20	6-Apr

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Source: NSE, Bloomberg, ARM Research



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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		meen	ununge	ОМО		Duys	2000	ΟΜΟ			
Overnight (O/N)	17.29%	10.57%	6.72%	26-Apr-19	11.80%	12.90%	13.03%	26-Apr-19	7.42	0.50	158.7
Open Buy Back (OBB)	16.43%	9.86%	6.57%	05-Apr-19	11.78%	13.00%	13.04%	05-Apr-19	30.94	150.36	228.4
NIBOR - 1M	11.93%	12.31%	-0.38%	22-Mar-19	11.80%	13.06%	13.04%	22-Mar-19	7.91	53.1	627.2
NIBOR - 3M	11.96%	12.77%	-0.81%	15-Mar-19	11.84%	13.20%	0.00%	15-Mar-19	21.61	86.1	678.8
NIBOR - 6M	14.26%	15.12%	-0.86%	08-Mar-19	11.90%	13.47%	0.00%	08-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	11.11%	10.59%	0.52%	17-Apr-19	10.15%	12.50%	12.74%	17-Apr-19	10.0	17.6	49.1
3-month	11.10%	10.56%	0.54%	03-Apr-19	10.29%	12.60%	12.85%	03-Apr-19	24.4	38.7	52.0
6-month	13.46%	13.44%	0.02%	20-Mar-19	10.30%	12.20%	12.34%	20-Mar-19	5.9	26.6	119.6
9-month	14.05%	14.11%	-0.06%	13-Mar-19	10.75%	12.50%	12.85%	13-Mar-19	10.0	20.0	44.8
12-month	14.39%	14.20%	0.19%	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 <b>-</b> JUN-2019	11.32%	10.74%	0.58%	24-Apr-19	14.50%	14.55%	14.80%	24-Apr-19	6.8	37.4	53.2
15.54% 13-FEB-2020	13.79%	13.68%	0.11%	27-Mar-19	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	27-Mar-19	1.1	3.4	1.3
14.50% 15-JUL-2021	14.83%	14.94%	-0.10%	20-Feb-19	14.52%	14.79%	14.93%	20-Feb-19	1.1	4.3	34.2
16.39% 27-JAN-2022	14.83%	14.01%	0.81%	30-Jan-19	15.20%	15.25%	15.35%	30-Jan-19	12.7	20.1	55.3
14.20% 14-MAR-2024	14.37%	13.94%	0.43%	19-Dec-18	15.25%	15.50%		25-Apr-18	17.5	7.4	71.9
12.50% 22-JAN-2026	14.60%	14.54%	0.05%	Corporate Bonds	This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)	Corporate Eurobond	This Week	Prior Week	<b>WoW</b> (%)
16.2884% 17-MAR-2027	14.54%	14.47%	0.07%	UBA 16.45% 30-DEC-2021	15.81%	15.33%	0.48%	DIAMOND   8.75%   21-MAY-2019	15.23%	13.94%	1.29%
12.1493% 18 <b>-JUL-</b> 2034	14.51%	14.45%	0.06%	MIXTA 17.00% 16-JAN-2022	15.69%	15.68%	0.01%	FBN   6.488%   23-JUL-2021	9.08%	8.91%	0.17%
16.2499% 18-APR-2037	14.50%	14.56%	-0.07%	FIDELITY   16.48%   13-MAY-2022	16.02%	15.36%	0.66%	ECOBANK   8.75%   14-AUG-2021	9.72%	9.60%	0.12%
FGN Eurobonds				DUFIL 18.25% 1-SEP-2022	16.50%	16.01%	0.49%	ACCESS   10.50%   19-OCT-2021	6.53%	6.54%	-0.01%
5.625% 27 <b>-</b> JUN-2022	5.22%	5.27%	-0.05%	LAPO MFB   17.75%   19-DEC-2022	18.37%	18.04%	0.33%	ZENITH   7.375%   30-MAY-2022	5.86%	5.88%	-0.02%
6.50% 28-Nov-2027	6.76%	6.71%	0.05%	STERLING   16.50%   3-AUG-2023	15.55%	15.32%	0.23%				
7.875% 16-FEB-2032	7.44%	7.40%	0.04%	FCMB   17.25%   8-DEC-2023	15.80%	15.48%	0.32%				
7.625% 28-Nov-2047	7.97%	7.90%	0.07%	STANBIC   13.25%   30-SEP-2024	15.26%	15.11%	0.16%				
				VIATHAN   16.00%   14-DEC-2027	15.24%	15.18%	0.05%				

Source: DMO, FMDQ, Bloomberg, ARM Research

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	29-Apr	30-Apr	1-May	2-May	3-May
	Italy Producer Price Index (YoY) - March	China Non - Manufacturing PMI - April	US Markit Manufacturing PMI - April	Germany Markit Manufacturing PMI - April	Euro Area Consumer Price Index (YoY) - April
		Germany Import Price Index (YoY) - March	US Fed interest rate Decision	Euro Area Markit Manufacturing PMI - April	Euro Area Producer Price Index (YoY) - April
bal		Germany Unemployment Rate - April		Bank of England Interest rate Decision	US Unemployment Rate - April
Global		Euro Area Gross Domestic Product (YoY) - Q1			
		Germany Consumer Price Index (YoY) - April			
				Road Transport Data (Q1 2019)	
aestic				Telecoms Data: Active Voice and Internet per state - Q1 2019	
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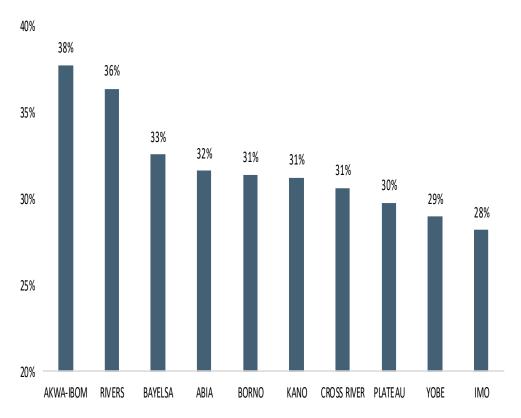
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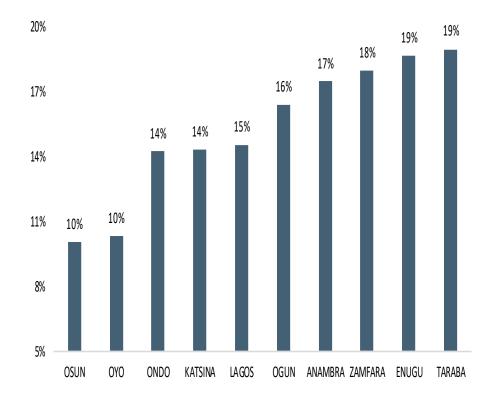
### **Unemployment by State data**

This week, we feature the unemployment by states data released by the Nigerian Bureau of Statistics as at Q3 2018. This is a follow-up to the overall unemployment data released earlier in the year which showed Nigeria's unemployment rate stood at 23.1%. Akwa Ibom tops the chart with unemployment rate of 37.7%, while Osun has the lowest with 10.1% unemployment rate.

### Figure 1: States with the highest unemployment



**Figure2: States with the lowest unemployment rate** 



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