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FIND ANSWERS ON THE ARM WEEKLY ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL COMMENTARY



Weekly Commentary & Stock recommendation

... for the week 13 July - 17 July 2020



Global Economy

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Global Fixed I	ncome					Global Currer	cies			
•	1-Yr Tenor	WoW (pps)	10-yr Tenor	WoW (pps)	Inflation (%)		This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)	YTD (%)
US	0.14		0.63	0.2	0.6	Euro (€)	1.1	1.1	1.2	2.0
UK	A Real T	N/A N/A	0.01	-0.1	0.6	GBP (f)	1.3	1.3	-0.4	-5.2
Euro	-0.37	-1.9	-0.18	5.1	0.3	JPY (¥)	107.0	106.9	0.0	1.6
Japan	A Real T	N/A N/A	-0.12	0.1	-0.2	INR (?)	75.0	75.2	0.2	-4.9
China	2.38	-1.2	3.04	-1.4	2.5	CNY (¥)	7.0	7.0	0.1	-0.4
India	3.36	-0.6	5.81	0.8	5.1	MXN (\$)	22.6	22.4	-0.6	-16.2
Mexico	4.65	0.0	5.50	-0.6	3.33	RUB (p.)	71.9	70.8	-1.5	-13.8
Turkey	18.87	-8.0	12.19	0.9	12.62	ZAR (R)	16.7	16.8	0.6	-16.1
Russia	4.21	1.1	1.81	0.0	3.2	EGP (f)	16.0	16.0	0.2	0.5
Egypt	13.50	6.05	13.95	2.95	5.6	KES (sh)	107.5	107.1	-0.3	-5.7
South Africa	4.40	-2.9	9.38	0.5	2.1	GHS (?	5.7	5.8	0.4	-0.7
Kenya	7.46	-3.1	12.42	3.0	4.6	XOF (?)	574.8	581.1	1.1	1.8
Ghana	17.90	N/A N/	19.00	0.0	11.2	XAF(?)	573.6	580.1	1.1	2.1
Nigeria	3.35	-1.2	8.48	0.5	12.6	NGN (?)	388.1	388.0	0.0	-6.6
Global Commodities						Global Indicat	ors for the Week			

		This	Prior	WoW	YTD		Latest	Prior
		Week	Week	(%)	(%)		200050	
Brent Crude	\$ <i>1</i> bbl	43.1	43.2	-0.3	-34.7	China Trade Balance USD - June	46.42B	\$62.93B
OPEC Crude	\$ <i>1</i> bbl	43.8	43.3	0.8	-35.6	Japan Industrial Production (YoY) - May	-26.3%	-25.9%
Gasoline	\$/gal	122.0	128.3	-4.9	-32.8	China Retail Sales (YoY) - June	-1.8%	-2.8%
Natural Gas	\$∕MBtu	1.7	1.8	-4.9	-26.0	EU Industrial Production (YoY) - May	-20.9%	-28.7%
Gold	\$⁄t oz	1810.6	1798.7	0.7	19.3	US Consumer Price Index (YoY) - June	0.6%	0.1%
Sugar	\$ЛЬ	11.7	11.8	0.0	-15.5	UK Consumer Price Index (YoY) - June	0.6%	0.5%
Wheat	\$∕bsh	535.0	534.0	0.2	-5.9	China Gross Domestic Product (YoY) - Q2	3.2%	-6.8%
Crude Palm oil	MYR/MT	2614.0	2384.0	0.0		US Retail Sales (MoM) - June	7.50%	18.20%
						** means Preliminary Estimate		



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Currency	This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)	YTD (%)	
External Reserve (\$'bn)	25.50	35.98	-1.08%	-7.79%	Report released this week (Click Link below for Full report) *NSR H220 - Fixed Income Strategy - Cloudy outlook, play short or medium term
	35.59	55.98	-1.08%	-7.79%	
<u>USD/NGN (₩/\$)</u>					*NSR H2 2020 - Monetary Policy - CBN to favor FX stability
NAFEX	382	370	-2.92%	-4.45%	*NSR H2 2020 - Fiscal Policy - New budget, same old problems
Parallel	402.5	375.0	-6.83%	-10.56%	*NSR H2 2020 - GDP - A Recession Looms
Economic Snapshot	Latest (%)	Prior	CHG (pps)	2020 Avg.	*NSR H2 2020 - Inflation - A Dance to the Rhythm of Regulations
Inflation YoY (April)			CHG (pps)		
Headline	12.34	12.26	0.08	12.17	
Core	9.98	9.73	0.25	9.39	
Food	15.03	14.99	0.04	14.85	
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	*NERC moves to unbundle TCN into two firms
Manufacturing	0.4	1.2	1.1	0.8	*Nigeria, China finalising negotiations on N43.24bn Ibadan port
Services	3.5	4	3.5	3.4	*FG spent N1.25trn on debt service in 5 months
Labor Data (%) - Q3 18			Latest	Prior	*FG Distributes Subsidised Fertiliser to Vulnerable Farmers
Unemployment Rate			23.1	18.8	*CBN bans forex for maize importation
Underemployment			20.1	21.2	*Nigeria earned \$206bn from oil in five years – OPEC
Capital Importation (\$'mn)	Q4 19	Q3 19	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	*FG vows to halve Internet cost by 2025
Foreign Portfolio Investment - Equities	353.65	358.19	-1.3%	62.0%	*AfCFTA: Nigeria Needs Digital Infrastructure for Effective Competition
Bonds	47.36	91.60	-48.3%	-96.0%	*Enugu airport reopens August 30 – FG
Money Market	1482.57	2549.71	-41.9%	50.8%	*Reps probe N5.8bn abandoned Niger port
Foreign Direct Investment	257.25	206.58	24.53%	-6.2%	*Lagos to implement more tax incentives, reliefs to taxpayers
Balance of Payment (\$'mn)	Q3 19	Q2 19	Q1 19	QoQ	*Transcorp Hotels Seeks to Raise N10bn from Existing Shareholders
Trade Balance	2,559	1,668	775	230.2%	*OPEC sees oil demand soaring in 2021 but still below 2019
CA Balance	(2,796)	(3,772)	(2,819)	-0.8%	*Net foreign inflow hit \$9.35bn in February – CBN
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Source: CBN, NBS, FMDQ, Aboki FX, ARM Research



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Index Performa	unce		1	Index Returns (%)			Sector Performance			1	Returns (%	6)
	Level	WoW	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 year				WoW	QTD	YTD
NSEASI	24287.66	-0.08	-0.78	-0.78	-9.52	-13.39	Banking			-3.90%	-3.31%	-23.19%
NSEASI (\$)	24287.66	-0.08	-1.30%	-1.30%	-15.47%	-19.52%	Brewers			-10.29%	-15.10%	-49.13%
Market Cap (?'bn)	A Invalid Sect	-0.08%	-0.78%	-0.78%	-2.23%	-6.88%	Cement			0.47%	2.57%	4.58%
Market Cap (\$'mn)	A Invalid Secu	-0.46%	-1.30%	-1.30%	-8.66%	-13.85%	Telecom			3.12%	2.35%	16.61%
NSE 30	1032.74	-0.89	-1.84	-1.84	-12.32	-11.17	Personal Care			1.21%	-10.92%	-36.64%
NSE Premium	2115.89	-0.12	-0.44	-0.44	-0.02	-7.45	Construction			-5.14%	-12.14%	-12.71%
NSE 50	1073.40	-2.20	-4.43	-4.43	-20.29	-21.09	Food			0.24%	-5.07%	-16.94%
NSE A SEM	741.05	0.00%	-0.14	-0.14	0.82	-4.98	Insurance			-1.23%	-4.35%	-5.47%
NSE Banking	272.10	-3.92	-3.50	-3.50	-23.75	-19.15	Oil & Gas			-4.49%	-5.71%	-62.27%
NSE Insurance	123.33	-1.88	-4.93	-4.93	-1.98	5.03	Real Estate			0.00%	-0.26%	-0.29%
NSE Consumer	405.78	-1.93	-8.13	-8.13	-31.55	-29.30	ARM Indices					
NSE Oil & Gas	191.12	-1.93	-2.72	-2.72	-27.20	-20.10				WoW	QTD	YTD
NSE Indus trial	1099.97	0.52	-0.35	-0.35	2.27	3.90	Large Cap (Top 10%)			0.01%	-0.40%	1.54%
NSE Lotus	1809.60	0.94	-0.88	-0.88	-1.37	0.84	Mid Cap (Mid 30%)			-0.61%	-3.36%	-12.23%
NSE Pensions	915.73	-2.35	-3.92	-3.92	-13.12	-6.60	Small Cap (Bottom 60%)			0.20%	22.90%	-31.81%
	Top 10	Gainers			Top 10	Losers	Volume and Value Trad	led (millions)				
Company	This Week	WoW	Com	pany	This Week	WoW	2,157	Value (?)		- Volume (Units)	1	
CUTIX	1.82	10.3%	ETERNA		2.03	-9.4%				volume (O mo)		
NPFMCRFB	1.32	10.0%	JBERGER		15.50	-9.9%			1,763			
PRESCO	49.45	9.3%	ARBICO		1.54	-9.9%					1,473	3
CADBURY	7.25	7.4%	MOBIL		173.40	-10.0%	1,0	59		1,104		
LIVESTOC	0.60	7.1%	NB		30.00	-11.9%						
COURTEVIL	0.21	5.0%	LINKASSU		0.40	-14.9%						
LASACO	0.26	4.0%	AIRSERVI		7.05	-5.5%						
PRESTIGE	0.54	3.8%	CONOIL		16.90	-10.6%					·~	
DANGSUGA	12.00	3.4%	WAPIC		0.31	-11.4%	13-Jul 14-J		15-Jul	16-Jul	17-Jul	
UNILEVER	12.85	3.2%	ABCTRANS		0.47	-7.8%	15-561 17-5	-ui	- <u>j</u> u	10-501	17-50	

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	This	Prior	WoW		90 Days	180	1		90 Days	180 Days	1 Year
Money Market	Week	Week	change	Primary Market Auction (Rates)		Days	Year	Issuance (N'billion) OMO			
	01.750/	14.000/	7 7 6 0 /		1.050/	7.79%	8.00%		10.00	10.00	00.00
Overnight (O/N)	21.75%	14.00%	7.75%	02-Jul-20	4.95%			02-Jul-20	10.00	10.00	80.00
Open Buy Back (OBB)	20.33%	13.90%	6.43%	18-Jun-20	4.95%	7.79%		18-Jun-20	10.00	10.00	60.00
NIBOR - 1M	4.79%	5.89%	-1.10%	11-Jun-20	4.95%	7.79%		11-Jun-20	5.00	5.00	50.00
NIBOR - 3M	5.87%	6.27%	-0.40%	04-Jun-20	4.95%	7.79%		04-Jun-20	20.00	20.00	30.00
NIBOR - 6M	5.52%	5.80%	-0.28%	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	1.89%	2.07%	-0.18%	15-Jul-20	1.30%	1.80%	3.35%	15-Jul-20	8.85	26.60	71.60
3-month	1.71%	1.46%	0.25%	01-Jul-20	1.79%	1.91%	3.39%	01-Jul-20	10.00	20.00	58.86
6-month	1.54%	2.49%	-0.95%	17-Jun-20	1.80%	2.04%	3.75%	17-Jun-20	2.00	2.00	10.61
9-month	2.74%	2.75%	-0.01%	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	10 Year	30 Year	FGN Bonds	5 Year	10 Year	30 Year
14.50% 15-JUL-2021	3.11%	3.37%	-0.26%	17-Jun-20	8.00%	11.00%	12.15%	17-Jun-20	33.0	16.2	50.8
16.39% 27-JAN-2022	4.08%	3.33%	0.75%	21-May-20	9.20%	11.70%	12.60%	21-May-20	40.1	82.3	53.7
14.20% 14-MAR-2024	4.00%	4.53%	-0.53%	22-Apr-20	9.00%	12.00%	12.50%	22-Apr-20	15.0	30.0	25.0
12.50% 22-JAN-2026	7.02%	7.05%	-0.03%	25-Mar-20	10.00%	12.50%	12.98%	25-Mar-20	55.0	65.0	40.0
16.2884% 17-MAR-2027	8.18%	8.12%	0.06%	19-Feb-20	8.75%	10.70%	12.12%	19-Fcb-20	29.3	106.4	276.1
12.1493% 18-JUL-2034	9.75%	10.15%	-0.40%	Corporate Bonds	This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)	Corporate Eurobond	This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)
16.2499% 18-APR-2037	9.91%	10.06%	-0.15%	MIXTA 17.00% 16-JAN-2022	4.31%	4.29%	-0.21%	ACCESS 10.50% 19-OCT-2021	7.79%	7.80%	-0.01%
14.8% 26-APR-2049	10.55%	10.90%	-0.35%	FIDELITY 16.48% 13-MAY-2022	5.29%	4.77%	-0.77%	ZENITH 7.375% 30-MAY-2022	7.43%	6.98%	0.45%
				DUFIL 18.25% 1-SEP-2022	5.84%	5.48%	-0.73%	UBA 7.75% 08-JUN-2022	7.78%	7.79%	-0.01%
FGN Eurobonds				LAPO MFB 17.75% 19-DEC-2022	7.74%	7.59%	-0.65%	SEPLAT 9.25% 1-APR-2023	9.15%	9.06%	0.09%
5.625% 27 - JUN-2022	5.12%	5.21%	-0.09%	STERLING 16.50% 3-AUG-2023	5.04%	5.25%	-0.64%				
6.50% 28-Nov-2027	7.77%	7.81%	-0.04%	FCMB 17.25% 8-DEC-2023	5.37%	5.76%	-0.76%				
7.875% 16-FEB-2032	8.83%	8.90%	-0.07%	STANBIC 13.25% 30-SEP-2024	5.89%	6.27%	-0.84%				
7.625% 28-Nov-2047	8.79%	8.86%	-0.07%	VIATHAN 16.00% 14-DEC-2027	6.56%	6.83%	-0.90%				
				UNION 16.20% 27-JUN-2029	11.94%	12.09%	-0.15%				

Source: DMO, FMDQ, Bloomberg, ARM Research



Economic and Financial Calendar for the week 13th July - 17th July

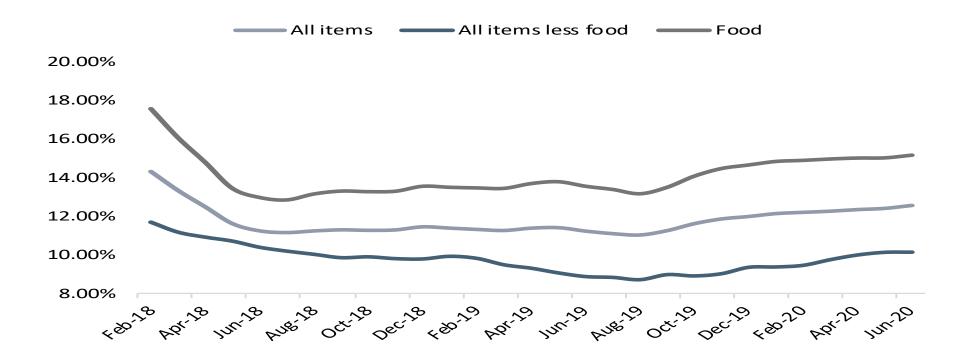
	c and Financial Calendar for the week 15th July - 1 Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23 -J ul	24-Jul
	China PBoC Interest Rate Decision	UK Public Sector Net Borrowing - June	SA Consumer Price Index (YoY) - June	SA SARB Interest Rate Decision	UK Retail Sales (YoY) - June
	Japan National Consumer Price Index (YoY) - June		SA Retail Sales (YoY) - April		EU Markit PMI Composite - July**
bal			Mexico Retail Sales (YoY) - May		US Markit PMI Composite - July**
Global					
	Selected Food Prices - June	FAAC June 2020 Disbursement			
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Nigeria inflation

This week we feature the trend in Nigeria's inflation from 2018 till date. Recent data from NBS showed that inflation expanded to 12.56% YoY in June compared to headline figure of 12.4% YoY in May.



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