

Weekly Economic & Financial Commentary

...for the week 16th-20th July 2018



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#### Fixed Income

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Global F	quities		Index	Retu	rns (%	Index	Character	ristics	Global Fixed I	ncome					Global Currencies			
Country	Index	Level (in \$)	WoW (%)	(%)	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	2,805	0.1	4.9	13.4	21.1		1.9	US	2.39		2.89	-0.6	2.9	Euro (€) 1.2	1.2	0.4	-2.3
	NASDAQ	7,821	-0.1	13.3	22.4	26.5	11,881.3	1.0	UK	0.70	0.0	1.23	0.3	2.4	GBP (£) 1.3	1.3	-0.7	-2.8
UK	FTSE ASI	7,679	0.2	-0.1	2.5	13.7		4.3	Euro	-0.26	-0.1	0.89	2.4	2	JPY (¥) 111.5	112.4	0.8	1.0
France	CAC 40	5,398	-0.6	1.6	3.8	17.0	1,003.5	3.3	Japan	-0.14	0.0	0.01	0.1	0.8	INR (Rs) 68.9	68.5	-0.5	-7.2
Germany	XETRA DAX	12,561	0.2	-2.8	0.9	14.0		3.2	China	2.81	-1.1	3.29	-2.2	1.9	CNY (¥) 6.8	6.7	-1.2	-3.9
Japan	NIKKEI 25	22,698	0.0	-0.3	12.9	17.3	5.5	1.9	India	7.21	0.3	7.79	-0.1	3.96	MXN (\$) 19.1	18.9	-0.9	3.1
China	Shanghai Com	2,829	0.0	-14.5	-12.6	13.8	4,431.4	2.7	Mexico	8.14	0.3	7.67	0.5	4.65	RUB (p.) 63.5	62.4	-1.7	-9.2
Brazil	Ibovespa	78,907	3.0	3.3	21.5	19.8	33.9	3.7	Turkey	20.78	0.3	16.62	3.9	15.39	ZAR (R) 63.5	62.4	-1.7	-9.2
India	BSE Sens	36,496	-0.1	7.2	14.4	22.9	522.0	1.6	Russia	6.97	2.7	4.01	-0.3	2.3	EGP ( <b>f</b> ) 17.9	17.9	0.0	-0.7
Russia	RTS	589	-7.0	-2.6	11.0	6.3	2.8	6.7	Egypt	19.17	-0.6	14.18	-11.4	14.4	KES (sh) 100.7	100.8	0.0	2.5
Mexico	S&P/BMV IPO	48,906	1.0	-0.9	-4.4	23.1		2.3	South Africa	7.86	-0.3	9.09	0.0	4.6	GHS (¢ 17.9	17.9	0.0	-0.7
Turkey	Borsa Istanbul	94,082	4.7	-18.4	-11.9	7.5	0.4	4.7	Kenya	10.24	-1.4	12.91	0.0	4.3	XOF (F) 566.5	569.9	0.6	-0.4
Indonesia	JCI Index	5,873	0.0	-7.6	1.9	20.3	451.7	2.4	Ghana	14.50	-3.3	19.00	0.0	9.97	XAF (F) 567.1	574.4	1.3	-1.6
Kazahasta	a KASE Index	2,379	-0.3	10.0	36.9	8.0	1.2	N/A N/.	Nigeria	11.49	-0.2	14.11	-0.4	11.6	NGN (₦) 361.3	361.5	0.1	-0.4
Vietnam	VN Index	933	0.0	-5.2	22.5	17.5	121.7	1.6	Global Comm	odities					Global Indicators for the Week			
South	FTSE/JSE ASI	56,990	1.1	-4.2	5.0	17.2		3.4			This	Prior	WoW	YTD		Latest	Prior	
Africa	ū			}							Week	Week	(%)	(%)	luan ii a i	0.50/	1.00/	
Egypt	EGX 30	15,416		2.6	12.4	15.5	11.4	175.2	Brent Crude		73.1	75.3	-2.9	9.3	US Retail Sales - June	0.5%	1.3%	
Kenya	NSEASI	172	0.6	0.7	11.7	14.2	24.2	4.6	OPEC Crude		70.9	72.2	-1.7	10.0	Italy's Industrial Sales (YoY) - May	5%	4%	
	MSCI MX	304	-1.7	-9.9		1	9.0	3.9	Gasoline	0	206.6	210.7	-1.9	5.9	Italy's CPI (YoY) - June	1.3%	1.3%	
Ghana	GSE Composit		-0.2	11.0	30.0	69.0	4.5	1.0	Natural Gas	\$/MBtu	2.8	2.8	0.3	-1.7	EU's CPI (YoY) - June	2%	2%	
Tunisia	TunIndex	8,163	1.3	30.0	32.4	21.3	0.8	1.8	Gold	\$/t oz	1230.0	1244.3	-1.1	-5.6	Germany's Producer Price Index (YoY) -	June 3%	2.7%	
BRVM	BRVM	214	-0.9	-12.0	-15.5	25.5	26.4	1.6	Sugar	\$/lb	11.1	11.0	0.0	-26.9	Canada's CPI (YoY) - June	2.5%	2.2%	
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,237	0.7	1.6	2.9	19.0	9.3		Wheat	\$/bsh	515.5	497.0	3.7	10.7	Canada's Retail Sales (MoM) - May	2.0%	-1.2%	
Nigeria	NGSE ASI	36,603	-2.11	-4.29	8.63	10.6	36.2	5.0	Crude Palm oil	IYR/MT	2194.0	2159.0	0.0					

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters, ARM Research



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Currency	This Week	Prior Week	WoW (%)	YTD (%)	Earnings release	Period	Latest (N'000)	Prior (N'000)	CHG (%)
External Reserve (\$'bn)	47.45	47.62	-0.37%	22.40%	UACN Property Development Co.	H2 2018	(1,832,978)	(2,063,383)	-11%
USD/NGN (₦/\$)									
NAFEX	361.6	361.39	-0.06%	-0.33%	Dangote Cement Plc	H2 2018	113,164,000	109,713,000	3.1%
Parallel	358.5	359.5	0.28%	0.97%					
<b>Economic Snapshot</b>	Latest (%)	Prior	CHG (pps)	2018 Avg.	Unilever Nigeria Plc	H2 2018	5,719,084	3,676,993	55.5%
Inflation YoY (May)			CHG (pps)						
Headline	11.61	12.48	0.9	13.4	Ecobank Transnational Inc.	H2 2018	51,552,393	37,734,985	36.6%
Core	10.71	10.92	1.0	11.32					
Food	13.45	14.8	0.9	16.17					
GDP (%) - YoY	Q1 18	Q4 17	FY 17	FY18F	Report released this week (Click Li	nk below fo	r Full report)		
Real GDP	1.9	2.1	8.0	2.4	NSR H2 2018 Excerpts - Multi-fund	- Will varia	ble assets Blow-	Up or Blow Ov	/er?
Oil	14.8	11.2	5.5	8.8	NSR H2 2018 Excerpts - EM Portfol				dribble
Agriculture	3.0	4.2	3.4	3.3	NSR H2 2018 Excerpts - Peaks and	Troughs ac	ross soft commo	dities	
Manufacturing	3.4	0.1	-0.2	2.6	NSR H2 2018 Excerpts - Crude Oil:	Stability ga	ins ground in tit	ans' Tug of Wa	ır
Services	0.5	-0.8	-0.8	1.3					
<b>Labor Data</b> (%) - <b>Q3</b> 17			Latest	Prior					
Unemployment Rate			18.8	16.2	News Headline for the week (click 1				
Underemployment			21.2	21.1	* National carrier needs \$300m init				
Capital Importation (\$'mn) - Q1 18	Q1 18	Q4 17	<b>QoQ</b> (%)	YoY (%)	* Nigerian Stock Exchange to List F	GN N10.691	bn Green Bond		
Foreign Portfolio Investment - Equities	701.61	989.2	29.1	588	* Wema Bank to issue N20b debt				
Bonds	335.88	309.5	8.5	N/A	* Workers borrow to feed as FAAC				
Treasury Bills	3,527.6	2,178.8	61.9	157	* Senate okays N348bn subsidy pay		marketers		
Foreign Direct Investment	246.6	378.4	34.8	20	* FG seeks to reduce N183bn sugar				
Balance of Payment (\$'mn)	Q1 18	Q4 17	Q3 17	<b>QoQ</b> (%)	* Osinbajo inaugurates N107bn BU	A's Sokoto	cement plant		
Trade Balance	6,042	5,009	3,032	21					
CA Balance	4,468	3,656	1,974	22					

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

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## **Equities**

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Index Performance				Index Returns	(%)	Sector Performance	Returns (%)			
	Level	WoW	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 year		WoW	QTD	YTD
NSE ASI	36603.44	-2.11	-4.38	-4.38	-4.29	8.63	Banking	-4.73%	-6.65%	-2.04%
NSE ASI (\$)	101.23	-0.02	-4.45	-0.04	-0.05	0.09	Brewers	-2.59%	-5.76%	-19.05%
Market Cap (₦'bn)	13259.62	-0.02	-4.38	-0.04	-0.03	0.13	Cement	2.53%	1.23%	0.72%
Market Cap (\$'mn)	36669.29	-0.02	-4.45	-0.04	-0.03	0.15	Personal Care	-3.53%	-6.63%	7.86%
NSE 30	1642.22	-2.92	-5.57	-5.57	-5.98	7.12	Construction	-6.19%	-7.25%	-8.29%
NSE Premium	2663.89	-0.16	-2.08	-2.08	3.89	17.22	Food	-4.44°/o	-8.62%	-8.49%
NSE 50	1870.36	-3.24	-5.43	-5.43	-4.09	10.67	Insurance	-1.92%	-1.64%	0.73%
NSE ASEM	798.75	-5.12	-15.88	-15.88	-26.54	-32.00	Oil & Gas	-4.04%	-8.37%	-12.47%
NSE Banking	449.05	-3.59	-5.67	-5.67	-5.55	7.90	Real Estate	0.00%	0.00%	-2.60%
NSE Insurance	143.63	0.08	-4.53	-4.53	3.06	5.38	ARM Indices			
NSE Consumer	858.39	-3.72	-7.47	-7.47	-12.06	8.18		WoW	QTD	YTD
NSE Oil & Gas	309.15	-2.22	-4.35	-4.35	-6.51	-5.23	Large Cap (Top 10%)	-1.72%	-3.73%	-3.68%
NSE Industrial	1864.82	-3.26	-7.16	-7.16	-5.61	-8.40	Mid Cap (Mid 30%)	-3.48%	-6.67%	-3.78%
NSE Lotus	2512.08	-1.93	-4.36	-4.36	-1.89	22.34	Small Cap (Bottom 60%)	30.78%	29.02%	-46.24%
NSE Pensions	1383.86	-4.07	-7.13	-7.13	0.30	18.58	Volume and Value T	raded (mi	llions)	
_	<b>Top 10 G</b>	ainers		_	<b>Top 10</b>	Losers	Value (	4) <b>— — —</b>	Volume (Ui	nits)
Company	This Week	WoW	Cor	mpany	This Week	$\mathbf{WoW}$	10,910	,		,
LINKAGE	0.79	9.7%	UNION I	DIAGNOSTIC	0.23	-34.3%			0.015	0.015
CCNN	24.90	8.3%	TANTAL	IZERS	0.21	-22.2%			8,915	8,915
AIRLINE SERVICES	4.50	7.8%	EQUITY	ASSURANCE	0.20	-16.7%				_
LAW UNION	1.00	6.4%	WAPCO		32.50	-13.3%				_
NPF	1.80	5.9%	OANDO		5.55	-13.3%		4,317		_
NIGER INSURANCE	0.27	3.8%	FBNH		9.05	-13.0%	3,127			_
AFRIPRUD	4.15	3.8%	PZ		16.80	-11.6%				
CONTINENTAL RE	1.50	3.4%	JULIUS		24.30	-10.0%				
DANGCEM	234.70	3.4%	MULTI-T	TREX	0.36	-10.0%				
SKYE BANK	0.65	3.2%	UPDC		9.00	-10.0%	16-Jul 17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul



### **Fixed Income**

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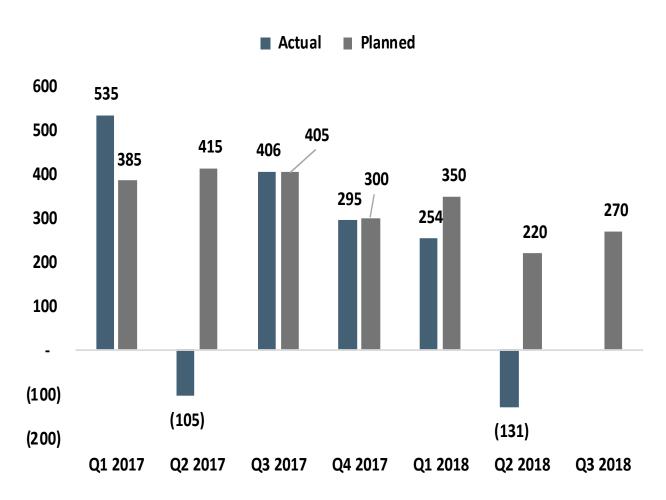
	This	Prior	WoW		91	250	364		91	250	364
	Week	Week	change	Primary Market Auction (Rates)	Days	Days	Days	Issuance (N'billion)	Days	Days	Days
Money Market				ОМО				ОМО			
Overnight (O/N)	15.67%	9.42%	6.25%	19-Jul-18	11.05%	12.15%		19-Jul-18	60.770	435.5	0.0
Open Buy Back (OBB)	15.00%	8.29%	6.71%	13-Jul-18	11.05%	12.15%		13-Jul-18	0.013	315.3	0.0
NIBOR - 1M	18.00%	13.51%	4.49%	25-Jun-18	11.05%	12.15%		25-Jun-18	3.720	133.6	0.0
NIBOR - 3M	18.22%	14.07%	4.15%	19-Jun-18	11.05%	12.15%		19-Jun-18	0.495	190.9	0.0
NIBOR - 6M	18.58%	15.15%	3.43%	07-Jun-18	11.05%	12.15%		07-Jun-18	Nil	41.2	0.0
Treasury Bills				Treasury Bills	91 Day	182 Day	364 Day	Treasury Bills	91 Day	182 Day	364 Day
1-month	10.89%	11.34%	-0.45%	18-Jul-18	10.00%	10.50%	11.49%	18-Jul-18	0.0	0.0	-71.4
3-month	11.04%	11.70%	-0.66%	05-Jul-18	10.00%	10.30%	11.50%	05-Jul-18	0.00	0.0	-68.2
6-month	12.30%	12.58%	-0.28%	20-Jun-18	10.00%	10.30%	11.50%	20-Jun-18	3.4	16.9	13.5
9-month	13.29%	13.49%	-0.20%	13-Jun-18	10.20%	10.50%	11.50%	13-Jun-18	9.5	47.7	38.2
12-month	12.41%	0.00%	12.41%	30-May-18	10.00%	10.30%	11.00%	30-May-18	5.4	8.4	40.2
FGN Bonds (Local)				FGN Bonds	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year	FGN Bonds	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year
16.00% 29-JUN-2019	12.47%	13.24%	-0.77%	27-Jun-18	13.50%	13.80%	13.81%	27-Jun-18	8.8	7.9	21.0
15.54% 13-FEB-2020	13.67%	13.52%	0.15%	23-May-18	13.50%	13.50%	13.55%	25-Apr-18	38.3	12.8	39.0
14.50% 15-JUL-2021	13.56%	13.59%	-0.03%	25-Apr-18	12.75%	12.85%	12.89%	23-Mar-18	100.5	89.1	45.1
16.39% 27 <b>-JAN-</b> 2022	13.74%	13.69%	0.05%	23-Mar-18	13.40%	13.53%	13.60%	23-Feb-18	27.2	0.0	52.4
14.20% 14-MAR-2024	13.85%	13.91%	-0.06%	23-Feb-18	13.70%			24-Jan-18	45.1	0.0	64.9
12.50% 22-JAN-2026	14.11%	13.97%	0.14%	Corporate Bonds	This Week	Prior Week	<b>WoW</b> (%)	Corporate Eurobond	This Week	Prior Week	<b>WoW</b> (%)
16.2884% 17-MAR-2027	14.01%	13.99%	0.02%	DUFIL 18.25% 1-SEP-2022	15.55%	15.53%	0.02%	ZENITH   6.25%   22-APR-2019	5.23%	9.49%	-4.26%
12.1493% 18-JUL-2034	14.12%	14.16%	-0.04%	FCMB   17.25%   8-DEC-2023	15.20%	15.24%	-0.04%	DIAMOND   8.75%   21-MAY-2019	9.44%	18.41%	-8.97%
16.2499% 18-APR-2037	14.16%	14.18%	-0.02%	FIDELITY   16.48%   13-MAY-2022	14.76%	14.72%	0.04%	FBN   8.25%   07-AUG-2020	23.66%	10.50%	13.16%
FGN Eurobonds				LAPO MFB   17.75%   19-DEC-2022	17.49%	17.48%	0.01%	ECOBANK   8.75%   14-AUG-2021	9.78%	7.42%	2.36%
6.50% 28-Nov-2027	7.13%	7.98%	-0.85%	MIXTA 17.00% 16-JAN-2022	14.71%	14.60%	0.11%	ACCESS   10.50%   19-OCT-2021	8.72%	9.32%	-0.60%
7.625% 28-Nov-2047	8.09%	5.84%	2.25%	STANBIC   13.25%   30-SEP-2024	14.93%	14.93%	0.00%	ZENITH   7.375%   30-MAY-2022	7.21%	8.53%	-1.32%
7.875% 16-FEB-2032	7.66%	5.58%	2.08%	STERLING   16.50%   3-AUG-2023	14.84%	14.87%	-0.03%				
5.625% 27-JUN-2022	5.63%	6.99%	-1.36%	UBA   16.45%   30-DEC-2021	14.74%	14.69%	0.05%				
				VIATHAN   16.00%   14-DEC-2027	14.069/	14.94%	0.020/				



Economi	Economic and Financial Calendar for the week 23rd July - 27th July 2018								
	Mon day	Tuesday	Wedn esday	Thursday	Friday				
	23 <b>-</b> Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul	27 <b>-</b> Jul				
	US' Chicago Fed National Activity Index - June	Japan's Manufacturing PMI - July	France's Producer Prices - June	OPEC's Meeting	France's GDP - Q2				
	Canada's Wholesale Sales - May	France's Services & Manufacturing PMI - July	EU's Private Loans - June	France's Consumer Confidence - July	France's - Consumer Spending - June				
	US's Existing Home Sales - June	France's PMI Composite - July	EU's Money Supply (M3) - June	Spain 5-yr and 10-yr Bond Auction	Italy's 10-yr Bond Auction				
Global	EU's Consumer Confidence - July	EU's Manufacturing & Services PMI - July	US' New Home Sales - June	EU's Deposit & Interest Rate Decision	US'GDP-Q2				
	US' 3 and 6 Month Bill Auction	UK's Industrial Trends Survey-Orders - July	US' Crude Oil Stocks Change - July 16	US' Wholesale Inventories - June	US' Personal Consumption Expenditure Prices - Q2				
		US' Manufacturing & Services PMI - July	US' 5-yr Note Auction	US' Goods Trade Balance - June					
		US' 4-week Bill & 2-yr Note Auctions	Japan's Foreign Bond Investment - July 16	US' 7-yr Note Auction					
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### **CHART OF THE WEEK**

Figure: Historical FG's Actual vs Planned bond issuances



- The Debt management office (DMO) released its Q3 2018 bond calendar which showed a marked shift from the previous quarter.
- ◆ The total planned issuance of №270 billion in Q3 2018 which is split between the 5-year (№75 billion), 7-year (№75 billion) and 10-year (№120 billion) is 23% higher than planned issuance in Q2 2018 and a long stretch from FG's №135 billion net repayment over the same period.
- ♦ For us, this reflects FG's drive to kick start implementation of the 2018 fiscal outlay following its late passage in June 2018.

Source: FMDQ, ARM Research





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