Custodian Asset Management Ltd

Weekly Market Update

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MACROS

INDICATOR	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
GDP	4.07%	3.98%
Inflation	15.06%	15.10%
Exchange rate (NAFEM)	N1,356.89/$	N1,380.79/$
Exchange rate (Parallel)	N1,358.68/$	N1,400.11/$
External reserves	$48.85 bn	N49.18 bn
Brent	$95.2/barrel	$109.03/barrel
Gold	$4,748.73/oz	$4,676.4/oz

The Naira appreciated last week, closing at N1,356.25/$ at the official market. This was due to interventions by the CBN and the significant OMO offerings which attracted foreign portfolio investors to high yielding local assets.

Nigeria external reserves continues its drop primarily attributed to CBN measures to stabilize the naira and domestic pressures. The CBN has sustained its interventions in the foreign exchange market, injecting dollars to support the Naira's value and narrow the premium between the official and parallel market rates. Conflict in the middle east continues to trigger a flight to safety causing investors to pull funds from emerging markets like Nigeria and move them into the U.S. Dollar.

Oil prices experienced as sharp drop last week after a 2 weeks ceasefire was reached between the United States and Iran, easing immediate fears of a massive supply shock in the middle east. Traders removed the war premium that had been priced in during active military strikes between the US, Israel and Iran. A key condition of the truce was the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, the possibility caused improvement in oil prices.

Gold prices rose roughly 2% last week, closing at $4,748.73 per ounce. This weekly gain was largely a reaction to a tentative de-escalation in the Middle East tensions and a subsequent shift in global macroeconomic outlook. The dollar index fell more than 1% over the week following the announcement of a US-Iran ceasefire. A weaker dollar makes gold cheaper and more attractive to international buyers.

MONEY MARKET

Money Market	Current Week	Previous Week
OPR	22.00%	22.00%
ON	22.35%	22.26%

System liquidity declined last week to N4.79 trillion as the CBN continued its aggressive mop-up through high volume auctions. To prevent excess cash from fueling inflation or currency speculation, the CBN conducted large-scale OMO auctions, absorbing roughly N2.31 trillion in a single week.

Expectation

Expectations for system liquidity this week point to tightening environment as the CBN actively continues to mop-up. OPR and ON are expected to remain stable but may experience mild upward pressure.

TREASURY BILLS MARKET

The average yield on Treasury Bills dropped last week due to high liquidity and reduction in auction stop rates. Strong demand at the midweek auction saw subscriptions reach approximately N3 trillion. Specifically, the 364-day bill attracted N2.63 trillion in bids against an offer of only N500 billion. Due to this overwhelming demand, the CBN cut stop rates on the 182-day and 364-day bills by 23 bps settling at 16.19% and 16.20% respectively.

SECURITY	BID DISC RATE	OFFER DISC RATE
23-Apr-26	17.00	15.75
21-May-26	16.55	15.85
4-Jun-26	16.50	15.80
9-Jul-26	16.35	15.65
6-Aug-26	16.35	15.65
17-Sep-26	16.65	15.95
8-Oct-26	16.40	15.70
5-Nov-26	16.45	15.75
3-Dec-26	16.65	15.95
10-Dec-26	16.65	15.95
17-Dec-26	16.70	16.00
7-Jan-27	16.60	16.20
21-Jan-27	16.55	16.15
18-Feb-27	16.45	16.10
4-Mar-27	16.40	16.15
11-Mar-27	16.30	16.05
18-Mar-27	16.20	15.85

25-Mar-27	16.10	15.85
8-Apr-27	15.95	15.75

Expectation

Expectations for NTB yields this week point toward a lower trajectory due to lower stop rates and liquidity overhang. The secondary market enters the week on a bullish note, supported by strong buying interest across all maturities. This follows a 15 point drop in benchmark yields last week. The ongoing surplus in system liquidity is expected to sustain demand in the secondary market, keeping downward pressure on yields.

BONDS MARKET

FGN bond yields trended slightly lower last week, driven by massive liquidity and market anticipation of a cooling inflation print for March. This bullish sentiment was further reinforced by the CBN's decision to slash stop rates at the latest NTB auction, which triggered a downward repricing across the broader fixed income market.

SECURITY	BID YIELD	OFFER YIELD
FGN 16.2884% MAR 2027	17.25	16.19
FGN 19.9400% MAR 2027	17.25	16.19
FGN 13.9800% FEB 2028	16.57	15.71
FGN 19.3000% APR 2029	16.41	15.65
FGN 14.5500% APR 2029	16.24	15.48
FGN 18.5000% FEB 2031	16.37	16.22
FGN 17.9500% JUN 2032	16.38	16.23
FGN 19.8900% MAY 2033	16.40	16.25
FGN 19.0000% FEB 2034	16.35	16.13
FGN 22.6000% JAN 2035	16.26	16.11
FGN 16.2499% APR 2037	15.66	14.90
FGN 15.45% JUN 2038	15.34	14.58
FGN 13.0000% JAN 2042	15.37	14.61
FGN 14.8000% APR 2049	14.76	14.00
FGN 12.9800% MAR 2050	14.75	13.99
FGN 15.7000% JUN 2053	15.32	14.56

Expectation

Investors are positioned for the release of the March 2026 Inflation report. Most analysts project a further moderation in headline inflation. This expectation may encourage investors to lock in current yields before potential drops. The 23 bps drop in NTB stop rates has set a lower benchmark for the entire yield curve which may trigger repricing in the secondary bond market.

EUROBONDS

FGN EUROBONDS	Bid Px	Ask px	BID YIELD	OFFER YIELD
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA NOV 2027	100.877	101.38	5.92	5.59
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA SEP 2028	100.263	100.751	6.01	5.79
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA MAR 2029	106.468	106.984	5.95	5.76
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FEB 2030	102.401	102.518	6.43	6.39
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA JAN 2031	107.095	107.612	6.97	6.84
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA JUN 2031	111.411	111.713	6.95	6.88
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FEB 2032	103.764	104.233	7.07	6.98
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA SEP 2033	100.428	100.736	7.30	7.24
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA DEC 2034	117.472	117.818	7.58	7.53
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA JAN 2036	107.097	107.526	7.58	7.52
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FEB 2038	99.596	100.16	7.75	7.67
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA JAN 2046	107.862	108.267	8.31	8.27
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA NOV 2047	95.052	95.547	8.11	8.06
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA JAN 2049	110.318	110.745	8.24	8.20
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA SEP 2051	99.468	99.936	8.30	8.26

Nigeria Eurobond yields dropped 33 bps to an average of 7.12% during the week ended April 10, 2026. This rally signaled a significant return of global risk appetite for Nigeria's dollar denominated debt. The announcement of a 2-week ceasefire between the U.S. and Iran eased immediate war premiums that had previously spiked yields.

Expectation

While Nigerian Eurobonds saw a significant rally last week, there is a strong possibility that yields may reverse and head upwards this week due to the potential breakdown of talks between the U.S. and Iran. A collapse in these diplomatic negotiations would likely trigger a "risk-off" sentiment globally.

EQUITY MARKET

The NGX ASI YTD return improved to 30.95% last week. The markets improvement during this period was driven by a combination of strong corporate performance and structural upgrades. The market was fueled by the release of impressive full year 2025 financial results. Investors responded positively to robust bottom-line growth across several blue-chip companies.

Market sentiment was significantly boosted by FTSE Russell's decision to upgrade Nigeria to frontier market status, sparking fresh interest from international investors.

Performance was anchored by heavyweights such as MTN Nigeria and GTCO, alongside double-digit gains in stocks like Unilever Nigeria.

Top Gainers

STOCK	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	CHANGE
NGXGROUP	165	188	13.94%
GTCO	122	135	10.66%
NASCON	147	161	9.52%
GUINNESS	423.2	462.9	9.38%
ZENITHBANK	103	112	8.74%

Top losers

STOCK	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	CHANGE
DAARCOMM	1.91	1.5	-21.47%
RTBRISCOE	10.5	8.4	-20.00%
DEAPCAP	6.01	5	-16.81%
ELLAHLAKES	12	10	-16.67%
JAPAULGOLD	3.5	2.93	-16.29%

Expectation

Expectations for the Nigerian equity market this week lean toward cautious bullishness driven by dividend fever and strategic portfolio rebalancing. This week is critical for income-seeking investors as several high value stocks reach their ex-dividend or qualification dates.

TOP STORIES

GLOBAL NEWS

- Trump announces two-week ceasefire as Iran promises 'safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz'
- The Reserve Bank of India kept the repo rate unchanged at 5.25%, citing the West Asia crisis as a source of uncertainty

DOMESTIC NEWS

- Nigeria regains Frontier Market status in fresh boost for stocks
- The National Assembly passed the 2026 Appropriation Bill, totalling N68.3 trillion

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