



## QUARTERLY REVIEW Q1'18

### Macroeconomic and Markets Review

#### Global Economy

Activity continues to firm up, brighter prospects amidst challenges, optimistic outlook to the global growth forecast appear broadly balanced in the near term, but remain skewed to the downside over the medium term. On the upside, the cyclical rebound could prove stronger in the near term as activities and financial conditions pick up and reinforce each other. This suggests we are getting closer to positive terrain particularly in the emerging markets, where policy is generally accommodative.

#### Domestic Economy Key Highlights

Nigeria Economy carried over positive momentum into the first quarter of 2018 from the final quarter of 2017 on the back on strong performance in non oil sector. The External reserve also has pointed to a healthy economy in the quarter under review as it hits \$41.82bn, a 3 year high.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) which measures inflation decreased by 14.33 percent (year-on-year) in February 2018. This was 0.80percent points lower than the rate recorded in January (15.13) percent making it the thirteenth consecutive decline in the rate of headline year on year inflation since January 2017.

#### Equities Market

The month of January was characterized by bullish outlook as equities gained momentum on optimistic investors' sentiment. NSEASI began the year with +16.34% only to marginally drop by 2.54% in the month of February on slight profit taking but yet another downside of 4.21% in the month of March trimming the market capitalization to a close of N14.90trn. The month of March was quite below expectation as reactions from investors dwindled against promising full year earnings release.

Investors seemed to be more cautious and taking advantage of NSE new price methodology as it drove more liquidity in the market. Hence, investors rather took "a bird at hand is better than many in the bush" approach to sell off long held illiquid stocks which in turn resulted in short term gain. We saw the likes of JAPPAUL OIL treaded up 18%, CUTIX (39.30%) and ABCTRANS (57%). Also as a result of enhanced liquidity, we saw the ASEM board coming in play as well which further drove short term trading as against long term positioning.

However, the new pricing rule is a welcome one as it will promote participation the equities market which will in turn drive sustainability.

Bargain hunting on dividend paying stocks after mark down is quite inevitable. Therefore, we expect long term positioning from value investors on company's fundamentals rather than sentiments in the month of April to kick start the second quarter.

### MACROECONOMIC INDICATOR

YR'2018	ASI	INFLATION	EXCHANGE RATE(USD)	MPR	CRUDE OIL PRICE	EXTERNAL RESERVE(\$'BN)
JAN	44493.79	15.37	305.70	14	70.44	37.92
FEB	43330.54	15.13	305.90	14	65.71	40.56
MARCH	40802.08	14.33	305.65	14	69.10	41.82

### EQUITIES MARKET KEY INDICATORS

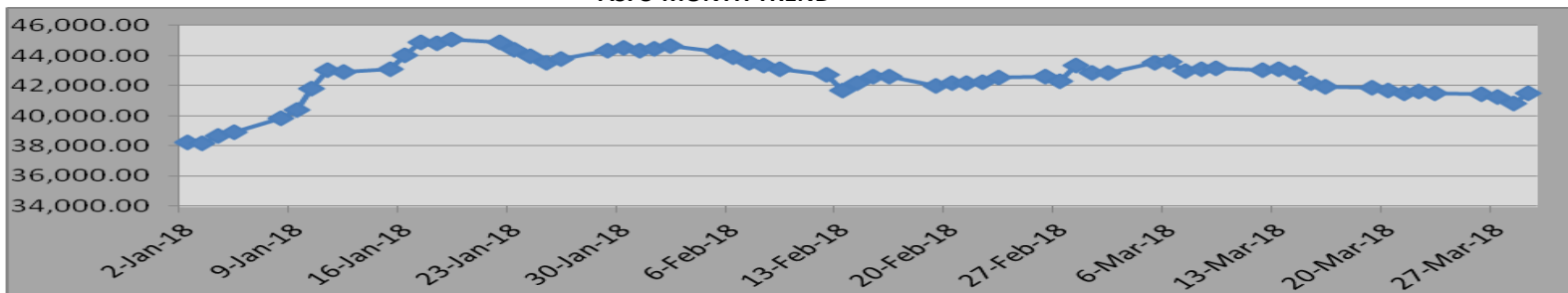
Sector Indices	Close(Mar18)	Close(Feb18)	YEAR START	MoM %CHG	QoQ %CHG
ASI	41504.51	43,330.54	38264.79	-4.21	8.47
NSE 30	1874.27	1,961.32	1747.01	-4.44	7.28
NSE BNK	520.57	575.56	475.26	-9.55	9.53
NSE INS	151.09	157.52	140.60	-4.08	7.46
NSECNMRGDS	978.14	1,003.67	978.67	-2.54	-0.05
NSEOILGAS	346.91	343.64	329.43	0.95	5.31
NSELOTUSISLM	2698.99	2,741.18	2563.53	-1.54	5.28
NSEINDUSTR	2192.12	2,351.35	1979.40	-6.77	10.75
NSEASEM	988.53	1,059.47	1071.68	-6.70	-7.76
MKT CAP (N'tn)	14.90	15.55	13.73	-4.21	8.47

SOURCE: NSE, APTRESEARCH

### EQUITIES TOP PERFORMERS BY SYMBOL

TOP 10 GAINERS (%)				TOP 10 LOSERS (%)			
Symbols	Mar'18	Yr start (N)	QoQ% CHG	Symbols	Mar'18	Yr start (N)	QoQ %CHG
UNITYBNK	0.55	1.22	121.82	FTNCOCOA	0.46	0.20	-56.52
WEMABANK	0.50	0.99	98.00	MULTIVERS	0.48	0.22	-54.17
CCNN	9.50	18.70	96.84	SOVRENINS	0.50	0.24	-52.00
NEM	1.58	2.75	74.05	AFRINSURE	0.44	0.22	-50.00
NPFMCRFBK	1.25	2.12	69.60	UNITYKAP	0.48	0.26	-45.83
GLAXOSMIT	21.61	34.00	57.33	ROYALEX	0.50	0.31	-38.00
ETERNA	4.26	6.65	56.10	HMARKINS	0.50	0.33	-34.00
STERLNBK	1.13	1.75	54.87	CORNERST	0.47	0.37	-21.28
FIDSON	3.71	5.70	53.64	GUINEAINS	0.50	0.40	-20.00
FCMB	1.58	2.38	50.63	LASACO	0.38	0.33	-13.16

### ASI 3-MONTH TREND



### CORPORATE RESULTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Company FULL YEAR	REVENUE			PAT/(LOSS)			EPS			Benefit Declared		
	Present	Previous	% CHG	Present	Previous	% CHG	Present	Previous	% CHG	Bonus	Dividend (N:K)	Closure
	N'000	N'000		N'M	N'M		N'M	N'M				Date(YR'18)
ACCESS	319,854,402	247,286,635	29.35	61,990,852	71,439,347	(13.23)	2.14	2.47	(13.23)	0	0.40	APR.13TH-18TH
AFRIPRUD	2,380,382	1,424,109	67.15	1,714,778	1,019,173	68.25	0.86	0.51	68.25	0	0.40	MAR.13TH-19TH
CADBURY	33,079,446	29,979,410	10.34	299,998	(296,403)	201.21	0.16	(0.16)	201.20	0	0.16	JUN.11TH-15TH
CAP	7,113,950	6,813,984	4.40	1,498,730	1,603,357	(6.53)	2.14	2.29	(6.53)	0	2.03	MAY 30TH-JUN 5TH
CUSTODIAN	43,052,675	38,554,556	11.67	7,316,665	5,330,976	37.25	1.24	0.91	37.25	0	0.32	APR. 12TH
DANGCEM	805,582,000	615,103,000	30.97	204,248,000	142,858,000	42.97	11.99	8.38	42.97	0	10.45	APR. 16TH
GLAXOSMITH	16,089,728	14,384,785	11.85	486,433	2,378,145	(79.55)	0.41	1.99	(79.55)	0	0.40	APR. 24TH-4TH MAY
GUARANTY	327,333,512	262,494,101	24.70	170,469,633	132,280,655	28.87	5.79	4.49	28.87	0	2.40	MAR. 28TH
JBERGER	141,890,498	138,993,752	2.08	4,779,617	4,423,205	8.06	3.63	3.36	8.06	0	1.00	JUN.4TH-6TH
MANSARD	26,524,830	20,713,129	28.06	2,675,108	2,634,996	1.52	0.25	0.25	1.52	0	0.06	APR.24TH
MEDVIEW(newrest asl)	36,961,732	26,039,485	41.94	1,253,991	772,851	62.26	12.86	7.93	62.26	0	0.03	MAR.21ST-27TH
MRS	107,088,347	109,635,054	(2.32)	1,385,056	1,465,905	(5.52)	5.45	5.77	(5.52)	1 FOR 5	0.00	JUL.2ND-6TH
NASCON	27,064,325	18,291,792	47.96	5,343,592	2,415,183	121.25	2.02	0.91	121.25	0	1.50	APR. 20TH-23RD
NB	344,562,517	3,444,562,517	0.12	33,048,559	33,009,292	0.12	4.13	4.13	0.12	0	3.13	MAR. 7TH-13TH
NESTLE	244,151,411	181,910,977	325.54	33,723,730	7,924,968	325.54	42.55	10.00	325.54	0	27.50	MAY 7TH-11TH
OKOMU	20,261,918	14,364,736	86.30	9,147,850	4,910,273	86.30	9.56	5.13	86.30	0	3.00	MAY 15TH-18TH
STANBIC	212,434,000	156,425,000	69.64	48,381,000	28,520,000	69.64	4.81	2.84	69.64	0	0.50	MAR. 29TH-APR. 5TH
TOTAL	288,062,650	290,952,520	(45.80)	8,019,298	14,797,096	(45.80)	23.62	43.58	(45.80)	0	14.00	MAR. 19TH
TRANSCOHOT	13,843,470	15,311,879	(34.52)	2,681,733	4,095,404	(34.52)	0.35	0.54	(34.52)	0	0.12	MAR.8TH
UBA	325,657,000	263,970,000	23.37	78,590,000	72,264,000	8.75	2.30	2.11	8.75	0	0.65	APR.10TH
UCAP	8,915,487	9,000,955	(0.95)	4,362,304	6,913,221	(36.90)	0.73	1.15	(36.90)	0	0.35	MARCH. 9TH-15TH
VITAFOAM	17,695,820	13,569,873	30.41	(127,690)	(32,032)	298.63	0.12	0.03	298.63	0	0.15	FEB. 19TH-23RD
ZENITHBANK	745,189,000	507,997,000	46.69	177,933,000	129,652,000	37.24	5.67	4.13	37.24	0	2.45	APR. 4TH-9TH

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