

WEEKLY REPORT

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ECONOMY:

As the conflict triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24 is entering its sixth week, US natural gas futures were trading above \$5.4 per million British thermal units on Friday, the highest since November 6th on expectations of stronger demand after the US struck a gas deal with the European Union, to help Europe wean off Russian energy dependence. The deal secures an additional volume of at least 15 billion cubic meters of LNG to Europe this year, with the long-term goal of ensuring 50bcm per year until 2030. Exports topped a record 14 billion cubic feet for the third time in a week with the US already producing LNG near full capacity.

The MOEX Russia Index closed 3.7% down at 2,484 on Friday, as investors navigated a partially reopened market with limited trading permissions. The session saw the index nearly erase the 4.4% surge on Thursday, when the exchange resumed trading for 33 blue chips after a monthlong suspension. To prevent a steep selloff, authorities banned short-selling and blocked foreigners from selling Russian equities, while directing its main sovereign-wealth fund to buy around \$10 billion worth in shares. Before the invasion of Ukraine, foreigners owned around three quarters of the free float in Russia, according to the WSJ.

INDICATOR	PRESENT	PREVIOUS	%CHG
INFLATION	15.70	15.70	0.00%
UNEMPLOYMENT	33.30%	33.30%	0.00%
CRUDE BONNY LIGHT (USD)	120.65	109.18	10.51%

SOURCE: NBS, OILPRICE.COM, APT RESEARCH

Domestically, the Nigeria's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) concluded its second meeting of 2022 on Monday, 21st maintaining all key rates. The MPC noted that despite Nigeria's rising inflation rate (currently at 15.70% Y-o-Y as at Feb'22), tightening could adversely impact the fragile recovery of output growth and may stiffen the expected investment expansion.

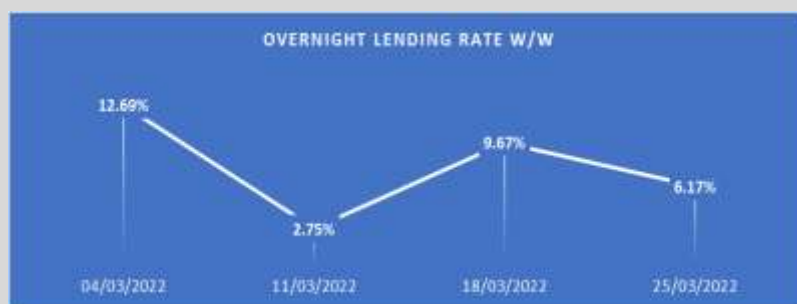
Meanwhile, the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) on Wednesday expects Nigeria's economic growth to slow more than expected in 2022 as power-supply issues, high inflation and expected monetary tightening hurt output. From an initial forecast of 3.3% in February, the EIU now expects real GDP growth to decelerate to 3% in 2022 from 3.6% in 2021.

INTERBANK-(FX Spot& Forwards)			
Tenor	Previous	Current	WoW %CHG
CBN SMIS	430.00	430.00	0.00%
I& E FX	415.89	416.23	-0.08%
1 M	408.50	408.50	0.00%
3 M	422.92	430.63	-1.79%
6 M	432.10	435.71	-0.83%
1Y	447.12	448.59	-0.33%

SOURCE: FMDQ, APT RESEARCH

The Nigerian Naira further weakened on the official exchange window as the CBN adjusts the Dollar to Naira rate on the I&E window higher by N0.34kobo. The Naira is hence down by 0.08% in the week at the I&E window to trade at N416.23/\$ from the N415.89/\$ it traded at the end of the previous week.

On the other hand, the Naira maintains its previous stand on the official Naira forward market, with the one-year forward rate up by 0.33% to peg the one-year Naira forward rate at N447.12/\$.



SOURCE: FMDQ, APT RESEARCH

Following a liquidity crunch experienced in the financial sector in the previous week, there was a liquidity increase in the banking sector in the week in view as measured by the decrease in the overnight lending rate.

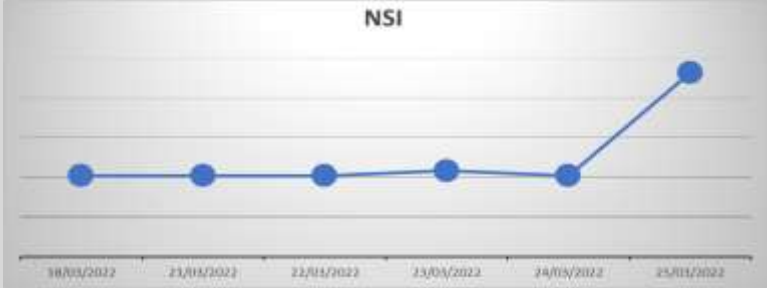
NIGERIAN T-BILLS RATES			
MATURITY	RATE	PREV	WoW %CHG
1 MONTH	3.08	3.08	0.00%
2 MONTH	3.14	3.14	0.00%
3 MONTH	1.89	1.88	0.53%
6 MONTH	3.04	3.07	-0.98%
9 MONTH	3.37	4.02	-16.17%
12 MONTH	4.02	4.02	0.00%

SOURCE: FMDQ, APT RESEARCH

The NTB secondary market sustained its bearish stance to close the week, with improved offers seen on the long dated maturities at 4.00% to 4.02% levels as players sought to create liquidity amid funding needs. Going forward, we expect yields to decline as risk-averse investors push the price of NT-bills lower.

LOCAL EQUITIES MARKET:

The local equities market started the week on a bearish note, extending the previous week bearish outing as the bears maintained grip over the market breath. This bearish sentiment would however fail to be sustained after the second trading session of the week as the Nigerian Equities Market went on to gained weight in the third trading session. This however could not just continue as the ASI gained weight in the fourth trading session, after which the index marginally gained in the last trading session of the week.



SOURCE: NGX EXCHANGE, APT RESEARCH

Consequently, the bears therefore swayed the market in their favor to end the trading sessions of the week. The NGXASI dipped by 0.67% in the week to stand at 46,964.23ps. This outing dragged both the month-to-date and year-to-date performance of the ASI to close the week at -0.91% and 9.94% respectively.

INDICATOR	PRESENT	PREVIOUS	WoW %CHG
NSEASI (bps)	46,964.23	47,282.67	-0.67%
MKT.CAP. (N'trn)	25.311	25.483	-0.67%
YTD Return	9.94%	10.69%	-6.97%

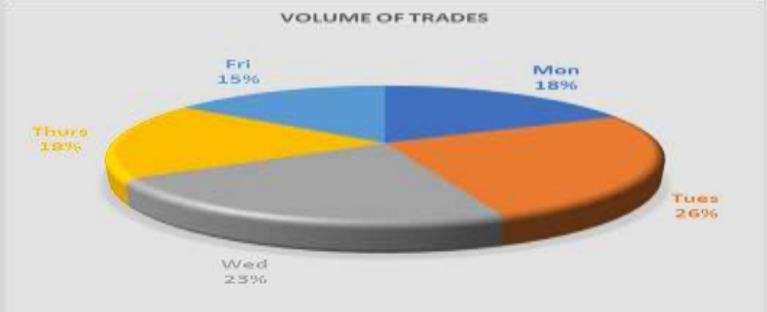
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Market Capitalization is pegged at the end of the week at N25.311tn, a 0.67% decrease from N25.483tn it stood at the end of the previous week as investors lost N172bn in their net worth during the week. We advise investors to trade cautiously as we continue to await the outcome of the companies' audited results.

INDICES	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	WOW %CHG
ASI	46,964.23	47,282.67	-0.67%
NGX30	1,797.64	1,816.79	-1.05%
NGX CG	1,299.05	1,332.40	-2.50%
NGX BNK	440.79	443.72	-0.66%
NGX INS	185.53	188.17	-1.40%
NGXCNSMRGDS	564.50	570.78	-1.10%
NGXOILGAS	442.02	442.11	-0.02%
NGXLOTUSISLM	3,045.16	3,071.62	-0.86%
NGXINDUSTR	2,116.52	2,116.94	-0.02%
NGX GROWTH	1,446.50	1,446.50	0.00%
NGXASEM	658.99	658.99	0.00%

SOURCE: NGX EXCHANGE, APT RESEARCH

All the sectorial indices closed on a negative note, mirroring the outing of the ASI, save for NGX GROWTH, and NGXASEM Indices that closed flat in the week.



SOURCE: NGX EXCHANGE, APT RESEARCH

A total turnover of 1.176 billion shares worth N16.601 billion in 21,076 deals was traded this week by investors on the floor of the Exchange, in contrast to a total of 2.449 billion shares valued at N20.653 billion that exchanged hands last week in 20,764 deals.

MARKET ACTIVITY	PRESENT	PREVIOUS	WoW %CHG
VOLUME	1,176,321,323	2,448,800,243	-51.96%
VALUE	16,600,504,352	20,652,565,011	-19.62%
DEALS	21,076	20,764	1.50%

SOURCE: NGX EXCHANGE, APT RESEARCH

TOP GAINERS	OPEN	CLOSE	%CHG	TOP LOSERS	OPEN	CLOSE	%CHG
CAP	18.00	19.80	10.00%	RTBRISCOE	0.80	0.66	-17.50%
FIDELITYBK	3.00	3.30	10.00%	UPDC	1.00	0.88	-12.00%
LEARNAFRCA	1.98	2.17	9.60%	GTCO	26.20	23.15	-11.64%
VERITASKAP	0.21	0.23	9.52%	UBA	8.65	7.65	-11.56%
FTNCOCOA	0.32	0.35	9.37%	BERGER	8.30	7.50	-9.64%
NPFMCRFBK	2.31	2.51	8.66%	IKEJAHOTEL	1.37	1.25	-8.76%
PZ	8.60	9.30	8.14%	NNFM	10.85	10.00	-7.83%
GUINNESS	65.00	70.00	7.69%	JAIZBANK	0.71	0.66	-7.04%
PRESTIGE	0.46	0.49	6.52%	MANSARD	2.30	2.15	-6.52%
UBN	6.10	6.45	5.74%	ABCTRANS	0.32	0.30	-6.25%

Twenty-four stocks appreciated at the end of the week in view, higher than twenty-one stocks that appreciated in the previous week. CAP and FIDELITY gained 10.00% apices in the week to lead the pack as the best performing stocks. Forty-four stocks depreciated in price during the week. This is lower than the Forty-five stocks that depreciated in price in the previous week. RTBRISCOE shed 17.50% to become the worst performing stock



SOURCE: APT RESEARCH

Across the APT Major Global Indices tracking board all of the indices recorded positive outing for the week save, for NGXASI and GSE-Composite Index that shed 0.67% and 0.70% respectively, with the NIKKEI 225 Composite gaining 4.93% in the week to register as the best-performing index.

NASD-OTC MARKET:

It was four-days trading sessions for the week as there were no trading activities on the first trading session of the week. The NASD-OTC market started the week on a flat note, with the NSI merrowing the previous week close of 710.19bps in the first session of the week. The index marginally gained 0.09 in the third trading session. This positive tempo would however reverse itself in the fourth trading sessions shedding the same 0.09%. The last trading session of the week however gained 1.83% to end the week at 723.12bps. Consequently, the NASD Security Index closed the week on a positive note to stand at 723.12bps, gaining 0.94% from 716.39bps it closed the previous week.

NASD-OTC MARKET SNAPSHOT			
SYMBOL	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	%CHG
NSI	723.12	716.39	0.94%
MKT. CAPITALIZATION (BN)	597.13	606.62	-1.56%
VOLUME TRADED	2,258,923,086	7,148,454	31500.16%
VALUE TRADED (N)	1,297,603,612.42	68,768,365.62	1786.92%
DEALS EXECUTED	21	46	-54.35%
SOURCE: NASD, APT RESEARCH			

Market capitalization however shed weight to stand at N597.13bn, recording a 1.56% down from 606.62bn it stood at the end of the previous week. This is unconnected with the delisting of Providus Bank from the market.

Market activity as measured by both volume and value of trades skyrocketed in the week under review, as 2.259bn units of shares valued at N1.298bn in 21 deals were traded in the week. This is in contrast to the 7.148mn units of shares traded in 46 deals in the previous week, valued at N68.768mn.

There are seven gainers in the week as against five losers for the week. SDUBNPROP gained 2,8615.87% to become the best performing stock in the week, while SDVFDGROUP shed 99.36% in the week.



SOURCE: NASD, APT RESEARCH

TOP GAINERS	OPEN	CLOSE	%CHG	TOP LOSERS	OPEN	CLOSE	%CHG
SDUBNPROP	1.26	361.82	28615.87%	SDVFDGROUP	361.82	2.33	-99.36%
SDRSOURCE	0.45	1.20	166.67%	SDRIGGS	0.95	0.45	-52.63%
SDSWAPPLC	0.64	1.26	96.88%	SDSPRINGM	1.20	0.64	-46.67%
SDNASDPLC	11.45	13.84	20.87%	SDNDEP	180.38	177.00	-1.87%
SDPROVIDUS	0.85	0.95	11.76%	SDAGMBANK	0.52	0.52	-0.38%
SDFCWAMCO	114.10	124.50	9.11%				
SDAFRILAND	1.08	1.131232	4.74%				

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