

Daily Market Update

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Money Market

Despite the OMO credit of \text{\text{\$\frac{1}{10}\$bn}} that came into the system yesterday, market liquidity opened the day at \text{\$\frac{1}{8}\$9bn, a significant decline from the previous day opening.}

Consequently, OBB and O/N rates increased by 250bps to close the day at 7.50% and 8.00% respectively.

We expect an increase in rates as participants fund for the net NTB sales of ₩67bn as well as the biweekly retail SMIS.

Foreign Exchange

We witnessed low supply of liquidity relative to demand at the Investors' and Exporters' Window during trading today. However, the Central Bank of Nigeria intervened in the window through FX sales to Foreign Portfolio Investors. Nevertheless, the Naira weakened against the dollar by 80 Kobo closing the day at \$/\frac{\mathbf{N}}{\mathbf{N}}415.10.

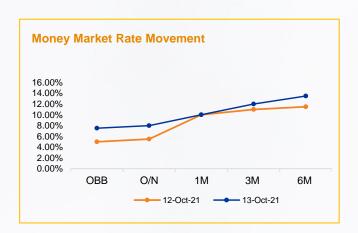
The NAFEX rate also depreciated by \(\frac{\mathbf{H}}{0.38}\) to close at \(\frac{\mathbf{H}}{413.24}\) and we expect rates to continue to trade at these levels tomorrow.

Treasury Bills

The Treasury Bills secondary market opened on a quiet note today as the attention of market players shifted to the NTB auction conducted by the DMO. By the close of market, only a few trades were consummated and consequently, rates remained largely unchanged from opening levels

At the NTB auction, the DMO offered a total of №121.66bn and sold №187.23bn across the standard tenors from a subscription of №493.03bn. Stop rates were maintained on the 91- and 182-day at 2.50% and 3.50% respectively, while the stop rate on the 364-day closed at 7.25% (↓25bps).

Closing the week, we expect the market to trade on a subdued note as market players continue to trade cautiously.



FX Rates	Current	Previous	%∆
Indicative I&E Open	413.74	413.53	0.02
I&E Closing	415.10	414.40	0.19
NAFEX	413.24	413.27	(0.09)

Treasury Bill	S		
NTB Maturity	Rate(%)	OMO Maturity	Rate(%)
28-Oct-21	3.48	02-Nov-21	5.63
11-Nov-21	3.56	07-Dec-21	6.43
28-Apr-22	4.53	01-Mar-22	6.16
12-May-22	5.27	15-Mar-22	6.23
8-Sep-22	6.56	16-Aug-22	6.90



BONDS

The bond opened on a quiet note as attention was focused on the NTB primary market auction organized by the DMO today.

We however saw some interest on the short and mid term maturities with very few trades consummated across the curve. Firm yields for the 2026 and 2050s hovered around 11% and 12.15% respectively. By and large, yields dipped by c.5bps from opening levels.

We expect mixed sentiment tomorrow as market participants reacts to the outcome of the NTB Auction.

FGN Bond Yields	Current (%)	Previous (%)	Δ
12.75 27-APR-2023	8.48	8.49	(0.01)
13.53 23-MAR-2025	10.03	10.03	0.00
16.2884 17-MAR-2027	11.65	11.65	0.00
13.98 23-FEB-2028	11.75	11.75	0.00
12.40 18-MAR-2036	12.84	12.72	0.13
16.2499 18-APR-2037	12.97	12.97	0.00
12.98 27-MAR-2050	13.15	13.17	(0.03)

Monetary Policy

Global Currency, Fixings and Commodities

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Key Indicator	Current	Previous	Global Currencies		LIBOR		Commodities	
			CCY	Rate	Tenor	Rate (%)	Comm.	Price (\$)
Monetary Policy Rate (%)	11.50	11.50	GBP/USD	1.3648	1M	0.08788	WTI	₩ 80.59
Inflation y/y (%)	17.01	17.38	EUR/USD	1.1571	3M	0.12675	BRENT	83.35
			USD/JPY	113.44	6M	0.15713	GOLD	1,795.35
Foreign Reserves (Gross \$'Bn)	39.01	38.38	USD/CHF	0.9258	12M	0.26138	SILVER	23.17

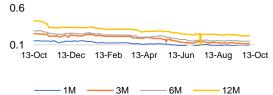
Auction Results

	BOND AUCTION – September 22, 2021			NTB AUCTION – October 13, 2021		
Tenor/Maturity	7-Year	15-Year	30-Year	91-day	182-day	364-day
Offer / Subscription (N'Bn)	50.00/52.43	50.00/125.58	50.00/156.31	5.239/5.077	8.799/7.804	107.620/176.064
Total Allotment (₦'Bn)	42.37	115.85	118.83	4.220	6.947	176.064
Stop Rate(%)	11.60	12.75	13.00	2.50	3.50	7.25

Eurobonds

USD LIBOR Movement

Security	Yield Bid (%)	Yield Offer (%)	Price Bid	Price Offer
ACCESS 6.125 % 2026	6.01	5.89	100.500	101.000
ACCESS 9.125 % PERP	9.20	9.15	99.250	99.875
ZENITH 7.375% 2022	3.89	2.90	102.125	102.750
ECOBANK 9.5% 2024	6.33	6.02	107.250	108.000
NGERIA 7.875% 2032	7.56	7.45	102.25	103.000
GHANA 7.625% MAY 2029	9.69	9.53	90.125	90.875





DOMESTIC NEWS

NIGERIA'S TRADE COSTS TOO HIGH TO ATTRACT INVESTMENTS - OKONJO-IWEALA

Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO), Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, yesterday told the Federal Government that Nigeria's trade costs were too high to attract foreign investment, disclosing that the cost is equivalent of 306% tariff, one and half times higher than the cost in high income countries. She made the declaration via a video link on the second day of the Mid-term Ministerial Performance Review at the presidential villa, Abuja, with President Muhammadu Buhari, ministers and other top government officials in attendance, where she stressed on the need to improve security to attract foreign and domestic investments.

According to her, the country must cut down not only on trade cost but also infrastructure cost, linkage cost, regulatory cost, customs cost, and all costs associated with moving goods from the factory to the final consumer to complement investment facilitation. The former minister of finance and coordinating minister of the economy, noted that congestion, capacity constraints and high costs at Nigerian ports do not encourage investment as they make it difficult to build supply chain operations in the country.

GLOBAL NEWS

GROWING CRYPTOCURRENCY ADOPTION POSES RISK TO GLOBAL ECONOMY – IMF

The International Monetary Fund has said the growing adoption of cryptocurrencies pose risks to the global economy. The IMF said this in its 'Global Financial Stability' report released on Tuesday. It said the adoption of crypto assets and stablecoins in emerging markets and developing economies could pose a challenge to those countries' macroeconomic and financial stability.

According to the fund, while the risks are contained for now, regulators have to monitor cryptocurrencies to keep them in check. "As the crypto ecosystem expands and evolves, new sources of risk will emerge such as stablecoins and decentralised finance," it said. The IMF said the risks included hacking, lack of transparency around issuance and distribution of tokens, and operational risks including outages during periods of extreme volatility. It added that 'meme tokens' and centralisations were also factors to consider. The IMF said, "So far, losses as a result of such risks have not had a significant impact on financial stability, globally or domestically. . However, as crypto assets grow, the macro-criticality of such risks is likely to increase." "The crypto ecosystem continues its rapid growth presenting new opportunities and challenges. Crypto asset exchanges pose several operational and financial integrity risks through their cross-border operations

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