

What Moved the Markets this Week?

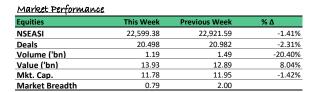
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The Nigerian equities market slid into negative territory this week, shedding 1.41% to end the market's two-week bullish run. The **NSEAS**I declined to 22,599.38pts, bringing the year to date loss to -15.81%. **CADBURY** emerged the best performer, advancing by 18.25% to close at NGN7.45. **SKYAVN**, however, led the losers' chart, shedding 26.21% to close at NGN1.52.

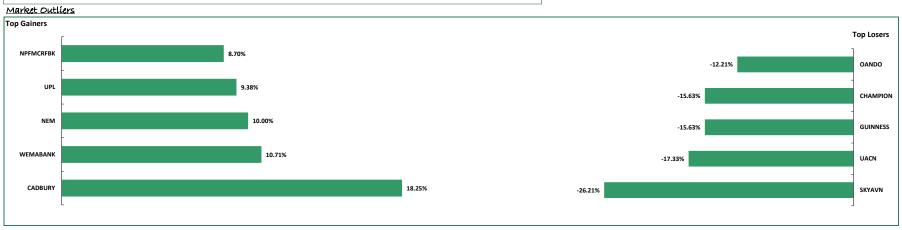
During the week. the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) released the inflation report for March, reporting a 0.06% rise in Headline inflation rate to 12.26%. The uptrend was sustained in both sub-components, with the Food Index rising to 14.98% YOY (vs. 14.90% in February) while the Core component settled at 9.73% YOY (vs. 9.43% in February).

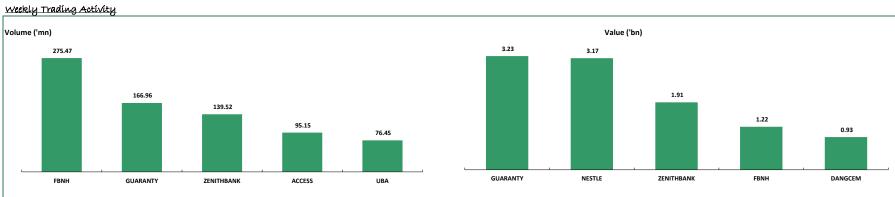
The earnings season swung into full gear this week as several companies released their Q1:2020 financial results, reporting tepid performance across sectors. Dangote Cement (DANGCEM) PIc also announced the successful issuance of its of NGN100 billion Bonds due April 2025 under the Company's NGN300 billion Bond Programme. The transaction was 1.5 times oversubscribed and represents Dangote Cement's debut bond issuance in the debt capital markets.

Bullish sentiment dominated the fixed income market this week. Average yields declined to 2.54% and 9.81% in the secondary market for treasury bills and bonds respectively. The Interbank FX rate remained flat at NGN361/USD while rates in the I&E FX window appreciated to NGN383/USD. Parallel FX market rates, however, depreciated to NGN450 from NGN410 the previous week.



| Sectoral Indices | WtD | MtD | YtD |
|------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| NSEBNK10 | -5.24% | 10.89% | -26.71% |
| NSEFBT10 | -2.64% | 15.66% | -36.50% |
| NSEIND | 0.71% | -2.20% | -5.41% |
| NSEINS10 | 1.17% | 0.80% | -4.35% |
| NSFOILG5 | -1 68% | -4 47% | -21 68% |





Weekly Currency Watch

| | | | | Money Mark | et Rates | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | This Week | Previous Week | %∆ | | This Week | Previous |
| I & E (per USD) | 383.00 | 386.13 | -0.0081% | ОВВ | 20.33% | 2.00% |
| Interbank (Per USD) | 361.00 | 361.00 | 0.0000% | OVN | 21.08% | 2.25% |
| Parallel (per USD) | 450.00 | 416.00 | 0.0000% | Average | 20.71% | 2.13% |
| Bond Yields | | | | | | |
| Bond Yields | This Week | Previous Week | %Δ | Treasury Bills | Yields | |
| Bond Yields | This Week 5.16% | Previous Week 5.71% | %Δ -0.55% | Treasury Bills | Yields This Week | Previous |
| <u>'</u> | | | | Treasury Bills | | Previous 2.01% |
| 1YR | 5.16% | 5.71% | -0.55% | • | This Week | |
| 1YR 3YR | 5.16% 8.42% | 5.71% 9.26% | -0.55% -0.84% | 1MTH | This Week 1.72% | 2.01% |
| 1YR 3YR 5YR | 5.16% 8.42% 9.66% | 5.71% 9.26% 11.15% | -0.55% -0.84% -1.49% | 1MTH 3MTH | This Week 1.72% 1.97% | 2.01% 1.97% |

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-13.81%

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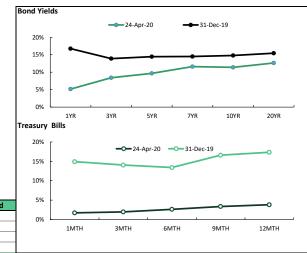
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