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What Moved the Markets this Week?

The Nigerian equities market closed another week on a bearish note as the NSEASI lost -0.63%WoW to close at 40,186.70pts. The YtD return, therefore, slid into negative territory (-0.42%). All sectoral indices closed in the negative zone save for the NSEOILG5(+4.60%WoW) and NSEBNK10(+0.54%WoW). PORTPAINT (+14.44%) was the week's top gainer, while CHIPLC (-28.26%) saw the largest share price decline.

During the week, the National Bureau of statistics released the inflation report for January reporting an increase in headline inflation from 15.75%YOY in December to 16.47%YOY. The NBS also released Q4:2020 GDP figures. The Bureau's report showed that Nigeria exited recession having witnessed a 0.11% YoY in Q4:2020. The growth was led by improvements in the non-oil sector (+1.64%YoY), while the oil sector declined by

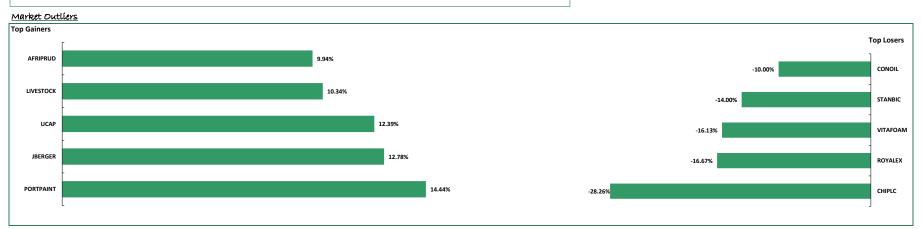
At the FGN bond auction this week, rates significantly increased across all instruments on offer, much in line with our expectations. Meanwhile, the $secondary\ market\ for\ FGN\ bonds\ remained\ bearish\ as\ average\ yield\ increased\ to\ 8.97\%\ from\ 9.29\%\ last\ week.\ The\ T-bills\ market\ on\ the\ other\ hand$ witnessed an uptick in demand as average yield fell 1.48% from 1.76%.

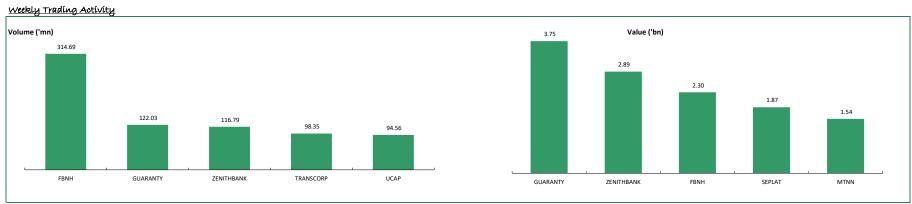
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Market Performance -0.63% 40,439.85 Volume ('bn) 2.68 -42.56% 10.43% Value ('bn) 26.13 23.66 Mkt. Cap. Market Breadth 21.03 21.16 -0.61%

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Sectoral Indices	WtD	MtD	YtD
NSEBNK10	0.54%	-10.36%	-3.28%
NSEFBT10	-1.04%	-5.11%	1.56%
NSEIND	-0.72%	-8.32%	-7.02%
NSEINS10	-1.67%	-13.55%	12.18%
NSEOILG5	4.60%	3.36%	16.20%





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	This Week	Previous Week	%∆
I & E (per USD)	410.00	404.67	-1.30%
Official (Per USD)	379.00	379.00	0.00%
Parallel (per USD)	478.00	475.00	-0.63%

Money Market Rate	es .	
	This Week	Previous
OBB	20.00%	4.50%
OVN	20.50%	4.75%
Average	20.25%	17.75%

Bond Yields 2.88% 3.07% -0.19% 7.50% 5YR 9.87% 8.90% 0.97% 10YR 10.15% 9.00% 1.15%

Treasury Bills Yields		
	This Week	Previous
1MTH	0.65%	0.95%
3MTH	0.94%	1.10%
6MTH	1.65%	1.94%
9MTH	1.97%	2.26%
12MTH	2.20%	2.57%

0.08% 0.06% 0.04% 0.02% 10YR 20YR → 19-Feb-21 → 31-Dec-20 2.00% 1.50%

6МТН

9MTH

12MTH

31-Dec-20

19-Feb-21

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1MTH

Fixed Income Monitor

0.12% 0.10%

<u>In Other Markets</u>								
	Nigeria	Ghana	Egypt	Kenya	South Africa	Frontier	Emerging	Developed
Today	-0.06%	0.00%	-0.29%	0.75%	0.84%	-0.79%	-1.37%	-0.52%
WtD	-0.63%	0.51%	0.00%	0.93%	1.51%	-0.72%	-0.26%	-0.25%
YtD	-0.21%	12.29%	4.94%	8.84%	13.00%	-1.17%	10.37%	3.47%
P/E	15.2x	#N/A N/A	13.0x	11.9x	27.9x	26.6x	26.6x	43.2x

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