

What Moved the Markets this Week?

During the four-trading-day week, the latest inflation data for the United States was published which showed that the US inflation rate spiked to 8.50% in March 2022. Supply chain disruptions and higher energy prices attributable to the ongoing Russian-Ukraine war remain the major pressure points for consumer prices. Similarly, consumer prices in the European Union (EU) jumped by 7.50% YoY in March 2022. Concerned about the rising price level, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced that it would stop its bond purchases programme by the third quarter of the year.

Coming off from the dividend mark-down of heavyweight tickers that has contributed to the decline in the market index over the past three weeks, bargain hunting activities pervaded the Nigerian equities market this week. Thus, at 47,558.45pts, the All-Share Index gained 1.99% WoW, pushing the Year-to-Date return upwards to 11.34%. The positive sentiment was across board as all sectorial indices gained during the week.

At the Primary Market Auction conducted during the week, a total of NGN159.03bn (vs. NGN141.26bn offered) was raised through Nigerian Treasury Bills sales. Notably, rate on the 364-day instrument further increased by 15bps to 4.60%, while rates on the 91- and 182-day bills were unchanged.

There was a mixed sentiment in the fixed income secondary market this week. While the mood was bullish in the Treasury Bills market (average T-Bills yield reduced to 3.46% from 3.53%), the bonds market was bearish (average bonds yield increased to 9.81% vs. 9.49% last week). In the money market, average rate increased to 11.00% from 6.00% reflecting a possibly lower market liquidity. Also, the value of the Naira weakened against the Dollar by 0.20% WoW at the I&E market.

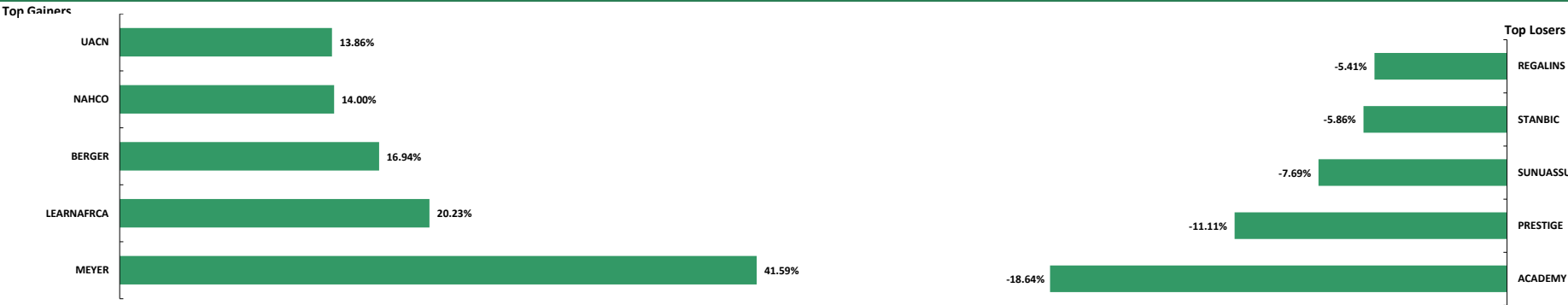
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Market Performance

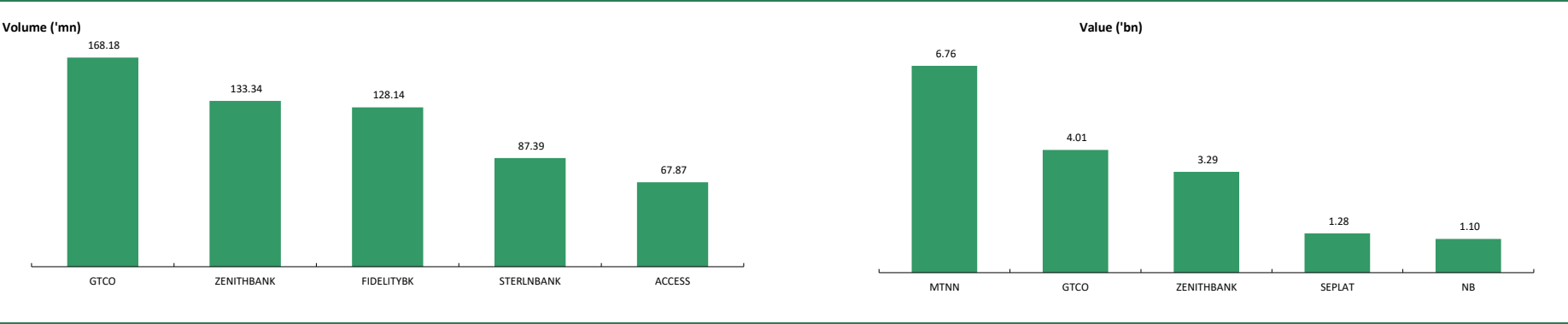
Equities	This Week	Previous Week	% Δ
NSEASI	47,558.45	46,631.46	1.99%
Volume ('bn)	1.23	1.09	12.64%
Value ('bn)	22.35	10.81	106.70%
Mkt. Cap.	25.64	25.14	1.99%
Market Breadth	2.38x	1.06x	

Sectoral Indices	WtD	MtD	YtD
NGXBNK	5.59%	7.21%	8.06%
NGXCNSMRGDS	1.89%	1.52%	-4.53%
NGXOILGAS	1.59%	1.57%	29.67%
NGXINS	1.14%	0.32%	-5.73%
NGXINDUSTR	1.55%	1.06%	6.50%
NGX-ASI	1.99%	1.26%	11.34%

Market Outliers



Weekly Trading Activity



Weekly Currency Watch

	This Week	Previous Week	%Δ
I & E (per USD)	417.50	416.67	-0.20%

Bond Yields

	This Week	Previous Week	%Δ
1YR	4.09%	4.37%	-0.28%
3YR	8.60%	7.27%	1.33%
5YR	10.65%	10.25%	0.40%
7YR	10.98%	10.73%	0.26%
10YR	11.63%	12.27%	-0.64%
30YR	12.93%	12.07%	0.85%

In Other Markets

	Nigeria	Ghana	Egypt	Kenya	South Africa	Frontier	Emerging	Developed
Today	0.40%	0.00%	-1.55%	-0.19%	0.32%	0.40%	0.80%	0.03%
WtD	1.99%	0.14%	-3.80%	0.60%	-1.89%	-0.70%	-0.76%	-1.20%
YtD	11.34%	-3.42%	-10.63%	-4.95%	-0.47%	-2.03%	-9.15%	-9.51%
P/E	10.06x	6.89x	7.94x	8.99x	10.99x	13.86x	12.96x	14.01x

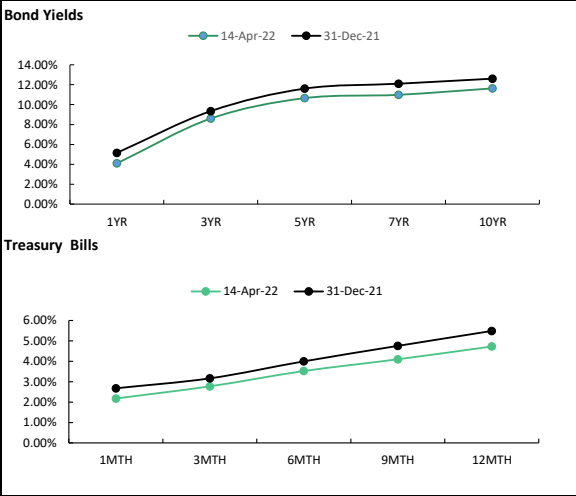
Money Market Rates

	This Week	Previous
OBB	10.83%	5.75%
OVN	11.17%	6.25%
Average	11.00%	6.00%

Treasury Bills Yields

	This Week	Previous
1MTH	2.18%	2.50%
3MTH	2.77%	2.99%
6MTH	3.52%	3.60%
9MTH	4.10%	4.05%
12MTH	4.73%	4.50%
Average	3.46%	3.53%

Fixed Income Monitor



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