## **REGENCY RESEARCH**

WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

#### Monday February 13, 2023

#### The Federal Government Expects More Flooding in 2023

The Federal Government has announced that Nigeria will witness another round of flood in many states this year, and there is a need for early preparations in order to avoid some of the mistakes that were made in 2022. It was also noted added that state governors would be informed early this year about disaster-prone areas. In 2002, the country experienced an unprecedented devastating nationwide flood that took the lives of about 662 persons and caused extensive food shortages as disclosed by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). According to the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, the flood witnessed in 2022 destroyed 70,566 hectares of farmland, damaged 45,249 houses, and displaced over 1.4 million Nigerians. The devastation of thousands of farmlands in key agricultural-producing states across the country resulted in the loss of farm produce and livestock in large quantities which negatively impacted the economy by contributing significantly to the hike in the country's food inflation. The surge in food prices resulted in a decline in the standard of living of the populace as there was no commensurate rise in consumer income. Also, the floods contributed to a surge in transportation costs as tankers conveying petroleum products to the Federal Capital and other states in the northern parts of the country were unable to move due to blocked road networks in the region. This was one of the reasons the petroleum authorities gave for the scarcity of the product in 2022.

Nigeria's population has been growing rapidly and it's currently estimated to be over 200 million. There has also been rapid growth in urbanization in recent times, with about 55% of the nation's population living in urban areas. Given the country's growth in population and urbanization, the huge housing deficit witnessed in urban areas means that people are forced to build shelters in flood-prone areas such as riverbanks, wetlands, and low-lying areas. Poor solid waste management is also a key contributor to the problem of flooding. Often, drainage systems are used as dump sites, blocking the flow of water. Another factor is a change in rainfall patterns in the country, Rainstorms lasting up to five days are becoming more common and it's predicted that they will increase due to increased climate change. Poor water infrastructure developments such as dams, reservoirs, and bank protection also contribute to flooding in the country. Given the warnings of more floods this year, there is a need for a more proactive approach by the government towards preventing a disaster. A combination of hard infrastructural solutions and ecosystembased adaptation should be considered. These include the construction of dams and reservoirs to hold excess water, riverbank protection, construction of spillways, appropriate drainage systems and storm water management regimes, and dredging of some of the major rivers in Nigeria. Climate change is a natural phenomenon affecting many countries, hence, all hands must be on deck to reduce the level of impact of the expected flooding.

#### Capital Market Summary.

Analysis of the market activity in the week ended February 10, 2023 shows that the Nigerian equity market closed the week on a positive note as market sentiment remained positive. The NGX All Share Index and market capitalization of listed equities thereby appreciated by 0.21% each from the opening figures of 54,213.09 and N29,528 trillion to close at 54,327.30 and N29,591 trillion respectively. Its year to date (YTD) return stands at +6.00%.

#### MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

GDP Growth Rate	+2.25%	November 25., 2022
Un-employment Rate	33.30%	November 25, 2022
Broad Money Supply (M2)	N38,026,970.00 rn	November 25, 2022
Money Supply (M1)	N16,186,615.62rn	November 25, 2022
Consumer Price Index (YOY)	21.34%	January 18, 2023
Monetary Policy Rate (MPR)	17.50%	January 24, 2023
Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	32.50%	November 22, 2022
Nigeria's Bonny Light Crude Oil	US\$89.55/Bar	February 09, 2023
Nigeria's Gross External Re- serves	US\$36.82bn	February 10, 2023

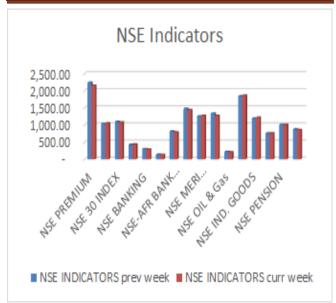
Source: Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)

#### ALL SHARE INDEX & MKT. CAP



Source: Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) & Regency Research

#### PERFORMANCE OF THE NSE INDICES





					STOCK	RECOMME	NDE	) FOI	R TRAD	<u>ING</u>										
STOCKS	Mkt price	curr price	Cap. App	Bk Value	6 mths	No of Shares in	52wks	52 wks	PAT N'b	PAT N'b	EPS N=	EPS N=	Period	Div. pd	Div. Yield	NET ASSETS	Exp. Retur	Exp return	Total	Total
	31/12/21	30/12/2022	%	N=	Exp Price	Issue	high	low	Current	Last year	Current	Last year		N=	%	N=bill.	cap. Appro	Div. N=	Ret. N=	Ret. %
UBA	8.05	7.60	(5.59)	24.15	9.66	34,199,421,368	8.05	7.00	41,496	38,155	1.14	1.04	qter 1	1.00	12.42	825,753,000,000	1.61	1.00	2.61	32.42
ZENITH	23.95	24.00	0.21	42.37	28.74	31,396,493,786	27.50	22.00	58,198	53,080	1.85	1.69	qter 1	3.10	12.94	1,330,397,000,000	4.79	3.10	7.89	32.94
GTCO	26.00	23.00	(11.54)	30.88	31.20	29,431,179,224	30.25	21.45	43,208	45,546	1.51	1.60	qter 1	3.00	11.54	908,758,731,000	5.20	3.00	8.20	31.54
ACCESS	9.30	8,50	(8.60)	30.84	11.16	35,545,225,622	10.00	8.00	57,399	52,549	1.63	1.49	gter 1	1.00	10.75	1,096,318,000,000	1.86	0.60	2.46	26.45
FBNH	11.40	10.90	(4.39)	21.51	13.14	35,895,292,792	12.90	7.05	32,401	15,599	0.89	0.43	gter 1	0.35	3.07	907,678,000,000	2.19	0.35	2.54	22.28
FIDELITY	2.55	4.35	70.59	10.65	3.06	28,974,797,023	4.05	2.19	9,515	9,590	0.33	0.33	gter 1	0.35	13.73	308,486,000,000	0.51	0.22	0.73	28.63
DANSUGAR	17.40	16.05	(7.76)	11.32	20.88	12,146,878,241	18.75	15.00	8,870	8,302	0.73	0.68	gter 1	1.00	5.75	137,500,909,000	3,48	1.00	4.48	25.75
NASCON	13.20	11.10	(15.91)	6.08	15.84	2,469,438,378	16.00	11.70	0.38637	0.72320	0.58	1.09	gter 1	0.40	3.03	15,017,053,000	2.64	0.40	3.04	23.03
UCAP	9.90	14.00	41.41	3.97	11.88	6,000,000,000	14.15	5.85	2,309	1,659	1.54	1.11	gter 1	1.50	15.15	23,849,201,000	1.98	1.50	3.48	35.15
AFRIPRUD	6.35	6.00	(5.51)	4.08	7.62	2,000,000,000	8.15	5.75	0.43147	0.38135	0.20	0.19	gter 1	0.50	7.87	8,164,549,000	1.27	0.50	1.77	27.87
CADBURY	8.80	11.90	35.23	8.08	10.56	1,878,202,000	17.85	7.65	1,542	0.24158	0.82	0.13	gter 1	0.50	5.68	15,177,904,000	1.76	0.50	2.26	25.68
UNILEVER	14.50	11.60	(20.00)	11.76	17.40	5,745,006,000	17.00	11.00	1,796	(0.49196)	0.31	(0.09)	gter 1	0.50	3.45	67,557,964,000	2.90	0.50	3.40	23.45
PZ	6.10	11.35	86.07	9.87	7.32	3,970,476,000	13.70	5.25	5,641	1,017	1.42	0.26	•	0.25	4.10	39,204,100,000	1.22	0.50	1.72	28.20
NAHCO	3.74			4.52					<u> </u>	· ·			qter 3		10.96		0.75	0.41		
		6.40	71.12		4.49	1,624,218,750	7.25	2.15	0.324	0.170	0.20	0.10	Qter 1	0.41		7,342,538,000			1.16	30.96
FLOUR MILL	28.35	28.40	0.18	40.40	34.02	4,100,379,605	41.45	27.50	15,592	8,161	3.85	1.84	qter 3	2.15	7.58	165,658,000,000	5.67	1.65	7.32	25.82
DANCEM	257.00	261.00	1.56	60.76	269.85	17,040,507,405	300	204	105,851	89,710	6.18	5.29	qter 1	20.00	7.78	1,035,308,000,000	12.85	20.00	32.85	12.78
LARFAGE	23.95	24.00	0.21	24.59	28.74	16,107,795,496	33.20	20.05	17,558	9,136	1.09	0.57	qter 1	2.00	8.35	396,118,753,000	4.79	2.00	6.79	28.35
GSK	5.95	6.15	3.36	7.94	7.14	1,195,878,488	8.50	5.35	0.19437	0.65881	0.16	0.55	qter 1	0.45	7.56	9,493,815,000	1.19	0.40	1.59	26.72
MAY BAKER	4.02	4.30	6.97	4.33	4.82	1,725,234,000	5.45	3.91	0.19429	1,050	0.11	0.61	qter 1	0.30	7.46	7,466,409,000	0.80	0.30	1.10	27.46
FIDSON	6.22	9.00	44.69	7.14	7.46	2,086,260,000	12.05	4.60	1,150	0.57955	0.55	0.28	qter 1	0.50	8.04	14,901,503,000	1.24	0.25	1.49	24.02
NB	50.00	41.00	(18.00)	23.26	60.00	7,996,902,051	78.50	39.90	13,614	7,660	1.69	0.96	qter 1	1.60	3.20	185,976,547,000	10.00	1.60	11.60	23.20
GUINNESS	39.00	69.30	77.69	41.12	46.80	2,190,382,000	110	28.50	15,278	1,838	6.98	0.84	qter 3	0.46	1.18	90,065,026,000	7.80	0.46	8.26	21.18
JBERGER	22.35	24.50	9.62	34.28	26.82	1,600,000,000	30.50	18.91	1,734	2,364	1.08	1.52	qter 1	2.50	11.19	54,846,326,000	4.47	0.40	4.87	21.79
VITAFOAM	22.50	20.45	(9.11)	11.61	27.00	1,250,844,064	25.00	8.70	3,613	2,487	3.20	2.17	qter 2	1.50	6.67	14,518,926,000	4.50	1.50	6.00	26.67
UACN	9.50	10.25	7.89	17.87	11.40	2,881,296,580	15.00	8.90	0.6387	0.66815	0.18	0.12	qter 1	0.65	6.84	51,477,943,000	1.90	1.20	3.10	32.63
ARDOVA	13.00	18.40	41.54	12.30	15.60	1,310,628,000	18.00	11.55	(1,649)	1,858	(1.26)	1.44	qter 4	0.19	1.46	16,124,000,000	2.60	0.19	2.79	21.46
CONOIL	22.00	26.50	20.45	32.20	26.40	693,952,117	31.50	20.00	0.55722	0.42393	0.80	0.61	qter 1	2.50	11.36	22,346,589,000	4.40	1.50	5.90	26.82
TOTAL	221.90	193.00	(13.02)	135.71	266.28	339,521,837	265	145	4,366	2,970	12.86	8.75	qter 1	18.20	8.20	46,077,873,000	44.38	6.08	50.46	22.74
ETERNA	5.05	6.69	32.48	9.97	6.06	1,304,144,000	8.80	4.86	0.87746	0.25445	0.67	0.20	qter 1	0.10	1.98	12,995,801,000	1.01	0.10	1.11	21.98
OKOMU	142.00	165.00	16.20	45.65	149.10	953,910,000	215	104	9,498	5,271	9.96	5.53	qter 1	8.00	5.63	43,550,072,000	7.10	7.00	14.10	9.93
PRESCO	87.80	137.50	56.61	42.83	92.19	1,000,000,000	200	70.00	13,775	5,030	13.78	5.03	qter 3	6.60	7.52	42,826,810,000	4.39	2.00	6.39	7.28
CUSTODIAN	7.90	5.95	(24.68)	11.27	9.48	5,881,864,195	8.45	5.85	2,186	1,329	0.35	0.24	qter 1	0.40	5.06	66,310,651,000	1.58	0.45	2.03	25.70
NEM	4.50	4.50		2.40	5.40	10,032,955,535	5.00	1.86	1,545	1,092	0.15	0.11	qter 1	0.22	4.89	24,048,082,000	0.90	0.09	0.99	22.00
MTN	197.00	215	9.14	17.54	236.40	20,354,513,050	270	160	96,820	73,748	4.76	3.62	qter 1	8.57	4.35	356,984,000,000	39.40	8.57	47.97	24.35
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TRANSCORP	0.96	1.13	17.71	3.72	1.152	40,647,990,293	1.52	0.84	5,035	2,041	0.05	0.0179	oter 1	0.02	2.08	151,040,841,000	0.19	0.01	0.20	21.04
NGX	19.9	25.05	25.88	17.44	23.88	1,964,115,918	27.9				-		gter 1			34,262,654,000	3,98		3.98	20.00
FCMB	2.99		28.76	12.57	3.588		3.88	_	_	3,572	-		gter 1	0.15	5.02	248,968,936,000	0.60	0.15	0.75	25.02
LIVESTOCK	2.15		(49.30)	0.84	2.58	2,999,999,418	2.5		<u> </u>		1	0.0588		-	-	2,520,597,000	0.43		0.43	20.00
HONYWELL	3.40	2.34	(31.18)	7.34	4.08	7,930,197,858	4.45		<del>                                     </del>		1		gter 3	0.07	2.06	58,232,000,000	0.68	0.07	0.75	22.06
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#### **Domestic Market Review**

# OUTLOOK AND STOCK RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WEEK 13/01/23-17/02/2023)

The Nigerian Stock Market ended the week on a positive note as market sentiment stayed positive. The NGXASI closed the week with a gain of 0.21% as against a 2.95% gain recorded last week. The Nigerian Exchange recorded N62.59b gain in naira terms. In Year-to-date, the NGXASI closed positive with a gain of 6.00% as market capitalization settled at N29.590trn. The impressive end of year results released so far by some companies have started impacting positively on the market. This coupled with the current low and attractive prices have continued to move the market upward during the week. In the coming week, we expect the market to continue with the positive note as we expect impressive end of year returns to continue. We will continue to advise investors to trade only on fundamentally justified stocks as the weak macro economic environment remains a significant factor for listed companies. In the light of the above we want to up-

hold our last week recommendation for purchase during the week since there was no significant change in prices of the stocks recommended. NB PLC, UBA PLC, ACCESS BANK PLC. CADBURY, DANSUGAR plc, NESTLE PLC, and MTNN.

#### RECOMMENDED STOCKS FOR THE WEEK

Stocks	Current	Max. entry	Target	%
	Price	Price	price	Change
		N=		
ACCESS	9.10	10.00	12.00	31.87
UBA	8.35	9.00	10.00	19.76
CADBURY	11.45	12.00	17.00	48.47
NB PLC	40.50	50.00	60.00	48.15
DANSUGAR	17.05	17.00	20.00	17.30
MTN PLC	243.90	245.00	270.00	10.70
NESTLE PLC	1,080.30	1,100	1,500	38.85

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF RECOMMENDED STOCKS

Company	Result	Turi	nover			PAT	
		Current N=bill	Last yr N=bil	Current N=bill	Last yr N=bil	Curr EPS	Last Div. Paid
CADBURY	3RD QTER		-	-			N0.50 div. paid in 2021
MTNN PLC	30/09/2022 Audited	42.54	30.05	2.82	1.51	N1.49	N15.60 total div. de-
NB PLC	31/12/2022 3RD QTER 30/09/2022	393.45	1,654 304.28	361.53 14.76	298.65	N17.79 N1.82	N1.60 paid as dividend in 2021 FY
NESTLE PLC	3RD qter 30/09/2022	333.40	261.49	40.15	33.58	N15.00	N25.00 DIV PD AS IN- TERIM IN 2022 FY
ACCESS BANK PLC	3RDt Qter 31/09/2022	906.93	606.57	137.01	121.89	N3.85	N1.00 pd as both interim and final dividend
DANSUGAR PLC	3rd qter 30/9/2022	288.21	195.50	24.83	15.510	N2.04	N1.00 PD IN YEAR 2021
UBA PLC	3RD QTER 30/9/2022	607.98	461.86	116.04	104.60	N3.27	N1.00 PD AS both IN- TERIM and final DIV.



## **Domestic Market Review**

## **GAINERS FOR THE WEEK**

Twenty four stocks appreciated in price during the week, as against Fifty five stocks in preceding week. The top ten price gainers during the week were:

## LOSERS FOR THE WEEK

Forty five stocks depreciated in price during the week as against Twenty seven stocks recorded in the preceding week. The top ten price losers during the week were:

## **EXCHANGE TRADED PRODUCTS (ETP)**

A total of 16,674 units of Exchange Traded Products valued at N11,982,206.72 in 44deals were traded during the week compared with 1,081,742units of Exchange Traded Products valued at N11,737,528.16 traded last week in 62 deals.

## **BOND MARKET**

A total of 45,882 units of FGN Bond valued at N41,200,323.53 in 22 deals were traded during the week compared with 31,683 units of FGN Bond valued at N32,251,263.02 traded last week in 35 deals

#### MARKET SUMMARY

	Curr. Week	Previous	% Change
		week	
Volume	944.293 M	3,789 M	-75.08
Value N=	N22,710 B	N27,520 B	-17.48
Total Gain	24	55	-56.36
Total Loss	45	27	-66.67
Deals	18.615	20.333	-8.45
All Share Index	54,327.30	54,213.09	0.21
Market Cap.	N=29,591	N=29,528	0.21
	Trillion	Trillion	

#### **TOP TEN GAINERS**

Company	Op.Price	ce cl. Price Gain		Gain in %
TRIPPLE GEE	1.05	1.37	0.32	30.48
IEI	0.99	1.24	0.25	25.25
CONOIL	26.50	32.05	5.55	20.94
MRS	19.35	21.25	1.90	9.82
NNFM	9.75	10.70	0.95	9.74
RED STAR	2.53	2.77	0.24	9.49
IGL	7.70	8.05	0.35	4.55
UPDC	0.95	0.99	0.04	4.21
NPFMB	1.74	1.80	0.06	3.45
SUNU	0.34	0.35	0.01	2.94

#### **TOP TEN LOSERS**

Company	Op.Price	Cl. Price	Loss	Loss in %	
FTN COCOA	0.33	0.28	(0.05)	(15.15)	
PRESTIGE	0.46	0.40	(0.06)	(13.04)	
JAPAUL	0.34	0.30	(0.04)	(11.76)	
MBENEFIT	0.36	0.32	(0.04)	(11.11)	
ROYALEX	0.82	0.74	(0.08)	(9.76)	
MCNICHOLS	0.67	0.61	(0.06)	(8.96)	
INITIATIVE	0.48	0.44	(0.04)	(8.33)	
CHAMPION	4.90	4.50	(0.40)	(8.16)	
STERLING	1.63	1.51	(0.12)	(7.36)	
CHIPLC	0.68	0.63	(0.05)	(7.35)	



## **MODEL EQUITY PORTFOLIO**

	PORTFOLIO VALUATION AS AT 10/02/2023											
				Unit	B-E	Current	Target price		Dividend	TOTAL	Gain/Loss	
P/Date	Stock	Units	Tcost	Cost	Price	Price	30% App	NET VALUE	Dividend	TOTAL VALUE		G/L%
1/1/2022	WAPCO	50,000	1,200,000.00	24.00	24.44	25.50	31.20	1,251,852.38		1,251,852.38	51,852.38	4.32
1/1/2022	UBA	50,000	380,000.00	7.60	7.74	8.35	9.88	409,920.29	9,000.00	418,920.29	38,920.29	10.24
1/1/2022	FIDELITY	50,000	217,500.00	4.35	4.43	5.58	5.66	273,934.76	9,000.00	282,934.76	65,434.76	30.08
1/1/2022	DANGSUGAR	50,000	802,500.00	16.05	16.35	17.05	20.87	837,022.86		837,022.86	34,522.86	4.30
1/1/2022	ZENITH	50,000	1,200,000.00	24.00	24.44	25.20	31.20	1,237,124.70	13,500.00	1,250,624.70	50,624.70	4.22
1/1/2022	UCAP PLC	50,000	700,000.00	14.00	14.26	15.20	18.20	746,202.20		746,202.20	46,202.20	6.60
1/1/2022	GTCO PLC	50,000	1,150,000.00	23.00	23.43	25.20	29.90	1,237,124.70	13,500.00	1,250,624.70	100,624.70	8.75
1/1/2022	FLOUR MILLS	50,000	1,420,000.00	28.40	28.93	29.95	36.92	1,470,312.89	96,750.00	1,567,062.89	147,062.89	10.36
1/1/2022	DANCEM	50,000	13,050,000.00	261.00	265.83	270.00	339.30	13,254,907.50		13,254,907.50	204,907.50	1.57
1/1/2022	VITAFOAM	50,000	1,022,500.00	20.45	20.83	21.20	26.59	1,040,755.70	68,400.00	1,109,155.70	86,655.70	8.47
			21,142,500.00					21,759,157.97		21,969,307.97	826,807.97	3.91

The Equity Portfolio Model which closed the previous week at 3.15% appreciated during the week, and closed the week at 3.91% (YTD). This can be compared with NGX All Share Index which closed at 5.78% in the previous week, also appreciated during the week and closed at +6.00% {YTD}. The EPM appreciated again during the week under review but unable to over perform the All Share Index of the market, This is because some high capitalized stocks in the market appreciated in value during the week. Investors are thereby advised to take into consideration selection of stocks in diversified sectors to minimize risk, good dividend paying stocks and strong fundamentals to enhance the value of the portfolio. Key. Tcost means total cost of the transactions including charges (market price\*units plus charges). Unit cost is total cost per unit of the stocks. B -E Price is break-even price i.e the price the portfolio will not record any gain or loss. Target price is the price we want to sell.



MARKET DEVELOPMENTS (LAST WEEK)

## **ELLAH LAKES PLC:**

Trading License Holders are hereby notified that Ellah Lakes Plc (Ellah Lake or the Company) has through its joint Stockbrokers, Cordros Securities Limited, CSL Stockbrokers Limited, DSU Brokerage Services Limited and RMB Nigeria Stockbrokers Limited submitted an application to Nigerian Exchange Limited for the approval and listing of a Rights Issue of One Billion (1,000,000,000) ordinary shares of 50 kobo each at N2.90 per share, on the basis of one (1) new ordinary share for every two (2) ordinary shares held as at the close of business on 10 February 2023. The Qualification Date for the Rights Issue is today, Friday, 10 February 2023.

#### **INVESTMENT BASICS**

Investments to hedge Inflation.. Inflation is a general increase in the price of goods and services in an economy and causes money saved today to be worth even less when it is needed tomorrow. It could sometimes be caused by a rise in the cost of production of goods and services or by excessive money in the economy amongst other reasons. According to the National Bureau of statistics (NBS), the inflation rate in Nigeria currently stands at 21.34%. This means every investment made in Nigeria has to beat this rate to be profitable. Investments to hedge Inflation. We have seen in the above points that inflation has a negative real rate effect on investments. Money market/ fixed-income securities such as FGN bonds, Treasury bills and fixed deposits are not enough to beat inflation. Investing in the capital market can offer diversification. This is not to say that inflation doesn't affect the capital market. The beauty of the capital market is that there are ways to invest in it that help you beat inflation.

- 1. Investment in Equity. Investment in stock is more risky than fixed income investments but also offers potential for higher returns. You need to buy stock of a company that is able to transfer its additional production cost due to inflation to its customers without affecting its profitability. You also need to carry out a fundamental analysis of the company to analyze its balance sheets, cash flow and income statements to determine the intrinsic value of the stock before making your decision. To invest in stocks, you can contact any dealing member listed on NGX or you can download their trading apps online.
- 2. Investment in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs). Buying individual stock could be time consuming for busy investors so buying into exchange traded funds (ETFs) that track the performance of a benchmark index, basket of securities or commodities could be ideal. ETFs also make for diversification of your investment portfolio. The NGX currently has 12 listed ETFs. These ETFs invest in Equities, Bonds and Gold.
- 3. Invest in Mutual funds. Mutual funds pool resources from different investors and invest them in various securities like Bonds, stock, etc. They are managed by licensed professional fund managers who assign units of shares to each contributor to the fund and pay dividend periodically. The price of a mutual fund is called the Net Asset Value (NAV). Mutual funds also diversify a portfolio by exposing the investor to different company stock.
- 4. Invest in Gold. Historically, Gold has always weathered inflation. It is an important member of an inflation-proof investment portfolio. This is because gold prices don't drop easily even when other security prices fall. Gold is also a tangible asset that can be stored for long periods. Buying Gold can be very expensive for you as a retail investor so you can buy into an ETF that tracks gold prices. An example is the NEWGOLD ETF. You could also invest in shares of mining companies that extract Gold and get paid dividend periodically. You can even trade gold prices in global markets through CFDs through CFD brokers.
- 5. Invest in Commodities. Commodities include oil, grains, coffee etc. and since inflation is synonymous with an increase in prices of goods and services, companies that produce these commodities could easily pass the increased cost of production to their customers. However, commodities are affected by various factors including natural disasters, wars, sanctions etc. so they carry a potential risk. To invest in commodities, you could either trade them on commodities & futures market, or buy shares of companies that produce them or buy into ETFs that track commodity indices and shares. The commodity shares/ETFs of Nigerian Companies can be bought from the NGX exchange. Or you can trade spot, futures on the commodity exchanges like AFEX commodity exchange, NCX (Nigeria Commodity Exchange), LCFE (Lagos Commodities and Futures Exchange) where agricultural commodities such as Maize, Cocoa, Sesame, Soybean, Rice, cashew, Sorghum, etc. are traded. On LCFE, you can also trade on agriculture commodities, energy and solid minerals with various instruments like Asset back Notes, commercial papers, ETNs.
- 6. Invest in Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). REITs are a collective investment scheme where the fund manager gathers investor funds and invests in real estate property development and rentals. Each investor is allocated units of shares according to how much he contributed and is paid dividends periodically no matter how the shares perform. Nigeria has 3 REITs registered namely Skye shelter fund, Union Homes and UPDC and they are traded on the NGX. Since building a house in Nigeria is very expensive REITs are a cheaper way to gain exposure to the real estate market. There are 3 types of REIT in Nigeria namely: Equity REIT- the REIT company purchases and manages properties, Mortgage REIT- company invests in mortgages on properties, Hybrid REIT- a combination of Equity and mortgage REIT. Real estate withstands inflation since house rents can be increased by landlords to reflect the current economic reality. Real estate carries its own risk as the houses can get burnt, vandalized and require maintenance frequently.

  Source: Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) & Regency Research



#### FIXED INCOME MARKET REPORT

#### Money Market.

The robust liquidity kept interbank rates flat for most trading sessions this week. On Friday, the Open repo rate (OPR) and Overnight rate rose to 10.75% and 11.13% respectively, a week-on-week rise of 238bps and 344bps.

#### **Treasury Bills.**

Investors' demand at the Nigerian Treasury Bill primary auction market remained strong, seeing a subscription of N1,056.08trn as against N217.06bn on offer. The Debt Management Office (DMO) allotted N417.06bn by acquiring an extra N200bn at the 364-day tenor. The stop rates for 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day dropped by 65bps, 83bps, and 53bp to 0.10%, 0.30%, and 2.24% respectively. The intense demand suggests that investors are pivoting towards safe haven investment instruments despite the low nominal rates and high domestic inflation. Analysts attribute the large buy interest to institutional investors, who are statutorily required to invest a portion of their income in domestic treasuries.

#### **Foreign Currency (EXCHANGE RATE).**

This week, the naira appreciated at both Nigerian Autonomous Foreign Exchange (NAFEX) fixing and Investor and Exporter FX fixing (I&E), settling at N461.20 and N461.50 respectively

OIL PRICE. The Nigeria's oil price (WTI) appreciated slightly during the week under review. According to the latest data, the oil price closed at \$78.76 per barrel during the week, compared with \$73.39 recorded in the previous week.

#### NIGERIAN INTER BANK OFFER RATE NIBOR

Money Market Rate							
3-Feb-23 10-Feb-23 W-o-W % Change							
OPR (%)	10.50	10.75	+2.38%				
O/N (%)	10.75	11.13	+3.44%				

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#### TREASURY BILLS RATES

#### NTB AUCTION February 10, 2023

Nigerian Tre	easury Bills A	uction			
Tenor	Amount offered (N'bn)	Total Subscriptio n (N'bn)	Amount Sold (N'bn)	Stop Rate	Previous rate (%)
91-days	4.52	9.84	4.52	0.1	0.29
182-days	1.31	15.04	1.31	0.3	1.8
364-days	211.23	1031.2	411.23	2.24	4.78

Source: Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)

#### MONEY MARKET RATES

Average Benchmark Yields							
3-Feb-23 10-Feb-23 W-o-W% Change							
I&E FX	462	461.5	0.11%				
NAFEX (\$/N)	461.42	461.2	0.05%				

Source: FMDQ

Source: Financial Markets Dealers Quotations (FMDQ)

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