

Fixed Income in Focus:

The market opened net long as under-allocation at the bond auction redirected demand into the secondary market. The 2032s repriced +210bps to 18.00% from the last print, while the new 2030s closed at 17.95%. Consequently, yields at the belly of the curve dipped about 30bps to close 17.55%-17.70%. Mid-week, the CBN reopened the 18-Nov OMO twice, clearing at 28.21% and 28.19% effective yields. NTB activity remained relatively muted as we saw significant offers on the Mar – April maturities at 17.5% discount rate. Liquidity closed positive at ₦1.402tn.

Nigerian Equities:

The ASI fell marginally lower, 0.5%, to end the week at 140,295.50. The tail end of this month was driven by the bears with NSE30 closing lower 0.38% m-o-m. While industrials and insurance sectors keep their m-o-m gains, that was threatened by weak sentiments as each lost 0.36% and 1.02% respectively for the final week of August. Chinese investors take over WAPCO and investors are focusing attention on upcoming banking H1 result releases which may slow profit taking.

Bond Auction Result

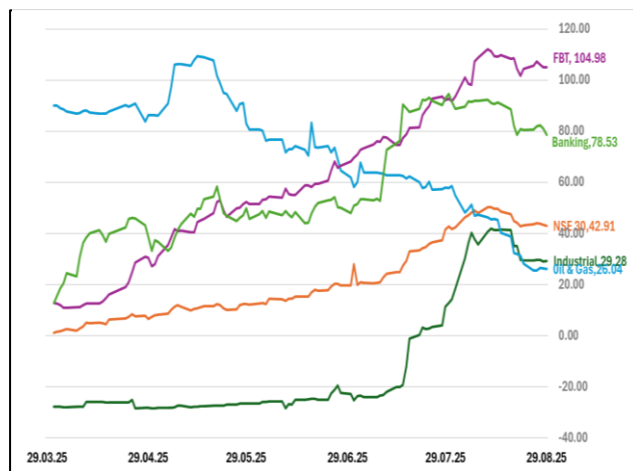
	17.945% 2030	17.95% 2032
Sales (₦'bn)	46.005	90.157
Marginal Rates	17.945%	18.00%

FI Weekly Snapshot

FGN Bond	Open (Yield) %	Close (Yield) %	Chg WoW (Bps)
Apr-29	17.30	17.75	45
Feb-31	18.00	17.70	30
May-33	17.90	17.55	35
Jan-35	17.00	-	-
Jun-53	16.45	15.90	55

NTB	Open %	Close %	Effective Yield %
20-Aug-26	17.20	17.00	20.28
12-Mar-26	17.70	17.25	18.98
05-Mar-26	17.70	17.30	18.97

Indices Watch 1-Yr Performance %



This Weeks Market Movers

Ticker	Value ₦'Mill	Close ₦	Chg %	Volume '000
GTCO	15,342	92	-2.13%	164,222
ARADEL	9,605	510	-1.73%	18,853
ACCESSCORP	5,569	26.5	-1.85%	205,510
FCMB	3,963	10.85	-0.91%	363,816
FIRSTHOLDCO	3,765	32.5	0.00%	115,933
ZENITHBANK	3,494	66	-5.71%	50,540
WAPCO	3,394	130	-3.38%	25,634
MTNN	3,377	435	0.00%	8,213
SEPLAT	3,139	5379.3	0.00%	588
UBA	2,323	48.65	1.46%	47,901

The Week Ahead...

We expect the NTB auction this week to set the tone for direction of yields. Since the last NTB Primary Market Issuance, secondary market has traded sideways with a bearish undertone driven by overall bearish sentiments and the possibility of higher issuances going forward.

However, the recent pattern of OMO issuances (less than 100 days Tenor TO Maturity) by the CBN could drive new interest for 270-364day bills going forward as fund managers lock in superior yields before the expected rate cut later this month.