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FGN Eurobond Market

The Eurobond market continued its bearish streak yesterday, with selling interests seen across several maturities. The average benchmark yield advanced by 18bps (basis points) to 12.90%.

FGN Bond Market

The FGN bond market was tepid yesterday, as buying interests seen on "14th March 2024" maturity was offset by selling interests on "18th April 2037" maturity. Consequently, the average benchmark yield remained unchanged at 13.28%.

Nigerian Treasury Bill (NTB)

The treasury bills market registered a quiet session yesterday, with minimal trading activities. The average benchmark yield maintained a constant value at 3.66%.

Money Market

At the interbank space yesterday, rates advanced further despite stable system liquidity. The rates on Open Buyback (OBB) and Overnight (O/N) transactions increased by 13bps and 18bps to 10.63% and 11.01% respectively.

Foreign Exchange Market

At the I & E window, the value of naira appreciated against the US dollar, by 25 kobo as the exchange rate closed lower to N461.42/\$. As of Monday, this week, Nigeria's foreign reserve declined by \$191.95 million to settle at \$36.197 billion.

Oil Market

- Reuters: Oil prices rebounded more than 1% this morning, recovering from the previous day's plunge, as a stronger OPEC outlook on China's demand helped offset bearish global investor sentiment in the wake of the recent U.S. bank failures. As of 6.30am this morning, Brent crude futures gained \$1.07 to trade at \$78.52 a barrel.
- The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on Tuesday further raised its forecast for Chinese oil demand growth in 2023 due to the relaxation of the country's COVID-19 curbs, although it left the global demand total steady, citing potential downside risks for world growth.
- Meanwhile, U.S. crude oil inventories rose by about 1.2 million barrels in the week ended March 10, while fuel stockpiles fell, according to market sources citing American Petroleum Institute figures on Tuesday.
- On the supply side, Saudi Arabia's energy minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman told Energy Intelligence in an interview on Tuesday the OPEC+ alliance - OPEC and allied oil producers including Russia - will stick to production cuts agreed in October until the end of the year.

What to expect today?

The Nigerian debt market is expected to follow yesterday's trend while interbank rates are expected to remain elevated in the absence of any significant inflow.

The FGN Eurobond market is expected to be less bearish as fears about contagion in the banking sector following the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) last week eased.

FGN Bond

Description	Maturity Date	TTM (Yrs)	Yield (%)	Cho	ange (%)
^14.20 14-MAR-2024	14 Mar 2024	1.00	6.51	_	-0.02
^13.53 23-MAR-2025	23 Mar 2025	2.03	10.22		0.00
^12.50 22-JAN-2026	22 Jan 2026	2.86	11.14	_	0.00
^16.2884 17-MAR-2027	17 Mar 2027	4.01	12.35		0.00
^13.98 23-FEB-2028	23 Feb 2028	4.95	13.60	_	0.00
^14.55 26-APR-2029	26 Apr 2029	6.12	14.10		0.00
^12.1493 18-JUL-2034	18 Jul 2034	11.35	14.65	_	0.00
^12.50 27-MAR-2035	27 Mar 2035	12.04	14.68		0.00
^12.40 18-MAR-2036	18 Mar 2036	13.01	14.68		0.00
^16.2499 18-APR-2037	18 Apr 2037	14.10	15.41		0.03
^13.00 21-JAN-2042	21 Jan 2042	18.86	14.71		0.00
^14.80 26-APR-2049	26 Apr 2049	26.12	15.55		0.00
^12.98 27-MAR-2050	27 Mar 2050	27.04	15.00		0.00

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Description	Maturity Date	Yield (%)	Cho	inge (%)
6.375 JUL 12, 2023	12 Jul 2023	13.83	•	-0.19
7.625 21-NOV-2025	21 Nov 2025	13.19		0.27
6.50 NOV 28, 2027	28 Nov 2027	13.19		0.27
6.125 SEP 28, 2028	28 Sep 2028	12.05		0.23
8.375 MAR 24, 2029	24 Mar 2029	13.12	_	0.28
7.143 FEB 23, 2030	23 Feb 2030	12.84		0.24
8.747 JAN 21, 2031	21 Jan 2031	13.10	_	0.16
7.875 16-FEB-2032	16 Feb 2032	12.95	_	0.26
7.375 SEP 28, 2033	28 Sep 2033	12.60	_	0.19
7.696 FEB 23, 2038	23 Feb 2038	12.83		0.19
7.625 NOV 28, 2047	28 Nov 2047	12.48	_	0.17
9.248 JAN 21, 2049	21 Jan 2049	12.86		0.17
8.25 SEP 28, 2051	28 Sep 2051	12.72	_	0.19

Major Business Headlines

- Fuel price hike imminent over poor supply, marketers warn: The disparity in the pump price of Premium Motor Spirit, popularly called petrol, is to further widen due to the incomplete delivery of products to many filling stations, oil marketers stated on Tuesday. Dealers under the aegis of the Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria, said there had been a lopsided pattern in the distribution of PMS lately, stressing that this would cause scarcity and worsen the price disparity in retail outlets. They told our correspondent that the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited, through its NNPC Retail subsidiary, had not been delivering the exact number of trucks of fuel that were meant for independent marketers
- Foreign airlines trapped funds hit \$743m IATA: The International Air Transport Association on Tuesday disclosed that the trapped funds belonging to foreign airlines operating in Nigeria have risen by 12.39 per cent to \$743,721,097 in January 2023 from \$662m in the corresponding period last year, the PUNCH learnt. IATA disclosed this in a letter addressed to the Minister of Aviation, Hadi Sirika, signed by the Area Manager West and Central Africa, Dr Samson Fatokun, obtained by our correspondent in Abuja. IATA urged the minister to intervene and ensure the resolution of the issue of airlines' blocked funds in Nigeria.

	Nigerian Treasury Bill				
DTM		Maturity	Yield (%)	Change (%)	
	44	27 Apr 2023	2.87	0.00	
	58	11 May 2023	2.51	0.00	
	86	8 Jun 2023	1.78	0.00	
	177	7 Sep 2023	4.49	0.00	
	226	26 Oct 2023	4.60	0.00	
	240	9 Nov 2023	4.64	0.00	
	268	7 Dec 2023	4.38	0.00	
	317	25 Jan 2024	3.92	0.00	
	331	8 Feb 2024	3.78	0.00	

Other Key Indices			
Indicators	Current	Change	
OPEC Quota	1.830mbpd	+31,000bpd	
System liquidity	N258.02bn	+N34.28bn	
Foreign reserve	\$36.197bn	-\$191.95mn	
Nig. Crude output	1.67m bpd	+0.412m bpd	
Brent Crude	\$78.52	+\$1.07	
FAAC Allocation	N750.174bn	-N240.02bn	

Interbank	Rate (%)	Cho	ange (%)	Spot
OPR	10.63	_	0.13	CBN SMIS
O/N	11.01		0.18	NAFEX
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Call	6.00		0.00	^^Forv
1M	8.00		0.00	2/
3M	8.00		0.00	3N 6N
6M	8.00		0.00	11

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CBN SMIS Window	462.00	— 0.00
I&E FX Window	461.42	- 0.25
NAFEX	461.20	- 0.02
Parallel Market	752.00	— 0.00
^^Forwards	Rate (\$/N)	Chg (NGN)
1M	466.90	a 0.57
2M	469.59	-0.71
3M	482.39	1.44
6M	508.31	1.62
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