

Money markets

The open buy-back and overnight rates closed at 16.00% and 17.25% respectively – higher than Wednesday's 10.17% and 11.17% – as yesterday's OMO auction mopped up c.NGN293.38bn from the system. Rates are expected to trade sideways into the close of the week.

Interbank spot: USD/NGN

It was a sluggish day in the FX market, with USD/NGN staying within Wednesday's range -359.75/360.25. Foreign investors decided to stay on the sidelines-awaiting the outcome of the OMO auctions and we did not see much demand from local corporates. Wednesday's turnover was US\$697m – up from US\$129.1m the previous day.

Offer rates	21-Mar	20-Mar	Change
NAFEX	360.10	360.21	↓ 0.15

Commodities

Futures were little changed in New York, after having climbed above \$60 a barrel on Wednesday for the first time since November when U.S. government data showed that nationwide stockpiles fell by the most since July. The dollar gained, undermining investors' appetite for crude and other commodities priced in the U.S. currency. Crude has rallied more than 30 percent to start the year as output reductions by the OPEC and its partners, as well as supply disruptions in Venezuela and Iran, countered growing American shale production. Still, the gains have been checked by concerns that a slowing global economy and a protracted trade dispute between the U.S. and China will impede fuel consumption. (Bloomberg)

Fixed income

The T-bills market finally came alive after almost 2 weeks of reduced activity with NGN160.8bn traded on the day. The DMO offered NGN30bn, NGN70bn and NGN 100bn of the 91,182 and 350 day bills at yesterday's OMO auction. We saw the market over react to the surprise supply of 350 day bills at the auction with secondary market yields selling off c.25bp across the curve. Clearing rates were 11.8%, 12.9% and 13.04% respectively. The auction was oversubscribed with the CBN selling more than twice the amount of long tenored bills on offer. With supply in the market, especially in the one year region, yields are expected to drop by c.15bp tomorrow as short positions are covered and investors look to pick up the 182 and 364 day paper at slightly higher yields than we've seen all week

Benchmark T-bills and bonds yields

Tenor	21-Mar	20-Mar	Change
91-day	12.07	11.93	↑ 0.14
182-day	13.75	13.58	↑ 0.17
364-day	14.52	14.26	↑ 0.26
Jul-21	14.04	14.04	→ -
Jan-22	14.30	14.42	↓ (0.12)
Apr-23	14.54	14.47	↑ 0.07
Mar-24	14.24	14.24	↓ (0.01)
Mar-25	14.46	14.47	↓ (0.01)
Jan-26	14.44	14.38	↑ 0.06
Mar-27	14.38	14.39	↓ (0.01)
Feb-28	14.24	14.35	↓ (0.12)
Jul-34	14.32	14.32	↓ (0.01)
Mar-36	14.25	14.31	↓ (0.05)
Apr-37	14.19	14.22	↓ (0.02)

Market rates/external reserves

Type: FI	Current rate (%)	Type: FX	Current
LIBOR 30-day	2.49063	Brent Crude	US\$68.16
NIBOR 30-day	9.8372	NAFEX (Offer Rate)	359.95
NIBOR 90-day	13.1846	Reserves (as at 18 Mar 2019)	US\$43.3bn

RMB Nigeria indicative term deposit rates

NGN	CALL	1-m	2-m	3-m	6-m	12-m
50,000,000	4.50%	10.75%	11.00%	11.25%	11.50%	11.75%
USD ¹	CALL	1-m	2-m	3-m	6-m	12-m
5,000,000	0.00%	2.00%	2.50%	2.75%	3.00%	3.25%

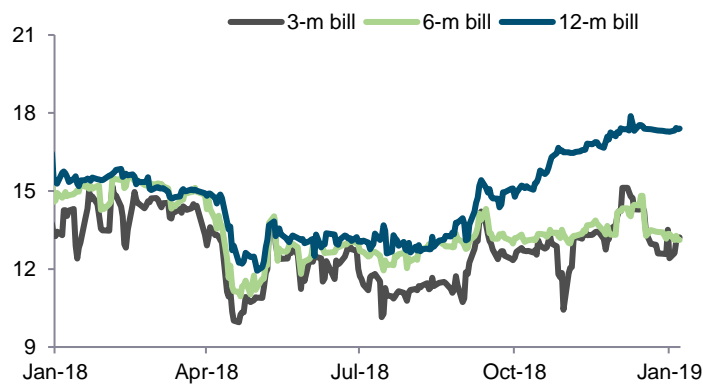
Note: 1. Indicative rates are gross of withholding tax (10%)

RMB Nigeria Note: The deposit placement is subject to the completion of on-boarding forms (KYC) for RMB Nigeria, a compliance requirement from the Central Bank of Nigeria. Currencies available on request: ZAR/EUR/GBP.

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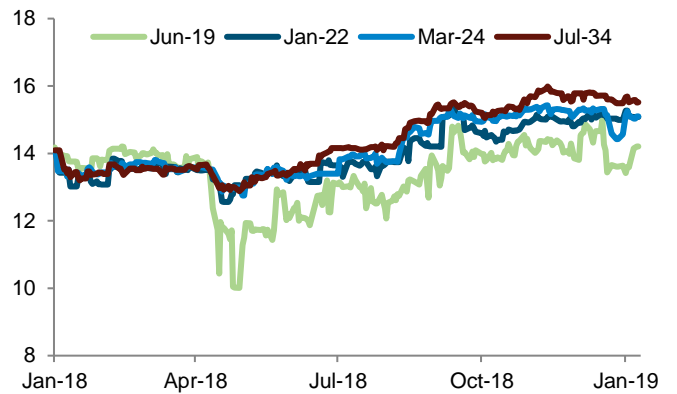
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Treasury bills



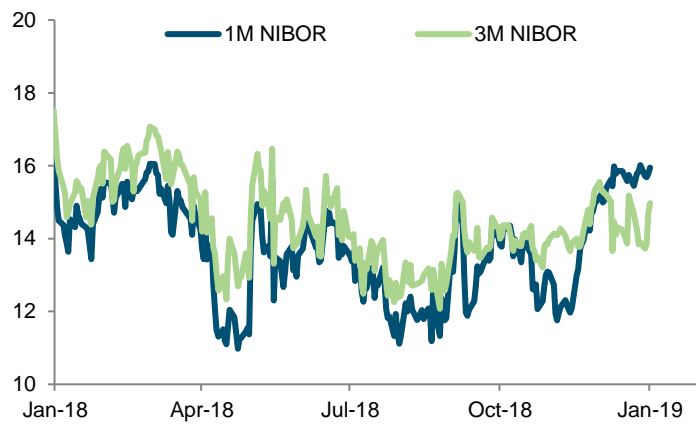
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Benchmark bonds



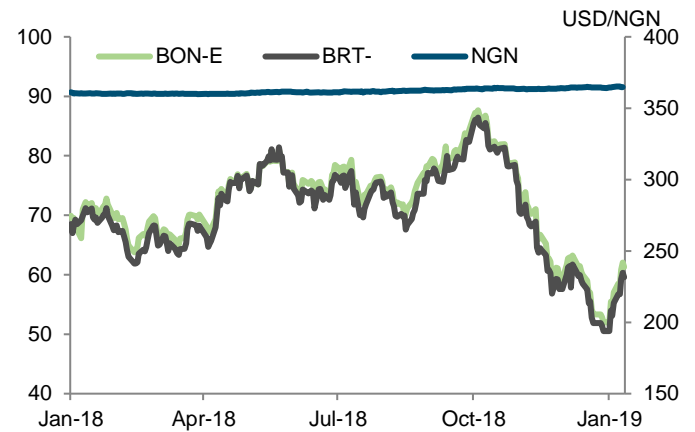
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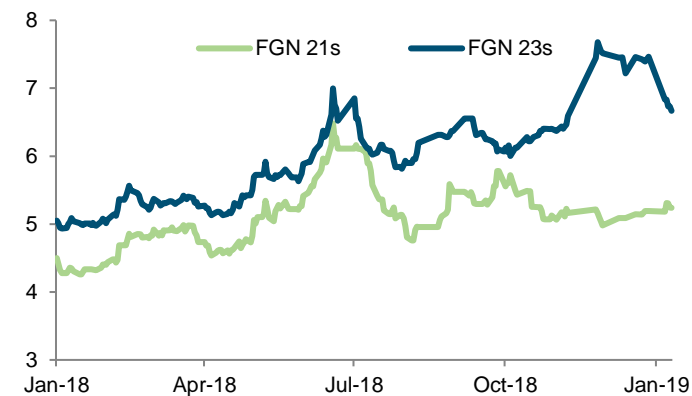
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Oil prices and FX



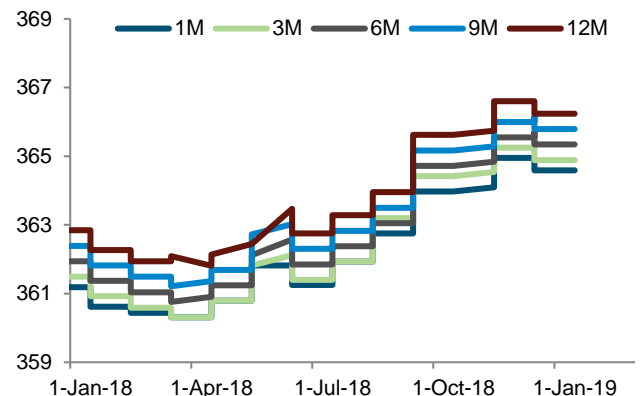
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FGN Eurobonds



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OTC FX futures



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