LBS Breakfast Session



The Spectre of Stagflation

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# September Highlights

# Highlights-The Usual

□FBN PMI steeply high at 56.2 points in September

Indicating a likely boost to Q3 GDP

□Oil production in August up 5% to 1.88 mbpd

Average Brent price up 4.64% in September to \$62.29 pb

Revenue impact will be limited

Average power output from the grid in September fell to 3,473 MW

Average opening position of Deposit Money Banks was N185.87 bn

□109.5% higher than August

□FAAC shared in September was N720 bn, down 6.32%



## The Usual

□Interbank interest rates swung between 3.21% pa and 33.86% pa (OBB)

□Maturing T/bills were 22.81% lower than new issues of N438 bn

DMO bonds issued were oversubscribed by 6.69%

□Headline inflation declined for the third consecutive month to 11.02%

**DMPC** maintained status quo on monetary policy parameters

□Aggregate credit growth in banking industry up 5.33% to N16.397 trn on

September 26 as banks comply with the 60% loan-to-deposit ratio

**US** Fed lowers interest rate with no guidance for further cuts

# The Extraordinary

□USA manufacturing activity slows to a 10-year low

Contracting for the second month running

The ISM index fell to 47.8 in September, lowest since June 2009

The stock market fell 1.1% in reaction

Saudi Arabia appoints new oil minister

□A known protagonist for OPEC output discipline

Timing coincides with ARAMCO IPO and partial privatization

# The Extraordinary

□The FGN has approved an increase in VAT from 5% to 7.5%

■Still requires NEC and NASS approval

Likely implementation in January 2020

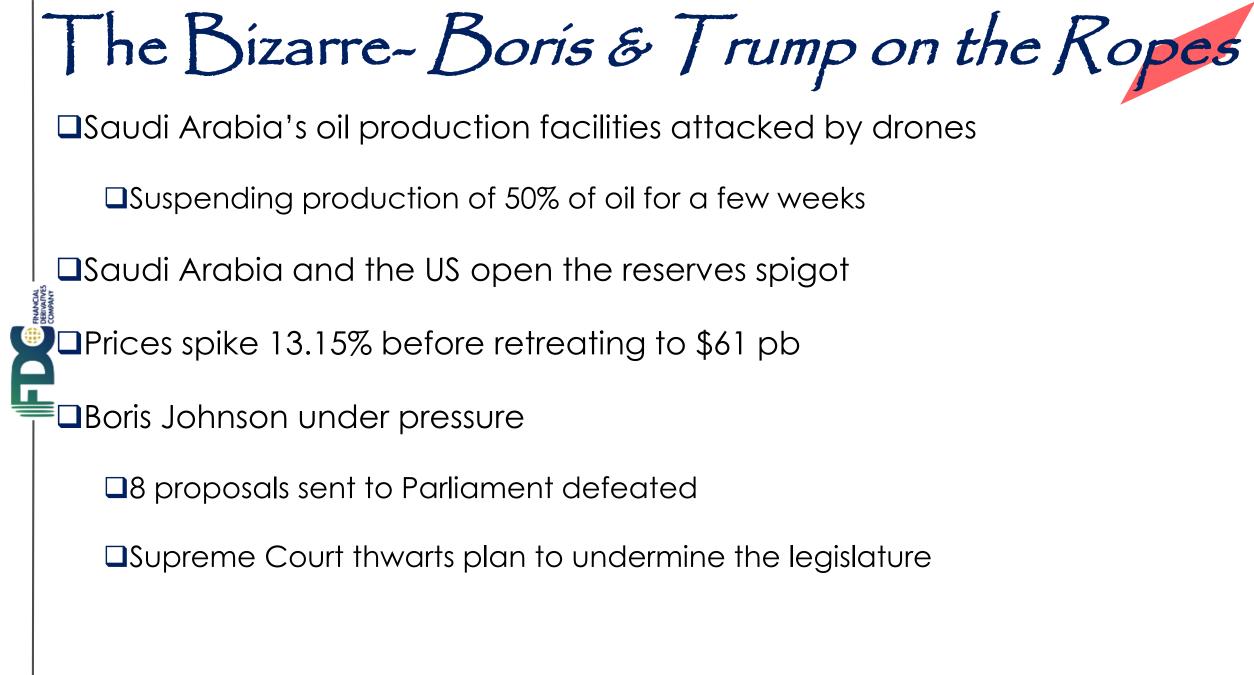
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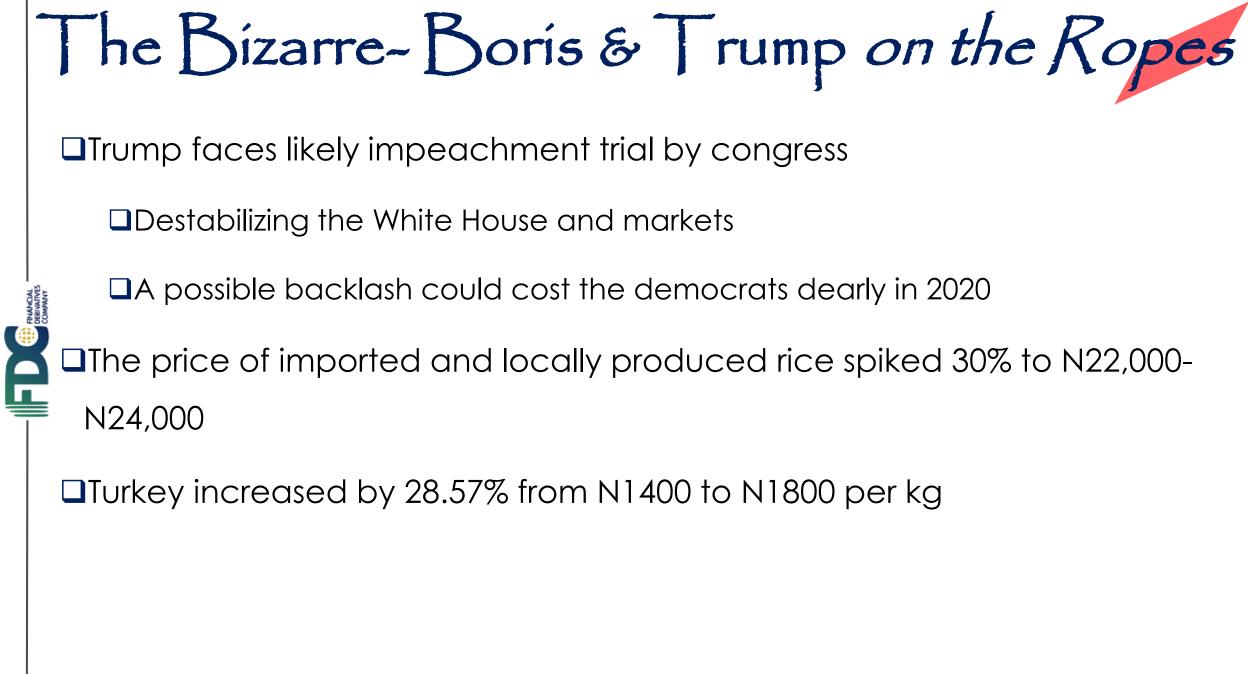




□CBN raises Loan-to-Deposit Ratio from 60% to 65%

- Bank loan books and asset quality will come under pressure
- □12 banks flunking new LDR directive and CBN debiting N499bn
- **Q**There is a massive shortage of margarine across Nigeria
  - Argarine is one of the 41 items on the foreign exchange restriction list
  - Smugglers have been bringing it across from Benin Republic







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Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts

Winston Churchill

### Probability & Risks of Stagflation

□ Stagflation = slowing growth + rising prices

- Accompanied by high unemployment and falling investment
- □ There is a 25% probability of Nigeria slipping into stagflation

### How will this happen?

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- i) Pressure on price level due to minimum wage consequential costs N600bn (FGN + States)
- ii) Arrears from April to November N700bn
- $\Box$  i) + ii) as a percentage of money supply (N27.6trn) = 5%
- $\Box$  Inflation impact = 1.5%

### Probability & Risks of Stagflation

B. External imbalances & imported inflation

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- i) Terms of trade deteriorating (now at 27.5)
- ii) High dependence on 'hot money' (73% of volatile capital importation)

- i) Border closure plus food import restrictions hiking food inflation
- ii) Food inflation + imported inflation + wage inflation = higher inflation

### Probability & Risks of Stagflation D. Tepid growth



- i) Q3 growth estimated at 2.1% but higher than Q2
- ii) Not good enough and leaves a recessionary gap of 2.6%
- iii) Annual growth of 2% in 2019
- iv) Rate of gross capital formation is slow to negative

### E. Unemployment

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- i) No data on unemployment (latest: Q3 2018)
- ii) Anecdotal evidence points to jumping unemployment estimated at 30%

### Conclusion

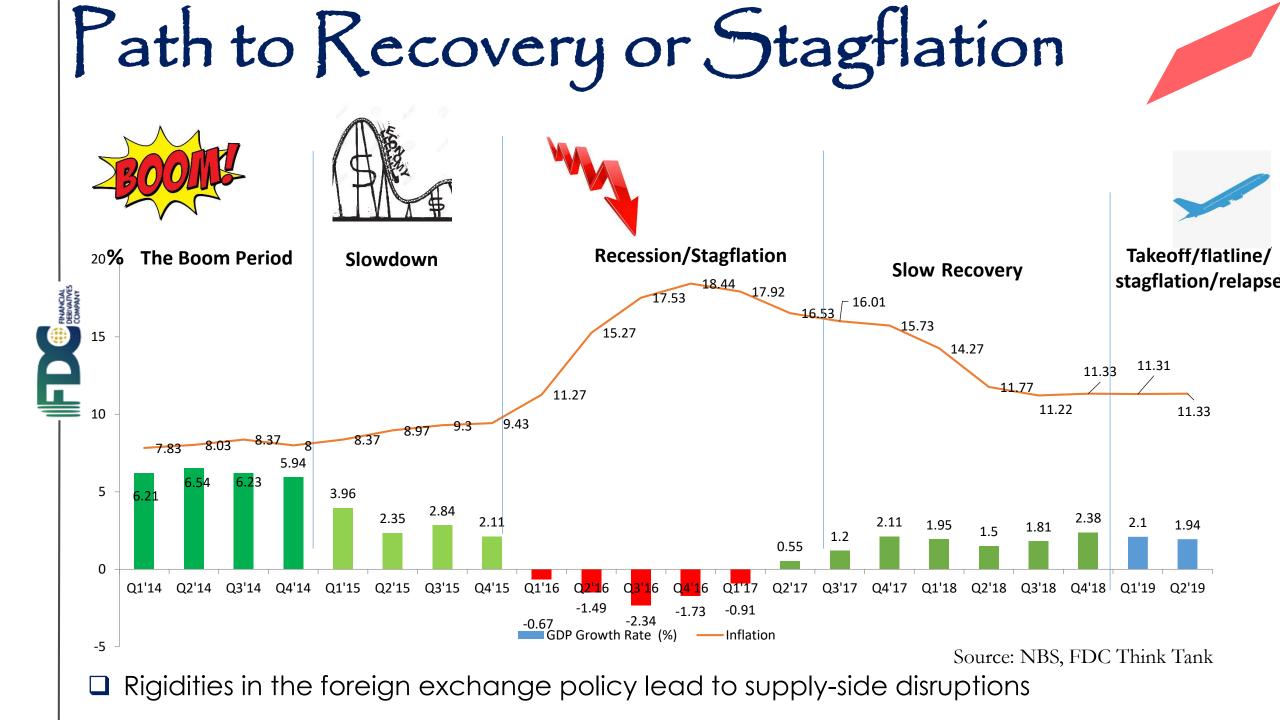
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Stagflation is unlikely but is probable

□ Probability of stagflation is 25% in 2020

Does Nigeria have a defensive tool kit to combat

this unlikely but probable scenario?





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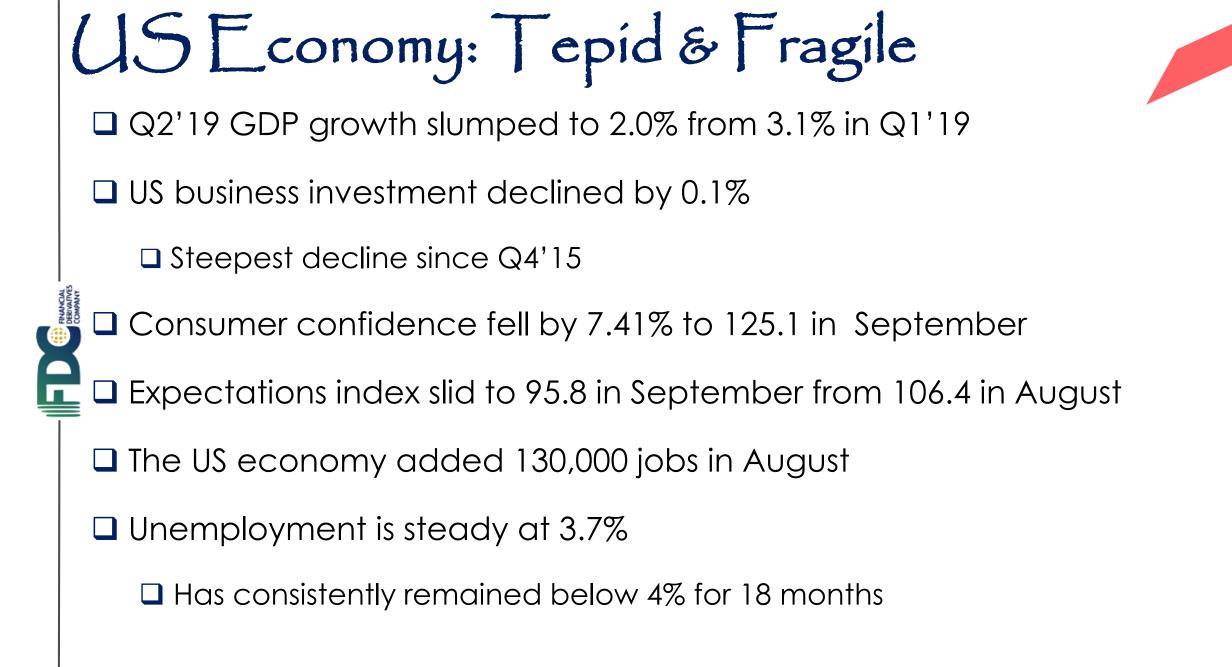


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# Global Developments



## US-China Trade Talks

US and China to resume trade talks next week

"Trade deal could happen sooner than you think" - Trump

Trump delays tariffs on \$250 bn worth of Chinese goods to Oct 15

Beijing has moved to increase imports of American soybeans, pork

and other farm products



### Fed Lowered Interest Rates

Fed lowered its benchmark interest rates by

50 bps

Second rate cut in 2019

Aimed at preventing a recession

Refused to commit to any further cut in 2019

□Keeping an eye on the impact of trade wars





### ECB Cuts Rates by 10 bps

- European Central Bank votes to restart quantitative easing
  - □ In a bid to combat economic slowdown in the Eurozone
- □ Benchmark interest rate lowered by 10bps to -0.5%
- Comes at a time when the bloc's biggest economy, Germany, is on the brink of a recession
- German Sabine Lautenschlaeger quit the ECB board effective Oct 1
  - □ More than two years before her tenure ends
  - □A possible reaction to the latest stimulus measures
- ECB President Draghi due to handover to Lagarde on November 1

### Impact on Nigeria

- □ Lower interest rates in the US to reduce risk of capital flight
- Failure to reach a deal could result in a hard Brexit
- □ A hard Brexit could trigger a recession in the UK
  - Reduce remittance flows to Nigeria
  - Depreciation in the value of the pound sterling and pound
    - sterling domiciled assets

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> A depreciating pound sterling will reduce the cost of servicing pound sterling denominated debt

## Sub-Saharan Africa





South Africa &	Nigería

	South Africa	Nigeria
GDP	\$360.5 bn	\$482.1 bn
Growth	Economic growth expanded to 3.1% in Q2	Economy slowed to 1.94% in Q2
Population	58.7 mn	201 mn
Income per capita	\$6,141	\$2,399
Share of SSA GDP	16.0%	21.4%
Economic structure	Diversified economy	Commodity depende
AfCFTA	Major initial beneficiary	Delayed beneficiary
Inflation	4.30%	11.02%

Benín - Nigeria Border Closure - Smugglers Groan and Customs Perplexed □ Nigeria and Benin are embroiled in a trade dispute Barely two months after signing the regional trade pact Benin is a key transit route for traders Over 80% of West African cross-border trade is by road Benin's economy is heavily reliant on the informal re-export and transit trade with Nigeria Approximately 20% of GDP

Benin is Thailand's largest grain importer

Benin's population is barely 5% of Nigeria's population

## South Africa Appoints Economic Team

□ SA appoints economic advisory council to accelerate informed

policy implementation

Team comprises of renowned economists and private sector

experts and is chaired by the President

Team includes foreigners notably Harvard economist, Dani Rodrik

Dani Rodrik is the author of the "Globalization Paradox: Democracy

and the Future of the World Economy"



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### Domestic Economic Performance

# Leading Economic Indicators- Output

	LEI	Aug'19	Sept'19	% Change	Oct' 19*
<b>FILANCIAL</b> DERIVATIVES COMPANY	GDP Growth (%)	2.10 (Q1'19)	1.94(Q2'19)	-0.16	2.10(Q3'19)
	Oil Production (mbpd)	1.87	1.80*	-3.74	1.75
	Oil Price (\$pb; avg)	59.53	62.29	4.64	60.00
	Power (MW; avg)	3,526.00	3,473.00	-1.50	3,500.00
	PMI	FBN: 50.9 CBN: 57.9	56.2 57.7	10.41 -0.35	55 57.0

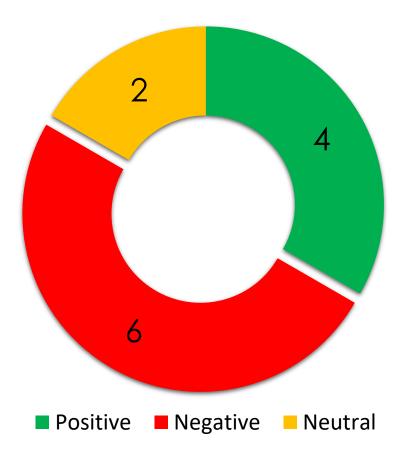
Source: CBN,NBS, EIU, \*:FDC's forecast

# Leading Economic Indicators- Markets

	LEI	Aug'19	Sept'19	% Change	Oct'19*
COMPANY	Primary T Bills (%): 91 days 181 days	11.10 11.59	11.10 11.75	- 0.16	11.00 12.00
	Average Lending Rate (%)	20.00	20.00	-	20.00
	Average Opening Position (N'bn)	88.72	185.87	109.50	200.00
	External Reserves (\$bn; month-end)	43.61	42.11	-3.44	40.00
	Exchange rate (N/\$; month-end)	IFEM: 306.95 Parallel: 360.00 IEFX: 362.93	306.95 360.00 362.02	- - -0.25	307.00 360.00 363.00
	Inflation (%)	11.02	11.22*	0.63	11.25
	Stock Market (N'trn)	13.39	13.47	0.60	13.50

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# How Did the LEIs Perform?

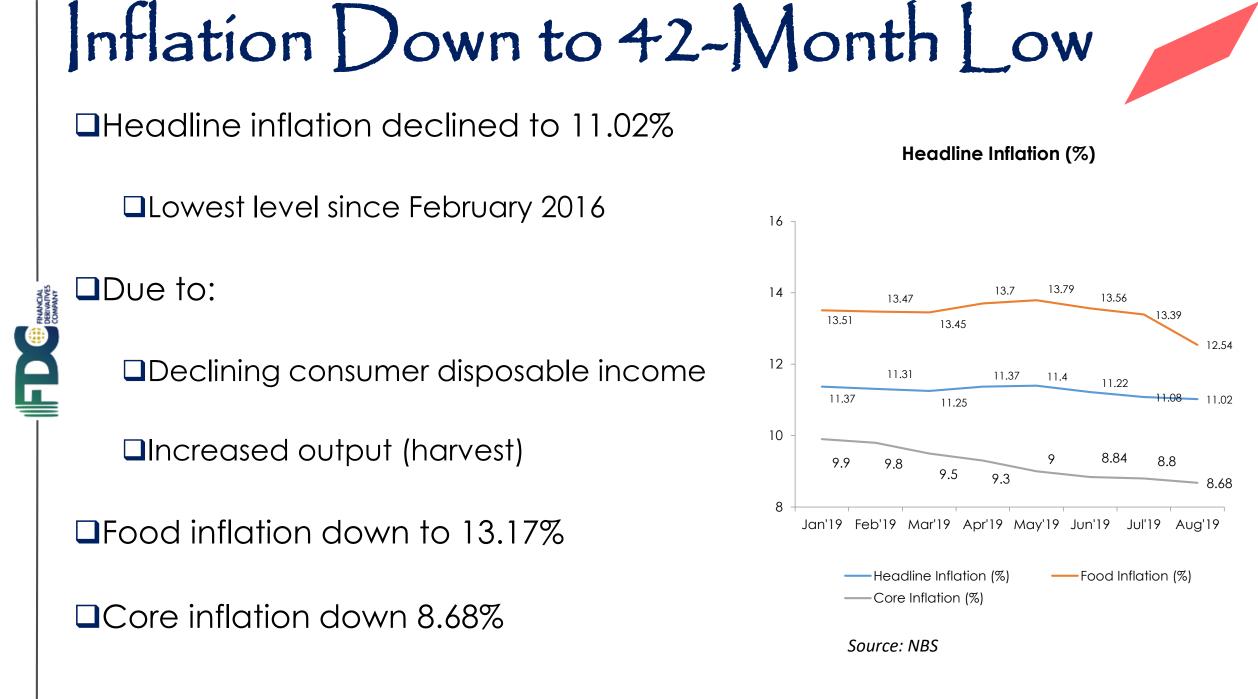


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### Four positive; six negative; two neutral

### Impact

- Economic challenges persist
- External imbalances are growing
- Vulnerabilities are rising
- \* Risks are elevated



# Capital Importation Down 31.4% in Q2

 $\Box$ Capital imports down $\clubsuit$ 31.4% to \$5.8 bn in Q2'19

Portfolio investments accounted for the largest value \$4.29 bn (73%) (hot money)

Other investments at \$1.30 bn (22.41%)

□Foreign direct investment \$222.89 mn (3.83%)

Largest source of capital investment

UK (\$3.13 bn)

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- □US (\$1.15 bn)
- UAE (\$344 mn)

□SA (\$314 mn)



## Economic Outlook

## Q3'19 GDP

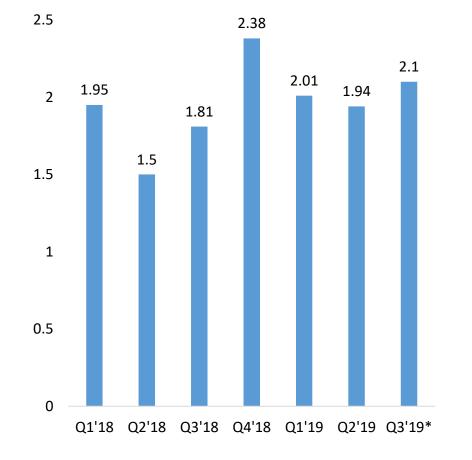
 $\Box$ Q3'19 growth projection to inch up to 2.10%

Growth to remain lacklustre

□ Manufacturing sector to grow at a slower

pace

□Slower growth in the oil sector





## Inflation Outlook

#### **Demand drivers**

Money supply expected to grow

Weak consumer spending

Supply drivers

Harvest impact

□ Tomato 28.57% to N10,000 per 50 kg

□ Pepper 10% to N9,000 per 50 kg

□ Full impact of the border closure

□ Rice 130% to N22,000-N24,000 per 50 kg

□ Turkey 128.57% to N1,800 per kg



### Forex Market Outlook

Demand for dollars to increase in the coming month

Inventory build up ahead of

Christmas

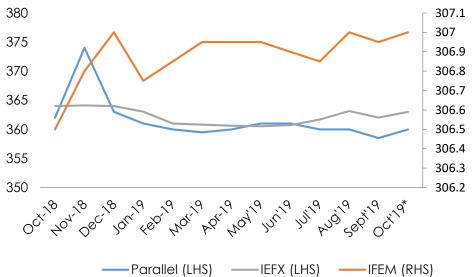
Will mount pressure on external reserves

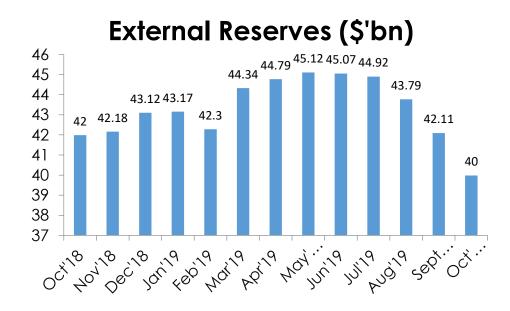
Gross external reserves level may decline to \$40 bn

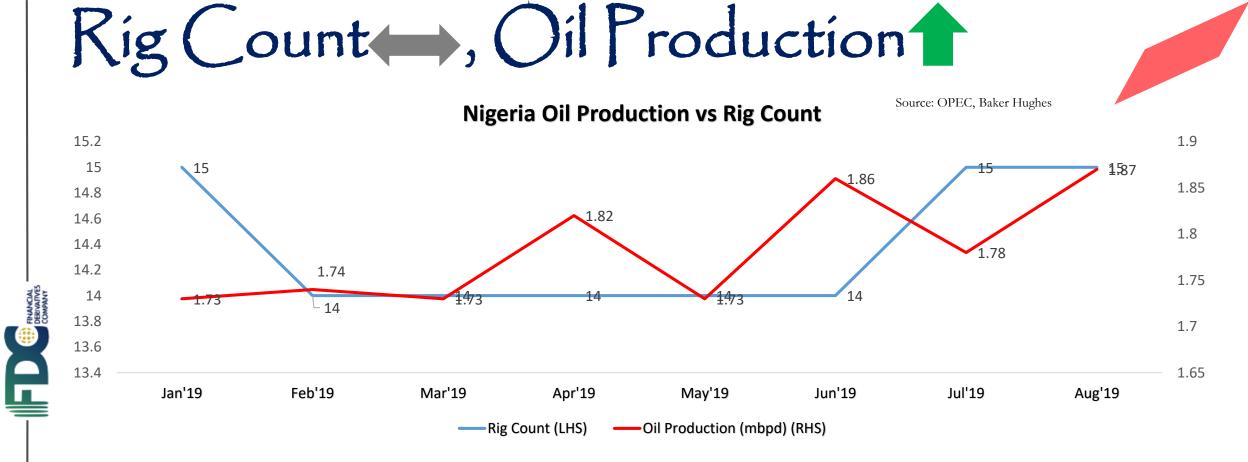
■Now at \$42.11 bn

Source: FMDQ, CBN, FDC Think Tank

#### Exchange Rate (N/\$; end)







□ The number of operational rigs flat at 15 in August

Despite increased oil production (up 5.06% to 1.87 mbpd in August)

Oil production expected to decline in coming months

Nembe Creek Trunk placed under force majeure



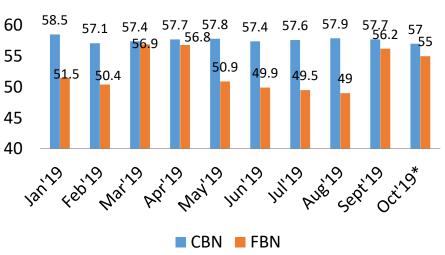


## Market Proxies



## FBN PMIUp 10.41%

	August'19	September'19	October'19 Forecast
CBN	57.9	57.7	57
FBNQuest	50.9	56.2	55



Source: CBN, FBNQuest

PMI up to 56.2pts in September

#### All sub-indices increased

• Output index recorded the highest improvement

Delivery time index recorded the lowest improvement

**C** Expected to increase in the coming months

□ Inventory build up ahead of Christmas celebration

## FAAC Down 6.32%



■FAAC down 6.32% to N720.88 bn

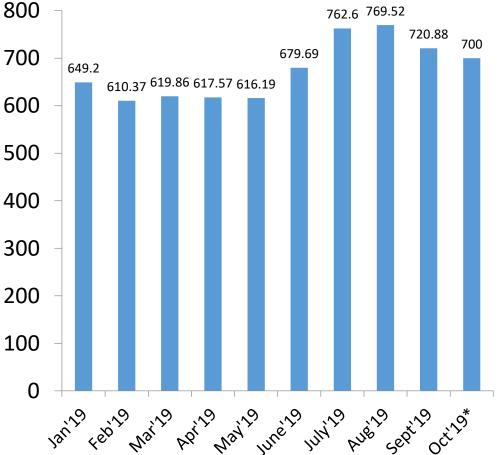
Driven by:

Lower oil revenue

Excess crude account now at \$328.12 mn

Projected to decline in subsequent months 300

□ Falling oil prices



#### FAAC (N'bn)

Source: NBS

## CBN's Cashless Policy

CBN introduces a new policy on cash-based transactions in Nigeria

Cash deposits above N500,000 for individuals to attract 2% fee

Cash deposits above N3 mn for corporates to attract 3% fee

Takes effect in Lagos, Ogun, Kano, Abia, Anambra and Rivers states

Lagos is the commercial hub for the country

□Abia is the commercial hub for the East

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States	GDP (2017) – N'trn	Inflation Aug'19 (%)	Inflation Rank
Lagos	N/A	11.41	15 <sup>th</sup>
Ogun	2.81	11.63	20 <sup>th</sup>
Kano	2.97	13.27	36 <sup>th</sup>
Abia	N/A	10.62	9 <sup>th</sup>
Anambra	3.08	11.86	25 <sup>th</sup>
Rivers	5.11	11.68	21 <sup>st</sup>

Source: NBS

E-payments: Cheques Losing Traction

	Value (N'bn)	Change in Value (%; m-o- m)	Change in Volume (%; m- o-m)
Cheques	336.59	17.60	16.22
POS	245.99	0.76	4.56
NIP	7,867.47	8.92	12.96
NEFT	887.41	11.50	20.35

In the first six months:

Value of transactions through various e-payment up 103% to a N231.25 trn

□ Volume of transactions 1 by 42% to 3.07 bn

Convenience of PoS transactions has attracted the younger generation



Velocity of circulation of money up from 1.19x in Q1'19 to 1.25x in Q2'19
Impact of banks 60% LDR

Keeps a cap on inflation

Could lead to structural unemployment, as cash handlers are displaced

□ Boost in tax revenue as number of unreported transactions declines

□ Increased CBN savings due to lower cost of printing currency notes

## Ships Awaiting Berth

■FGN to link the Apapa and Tin Can ports via rail before the end of 2020



The only country in West Africa yet to

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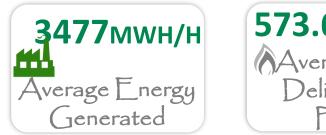
implement the single window system



### Average Power Output Below the 4,000 MW Threshold



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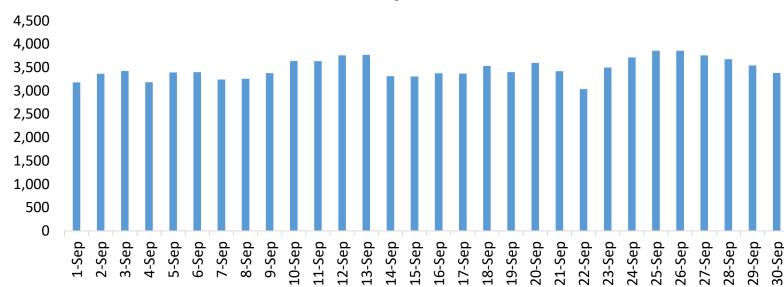








Power Output MWh/hr



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### Power Sector News

□FGN approves N600 bn facility for power sector

□AfDB approves \$500,000 for clean energy in Nigeria

World Bank in talks with Nigeria over new \$2.5 bn power project loan

Land targets US investors in gas flare business



Source: Lavayo Advisors



# Policy Update

### Monetary Policy Outlook □Oil prices will trade at approximately \$55 - \$60 pb External reserves will flat line at \$41 bn □Foreign exchange intervention will remain constant November MPC likely to maintain status quo Use OMO to push up rates to defend the naira If inflation remains above target range (6-9%), MPC will not lower rates - CBN Inflationary pressure to be reignited Increased seasonal demand, minimum wage implementation, forex restriction on food imports and 60% LDR ratio (to increase to 65% in December) 54

# Monetary Policy Outlook

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□If US-China trade tensions and Brexit fears persist

Uncertainty about global recession will heighten

Compelling the US Fed and other central banks in advanced

economies around the world to lower interest rates further

This increases the interest rate differential between US and Nigerian bonds

Reducing the probability of capital outflows

EINANCIAL DEFINATIVES □If oil prices slide to \$50-55 pb & OPEC quota is tightly enforced – oil production will fall to 1.69 bpd

□Fiscal deficit to widen and borrowing to

increase – likely eurobond issuance of over \$5

bn

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□Aggressive tax drive to raise revenues

States to start repayment of bailout loan from CBN

## Investment Policy

□In the agricultural sector:

Provision of high-yielding seedlings

□ Fertilizer subsidy

□Single-digit loans by government agencies

Nigeria now one of the "top 20 improvers" in Doing Business 2020

□Has made major improvements by operationalizing a new electronic platform that integrates the tax authority and the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)



## Commodities

## Commodities Update

	Export Commodities	Septembe	r %Change (Aug-Sept)	Outlook (October)	Import Commodities	September %Change (Au	ug-Sept)
ENANCIAL DETIVATIVES COMPANY	Oil (\$/b)	62.29	4.64%	60	Wheat (\$/bushel)	478.75	0.05%
	Liquefied Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.53	16.59%	2.60	Sugar (\$/pounds)	11.88	2.77%
	Cocoa (\$/mt)	2,372.00	5.66%	2,400	Rice (\$/cwt)	12.16	1.67%
					Vegetable oil (25 liters)	11,000	10%



# Stock Market Review

	Nigerian	Stock !	Market in September
	🛛 Market cap 🛖 0.	45% to N13.45 trn	Negative market breadth of 1.22x
	🗅 NSE ASI 會 0.38%	to 27,630.56	44 stocks gained
	Eight days positive	e, 12 days negativ	e 🛛 86 stocks remained neutral
	Average volume 227,778,327	traded <b>–</b> 9.1% to	36 stocks lost
		Pe	eer Comparison
1	Exchange	YTD Return	Driver
	NSE ASI	1.38 %	<ul> <li>Bargain hunting especially in the oil &amp; gas space</li> <li>Tier 1 banks' H1'19 results and interim dividend declarations</li> </ul>
	JSE ASI	1.56 %	<ul> <li>Bargain hunting</li> <li>Traded at the biggest discount to US stocks</li> <li>Strength in global tech investor (Naspers) and mining stocks</li> </ul>
	GSE	4.1%	<ul> <li>Increase in FPI outflows</li> <li>Negative sentiment driven by lingering banking concerns</li> </ul>

	Sub-Index Performance í	n Se	ptember
	Due to bargain hunting after emerging as the	INSURANCE	Sector Performance
	worst performing sector in August	BANKING NSE ASI	<b>7.10%</b> 0.38%
	Due to sell-off in Dangote cement	INDUSTRIALS - ( NSE 30 CONSUMER GOODS	0.72% 5.45% 7.85%
ļ	Gains in consumer goods driven by gains in Nestle		<b>20.63%</b> 00%0.00%5.00%10.00%15.00%20.00%25.00%
	Gains in banking driven by H1'19 result by tier one banks and dividend declaration	,	
	Gains in insurance driven by bargain hunting as		

investors expect industry consolidation

## Corporate Actions

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- NSE announced the commencement of its hackathon and idea innovation contest designed to improve the Nigerian capital market
- ■AGLEVENTIS notifies of an offer for the proposed buyout of other shareholders of the company
- ■NAICOM confirms 26 insurance companies recapitalization
  - plans out of the 57 listed insurance companies
- ■Wapic Insurance PIc launched a new capital raising program aimed at raising about N5.93 bn

## Outlook for October

Likely increase in FPI driven by

Declining interest rates in major economies

Stable foreign exchange as CBN commits to support the naira

Foreign investment in money market instruments to outweigh foreign investment in equities

<sup>•</sup>Portfolios to benefit from both short and long term strategies

Short-term: value in riding the volatility

□Long-term: value in positioning with healthy companies in high growth industries

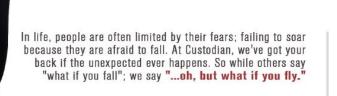
In a stagflation environment – investors should stick to a strong long-term

strategy









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# Corporate Earnings

## Banking Industry - H1'19

		GTB	Zenith	Access	UBA
		<mark>-</mark> 2.1% to N221.9 bn	2.9% to N331.6 bn	<b>28%</b> to N 324.37 bn	💼 10.3% to N131.7 bn
	Interest Income		•	83.6% to N110.8 bn	
FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES COMPANY	Profit After Tax	3.7%to N99.1 bn	1 👕 8.7% to N88.9 bn	<b>86%</b> to N41.2 bn	21.1% to N28.7 bn
	Impairment	🛑 7.9% to N2.19 bn	1 41% to N13.7 bn	32% to N3.4 bn	17.9% to N1.7 bn
	EPS	1.5% to N3.5	7.7% to N2.83	80.5% to N1.39	<b>a</b> 34% to N0.82
	Dividend Yield	9.89%	15.01%	6.99%	13.82%
	P/E Ratio	4.13x	3.07x	1.82x	2.63x
	YTD Change	-15.2%	-18.9%	8.09%	-21.79%

□ Mixed earnings result

Increasing regulatory risk

□Increasing financial disintermediation

Expanding sources of revenue a significant determinant for future performance

# Banking Industry Outlook

□Financial service architecture to witness significant shift

#### □ Fintech disruption

- Erosion of transaction revenue for banks
- Banks to heavily invest in technological upgrades & better customer experience
- Pressure on margins

Larger banks appear to have an advantage in the application of technology

Efficient use of technology by larger banks with economies of scale to reduce their cost

Resulting in decline in cost-to-income ratio

Likely consolidation of the industry – increase in merger and acquisition deals

To benefit from expected increase in trade among African countries from current level of 16% to 60% by 2022 as a result of AfCFTA

## Oil & Gas Industry - H1'19

		TOTAL	Oando	Forte Oil	11PLC (Mobil)	Seplat
	Revenue	<b>4</b> 3% to N150.8 bn	6.1% to N315.4 bn	1 34% to N82.8 bn	💼 8% to N92.80 bn	4% to N109 bn
	PAT	📕 98% to N130 mn	📕 5.7% to N7.2 bn	1 387% to N5.4 bn	🖊 23% to N4.17 bn	153% toN37.5 bn
	Free cash flow	₽68% to -N11.8 bn	📕 92.5% N1.3bn	👕 701% to N13.2 bn	💼 43% to N11.06 bn	1 4% to N77.7 mn
	PE	17.27x	1.71x	2.45x	6.87x	3.59x
NANCIAL BILANCIAL	DY	13.49%	24.39%	31.72%	5.97%	7.7%
	YTD Change	-36.2%	-24.8%	-44.9%	-17.2%	-13.3%

Most players in the down stream reported decline in PAT

□About \$11.6 bn worth of investment made so far in 2019

□ Mainly offshore investments

Q3'19 performance expected to be better than Q2'19

□Local players trading at a discount to global players

## FMCG Industry (Breweries) - H1'19

	Guinness Nig. PLC	Nigerian Brew. PLC.	Int' Breweries PLC
Revenue	498 to N131.498 bn 🎩	📕 1% to N170.2 bn	4 29% to N68.630 bn
PBT	29% to N7.103 bn	<b>30%</b> to N19.4 bn	101% to N10.526 bn
FCF	51% to N3.13 bn	141% to N2.4 bn	60% to N15.4 mn
EPS	24% to N2.50	28% to N1.66	142% to N(80)
PE	13.59x	28.98x	-
Dividend Yield	4.47%	4.63%	2.92%
YTD	-52.8%	-38.6%	-58.7%

Underwhelming H1'19 result

□Inability to pass cost of excise duty to consumers

Weak demands

■Stiff operating environment

Weak expectations for Q3'19 result

## Telecom Industry - MTNH1'19



2nd largest company by market capitalization

□Revenue by 12% to N566.9 bn

Driven by a 32% increase in data revenue

IPBT 會 35% to N98.9 bn

□Free cash flow down 146% to N72.76

Due to regulatory fine of N110 bn

**D**PE of 15.1x

■Share price YTD gain of 31.8%

Granted a full Super-Agent licence by the CBN

The license enables MTN Nigeria to convert existing airtime agents and recruit other small businesses to distribute financial services

To be operated on cash basis till mobile wallets are created

□MTN to raise N100 bn in tranches of N25 bn

Bringing the CPs by non-banks in 2019 to N425 bn

#### PSB - Potential to Deepen Financial Inclusion & Transactions

**CBN** introduced the framework for PSB's

□To promote financial inclusion

Enhance access to financial services for the unbanked and

underserved segments of the population

PSB operate on an asset-light premise

Through digital platforms and physical access points (agents)

Drastically reducing customer acquisition and servicing costs

Telcos at the forefront due to existing capability and infrastructure

Telcos boast of an active subscriber base of 169.1mn

□More than 5x the number of BVNs (33.5mn)

Population	-
190mn	

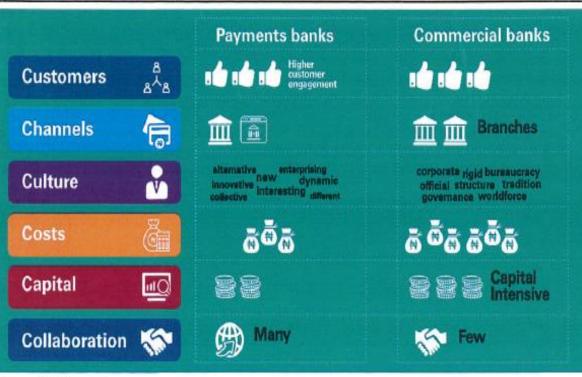
Critical Success Factors of PSBs

## □Key considerations:

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- Leverage on existing businesses
- □Flexible cost structure
- Customer-centric approach
- Leverage on innovation
- □Follow your customer is the KYC
- □Form alliance with traditional banks
- Merchant acquisition to be as central as adding new customers

### New 6Cs for PSBs



Source: KPMG analysis



Aviation Update

Aviation Update - IATA

Airline industry profitability in North America improved in Q2

Europe and Asia Pacific margins were lower

Economy passenger yields were higher for summer season peaks

Global load factors were at seasonal highs of 82.7%

Asia Pacific passenger demand is affected by trade wars and slow economic growth

Industry wide free cash flow fell to 5% of revenues

□ Jet fuel prices spiked 11% after the Saudi oil fields attack in

September

# Aviation Update - IATA

Global passenger yields are 3% below September 2018

□Premium class traffic of origin-destination traffic fell from 4.1% to

3.9% in 2019



## Aviation Update - Regional Markets

Only 28 of the 55 African countries are implementing the Single African Air Transport Agreement (SAATM)

ASky remains the dominant carrier in the West African region

Ethiopian Airlines and RwandAir are jostling for market share

Border closure has increased demand for air travel within West Africa

Royal Air Maroc has joined the One-World alliance along with British Airways

Royal Air Maroc has discount fares

■But departure from Lagos is 5.30a.m checking in at 3 am

Aviation Update - Domestic

Enugu Airport shut for runway maintenance

Ethiopian Airlines to operate out of Port-Harcourt

Port-Harcourt may become more lucrative than Enugu

Air Peace scored a major PR coup with the evacuation of

returnees from Johannesburg

It has commenced daily flights to Warri

International network carriers are offering mouth watering discounts

Aviation Update - Domestic

□Load factors outbound from Lagos are down to 70% premium and 85% economy

British Airways is aggressively competing on pricing into Heathrow and North Africa



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Real Estate Update

## Area Under Focus - Ikeja

□Supply of land in the area is fixed

□Bound by the rail line and Bank Anthony Way

Multi-use developments

The GRA is becoming highly commercial

Ikeja is a traffic nightmare

- Attraction to the area include:
  - Proximity to the airport (local and international)

Proximity to government offices

Entertainment (malls, cinemas)

	Sale	Rent
Flats (3- bedroom serviced apartment)	N80-N100 million	N3.5-N4 million
Duplex (detached house)	>N150 million	N8-N10 million

**Price Watch** 

# Political Update





Buhari dismisses third term amendment

- President confirms that he will not propose it
- □ The Bayelsa election is a political flashpoint
- Internal squabbling within the PDP is now violent
- The state may flip if the PDP does not close ranks
- The PDP machine run by Jonathan and company are unable to discipline the factions
- □ Kogi state is the direct opposite





□ Salary arrears are a very touchy issue

- □ The state is fiscally vulnerable especially on the minimum wage
- Depending on the opposition candidates' ground game, the state could flip
- The election will show if incumbent parties can lose
- At the federal level, attempts to distant the administration from 2023 is evident
- Candidates and their protégés are likely to be ostracized



□ The P&ID stay of execution judgment is welcome relief

- Out of court settlement is likely to be pursued aggressively
- □ The case is looking better for Nigeria now
- A settlement could be very expensive
- The two major parties, APC & PDP are likely to go through major
  - reorganizations



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September inflation will show a slight uptick

External reserves will fall marginally below \$42 bn

□Oil price will trade flat at \$60-62 pb

Stock market will trade horizontally ahead of Q3 results

OMO rates may increase by 100-150 basis points to mop up liquidity

□Border closure likely to continue through October

Cashless penalty will remain in force in the six states and Federal Capital Territory

PMI will increase as inventory builds up

There will be more C.P. issues by FMCGs in Q4

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