

Weekly Money Bulletin 24 DECEMBER 2008

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KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- ❖ The recent intervention in the inter-bank foreign exchange market by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has begun to take its toll on the nation's foreign exchange reserves which dropped to \$55.05 billion on December 18 from \$59.30 billion on November 18. The CBN had described the falling value of the national currency as a deliberate effort to safeguard Nigeria's external reserves in the face of the falling oil price and global economic crisis.
- ❖ The Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) has reassured investors that share certificate remain a legal evidence of shareholding in public companies beyond 31 December 2008. The capital market regulators, which had earlier set 31 December 2008 deadline for shareholders to dematerialize share certificates has however, stated that all deadlines in this regard have been collapsed. SEC also emphasized that dematerialization of share certificates by investors would help enhance efficiency and transparency of the market.
- ❖ The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has affirmed that the fall of the naira was a deliberate policy to protect the economy in view of the dwindling revenue receipt from sale of crude oil caused by the falling oil prices, which has plummeted from a record high of \$147 per barrel to a record low of \$39 per barrel as at 24 December 08. The naira depreciated further to ₦139 against the US dollars as CBN closed the Wholesale Dutch Auction System (WDAS) on 22 December 08, which is to re-open on 05 January 2009. WDAS is a market where banks and other authorized dealers buy foreign exchange market from the CBN.
- ❖ The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) recently approved the constitution of a new board of Spring Bank Plc following the successful acquisition of Spring Bank Plc by Bank PHB. CBN approved eleven (11) names submitted by Bank PHB comprising three (3) executive directors and six (6) non-executive director, the managing director and chief executive officer.

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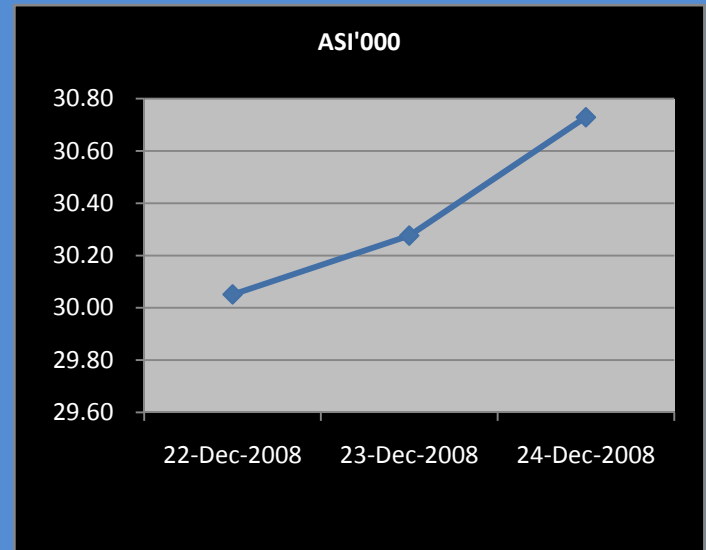
MONEY MARKET UPDATE

- ✓ The OBB stayed at 9% while the overnight rates rose to 13.50% over the week from 10.50%, which it closed the previous week.
- ✓ No net inflow or outflow was witnessed as FX market remain closed.
- ✓ There was no activity in the treasury bills market

THE CAPITAL MARKET UPDATE

- ✓ The bull run in the All Share Index (ASI) which started last week continued this week with a total gain of 3.98% in the ASI. The ASI closed the week at 30,728.91 and Year-to date performance stands at -47.01%.

NSE INDEX FOR THE WEEK ENDED 24 DECEMBER 2008



MARKET OUTLOOK FOR THE NEW WEEK

We expect the bullish run to continue in the final week of this year, but the growth is expected to slow down as we count down to the year end.

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Board of Directors

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**IBTC RSA FUND PRICE FOR THE WEEK ENDED
24 DECEMBER 2008**

Date	Current Price (₦)
24 Dec 08	1.3513

**DAILY OMO AUCTION
FOR THE WEEK ENDED 24 December 2008**

Week 07	Stop Rates (% p.a.)	Tenor (Days)	Bids Received (₦) Billion	Amount Sold (₦) Billion
24 Dec 08	0.00	91	0.00	0.00
24 Dec 08	0.00	182	0.00	0.00

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

ASI	All Share Index
MPC	Monetary Policy Committee
MPR	Monetary Policy Rate
CBN	Central Bank of Nigeria
SEC	Security and Exchange Commission
NITEL	Nigerian Telecommunications Limited
YTD	Year To Date
FX	Foreign Exchange
NSE	Nigerian Stock Exchange
CSCS	Central Securities Clearing System
FAAC	Federal Account Allocation Committee
FGN	Federal Government of Nigeria
WDAS	Wholesale Dutch Auction System
BPE	Bureau for Public Enterprises
PFA	Pension Fund Administrator
RSA	Retirement Savings Account
OBB	Open Buy Back
OMO	Open Market Operations
PPMC	Petroleum Pipelines Marketing Company
NIBOR	Nigerian Interbank Offered Rate

FOREX DEALS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 24 DECEMBER 2008

WDAS	Marginal Rate (₦/\$)	No. of Banks	Amount on Offer (\$Mn)	Demand (\$Mn)	Amount Sold (\$Mn)
22 Dec 08	135.00	19	-	-	0.00
24 Dec 08	135.50	16	-	-	0.00
Total	270.50	N/A	-	-	0.00
Average	135.25	N/A	-	-	0.00

**TREASURY BILLS PRIMARY MARKET AUCTION FOR THE
WEEK ENDED 24 DECEMBER 2008**

Week 08	Stop Rate (% p.a.)	Tenor	Bids Received (₦)Billion	Amount Sold (₦)Billion
24-Dec-08	5.0000	91 days	5.0000	5.0000
24-Dec-08	5.2000	182 days	10.0000	10.0000
Total	10.2000		15.0000	15.0000

Date	Call	7-day	30-day	60-day	90-day	180-day
22-Dec-08	10.7500	12.8333	15.7083	15.7500	15.9167	16.6667
	10.4583	12.6250	16.2917	16.4583	16.4167	16.3750
23-Dec-08						
24-Dec-08	13.2500	14.8750	16.7500	16.6250	17.0000	17.0000

STOP RATES ON THE 3RD, 4TH & 5TH FGN BONDS

Issue Date	Tenor/ Years	Amt Offered (₦)Bn	Allotment (₦)Bn	Stop Rate (%)
31 Aug 2007	5	46.000	46.000	9.50
31 Aug 2007	10	20.000	20.000	9.35
28 Sep 2007	7	30.000	37.190	9.25
28 Sep 2007	10	20.000	20.000	9.51
26 Oct 2007	3	20.000	22.810	7.00
26 Oct 2007	10	22.810	20.000	9.95
30 Nov 2007	3	30.000	30.000	9.20
30 Nov 2007	10	20.000	20.000	11.00
14 Dec 2007	3	30.000	30.000	8.99
14 Dec 2007	10	20.000	20.000	11.03
25 Jan 2008	3	30.000	30.000	9.000
25 Jan 2008	5	20.000	20.000	9.450
29 Feb 2008	3	30.000	30.000	9.50
29 Feb 2008	5	20.000	20.000	10.30
26 Mar 2008	3	30.000	30.000	9.60
26 Mar 2008	5	20.000	20.000	10.00
25 Apr 2008	5	30.000	30.000	9.65
30 May 2008	5	30.000	30.000	10.50
30 May 2008	10	20.000	20.000	10.70
27 June 2008	5	30.000	30.000	10.70
27 June 2008	10	20.000	18.540	12.75
25 July 2008	3	25.000	15.820	10.50
25 July 2008	10	20.000	9.8200	12.75
29 Aug 2008	3	30.000	30.000	11.40
29 Aug 2008	10	20.000	20.000	12.75
26 Sept 2008	3	30.000	30.000	11.00
26 Sept 2008	10	20.000	20.000	12.45
29 Oct 2008	3	30.000	30.000	10.00
29 Oct 2008	10	20.000	20.000	11.99
26 Nov 2008	5	25.890	10.000	10.50
26 Nov 2008	20	23.520	10.000	15.00
26 Nov 2008	3	34.980	20.000	10.00



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