

## **Burning Economic Issues**



- IMF cuts 2019 global growth forecast to 3% on trade war fears
- Leaves Nigeria's 2019 growth forecast at 2.3%
- Pound surges to \$1.2832/GBP owing to optimism about a Brexit deal
- Brent trading in a range of \$58-\$59pb
  - External reserves heading towards \$40bn (now at \$41.04bn)
- National price of diesel down 0.5% (month-on-month) to N227.92/litre
- In Lagos retail price is lower at 3.91% (N219/litre)



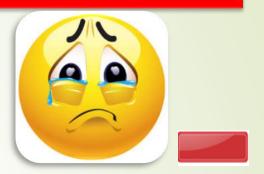
## **Impact**

#### The Goodies



- Nigeria's 2019 growth rate forecast remains unchanged at 2.3%
- Average growth rate so far in 2019: 2.02%

#### The Downers



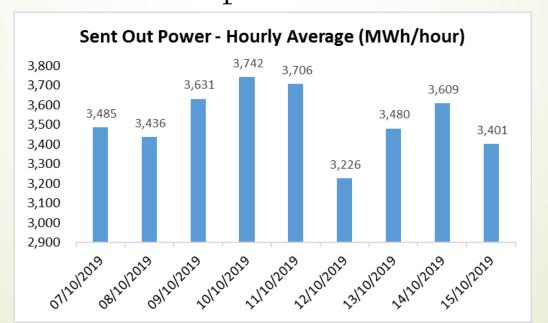
- IMF's global outlook stoking recession fears
- Brent still trading below\$60pb

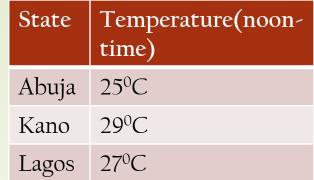


#### **Power Sector**

October 15th

- Average power output: 3,401MW/h (down by 207.83 MW/h)
- Gas constraints stood at 1,677.5MWh/hr, Grid constraint was
  - 2,401.9MWh/hr. There was no water constraint
- Naira equivalent of power loss: N2.01billion (annualized at N733.65billion)
- CBN set to become largest creditor to the power sector N1.695trillion







## Domestic Commodities Price Movement

### Relatively Elastic Products

Commodities	Current Prices	Previous Month Prices	Directional Change	1-Year Low	1-Year High
Palm Oil (25l)	N9, 000	N9,000		N9,000	N10,000
Semovita (10kg)	N2,800	N2,900	-	N2,800	N3,000
New Yam (medium size)	N600	N700	+	N400	N1,900
Sugar (50kg)	N13,500	N14,900	-	N13,000	N15,000



### Domestic Commodities Price Movement

#### Relatively Inelastic Products

- Christmas purchases & border closure putting pressure on food prices
- Logistics cost are up again (bad roads)

Commodities		Current Prices	Previous Month Prices	Directional Change	1-Year Low	1-Year High
Garri (50kg) Yellow		N6,850	N6,250		N6,150	N6,850
Rice (50kg)		N24,000	N18,000		N14,000	N24,000
Flour (50kg)	j	N11,500	N11,500		N10,000	N11,500
Beans (Oloyin)(50kg)		N15,000	N17,000	+	N14,000	N25,500
Cement (50kg)	NGOTE SGOTE ORTAND THAN EMENT HERT DANGER WINDS	N2,600	N2,550	1	N1,600	N2,700
Tomatoes (50kg)		N10,000	N14,000	+	N6,000	N20,000
Pepper (bag)		N9,000	N10,000	+	N5,000	N15,000





# Consumer Goods – Current price

	Goods	Street price	Supermarket price	% difference
-	Pepsi (50cl)	N100	N100	0%
H	eineken beer (60cl)	N300	N330	-10.00%
/ -	Bread Loaf	N350	N400	-12.5%
	Indomie (1 carton)	N2,000	N2,300	-15.0%
/	Gala (big size)	N100	N100	0%

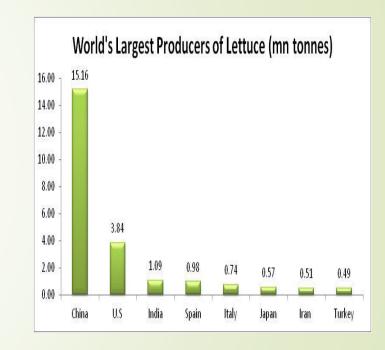


# Commodity in Focus - Lettuce

- •Planting to harvest cycle: 60-100 days
- •Annual global production: Estimated = 27 million tonnes (\$76.85

billion)

- •World's top producers: China, U.S., India
- •World's top consumers: China, U.S., India
- •Uses: Vegetable salad, mixed veg. in fried rice, cooked vegetables
- •Rich in vitamins and minerals
- Highly perishable



Source: FAOSTAT, FDC Think Tank



# Lettuce Production in Nigeria

- •Nigeria's annual lettuce output less than 200,000 tonnes
- Can be grown across most states
- Price varies depending on size and source
- •Ranges between N300-N700 for the local type
- •Imported variant more expensive than local
- •Costs about N600 for medium size
- •Likely to be one of the commodities affected by the border closure
- •Its perishable feature reduces its export potential
- •Users: Restaurants, hotels and fast food chains





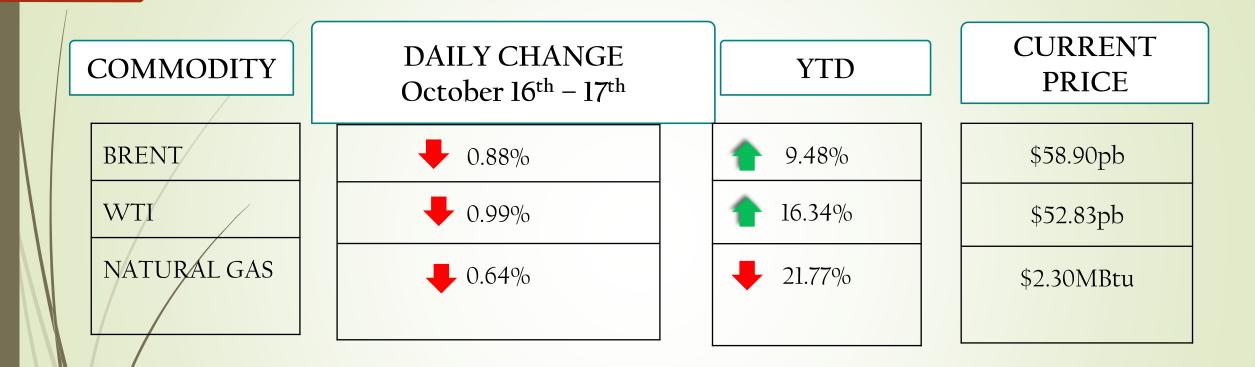
### Stock Market

- •NSE ASI **U** 0.16% to 26,472.20pts on October 16<sup>th</sup>
- •Consumer goods sub index: 10.22% at 512.64pts

	Share Prices ( <del>N</del> )	Daily % Change (October 15 <sup>th</sup> October 16 <sup>th</sup> )	YTD (% Change)
Nestle	1,220	<b>1</b> 0.40	<b>1</b> 7.85
Honeywell	0.99	-	<b>2</b> 2.66
Flour Mills	14.75	-	<b>3</b> 6.15
Cadbury	9.85	<b>\( \)</b>	<b>1.50</b>
Dangote Sugar	10.20		33.11
Unilever	26.70	-	<b>→</b> 27.84
Ikeja Hotels	1.18	-	<b>2</b> 2.88



## Oil Markets Today



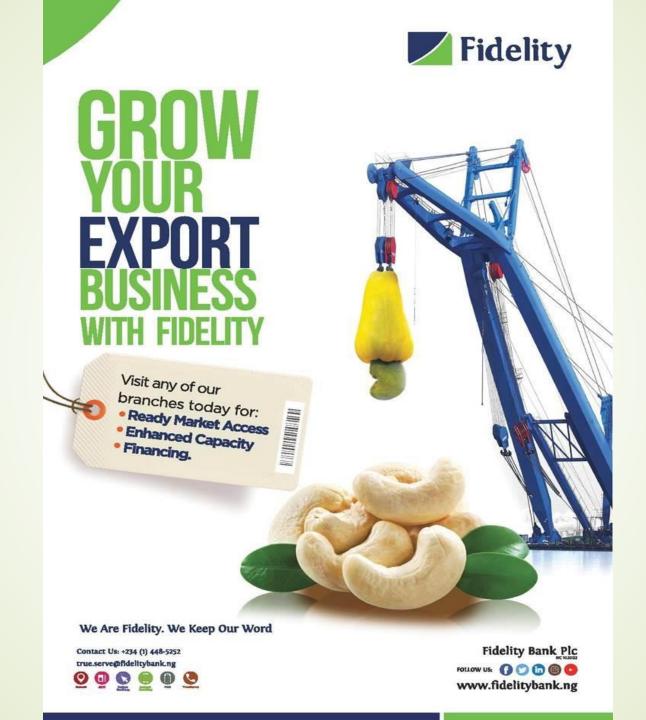


#### Oil Prices

- Brent down 0.88% to \$58.90pb
- Uncertainty over US/China trade war casting a shadow on global economy
- Market awaits US oil inventory report by EIA









# Agricultural Commodities

#### Wheat



- Wheat prices down by 0.25% to \$505.75/bushel
- Driven by strong
  US wheat supplies

#### Corn



- Corn prices down by 0.70% to \$390.50/bushel
- In spite of falling corn harvests in the U.S.

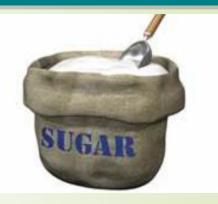
#### Cocoa



• Cocoa prices increased by 2.98% to \$2,522/mt

 On account of unfavourable weather conditions in Ivory Coast.

#### Sugar



- Sugar prices rose by 0.56% to \$12.59/pound
- Despite expectations of increased Indian supply



## **OUTLOOK – Oil Prices**



Brent likely to trade between \$58pb-\$60pb in the coming days

Prices would be driven by release of the EIA report



# OUTLOOK - Agricultural Prices

**GRAINS** 

Lower than expected US harvest could push up grain prices in the near term

Sugar

**SOFTS** 

Increased global demand is expected to further push up

prices

Cocoa

Lower global supply is expected to keep prices elevated.

This is positive for Nigeria's export earnings

