## **BURNING ECONOMIC ISSUES**









U.S Fed increases interest rates by 25bps to 1.75%p.a. as expected



Nigeria stalls on free trade agreement



Senate clears MPC nominees



CBN disburses N500bn non-oil export facility (NESF)



Brent oil up 0.22% to \$69.40pb on geopolitical tensions





# **ECONOMIC NEWS**







#### **Good News**



- Sustained oil price supportive of fiscal stability
- NESF should help expedite development of non-oil export sector



Diesel price at N195/litre is inflation moderating



#### **Bad News**

- U.S Fed hike could trigger capital outflows from Nigeria
- Potentially stronger U.S dollar means oil price pressure



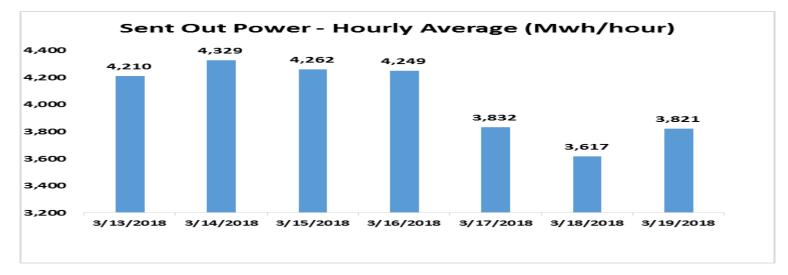
## POWER GENERATION ANALYSIS & IMPACT



March 20<sup>th</sup>: Average power output was 4,030MWh/hour (up 209MWh/h)

•Total gas constraint was 1,987.5MWh/h; Grid constraint was 36.8MWh/h; Water constraint was 0MW

•Naira equivalent of power loss: N0.97bn (annualised at N354.05bn)





# DOMESTIC COMMODITY PRICE MOVEMENT

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	CURRENT PRICES(LAC		GOS) Lago		os Price	
Commodities	CURRENT PRICES	PREVIOUS PRICES	DIRECTIONAL CHANGE	1 year Low	1 year High	
Palm Oil (25L)	N13,000	N13,000	$\Leftrightarrow$	N6,000	N25,000	
Semolina(10kg)	N3,000	N3,000	$\iff$	N1,800	N3,500	
New Yam(small tuber)	N400	N400	$\Leftrightarrow$	N400	N900	
Tomatoes (50kg)	N8,500	N8,500	$\Leftrightarrow$	N8,000	N28,000	
Garri (50kg) (Yellow	N7,000	N7,000	$\Rightarrow$	N7,000	N16,000	
Rice (50kg)	N13,000	N13,000	$\Rightarrow$	N13,000	N22,000	
Flour (50kg)	N9,500	N9,500	<b></b>	N8,500	N11,000	
Sugar (50kg)	N16,000	N16,000	$\iff$	N8,000	N20,000	
Beans (Oloyin) (50kg)	N27,000	N27,000	$\Leftrightarrow$	N12,000	N34,000	
Cement (50kg)	N2,550	N2,550	$\Leftrightarrow$	N1,400	N2,700	



Price Elastic

Price Inelastic

# CONSUMER GOODS - CURRENT PRICE LAGOS

GOODS	Street price	Supermarket price	% difference
Pepsi (50cl)	N120	N100	20%
Beer (60cl)	N250	N280	-10.71%
Bread Loaf	N350	N400	-12.5%
Indomie (1 carton)	N1,900	N2,100	-15.5%
Gala (big size)	N100	N100	0%

Domestic prices remain flat



## STOCK MARKET

- NSE ASI 0.33% to 41,633.79pts on March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- •Consumer goods sub index 1 0.39% to 969.88pts

	Share Prices (₦)	Daily % Change ( Mar 21 – Mar 22)	YTD (%)	
Nestle	1,350.00	<b>←</b>	<b>—</b> 11.31	
Honeywell	2.38	4.80	<b>1</b> 26.19	
Flourmill	37.50	0.13	<b>1</b> 28.62	
Cadbury	13.25	4.75	<b>1</b> 2.32	
NB	127.90	1.51	3.63	
Dangote Sugar	20.50	<b>J</b> 1.44	<b>1</b> 6.75	
Unilever	55.65	<b>←</b>	48.29	







# OIL PRICES



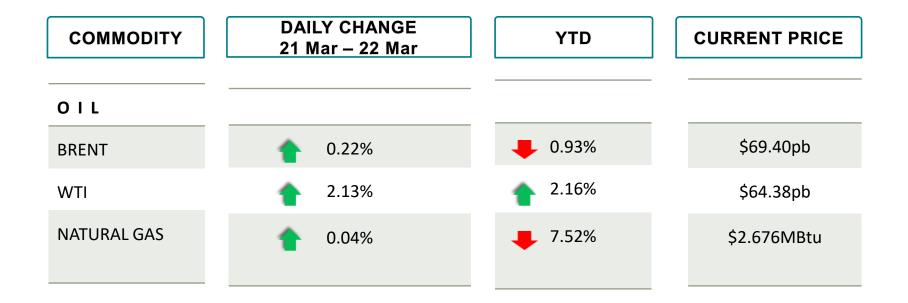


- OPEC reaffirmed its commitment to tighten global supply
- Heightened geopolitical tensions between Saudi Arabia and Iran also propped

up prices



### **OIL MARKETS TODAY**





## **AGRIC COMMODITIES**

#### Wheat



- Wheat futures down 0.27% to \$180.70/tonne
- Favourable U.S weather condition is boosting supply

#### Corn



- Corn futures down 0.19% to \$157.00/tonne
- On technical selling

#### Cocoa



- Cocoa prices down slightly by 0.04% to \$2,557/MT
  - Driven by stronger
    U.S dollar

### Sugar



- Sugar prices down 0.32% to \$0.1266/pound
- Sugar fundamentals point to large supplies in 2018



### **OUTLOOK - OIL PRICES**

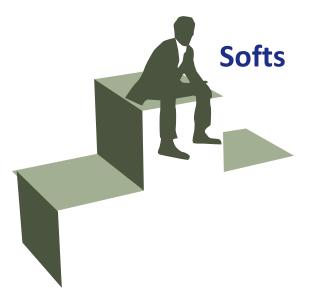


- Stronger U.S dollar from likely U.S rate hike would adversely affect the demand for oil
- U.S. shale production would continue to weigh on the market
- Oil expected to trade between \$63pb-\$66pb

### OUTLOOK - AGRIC PRICES

# **Grains**

Growing U.S and Russian output to keep prices depressed



#### **SUGAR**

 Declining demand and ample global supply will continue to weigh on prices

#### **COCOA**

Outlook bullish on declining West African production

