

Burning Economic Issues



- Senate passes N30,000 as new national minimum wage
- Brent up 0.04% to \$68.53pb
- US Fed holds rates, to keep rates unchanged in 2019
- Naira stays flat at N360/\$ at parallel market
- NSE ASI has lost 5.12% in the last 4 weeks – down to 31,040.84pts

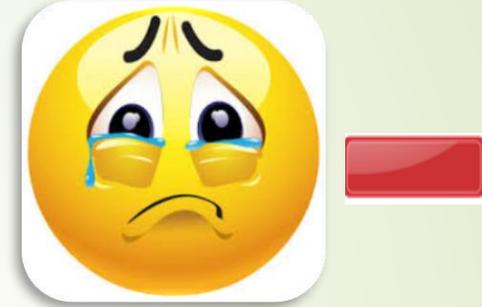
Impact

The Goodies



- Brent at \$68.53pb
- New minimum wage approved by Senate
- US interest rates to be unchanged in 2019

The Downers



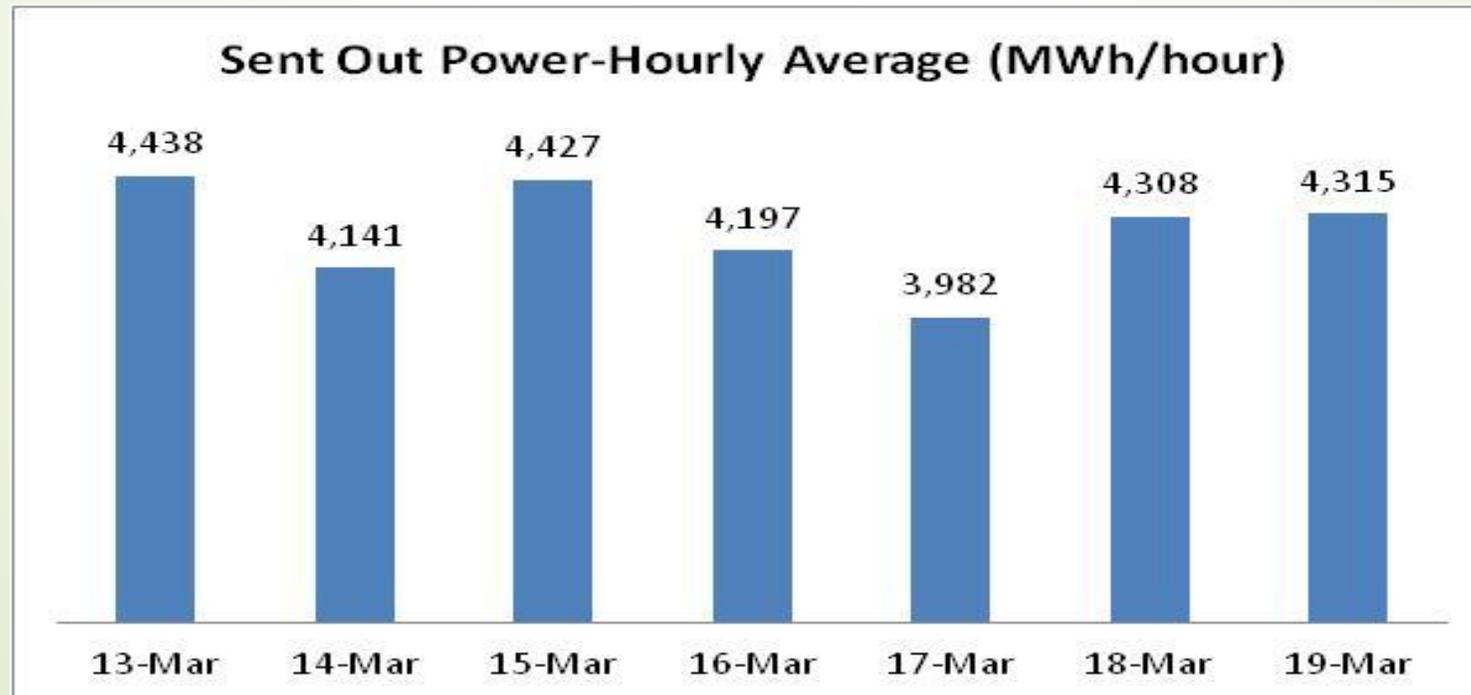
- LNG price slides to \$2.83MBtu (Ytd – down 3.74%)

Power Sector

March 19th

- Average power output: 4,315MW/h (up by 7MW/h)
- Gas constraint stood at 1,941.05MWh/h, line constraint at 0MWh/h and water constraint was 150MWh/h
- Naira equivalent of power loss: N1.27billion (annualized at N464billion)

State	Temperature(noon-time)
Abuja	32°C
Kano	32°C
Lagos	31°C



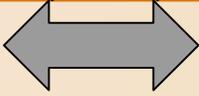
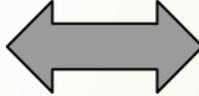
Domestic Commodities Price Movement

Relatively Elastic Products

Commodities		Current Prices	Previous Month Prices	Directional Change	1-Year Low	1-Year High
Palm Oil (25l)		N10,000	N10,000	↔	N6,000	N25,000
Semovita (10kg)		N2,850	N2,800	↑	N1,800	N3,500
New Yam (medium size)		N800	N700	↑	N400	N1,900
Sugar (50kg)		N14,900	N14,900	↔	N8,000	N20,000

Domestic Commodities Price Movement

Relatively Inelastic Products

Commodities	Current Prices	Previous Month Prices	Directional Change	1-Year Low	1-Year High
Garri (50kg) Yellow 	N6,150	N7,150		N6,150	N16,000
Rice (50kg) 	N14,000	N14,000		N13,000	N22,000
Flour (50kg) 	N11,000	N11,000		N8,500	N11,100
Beans (Oloyin)(50kg) 	N20,000	N20,000		N12,000	N34,000
Cement (50kg) 	N2,550	N2,550		N1,400	N2,700
Tomatoes (50kg) 	N7,000	N6,000		N6,000	N20,000
Pepper (bag) 	N7,000	N5,000		N5,000	N15,000

- Mixed movement in domestic commodity prices

Consumer Goods – Current price

Goods	Street price	Supermarket price	% difference
Pepsi (50cl)	N100	N100	0%
Beer (60cl)	N260	N300	-15.30%
Bread Loaf	N350	N400	-12.5%
Indomie (1 carton)	N1,900	N2,100	-15.5%
Gala (big size)	N100	N100	0%

Domestic food prices remain flat

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Stock Market

- NSE ASI  0.13% to 31,040.84pts on March 20th
- Consumer goods sub index:  0.94% at 700.04pts

	Share Prices (₦)	Daily % Change (March 19 th – 20 th)	YTD (% Change)
Nestle	1,500	 1.74	 1.01
Honeywell	1.2		 6.25
Flour Mills	19	 -	 17.75
Cadbury	11	 8.33	 10
Dangote Sugar	13.9	 0.72	 8.85
Unilever	38.5	 0.52	 4.05
Ikeja Hotels	1.56	 8.24	 1.9
Newrest ASL	7.05	 -	 10.76

Oil Markets Today

COMMODITY	DAILY CHANGE March 20 th – 21 st	YTD	CURRENT PRICE
BRENT	↑ 0.04%	↑ 27.37%	\$68.53pb
WTI	↑ 1.36%	↑ 31.75%	\$59.83pb
NATURAL GAS	↓ 0.32%	↓ 3.74%	\$2.83MBtu

Oil Prices

- Brent crude up 0.04% to \$68.53pb
- As US crude stockpiles plunge by 9.6 million barrels
- Sanctions on Iran and Venezuela giving support to prices



Agricultural Commodities

Wheat



• Wheat prices up by 0.44% to \$4.59/bushel

• Due to USDA's forecast of higher export demand

Corn



• Corn prices decreased by 0.2% to \$3.72/bushel

• In spite of reports of robust demand for US corn

Cocoa



• Cocoa prices up by 0.2% to \$2,202/MT

• As Ivory Coast aligns its cocoa sales system with Ghana

Sugar



• Sugar prices down 0.47% to 0.1272/pound

• Despite the expectations of lower sugar production in India

OUTLOOK – Oil Prices



- Brent to trade within the range of \$66-\$69pb in the short term
- OPEC cuts to continue to support prices
- US sanctions on Venezuela will further limit OPEC's output
- Concerns over global growth outlook weighing on prices

OUTLOOK – Agricultural Prices

GRAINS

- Wheat prices to be bullish in the coming weeks on expectation of strong supply from South America

SOFTS

Sugar

- Diversion of Brazilian cane mills to ethanol production to boost prices

Cocoa

- Efforts to boost production in Ivory Coast and Ghana could threaten prices