

# Nigeria Capital Market Update

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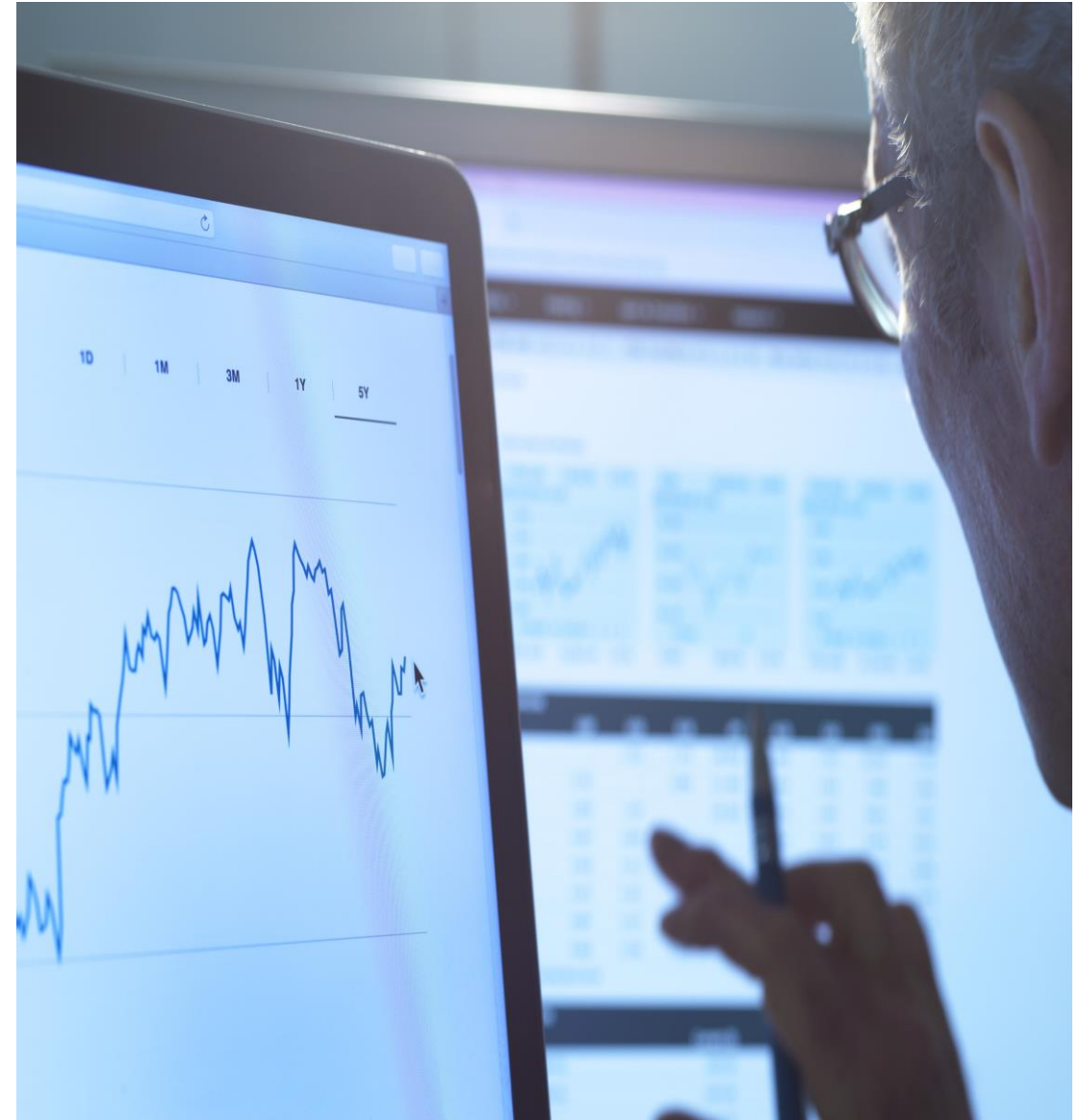


# About the report



The Nigerian capital market update report is an annual research report providing useful insights on the performance of the domestic capital market as well as some major activities domestically, across other African markets and globally.

This version of the report covers events from the last date of the previous publication (September 2021) till June 2022.



In Q1 2022, the Nigerian economy grew by 3.11% Y-o-Y while inflation rose to its highest level in the last five years at 18.60% as at Q2 2022.

## Gross domestic product

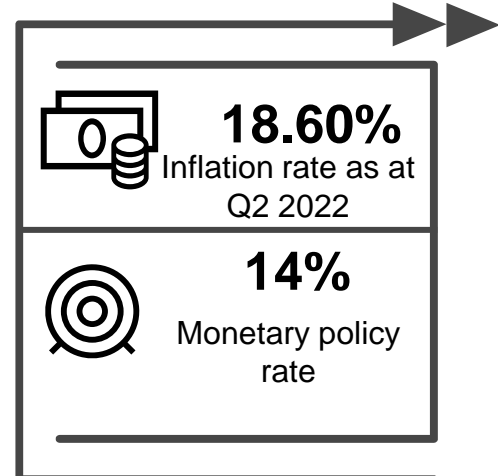


- The increase was largely supported by the non-oil sector which grew by 6.08% and contributed 93.37% to GDP.

### Growth in non-oil sector was driven by:

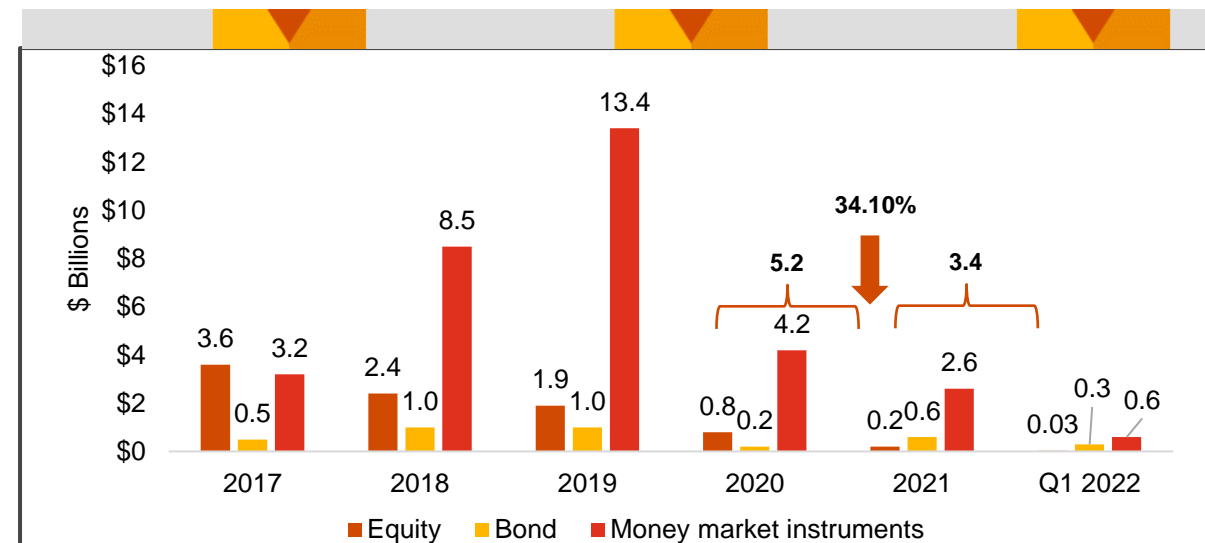


## Inflation

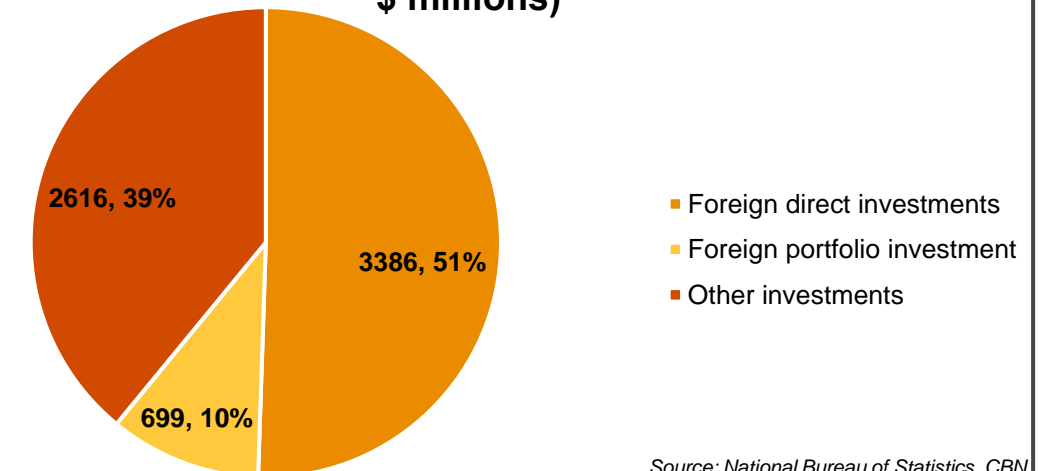


- Fueled by shortage of foreign exchange, depreciation of the Naira, rising energy prices due to the Russian-Ukraine crisis, increase in the level of insecurity in the country resulting in food shortages as well as the upcoming 2023 general elections.
- The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) raised the Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) to 14% from 13%.

## Foreign portfolio investment trend, 2017- March 2022



## Distribution of total capital importation in 2021 (In \$'millions)

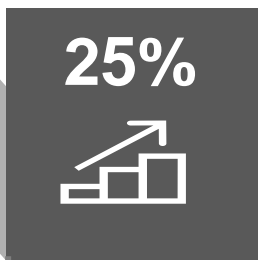


Source: National Bureau of Statistics, CBN



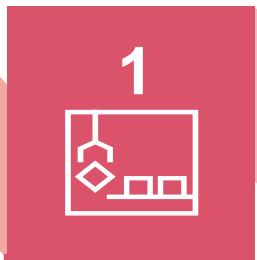
# Despite this, the domestic equities market was ranked as the 4<sup>th</sup>\* best performing market index globally as at June 2022.

**Return:** Year-to-date (YTD) return posted by the NGXASI as at June 2022.



**Increase in market capitalisation** – up by NGN5.645 trillion relative to December 2021.

**Delistings:** Number of delistings YTD, as at June 2022.



**Listing:** Listing by introduction of BUA foods with 18 billion ordinary shares, adding NGN720 billion to the market capitalisation of the NGX.

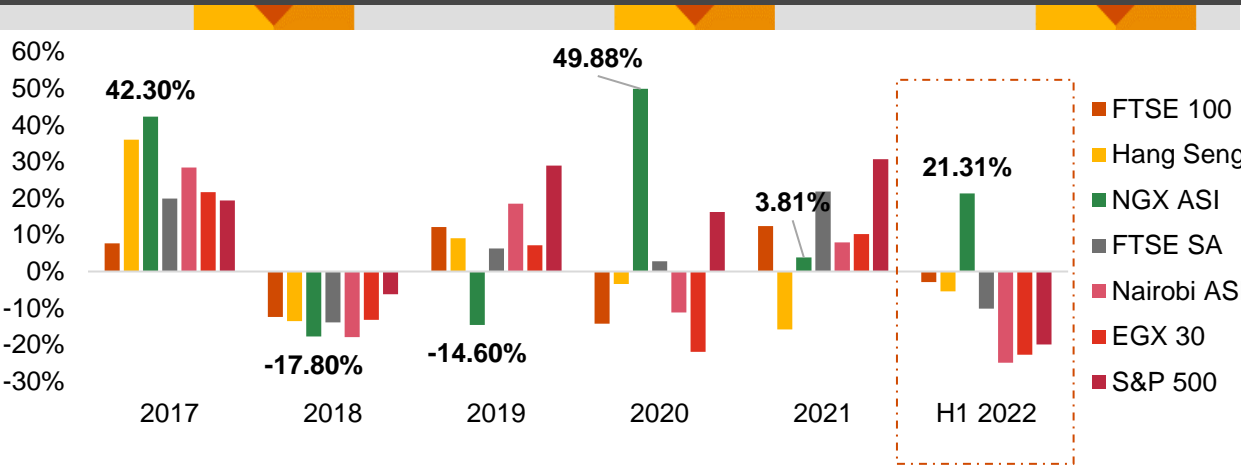
**PFA's increased investment in equity:** an increase of 4.93% relative to January 2022.



In H1 2022, the NGX was ranked as the 4<sup>th</sup>\* best performing index globally, according to Bloomberg.

\* Dropped to 7<sup>th</sup> best performing index globally as at July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

NGX ASI vs global indices, 2017 – June 2022



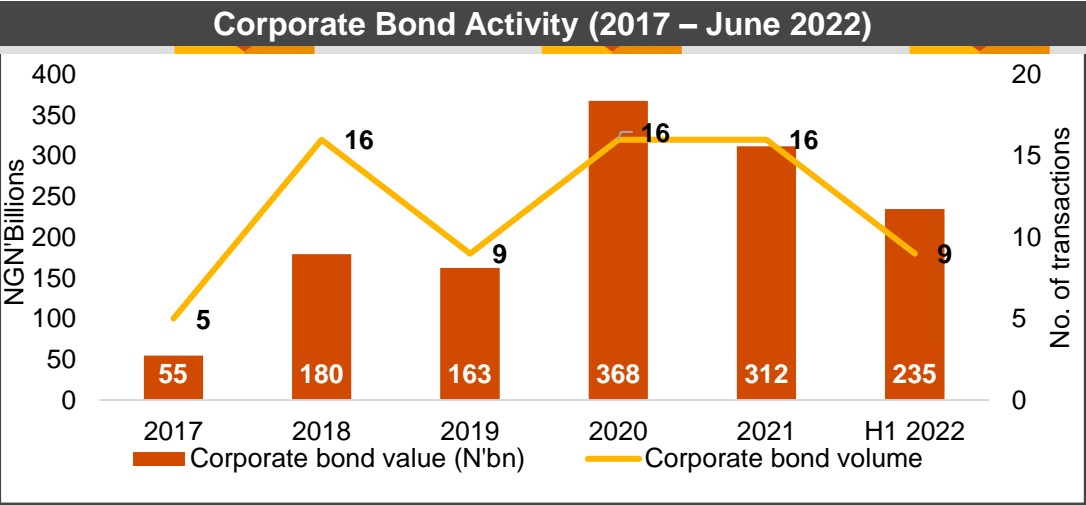
- Globally, there was a downturn across major equity markets.
- This was mainly due to investor sentiments concerning the geopolitical tensions caused by the Russian-Ukraine war and rising inflation due to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) amongst others.
- The FTSE 100 (-2.9%), the Hang Seng Index (-5.42%), FTSE JSE (-10.16%), Nairobi ASI (-24.94%), EGX 30 (-22.79%) and the S&P (-19.96%) all posted negative returns for H1 2022.

NASD as at 30 June 2022	
NASD Security Index (NSI) return YTD	2.14%
NSI	774.03 points
Market capitalisation	NGN1.02 trillion

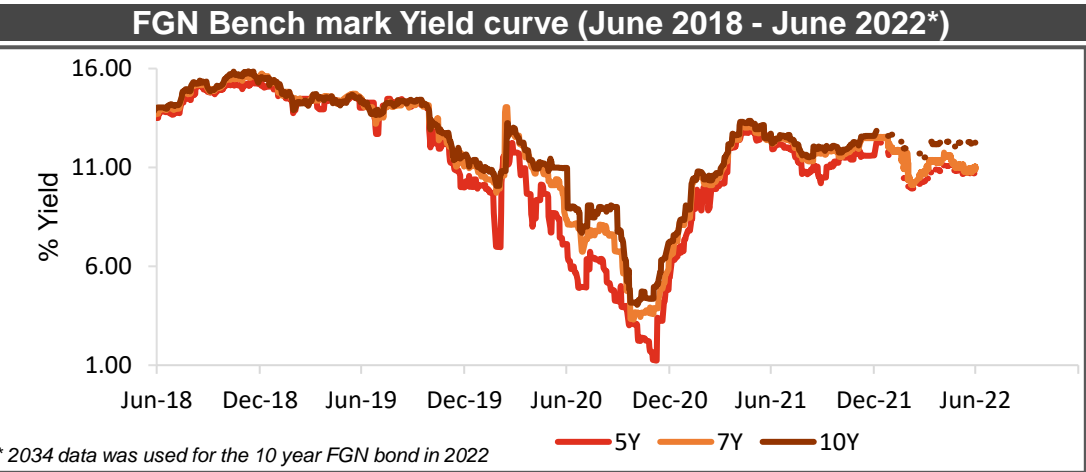
Source: NGX, NASD, and PwC research

# About NGN235billion was raised via corporate bonds issuances from January to June 2022, as companies continue to access the corporate debt market to raise funds.

Dangote Cement Plc bond issuance of NGN116billion in May 2022 recorded as the largest corporate bond issuance in the history of the Nigerian capital market as at H1 2022.

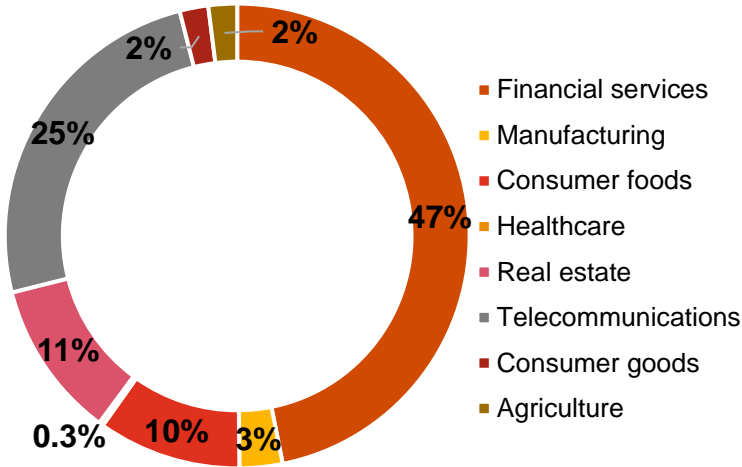


The yield on the benchmark 10-year FGN bond declined from 12.6% as at the end of 2021, to 12.26% as at June 2022.



## Commercial papers

The Financial services sector accounted for 47% of total issuances for H1 2022.



**NGN500billion**

Value of commercial papers issued in H1 2022

**58**

Number of issuances / transactions

**45.55%**

The top three issuances accounted for 45.55% of total value raised

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## Across Africa

### West Africa Capital Market Conference

The West Africa Securities Regulators Association (WASRA) held its biennial West Africa Capital Market Conference (WACMaC) in Accra, Ghana, from 23rd May to May 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022, themed “Deepening and Strengthening the Capital Markets across West Africa Through Effective Regulation”.

Speakers at the conference agreed on the importance of closer collaboration and integration of the West African sub-region’s capital markets. The focus was on how effective regulation can enable the deepening and strengthening of the capital markets in the sub-region.

### The African Exchanges Linkage Project (AELP) onboards 30 brokerage firms and integrates two additional exchanges

The drive to integrate African capital markets inched a step closer to realisation as the African Securities Exchanges Association (ASEA), through its flagship project, the AELP, onboarded 30 brokerage firms to facilitate cross-border trading and free movement of investments in the continent.

In the same vein, the ASEA admitted the Botswana Stock Exchange and the Ghana Stock Exchange to the AELP, thus enlarging the community of exchanges, from the original seven, integrated through the AELP.

### Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE) first listing in two years

The GSE registered its first listing on the main market in the last two years. Asante Gold Corporation (GSE:ASG), an indigenous Ghanaian mining multinational company, floated about 350 million shares into the domestic equities market following approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission as well as the GSE. The listing would promote local ownership and allow Ghanaians to own shares in the company.





Globally, although there was a slowdown in initial public offering (IPO) activity, the global sustainable bond market raised \$442 billion in the first six months of 2022.

## Global markets

### Progress made in the creation of a single capital market in the European Union (EU)

The EU has taken some key steps in 2022 towards the integration of capital markets across member countries. These steps include the European Commission's proposal to simplify the settlement of securities, the Council of the EU's agreed positions on the 2021 legislative proposals made by the Commission, as well as the newly proposed regulation to simplify listing and post-listing requirements for certain types of companies in order to reduce costs and increase legal certainty for issuers, while safeguarding investor protection and market integrity.

### Slowdown in global Initial Public Offering (IPO) activity following a record year in 2021

Year to date, global IPO volumes fell 46% to 630 deals, with proceeds down by 58% to \$95.4 billion. Relative to Q1 2022, America recorded the biggest decline in volumes and proceeds among all regions in Q2 2022. India and the Middle East performed relatively better than other regions amidst a generally bearish market.

Many IPOs were postponed due to heightened market volatility caused by unfavorable macroeconomic variables, poor post-IPO share price performance, geopolitical tensions, and declining valuations.

### Global sustainable bond market raises \$442 billion in the first six months of 2022

According to global law firm Linklaters, a total of 835 green bonds have been issued globally since the start of 2022 following a record year for green bonds in 2021. In H1 2022, \$53 billion was raised – a 26.19% increase relative to H1 2021.

Momentum continues to build as companies back up their climate and net zero pledges with actions.



# A number of major activities occurred in the Nigerian capital market in the period under review.

## Some of these include:

### Introduction of SEC Rules on Robo Advisor

- The Rules distinguishes between Robo-advisors and fully automated Robo-advisors and provides regulatory requirements to be complied with.

### Launch of the first Central Counterparty Services (CCP) in Nigeria

- Launched by NG clearing, it is the first of its kind in West Africa.
- Established to facilitate the clearing and settlement of exchange-traded derivatives and commodities.

### Payment Service Banks

- Airtel Africa, obtained license from CBN and has officially launched SmartCash Payment Service Bank (SmartCash PSB), its wholly-owned fintech subsidiary.
- MTN Nigeria PLC also established its fintech subsidiary, MoMo Payment Service Bank Limited, to drive financial inclusion and offer a wide range of financial service products in rural and remote areas of the country.
- Both Fintechs fully commenced operations on the 19th of May 2022.

### Nigeria Launches eNaira

- Africa's first Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) was launched by the Central Bank of Nigeria.
- According to the CBN, it is expected to accelerate financial inclusion, increase cross border trade, boost cheaper and faster remittance inflows among other benefits.

### Nigeria Exchange Limited (NGX) launches West Africa's first exchange-traded derivatives market

- West Africa's first Exchange Traded Derivatives (ETD) Market with Equity Index Futures Contracts.
- Promotes risk diversification in the market and investor inclusion.

### AFEX launches Cocoa Tree Planting Initiative

- AFEX aims to plant one million cocoa trees in cocoa-producing regions in Nigeria.
- To contribute to the protection, sustainability, and economic resilience of the entire cocoa ecosystem while creating food security, foreign exchange earnings diversification among others.

### First ever Digital offer in the Nigerian market

- MTN Group offered 575 million units of MTN Nigeria shares for sale in the first ever end to end digital offer in the Nigerian Capital market.

### Introduction of SEC Rules on Digital Assets

- The Rules provide a clear regulatory framework for the growth of the digital asset market in Nigeria.
- [See link to PwC thought leadership on digital assets](#)



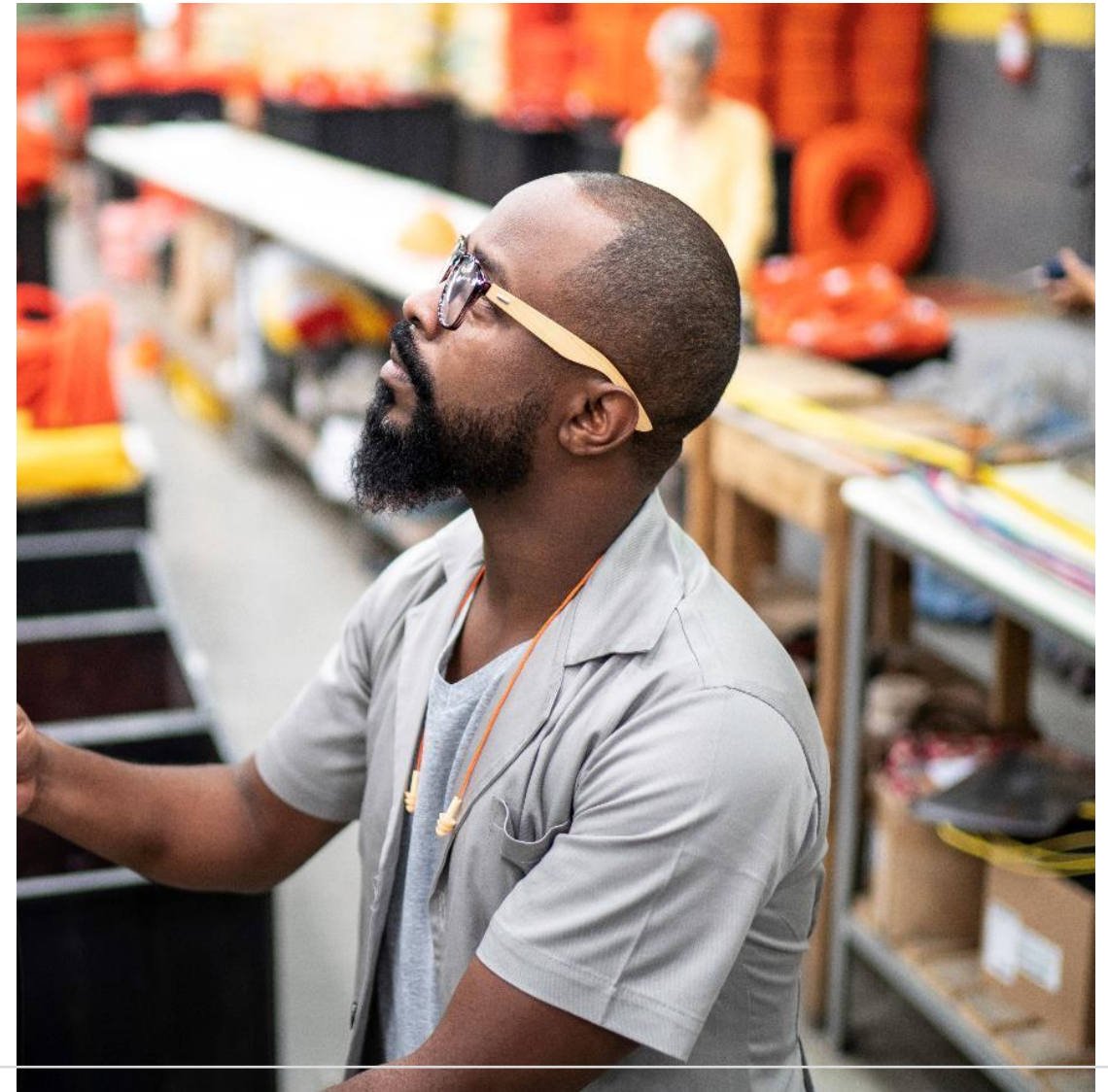
# What lies ahead...

As the world continues to recover from the impact of COVID-19, several economies are slowing down more than expected. Globally, the outlook for the second half of the year looks uncertain as global indices recorded declines in H1 2022. According to the World Bank Global Economic Prospects report, growth is expected to slow down to 2.9% in 2022 as Russian's invasion of Ukraine continues to disrupt activities and trade. Heading into the second half of the year, continued effects of the Russia-Ukraine war and policies by central banks to fight rising inflation rates might affect the performance of capital markets.

At a national level, high insecurity which has caused food shortages across the country and the persistent unavailability of foreign currency would likely impact the current rate of inflation. In terms of revenue, Nigeria's crude oil export revenue has a positive outlook due to the increase in oil prices but would only be able to reap the benefits if production is ramped up as the daily production quota set by OPEC is not being met. Crude oil average daily production as at Q1 2022 stood at 1.49mbpd in comparison with the 1.772mbpd quota set by OPEC in June 2022.

The recent increase in MPR may influence the direction of the market. However, as institutional and retail investors seek higher real returns, an avenue exists for corporates to access funding from the corporate debt market.

Although the results of the upcoming elections are uncertain, this might play a role in investor sentiments across all markets.



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