

FIRST FGN BOND AUCTION FOR THE YEAR OVERSUBSCRIBED

The Debt Management Office (DMO) conducted its FGN Bond Auction for January

2018 on Wednesday with two bonds offered - the 14.50% FGN JUL 2021 and the

16.2884% FGN MAR 2027.

Both bonds were oversubscribed, with total subscriptions of N150 billion, a

subscription rate of 136%. The subscription level was higher for the 10-year benchmark

bond, which indicates investors' preference for longer dated instruments.

The DMO allotted a total of N110 billion, which was the amount offered in its circular

released ahead of the Auction. The 14.50% FGN JUL 2021 was allotted at a rate of

13.3800%, while the 16.2884% FGN MAR 2027 was allotted at 13.4910%.

It would be recalled that the DMO had released its Issuance Calendar for Q1, 2018 last

week with the details of its Auctions for the quarter. The DMO had stated then that its

Issuance Programme is structured to ensure that the funds required to finance the

budget deficit would be fully provided in line with its mandate.

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