

# Daily Financial Market Update

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## MARKET COMMENTARY

### Money Market

System liquidity started the week with a deficit balance of ₦549.24 billion compared to yesterday's ₦606.76. As a result, the Open Repo Rate (OPR) shrank by 92 bps to 29.33%, and the Overnight Rate (O/N) decreased by 58 bps to 30.67%.

**Outlook:** We expect interbank rates to hover at similar levels tomorrow.

### Treasury Bills

The treasury bills market demonstrated a relatively subdued performance today, with limited activity observed in specific maturities concentrated towards the longer end of the curve. Despite some trades being executed on a few select papers, the market ultimately settled in a bearish position. This was reflected in the average mid-rate, which increased by 31 bps to settle at 19.26%.

**Outlook:** We expect activity to trade calmly tomorrow.

### FGN Bonds

At the start of today's session, the FGN local bonds market saw more offers than bids. However, as the day progressed, some buyers showed interest in the 2026, Feb 2034, and July 2034 papers. At the closing bell, the market settled relatively bullish, with an average mid-yield that marginally decreased by 1bp, closing at 18.63%.

**Outlook:** We anticipate a mixed sentiment tomorrow.

### Eurobonds

Today, the African Eurobond market experienced a bullish trend, as there was a lot of buying interest across the SSA and North African curve. As a result, the average mid-yield on Nigerian Eurobonds decreased by 16 basis points to reach 9.67%.

**Outlook:** We expect players to trade cautiously tomorrow.

### AiICO Money Market Fund (AMMF)

(As of 26th April 2024) 15.3102%

Date	Sys. Liq. (₦'bn)	Diff.
29-Apr-24	-549.24	
26-Apr-24	-606.76	↑ 57.52

Source: CBN

### Macro Indicators

GDP (Q4 2023)	+3.46% (Q3: 2023 +2.54% y/y)
Inflation (March'2024)	33.20% (Feb'24: 31.70%)
External Reserve (US\$ billion)	32.11 (+2.43% YTD)
Monetary Policy Rate	24.75%
Cash Reserve Requirement (CRR)	45.00%
Brent Crude Price US\$/bbl	*88.57 (-1.04 d/d)

Source: NBS, CBN, AiICO Capital

### Benchmark T-Bills Discount Rates

	29-Apr-24	26-Apr-24	Change in Rates
90 days	18.05%	18.05%	→ 0.00%
181 days	18.73%	18.73%	→ 0.00%
335 days	21.35%	21.35%	→ 0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 29 April 2024

### Benchmark FGN Bond Yields

	29-Apr-24	26-Apr-24	Change in Yield
5 yrs: 16.2884% 17-Mar-2027	18.46%	18.45%	↑ 0.01%
10 yrs: 12.50% 27-Apr-2032	19.66%	19.65%	↑ 0.01%
20 yrs: 13.00% 21-Jan-2042	18.69%	18.69%	→ 0.00%
30 yrs: 12.98% 27-Mar-2050	18.33%	18.33%	→ 0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 29 April 2024

### Benchmark FGN Eurobond Yields

	29-Apr-24	26-Apr-24	Change in Yield
5 yrs: NGERIA 6 1/2 11/28/27	8.56%	8.73%	↓ -0.17%
10 yrs: NGERIA 7.875 02/16/32	9.88%	10.03%	↓ -0.15%
15 yrs: NGERIA 7.696 23/02/38	10.36%	10.52%	↓ -0.16%
30 yrs: NGERIA 9.248 01/21/49	10.27%	10.42%	↓ -0.15%
7.125% ECOTRAN 16/02/26*	8.49%	8.96%	↓ -0.47%

Source: ZENITH UK Runs for 29 April 2024

## Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equity market opened the week on a bearish note, with the All-Share Index losing 0.28% to close at 97,879.94 points. Despite the bullish performance of stocks like FBNH (+9.83%) and ACCESSCORP (+2.11%), the selling interests on DANGSUGAR (-10.00%) and ZENITHBANK (-3.99%) affected the broad market's bearish bias. Consequently, the year-to-date return and market capitalization settled lower at 30.90% and ₦55.36 trillion, respectively.

Overall, activities slightly improved, with a 4.59% increase in total volume traded and a 1.20% increase in total value traded compared to the previous day. All Indices closed in the negative territory. The Banking and Consumer Goods sectors shed 1.10% and 0.79%, respectively, while the Industrial and Oil & Gas indices fell by 0.02% and 0.02%, respectively. UBA led both the total volume charts with 34.56 million units and the total value chart with ₦799.45 billion.

**Outlook:** We expect tomorrow's session to trade sideways.

## Foreign Exchange

FMDQ's Nigeria's Autonomous Foreign Exchange (NAFEM) depreciated by ₦79.88 (or 5.96%) to \$/₦1,419.11 compared to \$/₦1,339.23 recorded last week Friday.

**Outlook:** We expect volatility to linger.

## Commodities

Crude oil prices saw a decline of more than 1% today due to the U.S. Secretary of State's efforts to secure a cease-fire in Gaza and prevent an Israeli offensive against Rafah in the Middle East. As a result, Brent crude fell by 1.12% and is now trading at \$88.50 per barrel, while WTI dropped by 1.01% and is currently priced at \$83.02 per barrel. Conversely, gold experienced a slight increase of 0.17% and is now valued at \$2,351.30 per ounce.

**Outlook:** We expect the volatility to persist.

Top 5 Equity Advancers			
Name (Symbol)	Closing Price	Gain(N)	% Change
STERLINGNG	4.20	0.38	↑ 9.95%
FBNH	22.35	2.00	↑ 9.83%
HONYFLOUR	3.49	0.30	↑ 9.40%
TANTALIZER	0.36	0.03	↑ 9.09%
CAVERTON	1.59	0.13	↑ 8.90%

*Source: NGX, AIICO Capital*

Top 5 Equity Decliners			
Name (Symbol)	Closing Price	Loss(N)	% Change
NSLTECH	0.54	-0.06	↓ -10.00%
DANGSUGAR	43.20	-4.80	↓ -10.00%
CAP	26.00	-2.85	↓ -9.88%
BERGER	13.70	-1.50	↓ -9.87%
PRESCO	209.00	-22.50	↓ -9.72%

*Source: NGX, AIICO Capital*

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↓ -0.28%	↓ -1.71%	↓ -6.39%	↑ 30.90%
NSE Banking Index	↓ -1.10%	↓ -4.70%	↓ -26.05%	↓ -15.14%
NSE Insurance Index	↓ -0.70%	↓ -1.14%	↓ -6.63%	↑ 17.83%
NSE Industrial Goods Index	↓ -0.02%	↑ 0.31%	↓ -2.84%	↑ 73.42%
NSE Consumer Goods Index	↓ -0.79%	↓ -1.93%	↓ -3.26%	↑ 38.97%
NSE Oil & Gas Index	↓ -0.02%	↓ -1.43%	↓ -1.71%	↑ 21.97%

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