

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



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MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

The interbank market remained liquid with over ₦1.2 trillion in surplus, supporting rate stability around 26.5%. The Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) stayed unchanged at 26.50%, while the Overnight Rate (O/N) rate edged up 13 bps to close at 26.96%.

Outlook: OMO inflows of ₦239.15 billion is expected to bolster liquidity, supporting current rate levels unless unexpected pressures emerge.

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5-May-25	1,299.26	
2-May-25	1,248.14	↑ 51.12

Source: CBN

Treasury Bills

The Treasury Bills market opened the week with bearish sentiment, as sellers dominated trading activity in March and April OMO bills while buyer interest remained limited. Trading volumes stayed subdued throughout the session as participants positioned cautiously ahead of Wednesday's NTB auction. By the close of business, the benchmark NTB average mid-rate had edged higher by 3 bps to settle at 19.60%.

Outlook: The prevailing market sentiment is expected to continue during tomorrow's trading session.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES			
	05-May-25	02-May-25	Change in Rates
80 DAYS	17.00%	17.00%	→ 0.00%
171 DAYS	18.55%	18.55%	→ 0.00%
353 DAYS	19.37%	19.37%	→ 0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 05-May-2025

FGN Bonds

The bond market began the week with muted activity, as secondary market offers remained scarce. While some bids emerged for the January 2035 bond, they found no matching offers. Trading activity concentrated primarily on the June 2053 and February 2031 maturities. Overall volumes stayed low throughout the session, with the benchmark mid-yield settling at 18.69%.

Outlook: Market sentiment in tomorrow's session is likely to mirror recent trading patterns.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS				
	05-May-25	02-May-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	19.43%	19.43%	→	0.00%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	19.53%	19.53%	→	0.00%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	18.37%	18.37%	→	0.00%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	17.04%	17.04%	→	0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 05-May-2025

Eurobonds

The Eurobonds market saw limited activity due to the UK bank holiday. Meanwhile, stronger-than-expected US services sector growth data eased recession fears, though the full impact of ongoing trade tensions remains uncertain. Notably, the report also revealed rising materials costs, suggesting emerging inflationary pressures. Nigerian Eurobonds remained stable, with the average mid-yield unchanged at 10.42%.

Outlook: With bond markets scaling back rate-cut expectations following trade war disruptions, focus turns decisively to Wednesday's Federal Reserve policy decision.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS				
	05-May-25	02-May-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	9.91%	9.91%	➡	0.00%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/31	10.75%	10.75%	➡	0.00%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/31	10.88%	10.88%	➡	0.00%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	11.32%	11.32%	➡	0.00%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	9.46%	9.46%	➡	0.00%
Source: FBN UK Runs for 05-May-2025				

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market rebounded, closing on a bullish note as the All-Share Index advanced by 62bps, pushing YTD gains to 3.66%. Market sentiment was broadly positive, with 35 gainers outpacing 29 losers. The rally was largely driven by strength in consumer and oil & gas counters—BETAGLAS (+9.97%), CADBURY (+9.87%), and ARADEL (+8.93%) were standout performers. However, the Banking Index declined by 162bps, dragged by sharp selloffs in ETI (-9.62%), ACCESSCORP (-3.88%), and UBA (-2.59%). In contrast, MTNN (+2.35%) and FCMB (+2.62%) helped cushion losses. Sectoral performance was mixed, with notable gains in the Consumer Index (+290bps) and Oil & Gas Index (+258bps), while banking lagged. Trading activity remained healthy, with value traded up 24.12% to \$11.77m, buoyed by large crosses—most notably 100m FIRSHOLDCO at ₦24.90 and 40m GTCO at ₦63.80. Market trends remained net positive throughout, supported by strong interest in large-cap stocks.

Outlook: Current price action patterns will probably extend through tomorrow's session.

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
BETAGLASS	120.75	10.95	➡ 9.97%
TIP	5.44	0.49	➡ 9.90%
CADBURY	35.05	3.15	➡ 9.87%
CAVERTON	2.92	0.26	➡ 9.77%
MULTIVERSE	6.95	0.60	➡ 9.45%
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital			

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
ETI	23.50	-2.50	⬇ -9.62%
MEYER	8.35	-0.60	⬇ -6.70%
CUSTODIAN	17.15	-0.85	⬇ -4.72%
MBENEFIT	0.85	-0.04	⬇ -4.49%
ACCESSCORP	21.05	-0.85	⬇ -3.88%
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital			

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	➡ 0.62%	➡ 0.55%	➡ 0.85%	➡ 3.66%
NSE BANKING INDEX	⬇ -1.62%	⬇ -3.27%	⬇ -3.09%	➡ 2.07%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	➡ 2.69%	➡ 0.48%	⬇ -0.91%	⬇ -6.98%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	➡ 0.07%	➡ 0.16%	➡ 0.15%	⬇ -5.67%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	➡ 2.90%	➡ 3.41%	➡ 4.99%	➡ 21.56%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	➡ 2.58%	➡ 2.54%	➡ 2.41%	⬇ -11.09%

Foreign Exchange

The interbank NAFEM market saw heightened demand, with the USD/NGN pair trading between \$/₦1,601.98 and \$/₦1,611.00. By the end of the session, the Naira weakened by 22 bps, closing at \$/₦1,605.6284.

Outlook: Continued CBN participation should maintain the Naira within its existing trading range through the near-term.

NFEM RATE (\$/₦)		Diff.
5-May-25	1,605.6284	
2-May-25	1,602.1811	⬆ 3.4473
Source: FMDQ		

Commodities

Oil prices declined by over \$1 a barrel on Monday after OPEC+ announced plans to speed up output increases, sparking fears of oversupply amid uncertain demand conditions. Brent crude fell \$1.54, or 2.51%, to \$59.75 a barrel by 10:55 a.m. EDT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude dropped \$1.64, or 2.81%, to \$56.61. Meanwhile, gold prices climbed more than 2% as a weaker U.S. dollar and heightened safe-haven demand boosted investor interest ahead of a key Federal Reserve policy decision expected later in the week. Spot gold rose 2.2% to \$3,312.09 an ounce by 11:55 a.m. ET, and U.S. gold futures increased 2.4% to \$3,321.30, continuing gold's recent upward trend.

Outlook: The oil market will likely extend its downward trajectory, facing dual pressures of demand uncertainty from tariff risks and fresh supply-side unpredictability from OPEC+ policy shifts.

MACRO INDICATORS	
GDP (Q4 2024)	+3.84% (Q3: 2024 +3.46% y/y)
INFLATION (MARCH 2025)	24.23% (Feb'25: 23.18%)
EXTERNAL RESERVE (US\$BILLION)	38.01 (-7.02% YTD as of 02-May-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (FEB'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*59.75 (-1.54 d/d)
Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital	

NAME OF FUND	EFFECTIVE YIELD (%)
AIICO MONEY MARKET FUND	20.90
AIICO BALANCED FUND	6.92
AIICO EUROBOND FUND	7.18
As of April 27, 2025	

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