

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



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MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

Market liquidity stayed ample today even after the ₦598.33 billion NTB settlement, with interbank rates largely stable at 26.5% levels. The Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) was unchanged at 26.50%, while the Overnight Rate (O/N) rate saw a modest 5bps increase to 27.00%.

Outlook: Barring any major liquidity disruptions, interbank rates should maintain current levels in tomorrow's session.

SYS. LIQ. (₦BN)		Diff.
8-May-25	490.57	
7-May-25	137.26	↑ 353.31

Source: CBN

Treasury Bills

The bills market saw livelier trading today, following yesterday's NTB auction where the CBN sold c. ₦598.33 billion across the 91, 182 and 364-day tenors. The auction recorded strong demand, with subscriptions hitting ₦1.08 trillion against an offer size of ₦550 billion. While stop rates for the 91 and 182-day papers held firm at 18.00% and 18.50% respectively, the 364-day tenor edged up 3bps to 19.63%. In the secondary market, activity centered on the New 1-year bill (07-May-2026), which saw offers around 19.40%, alongside sell-offs in long-dated OMO bills. Despite scattered interest, only a handful of trades materialized, leaving the benchmark NTB mid-rate to close at 19.64%.

Outlook: We anticipate the auction results will set the tone for tomorrow's trading session.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES

	08-May-25	07-May-25	Change in Rates
91 DAYS	17.80%	17.67%	↑ 0.13%
182 DAYS	18.36%	19.10%	↓ -0.74%
350 DAYS	19.30%	19.33%	↓ -0.03%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 08-May-2025

FGN Bonds

The local bond market traded quietly today, with limited activity concentrated on mid- to long-dated tenors. The Apr 2029s, Feb 2031s, May 2033s, and Jun 2053s saw the most interest during the session. Despite these selective trades, the benchmark mid-yield remained unchanged at 18.70% by market close.

Outlook: The current market sentiment is likely to extend into tomorrow's trading session.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS

	08-May-25	07-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	19.48%	19.48%	→ 0.00%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	18.38%	18.38%	→ 0.00%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	17.05%	17.05%	→ 0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 08-May-2025

Eurobonds

African Eurobonds closed mixed-to-weaker after the Fed held rates at 4.25%-4.50%, citing stagflation risks that reduced rate cut expectations. Nigeria's curve underperformed, with average yields rising 4bps to 10.33%. Limited buying interest emerged despite positive trade rhetoric from former President Trump, who suggested a potential China deal and tax cut extensions could boost markets. The Fed's cautious stance outweighed optimistic trade comments during the session.

Outlook: Market sentiment is likely to stay mixed with a bearish bias in the near term as U.S.-China trade negotiations progress.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS				
	08-May-25	07-May-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	9.79%	9.83%	↓	-0.04%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/31	10.65%	10.62%	↑	0.03%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/31	10.82%	10.75%	↑	0.07%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	11.18%	11.18%	→	0.00%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	9.72%	9.71%	↑	0.01%

Source: FBN UK Runs for 08-May-2025

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market extended its positive run as the All-Share Index (ASI) rose by 35bps to close at 109,231.96 points, pushing year-to-date returns to 6.13%. Investor sentiment remained upbeat, with 38 stocks advancing against 21 decliners. CHELLARAM and BETAGLAS topped the gainers’ chart with 10% each, while ABBEYBDS (-10%) led the laggards. Activity in the banking sector drove market momentum, as the NGX Banking Index climbed 102bps on gains in STANBIC (+6.47%), ACCESSCORP (+1.16%), and ETI (+1.06%). Meanwhile, the Consumer Goods Index shed 134bps due to declines in NB (-5.67%) and CHAMPION (-4.11%). The Industrial Index advanced 98bps, spurred by BETAGLAS (+10%) and DANGCEM (+1.85%). Market turnover declined by 23.11% to \$8.89m, with notable crosses in GTCO (40m at ₦67.50), FIDELITY (47m at ₦20.25), and ACCESSCORP (12m at ₦21.80). Overall, broad-based strength in banking and industrial names supported the day’s gains despite weakness in the consumer goods space.

Outlook: Market sentiment is expected to remain positive in tomorrow's trading session.

Top 5 Equity Advancers				
Name (Symbol)	Closing Price	Gain(N)		% Change
BETAGLAS	160.65	14.60	↑	10.00%
CHELLARAM	9.46	0.86	↑	10.00%
INTENEGINS	1.66	0.15	↑	9.93%
ACADEMY	3.93	0.35	↑	9.78%
MAYBAKER	10.10	0.90	↑	9.78%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

Top 5 Equity Decliners				
Name (Symbol)	Closing Price	Loss(N)		% Change
ABBEYBDS	7.47	-0.83	↓	-10.00%
LIVESTOCK	7.85	-0.85	↓	-9.77%
LEGENDINT	9.15	-0.85	↓	-8.50%
DEAPCAP	1.01	-0.07	↓	-6.48%
VFDGROUP	16.00	-1.00	↓	-5.88%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↑ 0.35%	↑ 3.24%	↑ 3.24%	↑ 6.13%
NSE BANKING INDEX	↑ 1.02%	↑ 1.57%	↑ 1.57%	↑ 6.98%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	↑ 0.33%	↓ -2.33%	↓ -2.33%	↓ -8.32%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.98%	↑ 1.36%	↑ 1.36%	↓ -4.53%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	↓ -1.34%	↑ 7.61%	↑ 7.61%	↑ 24.60%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	↑ 0.07%	↑ 3.83%	↑ 3.83%	↓ -9.85%

Foreign Exchange

Enhanced supply in the interbank market—primarily driven by the central bank’s intervention and supplemented by exporter inflows—helped stabilize trading conditions. The USD/NGN pair ranged between \$/₦1,608.00 and \$/₦1,614.00, with the Naira slipping by 6bps to close at \$/₦1,609.6357.

Outlook: In the near term, the CBN's continued market interventions are expected to keep the currency trading within its present range.

NFEM RATE (\$/₦)		Diff.
8-May-25	1,609.6357	
7-May-25	1,608.6036	↑ 1.0321

Source: FMDQ

Commodities

Oil prices climbed more than 2% on Thursday, driven by optimism over potential progress in U.S.-China trade talks, as both countries remain key global oil consumers. Brent crude futures rose \$1.43, or 2.3%, to \$62.55 a barrel by 11:08 a.m. EDT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude gained \$1.50, or 2.6%, to \$59.57. Meanwhile, gold prices continued to decline, dropping nearly 2%, after President Donald Trump announced a trade agreement with the United Kingdom, raising expectations of more deals globally. Spot gold fell 1.9% to \$3,301.15 an ounce as of 1:07 p.m. ET, while U.S. gold futures were down 2.5% at \$3,306, extending losses as investor sentiment shifted toward riskier assets.

Outlook: Crude price volatility is expected to persist, driven by OPEC+’s accelerated supply ramp-up and lingering U.S. policy unpredictability.

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)	38.10 (-6.81% YTD as of 06-May-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (FEB'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*62.55 (+1.11 d/d)

Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital

NAME OF FUND	EFFECTIVE YIELD (%)
AIICO MONEY MARKET FUND	21.75
AIICO BALANCED FUND	6.28
AIICO EUROBOND FUND	7.17

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