

# DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



Tuesday, 13 May 2025

## MARKET COMMENTARY

### System Liquidity

Interbank market activity remained subdued with limited funding flows, keeping overall rates stable at 28%. Specifically, the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) edged up 60bps to 27.50%, while the Overnight (O/N) rate climbed more sharply by 110bps to 28.50%.

**Outlook:** Barring unexpected liquidity shocks, we expect rates to maintain current ~28% levels in tomorrow's session.

SYS. LIQ. (₦BN)		Diff.
13-May-25	151.16	
12-May-25	294.23	↓ (143.07)

Source: CBN

### Treasury Bills

The Treasury bills market saw bullish momentum today, with concentrated demand for mid-to-long tenors, particularly March and April maturities. However, the bid-offer spread remained wide, restricting transactions to retail-sized volumes. The session closed with the benchmark NTB mid-rate at 19.42%.

**Outlook:** We anticipate today's trading sentiment will persist through tomorrow's market activity.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES			
	13-May-25	12-May-25	Change in Rates
86 DAYS	17.80%	17.81%	↓ -0.01%
177 DAYS	18.36%	18.36%	↓ 0.00%
359 DAYS	19.24%	19.37%	↓ -0.13%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 13-May-2025

### FGN Bonds

The bonds market saw concentrated demand for mid-to-long tenors, particularly the Feb 2031s, May 2033s, and Jun 2053s. However, wide bid-offer spreads restricted trading to retail-sized lots. The benchmark mid-yield ultimately held steady at 18.73%.

**Outlook:** The prevailing market tone is expected to carry over into tomorrow's session.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS				
	13-May-25	12-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	19.60%	19.60%	⇒	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 13-May-2025

### Eurobonds

African Eurobonds extended their rally today, supported by favorable U.S. inflation data and easing U.S.-China trade tensions. The April Consumer Price Index rose 2.3% year-over-year, coming in below economists' 2.4% forecast but remaining slightly above the Fed's 2% target. Against this backdrop, Nigeria's sovereign curve strengthened, with average yields declining by 20 bps to close at 9.67%.

**Outlook:** Market optimism is expected to continue as investors digest the softer-than-anticipated inflation data and reduced U.S.-China trade tensions.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS				
	13-May-25	12-May-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	9.15%	9.39%	↓	-0.24%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/31	10.07%	10.27%	↓	-0.20%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/31	10.25%	10.46%	↓	-0.21%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	10.67%	10.78%	↓	-0.11%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	9.48%	9.10%	↑	0.38%

Source: FBN UK Runs for 13-May-2025

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market closed higher today as the All-Share Index (ASI) advanced by 46bps to close at 108,762.61 points, lifting the year-to-date return to 5.67%. Market breadth was positive with 40 gainers versus 24 losers, driven by late-session buying interest. CHELLARAM and OANDO led the gainers’ chart with 10% apiece, while HMCALL (-9.85%) topped the laggards. Sectoral performance was largely upbeat—Banking (+20bps) was supported by FIDELITYBK (+7.14%) and WEMABANK (+3.94%), despite mild losses in ZENITHBANK (-1.64%). The Consumer Goods Index rose slightly by 6bps, buoyed by NB (+9.47%) and CHAMPION (+8.61%). Oil & Gas gained 83bps, spurred by OANDO’s 10% rally, while Industrials added 13bps with strength in BETAGLAS and MEYER. GTCO led by value traded (₦2.19bn), driven by a 25m cross at ₦68.75. TANTALIZER led volume with 57.8m units. Overall value traded inched up 0.61% to \$6.73m. Market sentiment turned bullish in the final hours, lifting the index into positive territory.

**Outlook:** Market sentiment is expected to trade on a mixed note in tomorrow's trading session.

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
OANDO	49.50	4.50	↑ 10.00%
CHELLARAM	11.44	1.04	↑ 10.00%
TRANSCORP	46.25	4.20	↑ 9.99%
BETAGLAS	194.30	17.60	↑ 9.96%
CAVERTON	3.68	0.33	↑ 9.85%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
HMCALL	4.21	-0.46	↓ -9.85%
ACADEMY	4.30	-0.34	↓ -7.33%
UPDC	3.00	-0.20	↓ -6.25%
ABCTTRANS	2.91	-0.19	↓ -6.13%
NPFMCRFBK	2.03	-0.11	↓ -5.14%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↑ 0.46%	↑ 0.37%	↑ 2.80%	↑ 5.67%
NSE BANKING INDEX	↑ 0.20%	↑ 3.11%	↑ 1.52%	↑ 6.93%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	↑ 0.88%	↑ 1.12%	↓ -1.42%	↓ -7.46%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.13%	↑ 0.46%	↑ 0.68%	↓ -5.16%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.06%	↑ 0.19%	↑ 7.03%	↑ 23.92%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	↑ 0.83%	↓ -1.36%	↑ 4.01%	↓ -9.70%

Foreign Exchange

The interbank market remained liquid, driven largely by inflows from Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs). The Naira recorded a slight gain, appreciating by 3 bps to close at \$/₦1,600.0307, while trading during the session stayed within a tight band of \$/₦1,597 to \$/₦1,610.50.

**Outlook:** We anticipate the exchange rate will maintain its present trading band.

NFEM RATE (\$/₦)		Diff.
13-May-25	1,600.0307	
12-May-25	1,600.4396	↓ (0.4089)

Source: FMDQ

Commodities

Crude oil prices rose sharply on Tuesday, gaining over \$1.60 per barrel, supported by a temporary reduction in U.S.-China tariffs and an encouraging U.S. inflation report. Brent crude settled at \$66.63, up \$1.67 or 2.57%, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude ended at \$63.67, rising \$1.72 or 2.78%. Meanwhile, gold prices edged higher after heavy losses the day before, as investors sought bargains and reacted to softer-than-expected U.S. inflation data. Spot gold was up 0.4% to \$3,246.95 an ounce by 1:57 p.m. ET, recovering from Monday’s low of \$3,207.30, signaling renewed interest in the precious metal.

**Outlook:** A bullish bias is expected to persist in oil markets, with the latest inflation moderation providing fundamental support.

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)	38.22 (-6.51% YTD as of 12-May-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (FEB'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*66.63 (+1.67 d/d)

Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital

NAME OF FUND	EFFECTIVE YIELD (%)
AIICO MONEY MARKET FUND	20.45
AIICO BALANCED FUND	7.63
AIICO EUROBOND FUND	7.10

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