

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



Thursday, 15 May 2025

MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

Interbank liquidity improved significantly following ₦175 billion in FGN bond coupon payments and additional CBN inflows, driving rates lower to ~26.5%. The Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) fell 165bps to 26.85%, while the Overnight (O/N) rate dropped 202bps to 27.40%.

Outlook: Interbank rates should remain stable at current levels barring any liquidity shocks.

SYS. LIQ. (₦BN)		Diff.
15-May-25	391.40	
14-May-25	77.08	↑ 314.31

Source: CBN

Treasury Bills

The Treasury bills market exhibited mixed activity today, with trading interest dispersed across the curve. The 07-May NTB paper saw modest selling pressure, pushing its yield 5bps higher, while demand for longer-dated OMO bills drove yields lower in that segment. The session closed with the benchmark NTB mid-rate steady at 19.45%.

Outlook: The prevailing market tone is expected to extend into tomorrow's session.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES			
	15-May-25	14-May-25	Change in Rates
84 DAYS	17.80%	17.80%	→ 0.00%
175 DAYS	18.47%	18.36%	↑ 0.11%
357 DAYS	19.40%	19.28%	↑ 0.12%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 15-May-2025

FGN Bonds

The bonds market saw subdued activity today as investors awaited April's inflation data, which showed a moderation to 23.71% (from 24.23% in March). Trading remained light across the curve, with only selective interest in the Feb 2031 and May 2033 tenors. The benchmark mid-yield closed at 18.84%.

Outlook: Today's market sentiment will likely persist through tomorrow's trading session.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS				
	15-May-25	14-May-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	19.45%	19.45%	→	0.00%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	19.44%	19.44%	→	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 15-May-2025

Eurobonds

African Eurobonds extended their decline today, pressured by falling crude prices as the potential revival of the US-Iran nuclear deal raised prospects of increased global oil supply. Oil-linked issuers like Nigeria and Angola underperformed, with Nigeria's sovereign curve weakening to an average yield of 9.74%. However, late-session bargain hunting in select discounted papers helped moderate the selloff before market close.

Outlook: Tomorrow's trading could exhibit a neutral-to-positive bias as investors seek targeted value positions.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS				
	15-May-25	14-May-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	9.11%	9.15%	↓	-0.04%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/31	10.17%	10.12%	↑	0.05%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/31	10.31%	10.27%	↑	0.04%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	10.78%	10.71%	↑	0.07%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	9.36%	9.73%	↓	-0.37%

Source: FBN UK Runs for 15-May-2025

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market closed in positive territory, with the All-Share Index (ASI) advancing by 37bps to close at 109,467.64 points, bringing the year-to-date return to 6.36%. Market breadth remained strong as 36 stocks recorded gains against 23 decliners. HONYFLOUR and NESTLE led the gainers' chart with 10% each, while MULTIVERSE (-9.64%) topped the losers. Sector performance was mixed—Banking rose 20bps on gains in ACCESSCORP (+2.56%) and STANBIC (+0.73%), though weighed down by declines in GTCO, FCMB, and UBA. The Consumer Goods Index posted a solid 116bps gain on the back of strong rallies in NESTLE, NNFM (+9.49%), and HONYFLOUR. Oil & Gas declined by 18bps due to OANDO (-1.87%), while the Industrial Index edged up 18bps, driven by BETAGLAS (+9.98%). Market activity was dominated by block trades, with value traded declining by 29.93% to \$8.66m. Notable crosses included 265m FCMB at ₦9.40 and 102k NESTLE at ₦1,331.00, contributing to MTNN topping the value chart at ₦3.44bn.

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
HONYFLOUR	16.50	1.50	↑ 10.00%
NESTLE	1,331.00	121.00	↑ 10.00%
BETAGLASS	213.70	19.39	↑ 9.98%
NPFMCRFBK	2.35	0.21	↑ 9.81%
NEIMETH	3.37	0.30	↑ 9.77%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
MULTIVERSE	8.90	-0.95	↓ -9.64%
WAPIC	2.01	-0.10	↓ -4.74%
LASACO	2.32	-0.11	↓ -4.53%
MAYBAKER	12.60	-0.50	↓ -3.82%
AIICO	1.60	-0.06	↓ -3.61%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↑ 0.37%	↑ 0.22%	↑ 3.47%	↑ 6.36%
NSE BANKING INDEX	↑ 0.20%	↑ 0.73%	↑ 2.31%	↑ 7.76%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	→ 0.00%	↑ 1.13%	↓ -1.23%	↓ -7.29%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.18%	↓ -0.48%	↑ 0.88%	↓ -4.98%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	↑ 1.16%	↑ 3.54%	↑ 11.42%	↑ 29.01%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	↓ -0.18%	↑ 0.73%	↑ 4.59%	↓ -9.19%

Foreign Exchange

Foreign exchange supply in the interbank NAFEM market remained limited amid a modest uptick in demand. However, the Central Bank intervened to boost liquidity. The USD/NGN pair traded within a tight band of \$/₦1,597.10 to \$/₦1,604.00, while the Naira weakened slightly, depreciating by 16 bps to close at \$/₦1,599.3294.

Outlook: The currency is likely to remain range-bound at current levels.

NFEM RATE (\$/₦)		Diff.
15-May-25	1,599.3294	
14-May-25	1,596.7000	↑ 2.6294

Source: FMDQ

Commodities

Oil prices dropped on Thursday amid expectations of a potential U.S.-Iran nuclear agreement, which could ease sanctions and boost global supply. Brent crude fell \$1.47, or 2.22%, to \$64.62 a barrel by 12:53 p.m. EDT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) slid \$1.43, or 2.26%, to \$61.72. Meanwhile, gold prices rebounded, rising over 1% due to a weaker dollar and disappointing U.S. economic data. Safe-haven demand also increased after Russian President Vladimir Putin skipped peace talks. Spot gold climbed 1.2% to \$3,216.11 an ounce by 11:41 a.m. ET, recovering from an earlier dip to its lowest point in over a month.

Outlook: A nuclear deal's immediate sanction waivers could release 800,000 bpd of Iranian crude into global markets – a clearly bearish catalyst for oil prices.

MACRO INDICATORS	
GDP (Q4 2024)	+3.84% (Q3: 2024 +3.46% y/y)
INFLATION (APRIL 2025)	23.71% (Mar'25: 24.23%)
EXTERNAL RESERVE (US\$BILLION)	38.30 (-6.31% YTD as of 14-May-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (FEB'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*64.62 (-1.61 d/d)

Source: NBS, CBN, AIICO Capital

NAME OF FUND	EFFECTIVE YIELD (%)
AIICO MONEY MARKET FUND	20.87
AIICO BALANCED FUND	8.06
AIICO EUROBOND FUND	7.23

As of May 14, 2025

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