

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



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MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

Interbank liquidity remained robust with rates steady at 26.5%, as the absence of funding pressures kept the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) and Overnight (O/N) rate unchanged at 26.50% and 26.96%, respectively.

Outlook: Interbank rates are expected to hold steady at 26.5% tomorrow, supported by anticipated system liquidity from ₦1.14 trillion in OMO maturities.

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19-May-25	438.93	
16-May-25	423.90	↑ 15.03

Source: CBN

Treasury Bills

The Treasury bills market saw subdued activity overall, though the OMO curve remained active—particularly at the long end—with the 7-May 2026 bill also attracting limited interest amid wide bid/ask spreads. The benchmark NTB mid-rate ultimately rose 29bps to close at 19.74%.

Outlook: Today's market sentiment will likely carry over into tomorrow's trading session.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES			
	19-May-25	16-May-25	Change in Rates
94 DAYS	17.94%	17.94%	→ 0.00%
185 DAYS	19.28%	19.28%	→ 0.00%
353 DAYS	19.35%	19.40%	↓ -0.05%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 19-May-2025

FGN Bonds

The local bond market remained subdued with a mildly negative bias, as trading activity focused selectively on the Feb 2031, May 2033, and Feb 2034 tenors. The session concluded with the benchmark mid-yield settling at 18.82%.

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

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS				
	19-May-25	16-May-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	19.46%	19.45%	↑	0.01%
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	17.08%	17.08%	↑	0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 19-May-2025

Eurobonds

African Eurobonds ended slightly higher after initial selling pressure triggered by Moody's downgrade of U.S. sovereign debt (Aaa to Aa1), which cited rising fiscal deficits and refinancing risks amid higher interest rates. Late-session bargain hunting reversed early losses, with Nigeria's curve strengthening as average yields tightened 5bps to close at 9.69%.

Outlook: Market sentiment is likely to lean cautiously optimistic tomorrow, with selective bargain hunting.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS				
	19-May-25	16-May-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	9.00%	9.15%	↓	-0.15%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/31	10.17%	10.17%	→	0.00%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/31	10.29%	10.34%	↓	-0.05%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	10.74%	10.72%	↑	0.02%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	9.74%	9.24%	↑	0.50%

Source: FBN UK Runs for 19-May-2025

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market closed marginally negative, as the All-Share Index (ASI) dipped by 1bp to close at 109,697.83 points, trimming the YTD return to 6.58%. Despite the flat close, market breadth was positive with 46 gainers against 23 losers. IKEJAHOTEL and TANTALIZER topped the gainers’ chart with 10% each, while TIP (-10%) led the laggards. Sector performance was mixed—Banking declined by 74bps due to sell-offs in FIDELITYBK, ACCESSCORP, and WEMABANK, although GTCO (+0.74%) and ETI (+1.05%) provided some support. The Consumer Goods Index surged 155bps on broad-based buying interest in NNFM, CHAMPION, DANGSUGAR, and GUINNESS. Oil & Gas (+19bps) and Industrial Goods (+17bps) also recorded gains, buoyed by OANDO and BETAGLAS respectively. Value traded rose by 32.36% to \$7.1m, driven by block trades including 25m GTCO at ₦68.00 and 18m FIDELITYBK at ₦20.35. While negative sentiment in TRANSCOHOTEL (-5.64%) pressured the index, gains in DANGSUGAR (+9.08%) and TRANSCORP (+1.35%) helped offset the drag.

Outlook: We anticipate a mixed trading tone will prevail in tomorrow’s session.

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
IKEJAHOTEL	15.40	1.40	↑ 10.00%
TANTALIZER	2.53	0.23	↑ 10.00%
BETAGLASS	258.50	23.46	↑ 9.98%
CHAMPION	7.50	0.68	↑ 9.97%
NNFM	131.85	11.95	↑ 9.97%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
TIP	6.12	-0.68	↓ -10.00%
ABCTTRANS	2.66	-0.29	↓ -9.83%
UPL	3.97	-0.43	↓ -9.77%
FTNCOCOA	2.34	-0.25	↓ -9.65%
RTBRISCOE	1.90	-0.20	↓ -9.52%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↓ -0.01%	↑ 1.33%	↑ 3.68%	↑ 6.58%
NSE BANKING INDEX	↓ -0.74%	↑ 0.68%	↑ 2.00%	↑ 7.44%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	↑ 0.56%	↑ 2.74%	↑ 0.41%	↓ -5.75%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.17%	↑ 0.92%	↑ 1.48%	↓ -4.41%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	↑ 1.55%	↑ 6.27%	↑ 13.68%	↑ 31.62%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	↑ 0.19%	↑ 1.48%	↑ 4.69%	↓ -9.11%

Foreign Exchange

The interbank NFEM remained stable despite a slight increase in FX demand. The USD/NGN pair moved within a narrow range of \$/₦1,580.00 to \$/₦1,601.50, with the Naira posting a mild appreciation to close at \$/₦1,598.6885.

Outlook: The Naira is expected to maintain its current trading range in the near term.

NFEM RATE (\$/₦)		Diff.
19-May-25	1,598.6885	
16-May-25	1,598.7210	↓ (0.0325)

Source: FMDQ

Commodities

Oil prices were largely flat on Monday as markets digested Moody’s downgrade of the U.S. credit rating and weak Chinese economic data, including slowing industrial output and retail sales. These signals fueled concerns about global oil demand, despite earlier gains from the U.S.-China tariff rollback deal. Brent crude slipped by 1 cent to \$65.39 a barrel by 14:38 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) edged up 9 cents to \$62.58, with the June WTI contract set to expire Tuesday. Gold prices rose, supported by a weaker dollar and safe-haven buying. Spot gold increased 0.9% to \$3,229.69 an ounce.

Outlook: Unresolved U.S.-Iran nuclear talks are capping oil price losses, as investors weigh the potential for additional supply from a sanction’s relief deal.

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)	38.38 (-6.12% YTD as of 16-May-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (FEB'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*65.39 (-0.11 d/d)

Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital

NAME OF FUND	EFFECTIVE YIELD (%)
AIICO MONEY MARKET FUND	21.04
AIICO BALANCED FUND	8.99
AIICO EUROBOND FUND	6.33

As of May 19, 2025

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