

# DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



Wednesday, 21 May 2025

## MARKET COMMENTARY

### System Liquidity

Interbank liquidity tightened after yesterday's OMO auction settlement but stayed positive, keeping rates stable at 26.50%. The Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) held at 26.50%, while the Overnight (O/N) rate dipped 5bps to 26.90%.

**Outlook:** With no major outflows expected, rates will likely stay at current levels.

SYS. LIQ. (₦BN)		Diff.
21-May-25	52.48	
20-May-25	1,524.80	↓ (1,472.32)

Source: CBN

### Treasury Bills

The treasury bills market saw subdued activity as investors focused on auction participation, with only limited trading in 16 December 2025 and 10 March 2026 OMO bills. By session close, the benchmark NTB mid-rate had eased 12 bps to 19.54%.

**Outlook:** The NTB auction outcome will likely shape market moves in the near term.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES			
	21-May-25	20-May-25	Change in Rates
92 DAYS	17.94%	17.94%	→ 0.00%
183 DAYS	19.28%	19.28%	→ 0.00%
351 DAYS	19.35%	19.35%	→ 0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 21-May-2025

### FGN Bonds

The bonds market remained quiet, with limited trading activity focused on mid-curve tenors—particularly the Feb 2031 and May 2033 maturities. Only a few deals were executed during the session. At close, the benchmark mid-yield stood at 18.87%.

**Outlook:** We expect the same trading sentiment to continue tomorrow.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS				
	21-May-25	20-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 21-May-2025

### Eurobonds

Sentiment was mixed across SSA and North African bonds as European and US futures dipped at the open. The decline followed a CNN report that Israel may be preparing a strike on Iranian nuclear facilities. Despite a sharp rise in oil prices, the market opened weaker—highlighting how global geopolitical risks are currently outweighing typical oil-bond correlations. However, selective bargain hunting emerged by session close, particularly in Nigerian papers, which saw average mid-yields tighten 5bps to 9.57%.

**Outlook:** The market could see careful optimism, with some buyers hunting for bargains.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS				
	21-May-25	20-May-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	8.88%	8.92%	↓	-0.04%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/31	10.07%	10.10%	↓	-0.03%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/31	10.21%	10.29%	↓	-0.08%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	10.69%	10.71%	↓	-0.02%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	9.75%	9.74%	↑	0.01%
Source: FBN UK Runs for 21-May-2025				

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market closed in the red as the All-Share Index (ASI) dipped 10bps to close at 109,619.10 points, trimming YTD gains to 6.50%. Market breadth was mixed, with 29 gainers against 27 losers. RTBRISCOE led the gainers with a 10% surge, while CHAMPION and LASACO both declined 10%. Sectoral performance was largely negative. The NGX Banking Index fell 82bps due to broad-based declines in ACCESSCORP (-4.17%), FCMB, and FIDELITYBK, despite moderate gains in GTCO and WEMABANK. The Oil and Gas Index also shed 48bps on OANDO (-4.76%), while the Industrial Index lost 11bps on WAPCO. In contrast, the Consumer Goods Index rose 49bps, driven by NESTLE (+8.63%) and NASCON. Trading activity was driven by notable block trades, with NB accounting for over 20% of market value after 40m units crossed at ₦60.00. Total value traded declined slightly by 1.64% to \$8.18m. Overall, investor sentiment leaned cautious amid profit-taking in banking and energy names.

**Outlook:** Market sentiment will likely remain mixed tomorrow.

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
RTBRISCOE	2.09	0.19	↑ 10.00%
EUNISELL	12.95	1.15	↑ 9.75%
LIVESTOCK	8.90	0.78	↑ 9.61%
LINKASSURE	1.62	0.14	↑ 9.46%
MEYER	9.80	0.80	↑ 8.89%
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital			

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
CHAMPION	7.20	-0.80	↓ -10.00%
LASACO	2.52	-0.28	↓ -10.00%
MCNICHOLS	2.30	-0.24	↓ -9.45%
MULTIVERSE	9.00	-0.70	↓ -7.22%
SOVRENINS	0.96	-0.07	↓ -6.80%
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital			

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↓ -0.10%	↑ 0.51%	↑ 3.61%	↑ 6.50%
NSE BANKING INDEX	↓ -0.82%	↓ -1.27%	↑ 0.81%	↑ 6.18%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	↑ 1.14%	↑ 4.26%	↑ 2.97%	↓ -3.34%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	↓ -0.11%	↑ 0.70%	↑ 1.40%	↓ -4.49%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.49%	↑ 6.31%	↑ 17.09%	↑ 35.57%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	↓ -0.48%	↓ -3.43%	↑ 1.19%	↓ -12.14%

Foreign Exchange

The Naira sustained its upward trend, buoyed by ample liquidity and reduced market volatility. Intra-day trading saw the USD/NGN pair range between \$/₦1,582.50 and \$/₦1,590.00, with the Naira ultimately appreciating by 37 bps to settle at \$/₦1,584.4966.

**Outlook:** We do not expect major Naira moves in the short term—current levels look stable.

NFEM RATE (\$/₦)		Diff.
21-May-25	1,584.4966	
20-May-25	1,590.4571	↓ (5.9605)
Source: FMDQ		

Commodities

Oil prices slipped on Wednesday after U.S. government data showed a rise in crude and fuel inventories, dampening sentiment ahead of the summer driving season, when demand typically increases. Earlier in the day, prices had gained around 1% on concerns that Israel might strike Iranian nuclear sites, threatening potential supply disruptions. Brent crude declined 12 cents to \$65.26 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate fell 9 cents to \$61.94. Meanwhile, gold prices climbed for a third consecutive session, reaching a one-week high. Spot gold rose 0.7% to \$3,312.51 an ounce, supported by a weaker dollar and heightened geopolitical uncertainty.

**Outlook:** Should tensions worsen, oil markets could face short-term trade disruptions or a 500,000-bpd supply cut—though OPEC+ has sufficient spare capacity to compensate swiftly.

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)	38.53 (-5.75% YTD as of 20-May-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (MAY'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*65.26 (-0.12 d/d)
Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital	

NAME OF FUND	EFFECTIVE YIELD (%)
AIICO MONEY MARKET FUND	21.08
AIICO BALANCED FUND	11.20
AIICO EUROBOND FUND	7.10
As of May 21, 2025	

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