

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



Thursday, 19 June 2025

MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

Interbank liquidity stayed robust despite the CBN's cross-currency transaction settlement, keeping rates stable at 26.50%. The Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) held firm at 26.50% while the Overnight (O/N) rate edged up 2bps to 26.96%. Meanwhile, FAAC's June 18th meeting approved ₦1.659 trillion for distribution across government tiers, with c.₦800 billion expected to be credited to the system.

Outlook: Rates are expected to hold steady at current levels tomorrow, with potential FAAC inflows likely to offset any upward pressure.

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19-Jun-25	1,086.01	
18-Jun-25	1,143.68	↓ (57.66)

Source: CBN

Treasury Bills

The secondary market saw increased activity as spillover demand from the primary auction flowed into the space. The new 1-year bill traded at 17.90% amid offers, while the 4-June and Jan/Nov OMO bills attracted buy interest. The session closed with the average NTB benchmark rate down 38 bps to 18.89%.

Outlook: Bullish momentum is likely to continue in tomorrow's session, supported by strong liquidity conditions.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES

	19-Jun-25	18-Jun-25	Change in Rates
91 DAYS	17.85%	17.85%	→ 0.00%
175 DAYS	18.35%	18.35%	→ 0.00%
350 DAYS	18.86%	18.80%	↑ 0.06%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 19-Jun-2025

FGN Bonds

Trading activity remained subdued with limited movement across the curve. Selective interest emerged in mid-dated tenors, particularly the May 2033s, as investors positioned ahead of Monday's bond auction. The session closed with average yields down 17 basis points to 18.26%.

Outlook: Bullish momentum is likely to continue, though trading may be cautious ahead of Monday's FGN bond auction.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS

	19-Jun-25	18-Jun-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	19.05%	19.18%	↓ -0.13%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	19.00%	19.00%	↓ 0.00%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	18.00%	18.40%	↓ -0.40%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	16.90%	16.90%	↑ 0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 19-Jun-2025

Eurobonds

Trading sentiment turned mixed-to-bearish as escalating Middle East tensions and heightened US-Iran conflict risks fueled market nervousness. The Fed's downgraded growth outlook and inflation warnings added pressure, though expectations for two 2025 rate cuts persisted. Light flows due to the Juneteenth holiday contributed to muted activity. Nigerian Eurobonds underperformed, with average yields rising 8bps to 9.00%.

Outlook: We expect the mixed to bearish sentiment to sustain tomorrow.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS				
	19-Jun-25	18-Jun-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	8.25%	8.21%	⬆️	0.04%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/31	9.62%	9.50%	⬆️	0.12%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/31	9.75%	9.71%	⬆️	0.04%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	10.37%	10.33%	⬆️	0.04%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	10.25%	10.23%	⬆️	0.02%
Source: FBN UK Runs for 19-Jun-2025				

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market maintained its bullish momentum, as the All-Share Index (ASI) gained 0.92% to close at 117,861.13 points, pushing year-to-date returns to 14.51%. Market breadth leaned positive with 43 advancers and 20 decliners. Gains in tier-1 banking names drove the NGX Banking Index up 2.99%, supported by STANBIC (+5.59%), FCMB (+4.76%), ACCESSCORP (+4.06%), ZENITHBANK (+2.99%) and UBA (+2.94%). GTCO led value turnover at ₦5 billion, while CHAMPION traded the highest volume at 332.3 million shares. The NGX Consumer Goods Index rose 1.02% on strength in PZ (+7.03%), INTBREW (+4.76%) and DANGSUGAR (+3.75%). Oil and Gas climbed 0.24%, driven by ETERNA (+9.82%) and OANDO (+1.48%), while Industrials ticked up 0.16% on BETAGLAS (+9.98%). Total turnover declined 15.31% to \$14.17 million, with notable block trades in PZ, GTCO, CHAMPION, and MTNN. Market sentiment was largely positive, with minimal volatility and broad-based participation across sectors sustaining investor confidence.

Outlook: Trading activity is expected to remain robust in tomorrow's session.

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
IKEJAHOTEL	15.40	1.40	⬆️ 10.00%
BETAGLAS	276.00	25.05	⬆️ 9.98%
LEGENDINT	7.20	0.65	⬆️ 9.92%
UPL	6.02	0.54	⬆️ 9.85%
ETERNA	42.50	3.80	⬆️ 9.82%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
GUINEAINS	0.69	-0.07	⬆️ -9.21%
HMCALL	4.00	-0.25	⬆️ -5.88%
CILEASING	4.35	-0.27	⬆️ -5.84%
MCNICHOLS	2.20	-0.13	⬆️ -5.58%
FIDSON	41.00	-2.00	⬆️ -4.65%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	⬆️ 0.92%	⬆️ 2.11%	⬆️ 5.48%	⬆️ 14.51%
NSE BANKING INDEX	⬆️ 2.99%	⬆️ 1.90%	⬆️ 6.68%	⬆️ 14.46%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	⬆️ 1.53%	⬆️ 3.48%	⬆️ 6.84%	⬆️ 1.90%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	⬆️ 0.16%	⬆️ 0.41%	⬆️ 2.83%	⬆️ -0.83%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	⬆️ 1.02%	⬆️ 2.33%	⬆️ 6.10%	⬆️ 45.83%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	⬆️ 0.24%	⬆️ 5.44%	⬆️ 7.62%	⬆️ -7.65%

Foreign Exchange

The interbank NFEM remained relatively liquid, with the exchange rate holding firm despite increased demand for FX. The CBN intervened to support market stability, as the USD/NGN pair traded between \$/₦1,546.00 and \$/₦1,553.99. This intervention contributed to a 1-bp appreciation in the Naira, which closed at \$/₦1,549.4193. Gross FX reserves were reported at \$37.78 billion as of June 17, 2025.

Outlook: The Naira is projected to maintain its current trading range, provided no unforeseen disruptions occur.

NFEM RATE (\$/₦)		Diff.
19-Jun-25	1,549.4193	
18-Jun-25	1,549.2093	⬆️ 0.2100
Source: FMDQ		

Commodities

Oil prices surged nearly 3% on Thursday as the ongoing conflict between Israel and Iran intensified, raising fears of broader instability in the Middle East. Investor anxiety over possible U.S. involvement in the conflict added further upward pressure on prices. Brent crude futures gained \$2.15, or 2.8%, to close at \$78.85 per barrel, marking the highest close since January 22. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude rose \$2.06, or 2.7%, to settle at \$77.20. Meanwhile, gold prices held mostly steady as heightened geopolitical tensions counterbalanced the impact of the Federal Reserve's hawkish policy signals. Spot gold edged down 0.1% to \$3,365.79, while U.S. gold futures dropped 0.7% to \$3,382.80.

Outlook: While any oil price spikes may prove short-lived, sustained elevated levels could worsen tariff-driven economic pressures and dampen demand. However, prices are likely to retreat once geopolitical tensions ease, as the conflict premium dissipates.

MACRO INDICATORS	
GDP (Q4 2024)	+3.84% (Q3: 2024 +3.46% y/y)
INFLATION (MAY 2025)	22.97% (Apr'25: 23.71%)
EXTERNAL RESERVE (US\$BILLION)	37.78 (-7.58% YTD as of 17-Jun-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (MAY'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*78.85 (+2.15 d/d)
Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital	

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