

Tuesday, 24 June 2025

MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

The interbank market swung to a deficit position today due to CBN foreign exchange settlements and commercial bank outflows to the central bank. This liquidity squeeze drove rates sharply higher, with benchmarks reaching 32%. The Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) jumped 4.82% to 31.40%, while the Overnight (O/N) rate rose 4.77% to 31.90%.

Outlook: Tomorrow's anticipated FAAC inflows should restore liquidity, likely pulling rates down to the 26.5-27% range.

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24-Jun-25	(29.06)	
23-Jun-25	180.96	J (210.02)
Source: CBN		(=::::=)

Treasury Bills

The T-bills market traded cautiously with selective offers across tenors. However, rates fell 20-30bps following lower results at the FGN bond auction, driving increased trading activity. The session closed with the benchmark NTB rate down 17bps to 18.74%.

Outlook: The same sentiment should extend into tomorrow's trading, supported by expectations of improved liquidity.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES					
	24-Jun-25	23-Jun-25	Cha	inge in Rates	
86 DAYS	17.85%	17.85%	→	0.00%	
170 DAYS	18.35%	18.35%	→	0.00%	
345 DAYS	17.83%	18.00%	Ψ	-0.17%	
Source: FMDQ DQL for 24-Jun-2025					

FGN Bonds

The bond market rallied after the auction results showed strong demand, with ₦100 billion allotted on the 2029 (19.30%) and new 2032 papers at stop rates of 17.90% and 17.95%, respectively. This triggered a broad yield decline of 15-20bps across tenors, closing with average yields down 12bps at 17.98%.

Outlook: Despite some resistance from investors due to tight liquidity conditions, the market is likely to maintain a mixed-tobullish tone.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS				
	24-Jun-25	23-Jun-25	Cha	ange in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	18.69%	18.68%	•	0.01%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	19.00%	18.52%	•	0.48%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	17.00%	17.90%	Ψ	-0.90%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	16.68%	16.68%	→	0.00%
Source: FMDQ DQL for 24-Jun-202	5			

Eurobonds

African Eurobonds rallied today, led by strong gains in Nigerian (+26bps to 8.75%) and Egyptian papers, as markets welcomed an Israel-Iran ceasefire and dovish Fed signals. Chair Powell hinted at potential near-term rate cuts despite tariff inflation risks. However, Angola's bonds underperformed due to oil price concerns and debt sustainability worries at current energy price levels.

Outlook: The prevailing market trend is likely to continue tomorrow unless unexpected disruptions occur.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS						
	24-Jun-25	23-Jun-25	Cha	ange in Yield		
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	8.05%	8.29%	Ψ	-0.24%		
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/30	9.31%	9.57%	Ψ	-0.26%		
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	9.52%	9.75%	Ψ	-0.23%		
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	10.14%	10.37%	Ψ	-0.23%		
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	10.26%	10.40%	Ψ	-0.14%		
Source: FBN UK Runs for 24-Jun-202	25					

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market extended its bullish run, closing on a strong note as the All-Share Index (ASI) rose by 102bps to close at 119,790.82 points, pushing YTD returns to 16.38%. Market breadth was robust, with 61 stocks advancing against 23 decliners. UPDC, DANGSUGAR, OKOMUOIL, and BETAGLAS topped the gainers' chart with 10% gains, while DAARCOMM led the laggards. The Banking Index gained 94bps, driven by strong performances in ZENITHBANK, FIDELITYBK, and ACCESSCORP. The Consumer Goods Index advanced 201bps on gains in DANGSUGAR, CHAMPION, and INTBREW. The Industrial Index surged 313bps, led by BETAGLAS, WAPCO, and BUACEMENT. However, the Oil & Gas Index fell 151bps due to losses in ARADEL and OANDO. Value traded rose by 11.16% to \$15.29m, supported by notable crosses such as 112m LIVINGTRUST (off-market), 100m ROYALEX, and 30m ACCESSCORP. Key drivers of the market's momentum included BUACEMENT, WAPCO, OKOMUOIL, and MTNN.

Outlook: Both local and foreign investors participated in today's trading, and we anticipate similar activity levels tomorrow.

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS CLOSING						
NAME (SYMBOL)	PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE			
BETAGLAS	333.95	30.36	1 0.00%			
DANGSUGAR	44.00	4.00	1 0.00%			
OKOMUOIL	748.00	68.00	1 0.00%			
UPDC	3.30	0.30	1 0.00%			
CHAMPION	9.90	0.90	9.98%			
Source: NGX, AllCO Capital						

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS CLOSING					
NAME (SYMBOL)	PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE		
DAARCOMM	0.59	-0.05	- 7.81%		
PRESTIGE	1.02	-0.06	- 5.56%		
IMG	33.40	-1.50	4.30%		
NPFMCRFBK	2.03	-0.09	4 .25%		
ARADEL	515.00	-21.79	4.06%		
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital					

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NGX ASI	•	1.02%	1	4.25%	•	7.20%	1	16.38%
NSE BANKING INDEX	1	0.94%	1	9.78%	Ŷ	10.14%	•	18.17%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	•	0.06%	1	4.47%	Ŷ	7.76%	1	2.78%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	1	3.13%	1	2.79%	Ŷ	5.43%	•	1.68%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	•	2.01%	1	3.47%	•	8.85%	1	49.60%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	•	-1.51%	r	6.40%	Ŷ	6.27%	₩	-8.81%

Foreign Exchange

The interbank market remained stable, supported by FX inflows from local sources. The USD/NGN pair traded within \$/₩1,547.50 to \$/₩1,550.50, while the Naira depreciated slightly by 3 bps to close at \$/\1,549.0368. As of June 23, 2025, gross FX reserves stood at \$37.52 billion, representing a decline of c.\$141.37 million.

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

NFEM RATI	Diff.	
24-Jun-25	1,549.0368	
23-Jun-25	1,548.5237	0.5131
Source: FMDQ		

Commodities

Oil prices dropped roughly 5% on Tuesday, hitting a two-week low amid hopes that the ceasefire between Israel and Iran would ease fears of supply disruptions in the Middle East. However, uncertainty remained as U.S. President Donald Trump accused both nations of violating the newly declared truce just hours after its announcement. Brent crude futures slid \$3.29, or 4.6%, to \$68.19 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude lost \$3.20, or 4.7%, to settle at \$65.31. Meanwhile, gold declined sharply as demand for safe-haven assets weakened. Spot gold dropped 1.6% to \$3,313.63 an ounce after earlier falling more than 2%.

Outlook: We expect OPEC+ to approve a 400,000 barrel/day production hike within ten days, with prices testing the \$60-\$65 range later this quarter as global output rises and seasonal demand weakens, potentially causing significant inventory builds.

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)	37.52 (-8.21% YTD as of 23-Jun-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (MAY'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*68.19 (-4.00 d/d)
Source: NBS,CBN, AllCO Capital	