

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



Thursday, 26 June 2025

MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

Liquidity improved sharply after FAAC payments and ₦283.79 billion in NTB maturities hit the system, sending rates down to 26.5%. The Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) fell 5.70% to 26.50%, while the Overnight (O/N) rate dropped 5.65% to 26.95%.

Outlook: Rates should stay near current levels tomorrow, barring any shocks.

SYS. LIQ. (₦BN)		Diff.
26-Jun-25	533.07	
25-Jun-25	(137.81)	↑ 670.88

Source: CBN

Treasury Bills

The market started quietly with a slight positive bias. Interest emerged for several bills, including the 4-Sep, 11-Nov, June 4/18, and Jan/Mar OMO papers. However, trading stayed light due to weak overall demand. The session ended with the benchmark NTB rate at 18.67%.

Outlook: The current market sentiment is likely to continue tomorrow.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES			
	26-Jun-25	25-Jun-25	Change in Rates
91 DAYS	17.45%	17.94%	↓ -0.49%
182 DAYS	19.08%	19.08%	→ 0.00%
357 DAYS	17.80%	17.80%	→ 0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 26-Jun-2025

FGN Bonds

Activity picked up across various maturities, with particular interest in mid-term bonds like the May 2033s. The February 2031s and June 2032s also saw some trading action. By the close, overall yields had edged down 4bps to 17.89%.

Outlook: Investors are expected to remain cautious, with pockets of interests as the second half of the year approaches.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS				
	26-Jun-25	25-Jun-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	18.69%	18.69%	↓	0.00%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	18.36%	18.52%	↓	-0.16%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	17.00%	17.00%	↓	0.00%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	16.68%	16.68%	↓	0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 26-Jun-2025

Eurobonds

Trading activity was mixed across African markets, with Angola bonds leading gains. The movement came as President Trump signaled plans to replace Fed Chair Powell by fall, raising expectations for earlier US rate cuts. Trump has openly criticized Powell for not cutting rates fast enough, while recent weak jobs data strengthened the case for easing. Nigerian Eurobonds edged up slightly, with yields dipping 2bps to 8.72%.

Outlook: The big event this week is Friday's PCE report, the Fed's favorite inflation measure. Investors will check if Trump's tariffs raised prices.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS				
	26-Jun-25	25-Jun-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	8.17%	8.05%	⬆️	0.12%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/31	9.24%	9.19%	⬆️	0.05%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/31	9.57%	9.52%	⬆️	0.05%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	10.14%	10.10%	⬆️	0.04%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	10.27%	10.14%	⬆️	0.13%

Source: FBN UK Runs for 26-Jun-2025

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market closed in the red as the All-Share Index (ASI) declined by 40bps to close at 120,772.68 points, trimming the YTD return to 17.34%. Market sentiment was broadly mixed, with 33 gainers versus 37 losers. UNILEVER and SFSREIT led the gainers’ chart with 10% each, while THOMASWY topped the losers with a 10% decline. Sector performance was mostly bearish. The Banking Index lost 57bps due to declines in FCMB, ACCESSCORP, and UBA, though ZENITHBANK gained 0.52%. The Consumer Goods Index dropped 144bps, weighed down by CHAMPION, CADBURY, and BUAFOODS. The Oil & Gas Index dipped 125bps on OANDO’s sharp 9.96% decline. Meanwhile, the Industrial Index gained 211bps on strength in CAP (+9.92%) and BUACEMENT (+5.9%). Trading activity moderated, with value traded falling 30.37% to \$11.75m. Key crosses included 30m ACCESSCORP at ₦22.80 and 40m ELLAHLAKES at ₦7.78. While the broader market showed caution, select large-cap industrial stocks offered pockets of resilience.

Outlook: Trading activity should stay lively tomorrow.

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
UNILEVER	51.70	4.70	⬆️ 10.00%
NEIMETH	5.40	0.49	⬆️ 9.98%
UACN	38.05	3.45	⬆️ 9.97%
CAP	47.10	4.25	⬆️ 9.92%
PRESTIGE	1.12	0.10	⬆️ 9.80%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
THOMASWY	2.07	-0.23	⬇️ -10.00%
NAHCO	91.00	-10.10	⬇️ -9.99%
OANDO	61.90	-6.85	⬇️ -9.96%
ABCTRANS	2.45	-0.24	⬇️ -8.92%
CHAMPION	10.00	-0.91	⬇️ -8.34%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	⬇️ -0.40%	⬆️ 2.47%	⬆️ 8.08%	⬆️ 17.34%
NSE BANKING INDEX	⬇️ -0.57%	⬆️ 5.09%	⬆️ 12.12%	⬆️ 20.29%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	⬆️ 0.31%	⬆️ 3.17%	⬆️ 10.23%	⬆️ 5.13%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	⬆️ 2.11%	⬆️ 7.03%	⬆️ 10.06%	⬆️ 6.15%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	⬇️ -1.44%	⬆️ 3.38%	⬆️ 9.69%	⬆️ 50.76%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	⬇️ -1.25%	⬇️ -1.41%	⬆️ 6.10%	⬇️ -8.96%

Foreign Exchange

The Naira appreciated supported by improved FX liquidity from local sources, International Oil Companies (IOCs), and Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs). This was driven by a broader risk-on sentiment in global markets. Trading volumes were substantial, with the USD/NGN pair ranging between \$/₦1,534.00 and \$/₦1,549.50. As a result, the Naira gained 85 bps to close at \$/₦1,536.0817. As of June 25, 2025, Gross FX reserves stood at c.\$37.41 billion, representing a decline of c.\$54.09 million.

Outlook: The Naira is likely to remain stable near current levels.

NFEM RATE (\$/₦)		Diff.
26-Jun-25	1,536.0817	
25-Jun-25	1,549.2616	⬇️ (13.1799)

Source: FMDQ

Commodities

Oil prices inched up on Thursday, supported by a drop in U.S. crude inventories due to rising fuel demand during the summer driving season. However, easing concerns over supply disruptions from the Middle East limited gains. Brent crude futures settled at \$67.73 a barrel, up 5 cents or 0.07%, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude rose 32 cents, or 0.49%, to \$65.24. Meanwhile, gold prices remained steady as markets awaited U.S. inflation data to assess future interest rate moves, with geopolitical tensions in the Middle East appearing to calm. Spot gold was unchanged at \$3,333 per ounce as of 2:27 p.m. ET.

Outlook: The quick ceasefire push signals Trump's concern over oil price spikes. This likely limits how much geopolitical risk gets priced in, even if tensions continue.

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)	37.41 (-8.47% YTD as of 25-Jun-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (MAY'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*67.73 (-0.63 d/d)

Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital

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