

# DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



Thursday, 03 July 2025

## MARKET COMMENTARY

### System Liquidity

Trading in the interbank market was quiet with no significant funding changes, leaving rates steady at 26.5%. The Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) held at 26.50%, while the Overnight (O/N) rate remained at 27.00%.

**Outlook:** Rates could climb toward 28% tomorrow if the CBN's CRR operations tighten liquidity.

SYS. LIQ. (#BN)	Diff.
3-Jul-25	376.24
2-Jul-25	463.90
	↓ (87.65)

Source: CBN

### FGN Bonds

Bullish trading dominated the session, with strong demand for the Apr 2029, Feb 2031, May 2033, Feb 2034, and June 2053 maturities. Offers trended lower, particularly for the May 2033s at 17.70%. Active deal flow pushed the average yield down 31bps to 17.25%.

**Outlook:** The bullish mood should continue tomorrow, though investors may trade cautiously ahead of the Q3 bond calendar release.

#### BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS

	03-Jul-25	02-Jul-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	18.36%	18.36%	↓ 0.00%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	17.57%	17.76%	↓ -0.18%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	16.26%	16.38%	↓ -0.12%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	16.20%	16.54%	↓ -0.34%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 03-Jul-2025

### Treasury Bills

The market maintained its bullish tone today, with strong demand across multiple maturities—especially September, October, January, March, and June bills. The June bills saw trades at around 17.50%, while the December and March 17 OMO papers also attracted activity. Overall, the benchmark NTB yield dropped 9bps to 18.14%.

**Outlook:** The bullish trend should persist, supported by strong liquidity conditions.

#### BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES

	03-Jul-25	02-Jul-25	Change in Rates
84 DAYS	17.47%	17.47%	⇒ 0.00%
175 DAYS	18.51%	18.51%	⇒ 0.00%
350 DAYS	17.29%	17.29%	⇒ 0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 03-Jul-2025

### Eurobonds

The African Eurobonds market showed mixed but generally positive movement after Thursday's stronger-than-expected US jobs data reduced expectations for a July Fed rate cut. While the June non-farm payrolls added 147,000 jobs (versus 106,000 forecast), the details revealed uneven strength—government hiring boosted the numbers, while private sector growth slowed (+74,000) and manufacturing jobs shrank (-7,000). Despite this, the unemployment rate dipped to 4.1%, supporting the Fed's cautious stance. Nigerian Eurobonds gained slightly, with yields easing 4bps to 8.56%.

**Outlook:** The solid jobs report makes a July Fed rate cut unlikely. With unemployment lower than expected, the economy looks strong enough to keep rates steady. Markets have dialed back easing expectations for now.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS			
	03-Jul-25	02-Jul-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	7.89%	7.93%	↓ -0.04%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/31	8.99%	9.08%	↓ -0.09%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/31	9.37%	9.44%	↓ -0.07%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	9.96%	10.03%	↓ -0.07%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	9.59%	9.45%	↑ 0.14%

Source: FBN UK Runs for 03-Jul-2025

## Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market closed on a bullish note, as the All-Share Index (ASI) rose by 53bps to close at 120,977.20 points, pushing year-to-date gains to 17.54%. Investor sentiment remained positive, with 54 stocks gaining and only 15 declining. Top gainers included DEAPCAP, ACADEMY, GUINEAINS, and BERGER, all advancing 10%, while NEIMETH (-8.49%) led the laggards. Sector-wise, the NGX Banking Index gained 129bps, supported by WEMABANK, GTCO, UBA, and ZENITHBANK, despite losses in ETI and ACCESSCORP. The Consumer Goods Index rose 74bps on strong gains in UNILEVER, CADBURY, and DANGSUGAR. The Oil & Gas Index advanced 69bps, buoyed by OANDO (+6.97%), while the Industrial Index gained 34bps on strength in BERGER, MEYER, and WAPCO. Trading activity spiked, with value traded rising 140.73% to \$19.18m, largely driven by a 2.6m SEPLAT cross at ₦5,200.00. Other notable trades included blocks in ACCESSCORP, GTCO, NB, and INTBREW. GTCO also announced a \$100m capital raise via bookbuild at ~₦70/share.

**Outlook:** We expect a similar activity tomorrow.

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
ACADEMY	5.61	0.51	↑ 10.00%
BERGER	33.00	3.00	↑ 10.00%
DEAPCAP	1.10	0.10	↑ 10.00%
GUINEAINS	0.99	0.09	↑ 10.00%
UNILEVER	56.85	5.15	↑ 9.96%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
NEIMETH	7.22	-0.67	↓ -8.50%
LEGENDINT	7.73	-0.67	↓ -8.00%
CWG	13.80	-0.65	↓ -4.50%
SOVREINIS	1.32	-0.06	↓ -4.40%
VFDGROUP	13.50	-0.50	↓ -3.60%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↑ 0.53%	↑ 0.17%	↑ 0.83%	↑ 17.54%
NSE BANKING INDEX	↑ 1.29%	↓ -0.52%	↑ 1.35%	↑ 19.66%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	↑ 2.76%	↑ 3.85%	↑ 3.75%	↑ 9.18%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.34%	↓ -4.80%	↓ -0.78%	↑ 1.05%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.74%	↑ 4.01%	↑ 3.01%	↑ 56.81%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	↑ 0.69%	↓ -1.03%	↑ 0.26%	↓ -9.89%

## Foreign Exchange

The Naira sustained its upward momentum at the NAFEM window, buoyed by improved dollar supply. Trading remained active, with the USD/NGN pair between \$/₦1,524.50 and \$/₦1,527.50. Consequently, the Naira appreciated by 2 bps to close at \$/₦1,525.8246. As of July 2, 2025, gross FX reserves stood at c.\$37.18 billion, representing a decline of c.\$14.24 million d/d.

**Outlook:** The Naira is likely to gain more ground as dollar availability increases.

	NFEM RATE (\$/₦)	Diff.
3-Jul-25	1,525.8246	
2-Jul-25	1,526.1577	↓ (0.3331)

Source: FMDQ

## Commodities

Oil prices dipped on Thursday as concerns about the reinstatement of U.S. tariffs raised demand uncertainties, especially ahead of a likely output increase from major producers. Brent crude futures dropped 56 cents, or 0.81%, to \$68.55 per barrel by 12:46 p.m. EDT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude declined 70 cents, or 1.04%, to \$66.75 amid thin trading due to the Independence Day holiday. Gold prices also fell, pressured by stronger-than-expected U.S. payroll data, which reduced the likelihood of an early Federal Reserve rate cut. Spot gold slid 0.9% to \$3,328.63 per ounce by 2:00 p.m. EDT, after falling more than 1% earlier.

**Outlook:** Thursday's robust jobs report confirmed the economy's ongoing strength, but the Fed is still likely to keep rates unchanged for now.

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)	37.18 (-9.04% YTD as of 02-Jul-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (MAY'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*68.55 (-0.03 d/d)

Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital

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