

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



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MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

Despite a coupon inflow of ₦74.34 billion, system liquidity remained in deficit at ₦400.70 billion. Funding rates were mixed, with the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) rising by 8bps to 32.50%, while the Overnight (O/N) rate declined by 8bps to 32.75%.

Outlook: Anticipated coupon inflows of about ₦29.58 billion are likely to enhance system liquidity. Nonetheless, rates are expected to remain around the similar level as investors pay attention of the MPC decision on future liquidity.

	Sys. Liq. (₦'bn)	Diff.
22-Jul-25	-400.70	
21-Jul-25	-499.69	↑ 98.99

Source: CBN

Treasury Bills

The Treasury Bills secondary market maintained a subdued tone, with activity largely restricted to selective maturities. Limited activity, mainly on mid-tenor bills, pushed the average NTB rate to 16.40% by close.

Outlook: We expect a quiet open tomorrow as market participants shift focus to the NTB auction.

	22-Jul-25	21-Jul-25	Change in Rates
79 DAYS	15.52%	15.52%	→ 0.00%
170 DAYS	16.38%	16.50%	↓ -0.12%
352 DAYS	15.32%	15.32%	→ 0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 22-Jul-2025

FGN Bonds

The FGN bond market opened on a quiet note, with limited activity early in the session as investors stayed cautious ahead of the MPC decision. However, mild interest was seen in mid-tenor on-the-run bonds, particularly the 2033 maturity, which traded around the 16.00% yield level.

Outlook: We expect a similarly cautious tone tomorrow, as attention shifts to the outcome of the NTB auction.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS

	22-Jul-25	21-Jul-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	16.50%	16.50%	→ 0.00%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	16.08%	16.08%	→ 0.00%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	15.76%	15.74%	↑ 0.02%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	15.67%	15.68%	↓ -0.01%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 22-Jul-2025

Eurobonds

African Eurobonds sustained positive ground as the U.S. President Trump called the FED chair a “numbskull” and begin to countdown on his remaining tenor in office. Nigerian Eurobonds traded on a mixed note with a mild buy-side bias, reflecting cautious optimism among investors as average yields dropped 3bps to 8.3% on average.

Outlook: FED Chair's neutral stance and absence of hawkish cues to promote a mildly bullish outlook for Nigerian Eurobonds, as stable U.S. yields encourage cautious risk-on positioning.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS			
	22-Jul-25	21-Jul-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	7.58%	7.65%	↓ -0.07%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/33	8.85%	8.88%	↓ -0.03%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	9.30%	9.30%	→ 0.00%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	9.89%	9.92%	↓ -0.03%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	8.44%	8.44%	→ 0.00%

Source: FBN UK Runs for 22-Jul-2025

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market extended its positive run for the fourteenth consecutive trading session, posting a day-on-day gain of 0.47% on Tuesday as the All-Share Index (ASI) climbed to a new all-time high of 132,351.73 points. Market sentiment remained upbeat, with 36 gainers outpacing 34 decliners. The rally was driven by notable gains in DANGSUGAR (+10.00%), CADBURY (+8.90%), WAPCO (+8.62%), NAHCO (+6.75%), BUACEMENT (+4.01%), NESTLE (+1.93%), and UBA (+1.85%). These gains outweighed declines recorded in ARADEL (-4.03%), NB (-1.62%), GTCO (-0.74%), ZENITHBANK (-0.35%), and UCAP (-0.24%). Sector-wise, the Industrial Goods Index led the performance chart with a gain of +2.87%, followed by the Consumer Goods Index (+0.50%), Insurance Index (+0.25%), and Banking Index (+0.12%). The Oil & Gas Index was the sole laggard, closing at -1.04%. Market activity also improved, as total volume and value traded rose by 9.29% and 24.24% to 771.65 million units and ₦26.79 billion, respectively. Key block trades included 12.21m ACCESSCORP at ₦36.30, 17m UBA at ₦48.00, and 30m ELLAHLAKES between the range of ₦10.50 and ₦10.55

Outlook: The market is expected to remain mixed tomorrow.

Top 5 Equity Advancers			
Name (Symbol)	Closing Price	Gain(N)	% Change
DANGSUGAR	56.10	5.10	↑ 10.00%
TIP	12.13	1.10	↑ 9.97%
SOVRENINS	1.34	0.12	↑ 9.84%
ENAMELWA	22.35	2.00	↑ 9.83%
UPL	6.15	0.55	↑ 9.82%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

Top 5 Equity Decliners			
Name (Symbol)	Closing Price	Loss(N)	% Change
LEGENDINT	5.31	-0.59	↓ -10.00%
ELLAHLAKES	9.90	-1.10	↓ -10.00%
FTNCOCOA	6.09	-0.67	↓ -9.91%
MEYER	17.05	-1.85	↓ -9.79%
THOMASWY	3.06	-0.33	↓ -9.73%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGXASI	↑ 0.47%	↑ 4.55%	↑ 10.40%	↑ 28.69%
NSE Banking Index	↑ 0.12%	↑ 3.15%	↑ 19.66%	↑ 41.27%
NSE Insurance Index	↑ 0.25%	↓ -4.30%	↑ 14.04%	↑ 20.00%
NSE Industrial Goods Index	↑ 2.87%	↑ 21.67%	↑ 25.90%	↑ 28.23%
NSE Consumer Goods Index	↑ 0.50%	↑ 3.69%	↑ 7.53%	↑ 63.67%
NSE Oil & Gas Index	↓ -1.04%	↓ -1.92%	↓ -1.55%	↓ -11.52%

Foreign Exchange

The interbank Nigerian Foreign Exchange Market (NFEM) remained relatively liquid and stable amid a modest uptick in FX demand. The naira traded within a narrow band of ₦1,534.00 to ₦1,537.00 per U.S. dollar before closing at ₦1,535.24, marking an 18bps depreciation. As of July 21, 2025, Nigeria’s gross external reserves stood at approximately \$38.25 billion, reflecting a daily increase of \$306.74 million.

Outlook: The naira should hold steady around current levels.

NFEM RATE (\$/N)		Diff.
22-Jul-25	1,535.24	
21-Jul-25	1,532.54	↑ 2.6941

Source: CBN

Commodities

Oil prices declined for a third consecutive session on Tuesday on concerns the brewing trade war between major crude consumers the United States and the European Union will curb fuel demand growth by reducing economic activity. Brent crude dipped 70 cents to \$68.53 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate slipped \$2.34 to \$64.86. Meanwhile, gold prices jumped by 1%, reaching a five-week high drawing strength from trade uncertainty and weaker U.S. bond yields as investors continue to eye U.S. President Donald Trump's August 1 tariff deadline. Spot gold rose 1.01% to \$3,428.55 per ounce, while U.S. gold futures closed 0.95% higher at \$3,443.20.

Outlook: Markets appear confident that supply will reach the market via certain channels, with limited concern about any potential disruptions.

Macro Indicators	
GDP (Q1 2025)	+3.13% (Q4: 2024 +3.76% y/y)
Inflation (June 2025)	22.22% (May'25: 22.97%)
External Reserve (US\$'billion)	38.25 (-6.44% YTD as of 21-Jul-25)
Monetary Policy Rate (July'2025)	27.50%
Cash Reserve Requirement (CRR)	50.00%
Brent Crude Price US\$/bbl	*68.43 (-0.78 d/d)

Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital

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