

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



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MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

Although still in deficit, system liquidity improved today, supported by a ₦179.2 billion decline in Deposit Money Banks' (DMBs) borrowings from the CBN's Standing Lending Facility (SLF) window. A coupon inflow of ₦29.34 billion was also recorded, though its impact on overall liquidity was minimal. As a result, funding rates moderated, with the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) falling by 125 basis points to 31.25%, and the Overnight (O/N) rate declining by 108 basis points to 31.67%.

Outlook: Coupon inflow of ₦29.58 billion and the NTB PMA sales are expected to influence the market liquidity

SYS. LIQ. (₦BN)	Diff.
23-Jul-25	-349.20
22-Jul-25	-400.70
	↑ 51.49

Source: CBN

Treasury Bills

The Treasury Bills secondary market maintained a subdued tone, as investors' attention turned to the NTB auction. Limited activity, pushed the average NTB rate to 17.63% by close.

Outlook: Liquidity condition and results of the NTB auction to guide market direction.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES	23-Jul-25	22-Jul-25	Change in Rates
78 DAYS	15.52%	15.52%	→ 0.00%
169 DAYS	16.47%	16.38%	↑ 0.09%
351 DAYS	15.32%	15.32%	→ 0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 23-Jul-2025

FGN Bonds

The FGN bond market traded on a mixed note with investors' attention tilt towards the NTB auction. However, bearish interest was seen in mid and long-tenor on-the-run bonds, particularly the 2029 and 20253 maturity, which traded around the 16.55% and 15.86% yield level, respectively.

Outlook: We expect sustained sentiment from investors.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS	23-Jul-25	22-Jul-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	16.55%	16.52%	↑ 0.03%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	16.50%	16.50%	→ 0.00%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	15.76%	15.76%	→ 0.00%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	15.86%	15.67%	↑ 0.19%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 23-Jul-2025

Eurobonds

Sustained positive sentiment on the Africa Eurobonds as investors reacts to the possible trade deal between U.S. and E.U. Nigerian Eurobonds traded on a mixed note with a mild buy-side bias, as average yields dropped to 8.26%.

Outlook: We expect sustained market sentiment as investors weight the trade talk agreement between U.S. and the EU.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS			
	23-Jul-25	22-Jul-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	7.50%	7.58%	↓ -0.08%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/33	8.74%	8.85%	↓ -0.11%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	9.19%	9.30%	↓ -0.11%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	9.86%	9.89%	↓ -0.03%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	8.29%	8.44%	↓ -0.15%

Source: FBN UK Runs for 23-Jul-2025

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equity market extended its bullish momentum, closing today’s trading session in positive territory as key performance indicators—the NGX-ASI and Market Capitalization—advanced by 8bps. Despite negative market breadth, investor sentiment remained upbeat around high- and mid-cap stocks such as NAHCO (+9.65%), ACCESSCORP (+3.64%), NESTLE (+2.16%), ZENITHBANK (+1.06%), UCAP (+0.74%), and ARADEL (+0.40%). Sector-wise, the Banking Index led the gainers’ chart with a +0.44% increase, followed by the Consumer Goods Index (+0.30%), Insurance Index (+0.13%), and Oil & Gas Index (+0.21%). However, the Industrial Goods Index recorded its first decline in two weeks, dipping by -0.62%. Market activity showed a bearish tone, as total volume and value traded declined by 11.72% and 36.47% to 681.24 million units and ₦17.02 billion, respectively. Key block trades included 44m ELLAHLAKES at ₦9.55, 40M ROYALEX at ₦1.22, 20M UNIVINSURE at ₦0.72 and 30m JAPAU LGOLD at ₦2.78.

Outlook: Tomorrow, we expect the market to trade mixed amidst profit-taking from the high-capped stocks and investors positive sentiment surrounding H1-2025 earnings expectations.

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
ACADEMY	7.70	0.70	↑ 10.00%
TIP	13.34	1.21	↑ 9.98%
IKEJAHOTEL	21.00	1.90	↑ 9.95%
ENAMELWA	24.55	2.20	↑ 9.84%
NAHCO	117.00	10.30	↑ 9.65%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
AUSTINLAZ	2.34	-0.26	↓ -10.00%
TRIPPLEG	3.89	-0.43	↓ -9.95%
OMATEK	1.30	-0.14	↓ -9.72%
DAARCOMM	0.75	-0.08	↓ -9.64%
MULTIVERSE	9.00	-0.90	↓ -9.09%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↑ 0.08%	↑ 2.78%	↑ 10.48%	↑ 28.79%
NSE BANKING INDEX	↑ 0.44%	↓ -3.22%	↑ 20.19%	↑ 41.89%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	↑ 0.13%	↓ -1.27%	↑ 14.19%	↑ 20.16%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	↓ -0.62%	↑ 19.53%	↑ 25.12%	↑ 27.43%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.30%	↑ 2.63%	↑ 7.84%	↑ 64.16%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	↑ 0.21%	↓ -1.54%	↓ -1.35%	↓ -11.34%

Foreign Exchange

Naira in the interbank Nigerian Foreign Exchange Market (NFEM) dipped by 38 kobo to remained relatively liquid and stable amid a modest uptick in FX demand. The naira traded within a narrow band of ₦1,530.00 to ₦1,537.00 per U.S. dollar before closing at ₦1,535.62, marking an 2bps depreciation. As of July 22, 2025, Nigeria’s gross external reserves stood at approximately \$38.37 billion, reflecting a daily increase of \$121.12 million.

Outlook: The naira should hold steady around current levels.

NFEM RATE (\$/N)		Diff.
23-Jul-25	1,535.6169	
22-Jul-25	1,535.2369	↑ 0.3800

Source: CBN

Commodities

For the fourth consecutive sessions on Wednesday, global oil prices fell as investors assessed the U.S. tariff deal with Japan ahead of talks between EU and U.S. Brent crude shed 15 cents to \$68.44 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate slipped 16 cents to \$65.15. Similarly, gold prices recede by over 1%, a U.S.-Japan trade deal eased market uncertainty. Spot gold dipped by 1.22% to \$3,387.86 per ounce, while U.S. gold futures closed 1.27% lower at \$3,395.80.

Outlook: Market is expected to react to the outcome of the trade talk between the EU and U.S. officials.

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)	38.37 (-6.14% YTD as of 22-Jul-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (JULY'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*68.44 (-0.15 d/d)

Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital

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