DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.

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MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

Despite the ₦185.9bn bond settlement, the system liquidity increased by ₦155.7bn to ₦1.3tn, largely driven by ₦459.0bn increase in SDF. As such, funding rates remains relatively stable, with the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) sustained 26.5% level, while the Overnight (O/N) rate dipped marginally by 8bps to 26.88%.

Outlook: *We expect rates to remain moderate, supported by liquidity about ₦1tn and barring any significant funding.*

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30-Jul-25	1,275.70	
29-Jul-25	1,119.98	155.72
Source: CBN		

Treasury Bills

Despite ample system liquidity, the NTB secondary market opened on a bearish note. Yields climbed notably at the mid- to long-end of the curve, with the 05-Mar-2026 and 09-Jul-2026 papers rising by 16bps and 77bps to 18.69% and 18.69%, respectively. As a result, the average benchmark yield edged higher by 10bps to 17.73%.

Outlook: *Investors sentiment to align with the robust system liquidity.*

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES	30-Jul-25	29-Jul-25	Change in Rates
85 DAYS	16.49%	16.49%	0.00%
176 DAYS	15.85%	15.85%	0.00%
358 DAYS	15.80%	15.90%	-0.10%
Source: FMDQ DQL for 30-Jul-2025			

FGN Bonds

Bond market ended on a bearish note, with limited activity at the short-end. The mid-segment recorded sharp selloffs, as yields on the FGN 2033 advanced 61bps to 16.79%. The long end also faced selling pressure, with the FGN 2038 and 2053 papers rising 13bps and 17bps to 15.68% and 15.84%, respectively. Overall, the average benchmark yield rose by 7bps to 16.27%.

Outlook: *We expect sustained sentiment from investors.*

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS	30-Jul-25	29-Jul-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	16.05%	16.05%	0.00%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	16.04%	16.50%	-0.46%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	15.68%	15.55%	0.13%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	15.84%	15.67%	0.17%
Source: FMDQ DQL for 30-Jul-2025			

Eurobonds

Africa Eurobonds traded mixed, as the Egyptian and Angolan markets declined amid rising death tolls from fuel price hike protests. In contrast, Nigerian Eurobonds posted gains, supported by increased oil price ahead of the Fed rate decision, as average yields slipped marginally by 5bps to 8.14%.

Outlook*: Fed meeting outcome to drive market sentiment in the next session*

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS			
	30-Jul-25	29-Jul-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	7.42%	7.42%	0.00%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/33	8.63%	8.67%	-0.04%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	9.08%	9.12%	-0.04%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	9.73%	9.79%	-0.06%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	7.53%	7.83%	-0.30%
Source: FBN UK Runs for 30-Jul-2025			

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	0.99%	5.07%	16.09%	35.32%
NSE BANKING INDEX	1.94%	4.58%	25.69%	48.39%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	-0.95%	7.76%	23.04%	29.48%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	1.35%	5.88%	32.48%	34.93%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	0.10%	3.07%	11.16%	69.20%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	-0.08%	2.15%	0.78%	-9.43%

Nigerian Equities

Bullish momentum persisted in the Nigerian stock market for the 20th consecutive session, as the NGX All-Share Index (NGX-ASI) advanced by 99bps to close at 139,278.67 points, bringing year-to-date performance to 35.32%. Market breadth closed positive with 39 gainers against 32 decliners, underscoring sustained investor interest in high- and mid-cap stocks such as DANGSUGAR (+9.97%), WAPCO (+7.63%), MTNN (+4.32%), NB (+4.05%), ZENITHBANK (+2.74%), and UBA (+0.42%). Three major sectoral indices posted gains, led by Banking (+1.94%), Industrial Goods (+1.35%), and Consumer Goods (+0.10%), while Insurance (-0.95%) and Oil & Gas (-0.08%) declined. Market activity was mixed: total volume dipped by 2.0% to 922.0m shares, while total value increased by 15.6% to ₦35.4bn. Notable trades included 74.6m units of FIDELITYBK at ₦21.0, 18.4m units of ACCESSCORP at ₦27.7, and 19.6m units of ETI at ₦37.5.

Outlook: *Impressive eearnings release to sustain market sentiment*

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
MULTIVERSE	9.90	0.90	10.00%
ROYALEX	1.54	0.14	10.00%
BERGER	37.50	3.40	9.97%
DANGSUGAR	71.15	6.45	9.97%
NPFMCRFBK	3.42	0.31	9.97%
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital			

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
ABBEYBDS	6.48	-0.72	-10.00%
FTNCOCOA	6.30	-0.70	-10.00%
LIVINGTRUST	6.59	-0.73	-9.97%
SUNUASSUR	4.14	-0.44	-9.61%
CONHALLPLC	3.20	-0.27	-7.78%
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital			

Foreign Exchange

The Naira traded relatively stable at the Nigerian interbank NFEM, with the USD/NGN rate ranging between ₦1,532.0 and ₦1,535.5. The Naira dipped slightly, depreciating by 9bps to close at an average of ₦1,534.52 to the dollar. As of July 29, 2025, Nigeria's gross foreign reserves rose to about $39.27 billion, representing a daily gain of roughly $124.42 million.

Outlook: *We anticipate sustain rate moderation around similar level.*

NFEM RATE ($/₦)		Diff.
30-Jul-25	1,534.5214	
29-Jul-25	1,533.1823	1.3391
Source: CBN		

Commodities

Global oil prices climbed more than 1% as investors focused on developments on President Trump's tighter deadline for Russia to end the war in Ukraine and his tariff threats to countries that trade its oil. Brent crude gained 84 cents to $73.35 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate appreciates by 92 cents to $70.13. However, gold prices fell by over 1% as solid U.S. economic data reinforced expectations Fed to hold interest rates steady. Spot gold dipped by 1.1% to $3,289.66 per ounce, while U.S. gold futures closed 1.4% lower at $3,336.12.

Outlook: *Commodities prices to trade in the direction as investors focus on the tariff deadline.*

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$'BILLION)	39.27 (-3.94% YTD as of 29-Jul-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (JULY'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US$/BBL	*73.35 (+0.84 d/d)
Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital	