

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



Wednesday, 27 August 2025

MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

A significant liquidity surge followed yesterday's SRA inflows, prompting the CBN to mop up excess funds with a ₦300 billion OMO auction. Subscriptions hit ₦860 billion, with ₦842.5 billion allotted. Despite the intervention, interbank rates held at 26.5%. The Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) stayed at 26.50%, while the Overnight (O/N) rate fell 8bps to 26.88%.

Outlook: Rates should hold near 26.5% tomorrow unless major funding pressures emerge.

SYS. LIQ. (₦'BN)	Diff.
27-Aug-25	2,578.60
26-Aug-25	1,475.53
	↑ 1,103.08

Source: CBN

FGN Bonds

The bonds market turned bearish, with selling pressure on short to mid-dated tenors like the 2029s, 2031s, 2032s, and 2033s. The average mid-yield closed at 17.06%.

Outlook: Tomorrow's session is likely to maintain a mixed to bearish tone.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS

	27-Aug-25	26-Aug-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	17.86%	17.64%	↑ 0.22%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	15.67%	15.66%	↑ 0.00%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	16.24%	16.24%	↓ 0.00%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	16.07%	16.07%	↓ 0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 27-Aug-2025

Treasury Bills

The Treasury bills market saw mixed sentiment with activity concentrated on select papers. Demand focused on the 23-Dec and 17-Feb OMO bills, while the 05-Mar and 20-Aug NTB papers saw offers. The average rate fell 10bps day-on-day. The CBN held another OMO auction today, offering ₦300 billion on the 83-day 18-Nov tenor. Subscriptions reached ₦860 billion, with ₦842.5 billion allotted. The stop rate settled at 26.49%, slightly below the previous 26.499%. The benchmark NTB mid-rate closed at 17.27%.

Outlook: Tomorrow's session is likely to maintain its mixed tone.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES

	27-Aug-25	26-Aug-25	Change in Rates
85 DAYS	16.21%	16.21%	→ 0.00%
176 DAYS	16.78%	16.78%	→ 0.00%
358 DAYS	17.33%	17.25%	↑ 0.08%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 27-Aug-2025

Eurobonds

African Eurobonds traded mixed to bullish as higher oil prices and some investor resilience offset concerns over Trump's move to dismiss Fed Governor Lisa Cook over fraud allegations. Nigerian Eurobond yields edged 1bp higher to 7.99%.

Outlook: Friday's inflation report remains the key focus, with markets still expecting a September rate cut.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS				
	27-Aug-25	26-Aug-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	6.93%	6.89%	⬆️	0.04%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/3:	8.30%	8.28%	⬆️	0.02%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/3:	8.87%	8.89%	⬇️	-0.02%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	9.43%	9.44%	⬇️	-0.01%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	6.45%	6.46%	⬇️	-0.01%
Source: FBN UK Runs for 27-Aug-2025				

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market closed negative as the ASI dipped 36bps to 141,248.76, trimming YTD gains to 37.23%. Market breadth remained weak with 16 gainers against 40 losers. DEAPCAP (+4.82%) led advancers, while CORNERST and RTBRISCOE (-10% each) topped decliners. FCMB dominated activity with 108.49m units traded, while ARADEL led value at ₦4.1bn. Sector performance was largely bearish, with the Banking Index down 76bps on sell pressure in GTCO, FCMB, and ZENITHBANK, despite strength in UBA (+2.27%). The Consumer Goods Index lost 86bps, weighed by GUINNESS (-7.28%) and INTBREW (-5.45%). The Oil & Gas Index edged up 18bps on OANDO (+1.79%), while Industrials closed flat. Trading activity strengthened, with value traded up 72.75% to \$14.41m, driven by significant crosses in NESTLE, ARADEL, SEPLAT, FCMB, NB, and GTCO. Overall, sentiment skewed bearish, particularly in the final hours.

Outlook: Tomorrow's trading is likely to remain quiet, with limited activity outside of cross deals.

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
DEAPCAP	1.74	0.08	⬆️ 4.82%
LEGENDINT	5.65	0.25	⬆️ 4.63%
HONYFLOUR	22.50	0.90	⬆️ 4.17%
TANTALIZER	2.59	0.09	⬆️ 3.60%
AFRIPRUD	16.50	0.50	⬆️ 3.13%
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital			

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
CORNERST	6.39	-0.71	⬇️ -10.00%
RTBRISCOE	3.06	-0.34	⬇️ -10.00%
ABCTRANS	4.51	-0.49	⬇️ -9.80%
NGXGROUP	53.55	-5.75	⬇️ -9.70%
MBENEFIT	4.06	-0.43	⬇️ -9.58%
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital			

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	⬇️ -0.36%	⬇️ -0.22%	⬆️ 0.99%	⬆️ 37.23%
NSE BANKING INDEX	⬇️ -0.76%	⬆️ 2.41%	⬇️ -2.88%	⬆️ 44.23%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	⬇️ -3.42%	⬆️ 2.13%	⬆️ 45.91%	⬆️ 80.77%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	⬇️ 0.00%	⬇️ -4.02%	⬆️ 2.30%	⬆️ 39.90%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	⬇️ -0.86%	⬆️ 0.93%	⬆️ 9.77%	⬆️ 85.70%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	⬆️ 0.18%	⬆️ 0.35%	⬇️ -3.45%	⬇️ -11.73%

Foreign Exchange

There was improved dollar liquidity in the market supported by a participation from the CBN, with the naira trading between ₦1,536.25/\$ and ₦1,538.50/\$. Nigeria's gross reserves reached \$41.19 billion as of 25 August 2025, rising \$85.58 million from the prior day. NFEM data was last updated 25 August 2025.

Outlook: The naira should remain stable amid growing external reserves.

NFEM RATE (\$/₦)		Diff.
25-Aug-25	1,536.4245	
22-Aug-25	1,535.0379	⬆️ 1.3866
Source: CBN		

Commodities

Oil prices closed higher on Wednesday after U.S. crude inventories posted a sharper-than-expected decline, while markets also considered the possible effects of new U.S. tariffs on India. Brent crude rose 83 cents, or 1.2%, to \$68.05 per barrel, and West Texas Intermediate climbed 90 cents, or 1.4%, to \$64.15, rebounding from Tuesday's 2% drop. Gold prices were little changed as investors awaited inflation data for signals on interest rate cuts. Concerns over the Federal Reserve's independence lingered after President Trump's attempt to dismiss a Fed governor. Spot gold edged up 0.1% to \$3,394.49, while December futures gained 0.5% to \$3,448.60.

Outlook: Investors await fresh inflation-sensitive demand cues tied to potential U.S. rate cuts and geopolitical uncertainty.

MACRO INDICATORS	
GDP (Q1 2025)	+3.13% (Q4: 2024 +3.76% y/y)
INFLATION (JULY 2025)	21.88% (Jun'25: 22.22%)
EXTERNAL RESERVE (US\$BILLION)	41.19 (+0.77% YTD as of 25-Aug-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (JULY'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*68.05 (+0.83 d/d)
Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital	

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