

Tuesday, 05 August 2025

#### **MARKET COMMENTARY**

# **System Liquidity**

Interbank liquidity improved significantly ahead of tomorrow's NTB auction, rising to ₩2.26tn from a previous opening balance of ₩1.21tn. Despite the increase, funding costs edged higher as the average rate climbed 60bps to 27.35%, with the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) up 50bps to 27.50% and the Overnight (O/N) rate up 70bps to 27.20%.

Outlook: Rates should stay near current levels tomorrow unless significant market moves occur.

SYS. LIQ. ( <del>N</del> 'BN)		Diff.
5-Aug-25	2,256.74	
4-Aug-25	1,209.25	<b>1,047.49</b>
Source: CBN		

### **Treasury Bills**

The Treasury bill market traded on quiet note, with investor attention on the CBN's OMO auction and tomorrow's NTB auction. At the OMO auction, \\$600 billion was offered across the 105-day and 245-day maturities, with total subscriptions \2,2tn, while \2,12tn was allotted in the 245-day tenor at a stop rate of 23.70%, while no bids were accepted for the 105-day maturity.

Outlook: Market players will concentrate on tomorrow's NTB auction, where ₩220 billion will be offered across the usual tenors.

Please see below, our expectation for tomorrow's NTB auction.

AUCTION DATE	TENOR	OFFER AMOUNT (N'MN)	LAST STOP RATE	EXPECTED STOP RATE RANGE
06-Aug-25	91-Day	60,000.00	15.000%	15.9200 - 16.2800
06-Aug-25	182-Day	20,000.00	15.500%	16.0000 - 16.3200
06-Aug-25	364-Day	140,000.00	15.880%	16.5000 - 16.9000

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES				
	05-Aug-25	04-Aug-25	Change in Rates	
79 DAYS	16.25%	16.25%	→ 0.00%	
170 DAYS	16.57%	16.57%	→ 0.00%	
352 DAYS	15.73%	15.73%	→ 0.00%	
Source: FMDO DOL for 05-Aug-2025				

#### **FGN Bonds**

The FGN bond market traded cautiously amid focus on the large OMO auction allotment of \\2.12 trillion. Yields rose on the 2031 and 2033 bonds but fell on the 2032 maturity. Overall, the average benchmark yield edged up slightly by 1 basis point to 16.27%.

Outlook: With attention on the NTB auction tomorrow, we expect the market to trade along same pattern.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS	;			
	05-Aug-25	04-Aug-25	Cha	nge in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	16.87%	16.87%	<b>→</b>	0.00%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	15.88%	15.88%	•	0.00%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	15.68%	15.68%	<b>→</b>	0.00%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	15.97%	15.92%	1	0.05%
Source: FMDO DOL for 05-Aug-2025				

#### **Eurobonds**

Despite the decline in global crude oil prices, African Eurobonds sustained a bullish trend, supported by President Trump's threats to India over its Russian oil purchases. Notably, Nigerian Eurobonds saw average yields rise slightly by 3bps to 8.11%.

Outlook: Market to assess U.S. threat against Russia and the countries purchasing its oil.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS					
	05-Aug-25	04-Aug-25	Change in Yield		
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	7.37%	7.41%	-0.04%		
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/33	8.58%	8.58%	→ 0.00%		
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	9.06%	9.10%	-0.04%		
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	9.69%	9.73%	-0.04%		
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	7.81%	7.82%	-0.01%		
Source: FBN UK Runs for 05-Aug-2025					

# **Nigerian Equities**

The Nigerian equities market closed on a positive note, extending its bullish run as the NGX All-Share Index (NGX-ASI) rose 50bps to 144,796.37 points. The rally was fueled by sustained buying interest in both large-cap and lowpriced stocks, including BUACEMENT, AIICO, HONYFLOUR, OANDO, and 48 others across three major sectors. The Insurance sector led gains with a 7.51% daily surge, boosted by the presidential approval of the Insurance Reform Bill. Industrial Goods advanced 3.35%, while Oil & Gas gained 0.91%, driven by strong demand in BUACEMENT, OANDO, and ARADEL. In contrast, the Banking and Consumer Goods sectors dipped by 0.86% and 0.43%, respectively, amid profit-taking and portfolio rebalancing toward other sectors. Market activity strengthened further, with total trade volume and value up 26.73% and 17.28%, respectively. Major deals includes 17.3m units of GTCO at ¥100.5 and ¥100.85, 44.1m units of FIDELITYBK at \21, 350k units of ARADEL at \517. and 1.5m units of WAPCO at ₩146.5.

Outlook: Tomorrow's trading activity is likely to mirror today's pattern.

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS CLOSING NAME (SYMBOL) PRICE GAIN(N) % CHANGE				
AIICO	2.64	0.24	<b>1</b> 0.00%	
BUACEMENT	170.50	15.50	<b>1</b> 0.00%	
MBENEFIT	2.20	0.20	<b>1</b> 0.00%	
NEIMETH	7.70	0.70	<b>1</b> 0.00%	
ENAMELWA	29.70	2.70	<b>1</b> 0.00%	
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital				

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS  CLOSING  NAME (SYMBOL) PRICE LOSS(N) % CHANGE					
LIVINGTRUST	5.94	-0.65	<b>-</b> 9.86%		
ACADEMY	8.95	-0.95	-9.60%		
MECURE	15.80	-1.60	<b>-</b> 9.20%		
CADBURY	63.00	-5.00	<b>-</b> 7.35%		
ETERNA	38.00	-1.95	<b>-</b> 4.88%		
Source: NGX. AIICO Capital					

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	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	• 0.50%	4.99%	<b>1.53%</b>	40.68%
NSE BANKING INDEX	-0.86%	<b>1.75</b> %	-0.26%	48.11%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	<b>?</b> 7.51%	<b></b> 5.10%	<b>1</b> 0.88%	<b>?</b> 37.38%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	<b>?</b> 3.35%	<b>16.15</b> %	<b>13.08%</b>	<b>\$4.64%</b>
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	-0.43%	<b>6.25</b> %	<b>6.17%</b>	79.60%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	0.91%	<b>↓</b> -1.10%	·1.94%	<b>↓</b> -10.36%

## **Foreign Exchange**

The interbank NFEM remained relatively liquid and stable, despite a moderate rise in FX demand. The Naira USD/NGN pair traded within a range of \$/\\$1,532.0 to \$/\\$1,534.0. By session close, the Naira appreciated slightly by 2bps to settle at \$/₩1,533.0.

Outlook: The Naira is expected to maintain its current trading range in the near term.

NFEM RATE	E(\$/₦)	Diff.
5-Aug-25	1,533.5000	
4-Aug-25	1,533.8500	(0.3500)
Source: CBN		

#### Commodities

Oil prices edged lower as rising OPEC+ supply and worries of weaker global demand countered concern about U.S. President Trump's threats to India over its Russian oil purchases. Brent crude and U.S. WI+TI slipped 1.17cents each, to settle at \$67.59 and \$65.12 per barrel, respectively. Meanwhile, gold prices climbed to a near two-week high, supported by growing expectations of U.S. interest rate cuts, while investors awaited President Trump's decision on Federal Reserve appointments. Spot gold gained 0.2% to \$3,380.08 per ounce; futures settled at \$3,433.77.

Outlook: We expect oil prices to continue to trade rangebound.