

WEEKLY FINANCIAL MARKETS.



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MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

The interbank market started the week on a positive note with a surplus of ₦750.3billion, by mid-week, the system faced persistent liquidity tightness till end of the week, deepening into a deficit position following the rise in DMB's reliance on the CBN's SLF window as no inflow was recorded during the week. Overall, the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) rose by 560bps w/w to 32.10%, while the Overnight (O/N) rate increased by 540bps to 32.40%.

Outlook: Interbank rates should remain elevated at 32.5% until the c.₦1.05 trillion NTB and OMO inflows are credited. These funds are anticipated to ease liquidity tightness and push rates down toward 26.5%.

SYS. LIQ. (₦BN)	Diff.
15-Aug-25	-94.56
8-Aug-25	750.33
	↓ (844.89)

Source: CBN

Treasury Bills

The Nigerian Treasury Bill secondary market opened the week on a positive note, buoyed by robust system liquidity that drove moderate yield compression across the curve. Mid-week, however, sentiment turned mixed as liquidity shifted into negative territory, triggering mild sell-offs across

across tenors. Notable activity was seen in the 06 Nov 2025, 12 Mar 2026, and 06 Aug 2026 bills, with yields declining by 41bps to 16.70%, 16bps to 18.93%, and 41bps to 19.11%, respectively. In contrast, the 20 Nov 2025, 26 Mar 2026, and 09 Jul 2026 papers recorded yield increases of 16bps to 17.41%, 37bps to 18.92%, and 41bps to 18.95%, respectively. Overall, the average yield edged down by 1bp to close at 17.96%.

Outlook: Activities to be driven by the outcome of NTB auction and available liquidity.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES			
	15-Aug-25	08-Aug-25	Change in Rates
83 DAYS	16.70%	17.10%	↓ -0.40%
174 DAYS	18.38%	18.46%	↓ -0.08%
356 DAYS	19.11%	19.53%	↓ -0.42%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 15-Aug-2025

FGN Bonds

The FGN bond market ended the week with a mixed performance as investors maintained a cautious stance. Trading activity was initially skewed toward short- and mid-dated maturities, while longer-term bonds came under selling pressure, most notably the FGN 2037 and FGN 2038, whose yields rose by 52bps to 16.09% and 19bps to 15.87%, respectively. This weakness was partly offset by a notable gain in the 14.55% FGN 2029, which saw its yield drop by 35bps to 16.42%. Market sentiment weakened further after the DMO revealed a higher-than-anticipated bond auction size and unveiled a new 5-year NIGB AUG 2030 issue, which pushed yields upward across much of the mid-curve.

However, sentiment improved toward the close of the week following the release of July CPI at 21.88%, indicating slower inflation and spurring renewed buying interest. Despite the late recovery, the average benchmark yield still advanced by 11bps w/w to settle at 16.20%.

Outlook: Market to trade cautiously as concentration likely to shift towards on the next week NTB auction.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS				
	15-Aug-25	08-Aug-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	16.90%	16.87%	⬆️	0.03%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	15.66%	15.65%	⬆️	0.01%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	15.87%	15.68%	⬆️	0.19%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	16.07%	15.92%	⬆️	0.15%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 15-Aug-2025

Eurobonds

African Eurobonds posted a mixed performance during the week as investors reacted to multiple global developments. Markets opened on a positive note, supported by last week’s 25bps interest rate cut by the BoE and optimism over a potential Fed rate cut in September. However, sentiment weakened mid-week after U.S. July CPI held steady at 2.7% and the unexpectedly strong U.S. Producer Price Index (PPI) data put pressure on U.S. Treasuries, triggering broad government bond sell-offs and tempering the expectation of rate-cut. Despite the late-week selling pressure, major African Eurobonds ended the week higher, with Nigerian Eurobonds posting a 20bps decrease in average mid-yield to close at 7.84%.

Outlook: Markets to trade cautiously with mixed sentiment next week as investors digest the outcome of meeting between Trump and Putin.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS				
	15-Aug-25	08-Aug-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	6.94%	7.25%	⬇️	-0.31%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/33	8.32%	8.50%	⬇️	-0.18%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	8.90%	9.03%	⬇️	-0.13%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	9.47%	9.68%	⬇️	-0.21%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	7.93%	7.49%	⬆️	0.44%

Source: FBN UK Runs for 15-Aug-2025

Nigerian Equities

The equities market closed the week on a negative note, marking its first week-on-week decline in 11 weeks. The All-Share Index fell by 0.77% w/w to 144,628.20 points, driven largely by profit-taking in medium- and large-cap stocks. The Oil & Gas index (-1.42% w/w) recorded the steepest loss, reflecting price declines in ARADEL and OANDO. This was followed by Consumer Goods (-0.94% w/w), Industrial Goods (-0.83% w/w), and Banking (-0.23% w/w), while the Insurance index was the lone gainer, rising 8.21% w/w despite late-week profit-taking. Other notable decliners included MTNN, CUSTODIAN, AFRIPRUD, and HONYFLOUR. Overall, the market recorded 50 gainers against 49 losers.

Outlook: We expect the profit-taking exercise to persist. However, portfolio rebalancing to emerge around fundamentally viable stocks.

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	⬇️ -0.46%	⬇️ -0.77%	⬆️ 3.41%	⬆️ 40.52%
NSE Banking Index	⬆️ 0.56%	⬇️ -0.23%	⬇️ -0.47%	⬆️ 47.81%
NSE Insurance Index	⬇️ -8.73%	⬆️ 8.21%	⬆️ 52.14%	⬆️ 88.48%
NSE Industrial Goods Index	⬇️ 0.00%	⬇️ -0.83%	⬆️ 11.59%	⬆️ 52.60%
NSE Consumer Goods Index	⬇️ -0.32%	⬇️ -0.94%	⬆️ 8.98%	⬆️ 84.36%
NSE Oil & Gas Index	⬇️ -0.05%	⬇️ -1.42%	⬇️ -2.96%	⬇️ -11.28%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

Top 5 Equity Advancers W-o-W			
Name (Symbol)	Closing Price	Gain(N)	% Change
MBENEFIT	3.85	0.93	⬆️ 31.85%
TRIPPLEG	5.60	1.30	⬆️ 30.23%
SUNUASSUR	6.19	1.19	⬆️ 23.80%
MECURE	19.10	3.25	⬆️ 20.50%
DEAPCAP	1.61	0.26	⬆️ 19.26%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

Top 5 Equity Decliners W-o-W			
Name (Symbol)	Closing Price	Loss(N)	% Change
UPDC	6.50	-1.40	⬆️ -17.72%
LIVINGTRUST	4.20	-0.80	⬆️ -16.00%
BERGER	32.00	-5.50	⬆️ -14.67%
VFDGROUP	11.90	-1.50	⬆️ -11.19%
UNILEVER	71.50	-8.20	⬆️ -10.29%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

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Foreign Exchange

The Nigerian FX market had a mixed yet relatively stable week, influenced by intermittent Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) interventions and fluctuations in dollar liquidity. The CBN sold about \$166 million during the week, with the naira trading between ₦1,526.00/\$ and ₦1,536.50/\$ at the NFEM before closing at ₦1,530.00 — a 0.32% w/w (N4.90) appreciation. Meanwhile, external reserves rose by approximately \$565 million to \$40.72 billion.

Outlook: In the interim, we expect the FX market to retain its current stability, supported by the Central Bank of Nigeria’s ongoing policy refinements and fiscal measures aimed at sustaining liquidity.

NFEM RATE (\$/₦)		Diff.
15-Aug-25	1,530.0000	
8-Aug-25	1,534.9000	↓ (4.9000)

Source: FMDQ

Commodities

Crude oil prices were volatile during the week as traders awaited talks between President Trump and President Putin, which could potentially ease sanctions on Moscow over the war in Ukraine. Brent crude slipped 41 cents to close at \$66.18 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate fell 71 cents to \$63.17. Gold prices declined after hot inflation data reduced expectations for rate cuts, with market attention turning to the upcoming U.S.–Russia talks. Spot gold fell 1.82% to \$3,337.02 per ounce.

Outlook: Next week, commodities prices are expected to remain volatile, with oil likely trading sideways to lower on oversupply unless the Trump–Putin summit sparks fresh geopolitical risk, while gold could face downside if peace prospects rise but stay supported by Fed policy and macro uncertainty.

MACRO INDICATORS	
GDP (Q1 2025)	+3.13% (Q4: 2024 +3.84% y/y)
INFLATION (JUNE 2025)	21.88% (Jun'25: 22.22%)
EXTERNAL RESERVE (US\$'BILLION)	40.72 (-0.38% YTD as of 13-Aug-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (MAY'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*66.18 (-0.41 w/w)

Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital

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