

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



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MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

The interbank market remained highly liquid following ₦459 billion in OMO maturity inflows. To absorb excess liquidity, the CBN offered ₦600 billion in a short-dated OMO auction, drawing ₦1,179 billion in subscriptions and allotting ₦620.65 billion. Despite the mop-up, interbank rates held at 26.5%. The Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) and Overnight (O/N) rate both rose 7bps to 26.50% and 26.96%, respectively.

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

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2-Sep-25	1,467.50	
1-Sep-25	1,397.49	↑ 70.01

Source: CBN

Treasury Bills

The T-bills secondary market traded quietly following the OMO auction announcement. Activity was limited, with slight interest in the 20-Aug NTB and 7-Apr and 17-Feb OMO bills. The benchmark NTB mid-rate fell 3bps to 17.64%.

Outlook: All eyes will be on tomorrow's NTB auction, with ₦480 billion offered across standard tenors.

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

AUCTION DATE	TENOR	OFFER AMOUNT (₦)	LAST STOP RATE	EXPECTED STOP RATE RANGE
3-Sep-25	91-Day	50,000.00	15.350%	15.5000 - 15.7500
3-Sep-25	182-Day	80,000.00	15.750%	16.0000 - 16.3500
3-Sep-25	364-Day	350,000.00	17.440%	17.1500 - 17.8000

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES

	02-Sep-25	01-Sep-25	Change in Rates
93 DAYS	17.33%	17.33%	→ 0.00%
184 DAYS	17.68%	17.76%	↓ -0.08%
352 DAYS	16.75%	17.28%	↓ -0.53%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 02-Sep-2025

FGN Bonds

The FGN bonds market traded quietly with limited activity. The Feb 2031s, May 2033s, and Jun 2053s saw modest interests, though only a few deals closed. The average mid-yield fell 5bps to 17.01%.

Outlook: Trading is likely to follow today's pattern as markets await tomorrow's NTB auction.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS

	02-Sep-25	01-Sep-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	17.85%	17.86%	↓ 0.00%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	17.06%	17.06%	↑ 0.00%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	16.00%	16.00%	↓ 0.00%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	16.01%	16.07%	↓ -0.06%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 02-Sep-2025

Eurobonds

African Eurobonds turned bearish amid broad selloffs across SSA and North African papers, despite higher oil prices, as markets reopened after the Labor Day closure. Sentiment was weighed down by legal uncertainty over Trump's tariffs — a federal appeals court ruled most of his global tariffs unconstitutional, prompting a vowed Supreme Court appeal — and lingering concerns over Fed independence. Also, U.S. manufacturing data continued to contract in August, adding to the cautious tone. Nigerian Eurobond yields rose 13bps to 8.10% on average.

Outlook: Markets are pricing in a 90% chance of a 25bps September rate cut, though this week's data could strengthen the argument for more aggressive easing.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS				
	02-Sep-25	01-Sep-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	7.08%	6.92%	⬆️	0.16%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/31	8.39%	8.26%	⬆️	0.13%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/31	8.94%	8.82%	⬆️	0.12%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	9.49%	9.41%	⬆️	0.08%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	5.76%	5.77%	⬇️	-0.01%
Source: FBN UK Runs for 02-Sep-2025				

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market closed weaker as the ASI dipped 70bps to 138,737.64 points, trimming YTD gains to 34.79%. Market breadth was broadly negative, with only 11 advancers against 47 decliners. NCR (+9.96%) led the gainers, while CONHAL, WEMABANK, PRESTIGE, and AIICO (-10% each) topped the laggards. GTCO recorded the highest volume at 32.61m units, while SEPLAT dominated value traded at ₦28.45bn. Sector performance was broadly bearish: the Banking Index lost 82bps on broad-based weakness across FCMB (-8.26%), ACCESSCORP (-1.34%), and UBA (-1.16%), though ZENITHBANK (+0.93%) and FIDELITYBK (+0.71%) provided slight support. The Consumer Goods Index fell sharply (-135bps) on heavy losses in PZ (-9.89%), CHAMPION (-9.25%), and CADBURY (-8.33%). The Industrial Index also plunged (-147bps) on WAPCO (-9.88%), while Oil & Gas eked out modest gains (+10bps) on OANDO (+1.04%). Turnover spiked 170.05% to \$26.06m, largely driven by sizeable crosses—SEPLAT (₦5,990), GTCO (₦95.00), and NB (₦70.00)—though overall sentiment remained weak amid delayed banking results and lack of near-term catalysts.

Outlook: Trading is likely to remain quiet and bearish outside of cross deals.

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
NCR	12.70	1.15	⬆️ 9.96%
AUSTINLAZ	3.18	0.28	⬆️ 9.66%
TANTALIZER	2.44	0.14	⬆️ 6.09%
MULTIVERSE	11.50	0.60	⬆️ 5.50%
DEAPCAP	1.79	0.08	⬆️ 4.68%
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital			

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
AIICO	3.42	-0.38	⬇️ -10.00%
CONHALLPLC	3.87	-0.43	⬇️ -10.00%
PRESTIGE	1.62	-0.18	⬇️ -10.00%
WEMABANK	20.70	-2.30	⬇️ -10.00%
ELLAHLAKES	11.43	-1.26	⬇️ -9.93%
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital			

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	⬇️ -0.70%	⬇️ -2.13%	⬇️ -0.80%	⬆️ 34.79%
NSE BANKING INDEX	⬇️ -0.82%	⬇️ -4.89%	⬇️ -6.92%	⬆️ 38.22%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	⬇️ -2.23%	⬇️ -6.66%	⬆️ 41.01%	⬆️ 74.70%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	⬇️ -1.47%	⬇️ -2.76%	⬇️ -0.52%	⬆️ 36.05%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	⬇️ -1.35%	⬇️ -2.99%	⬆️ 7.42%	⬆️ 81.72%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	⬆️ 0.10%	⬇️ -0.70%	⬇️ -4.30%	⬇️ -12.51%

Foreign Exchange

The interbank NFEM held steady, with the naira trading between ₦1,523.0/\$ and ₦1,528.50/\$. It appreciated to close at ₦1,526.06/\$. The CBN's gross reserves rose to \$41.42 billion as of 1 September 2025, up \$154.39 million from the previous day.

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

NFEM RATE (\$/₦)		Diff.
2-Sep-25	1,526.0565	
1-Sep-25	1,526.0940	⬇️ (0.0375)
Source: CBN		

Commodities

Oil prices climbed more than 1% on Tuesday after the U.S. imposed new sanctions aimed at curbing Iran's oil revenues, with traders also looking ahead to Sunday's OPEC+ meeting, where output cuts are expected to remain in place. Brent crude gained 99 cents, or 1.45%, to settle at \$69.14 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate jumped \$1.58, or 2.47%, to \$65.59, after skipping settlement on Monday due to the Labor Day holiday. Meanwhile, gold surged past \$3,500 per ounce to a record high, fueled by expectations of a Fed rate cut and ongoing geopolitical risks. Spot gold rose 1.5% to \$3,529.01, while December futures settled 2.2% higher at \$3,592.20.

Outlook: Investors are focused on the September 7 OPEC+ meeting, where eight members including Saudi Arabia and Russia, are expected to maintain their voluntary production cuts. These measures have helped stabilize oil prices near \$60 per barrel, and we do not anticipate an unwind of the current supply constraints.

MACRO INDICATORS	
GDP (Q1 2025)	+3.13% (Q4: 2024 +3.76% y/y)
INFLATION (JULY 2025)	21.88% (Jun25: 22.22%)
EXTERNAL RESERVE (US\$BILLION)	41.42 (+1.33% YTD as of 01-Sep-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (JULY2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*69.14 (+0.99 d/d)
Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital	

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