

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



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MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

The interbank market retained ample liquidity despite a net OMO settlement of ₦160.40 billion yesterday, holding rates steady at 26.5%. Both the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) and the Overnight (O/N) rate remained unchanged at 26.50% and 26.96%, respectively.

Outlook: Rates should hold near 26.5% tomorrow, as no major funding pressures are expected despite the NTB settlement of ₦585.25 billion (net debit of ₦260.84 billion).

SYS. LIQ. (₦'BN)	Diff.
3-Sep-25	1,373.39
2-Sep-25	1,467.50
	↓ (94.10)

Source: CBN

Treasury Bills

The T-bills market traded quietly as attention remained on the NTB auction, where the DMO offered ₦480 billion across the standard three tenors. Secondary market activity was limited, with only slight movements noted on the 5-Mar and 20-Aug NTBs as well as the 25-Nov OMO bill. The average mid-rate closed at 17.16%. The auction attracted ₦1.012 trillion in total subscriptions, with c.₦585.25 billion allotted. Stop rates settled at 15.32% (-3bps) for the 91-day paper, 15.50% (unchanged) for the 182-day, and 17.69% (+25bps) for the 364-day tenor.

Outlook: Tomorrow's trading may be mixed as some investors sell lower-yielding papers following the higher stop rate on the 1-year paper, while others seek more attractive opportunities.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES

	03-Sep-25	02-Sep-25	Change in Rates
92 DAYS	17.24%	17.33%	↓ -0.09%
183 DAYS	17.37%	17.68%	↓ -0.31%
351 DAYS	16.81%	16.75%	↑ 0.06%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 03-Sep-2025

NTB AUCTION RESULT - 03 September 2025

AUCTION DATE	20-Aug-25		
SETTLEMENT DATE	04-Sep-25		
TENOR	91-Day	182-Day	364-Day
MATURITY DATE	4-Dec-25	5-Mar-26	3-Sep-26
OFFER AMOUNT (₦'BN)	50.0000	80.0000	350.0000
SUBSCRIPTION AMOUNT (₦'BN)	35.2967	38.3553	938.8694
ALLOTMENT AMOUNT (₦'BN)	34.7032	38.3553	512.1908
RANGE OF BIDS	15.00% - 18.03%	15.00% - 15.50%	16.50% - 21.02%
CURRENT STOP RATE: DISCOUNT (YIELD)	15.320% (15.928%)	15.500% (16.798%)	17.690% (21.479%)
LAST STOP RATE: DISCOUNT (YIELD)	15.350% (15.961%)	15.500% (16.798%)	17.440% (21.112%)
CHANGE: DISCOUNT (YIELD)	-0.030% (-0.032%)	+0.000% (+0.000%)	+0.250% (+0.367%)

FGN Bonds

The FGN bonds market traded quietly with limited interest across the curve. The New 2029s, 2033s, and 2053s saw modest activity, though only a few deals were executed. The benchmark yield curve closed at 17.01%.

Outlook: Market sentiment may lean mixed as investors respond to the higher 1-year NTB stop rate, supported by ample liquidity conditions..

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS			
	03-Sep-25	02-Sep-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	17.77%	17.85%	↓ -0.08%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	17.01%	17.06%	↓ -0.06%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	16.00%	16.00%	↓ 0.00%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	16.01%	16.01%	↓ 0.00%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 03-Sep-2025

Eurobonds

African Eurobonds traded bullish even as oil prices fell and U.S. job openings declined in July, signaling that tariffs and higher interest rates may be softening labor demand. Nigerian paper yields dropped 8 basis points to 8.02%.

Outlook: Following July's softening employment figures, further signs of weakness in the upcoming August jobs report could push the Fed toward a more aggressive rate cut in September than currently anticipated. All eyes remain on Friday's release for confirmation.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS			
	03-Sep-25	02-Sep-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	7.00%	7.08%	↓ -0.08%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/31	8.32%	8.39%	↓ -0.07%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/31	8.83%	8.94%	↓ -0.11%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	9.39%	9.49%	↓ -0.10%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	5.43%	5.76%	↓ -0.33%

Source: FBN UK Runs for 03-Sep-2025

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market extended its bearish run as the ASI declined 42bps to 138,157.16 points, trimming YTD gains to 34.23%. Market breadth was weak, with only 14 advancers against 44 decliners. NSLTECH (+9.09%) led gainers, while LEGENDINT, LEARNAFR, and DAARCOMM (-10% each) topped laggards. ACCESSCORP dominated volumes with 43.03m units, while ARADEL led value traded at ₦6.46bn. Sector performance was broadly negative: the Banking Index fell 55bps on UBA (-2.03%) and ZENITHBANK (-1.15%), despite support from FCMB (+5.00%). Consumer Goods lost 132bps on PZ (-6.77%) and NB (-5.71%), while Oil & Gas shed 44bps on OANDO (-3.09%). Industrials rose 23bps on WAPCO (+1.94%). Turnover dropped 50.69% to \$12.87m, driven by block trades—11m ARADEL at ₦520.00—and sustained local investor dominance. MTNN also faced selling pressure, briefly hitting limit down.

Outlook: Tomorrow's session is likely to follow a similar pattern.

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↓ -0.42%	↓ -2.19%	↓ -1.22%	↑ 34.23%
NSE BANKING INDEX	↓ -0.55%	↓ -4.70%	↓ -7.44%	↑ 37.46%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	↓ -4.46%	↓ -7.67%	↑ 34.71%	↑ 66.90%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.23%	↓ -2.53%	↓ -0.29%	↑ 36.36%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	↓ -1.32%	↓ -3.44%	↑ 6.00%	↑ 79.32%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	↓ -0.44%	↓ -1.32%	↓ -4.72%	↓ -12.89%

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
NSLTECH	0.96	0.08	↑ 9.09%
CONHALLPLC	4.20	0.33	↑ 8.53%
JOHNHOLT	6.80	0.50	↑ 7.94%
CADBURY	58.00	3.00	↑ 5.45%
WEMABANK	21.80	1.10	↑ 5.31%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
DAARCOMM	0.90	-0.10	↓ -10.00%
LEGENDINT	4.77	-0.53	↓ -10.00%
LEARNAFRCA	7.02	-0.78	↓ -10.00%
MANSARD	14.39	-1.59	↓ -9.95%
UNIVINSURE	1.13	-0.12	↓ -9.60%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

Foreign Exchange

The naira appreciated 0.30% due to stronger dollar supply, trading between ₦1,518.00 and ₦1,525.00 before settling at ₦1,521.46. The Central Bank's gross reserves increased to \$41.46 billion as of 2 September 2025, rising \$38.52 million from the prior day.

Outlook: The naira is likely to continue strengthening due to improved US dollar supply and rising reserves.

NFEM RATE (\$/₦)		Diff.
3-Sep-25	1,521.4569	
2-Sep-25	1,526.0565	↓ (4.5996)

Source: CBN

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Commodities

Oil prices fell more than 2% on Wednesday as markets braced for this weekend’s OPEC+ meeting, where producers are expected to weigh another output hike for October. Brent crude dropped \$1.54, or 2.23%, to settle at \$67.60 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate slipped \$1.62, or 2.47%, to \$63.97. Meanwhile, gold extended its record-breaking rally, boosted by weaker U.S. jobs data that strengthened bets on a Fed rate cut later this month. Spot gold rose 1.2% to \$3,576.59 after touching a fresh high of \$3,578.50, while U.S. futures gained 1.2% to \$3,635.50.

Outlook: *If output is raised in line with new quotas, we see the market moving into a sizeable surplus from September 2025 through 2026, with inventories building unless countered by renewed restraint.*

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)	41.46 (+1.43% YTD as of 02-Sep-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (JULY'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*67.60 (-1.54 d/d)
Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital	

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