DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.

Tuesday, 09 September 2025

MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

The interbank market saw limited activity today, with rates holding steady at 26.5%. The Overnight Policy Rate remained at 26.50%, while the Overnight rate declined by 3 bps to 26.92%.

Outlook: *Tomorrow's liquidity should stay ample, and rates are likely to hold at 26.5% barring any unexpected funding pressures.*

SYS. LIQ. (₦'BN)		Diff.
9-Sep-25	1,875.54	
8-Sep-25	1,961.45	(85.91)
Source: CBN		

Treasury Bills

The T-bills secondary market remained quiet today. Limited activity was seen on the 3-Sep bill at 17.25 – 17.35%, along with slight interest in the 4-Dec and 23-Jul bills. On the OMO curve, the 17-Feb, 18-Nov, and 7-Apr bills attracted attention, though offers were scarce. The benchmark NTB mid-rate closed at 17.23%.

Outlook: *Tomorrow's session is likely to remain subdued as markets continue to expect a potential OMO auction from the CBN to manage excess liquidity.*

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES			
	09-Sep-25	08-Sep-25	Change in Rates
86 DAYS	17.01%	16.48%	0.53%
177 DAYS	17.23%	17.23%	0.00%
345 DAYS	16.81%	16.81%	0.00%
Source: FMDQ DQL for 09-Sep-2025			

FGN Bonds

The FGN bonds market traded quietly with a bullish tone. Modest demand emerged for the 2031s and 2032s, quoted at 16.70% and 16.90% respectively, though wide bid-offer spreads kept traded volumes moderate. The average mid-yield fell to 16.62%.

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

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS			
	09-Sep-25	08-Sep-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	17.27%	17.77%	-0.50%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	16.63%	16.67%	-0.04%
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 09-Sep-2025			

Eurobonds

African Eurobonds traded mixed to bearish on Tuesday as investors reacted to a sharper-than-expected downward revision in U.S. jobs data and awaited key inflation reports that could reshape rate cut expectations. The Bureau of Labor Statistics revised 12-month job growth through March 2025 down by 911,000, exceeding the 680,000-reduction forecast. This significant revision solidifies market expectations for a rate cut at next week's meeting. Nigerian paper yields rose 7 bps to an average of 7.95%.

Outlook*: Key inflation reports this week will heavily influence the Fed's policy direction. The PPI arrives Wednesday, followed by the CPI on Thursday. These readings will clarify whether persistent price pressures could limit the scope or duration of anticipated rate cuts.*

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS				
	09-Sep-25	08-Sep-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	6.88%	6.80%	↑	0.08%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/3	8.19%	8.12%	↑	0.07%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/3	8.73%	8.64%	↑	0.09%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	9.39%	9.33%	↑	0.06%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	6.02%	5.86%	↑	0.16%
Source: FBN UK Runs for 09-Sep-2025				

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↑ 0.29%	↑ 0.76%	↓ -0.36%	↑ 35.82%
NSE BANKING INDEX	↑ 0.43%	↑ 0.32%	↓ -1.61%	↑ 38.67%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	↑ 0.98%	↑ 6.22%	↑ 3.80%	↑ 85.57%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.85%	↑ 1.10%	↓ -1.24%	↑ 37.54%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.28%	↑ 1.08%	↓ -0.31%	↑ 83.68%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	↓ -0.05%	↓ -0.46%	↓ -0.82%	↓ -12.91%

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian bourse closed positive as the ASI advanced 29bps to 139,796.11 points, lifting YTD gains to 35.82%. Market breadth was strong with 36 advancers against 18 decliners. REGALINS (+10%) topped gainers, while UNILEVER (-9.79%) led laggards. FCMB dominated activity, topping both the volume and value charts with 202.49m units worth ₦2.21bn, supported by a 190m share cross at ₦10.35. Sector performance was mixed: Banking Index gained 43bps on broad-based strength in tier-1 names including FCMB (+2.38%), ACCESSCORP (+0.78%), and ZENITHBANK (+0.38%). Consumer Goods rose 28bps, buoyed by CHAMPION (+5.36%) and INTBREW (+4.07%). Industrials surged 85bps on WAPCO (+6.15%), while Oil & Gas shed 5bps on OANDO (-0.53%). Turnover fell 30.52% to $8.26m, with activity dominated by local investors.

Outlook: *Tomorrow's session is likely to remain quiet outside of cross deals.*

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
REGALINS	1.43	0.13	↑ 10.00%
MECURE	21.60	1.95	↑ 9.92%
ETRANZACT	12.40	1.10	↑ 9.73%
DAARCOMM	1.03	0.09	↑ 9.57%
DEAPCAP	1.84	0.16	↑ 9.52%
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital			

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
UNILEVER	63.15	-6.85	↓ -9.79%
FTNCOCOA	5.40	-0.56	↓ -9.40%
ELLAHLAKES	13.02	-1.25	↓ -8.76%
LINKASSURE	2.04	-0.15	↓ -6.85%
BERGER	35.50	-2.40	↓ -6.33%
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital			

Foreign Exchange

The naira held steady and appreciated 5 bps to close at ₦1,506.0850/$, supported by increased dollar supply. It traded between ₦1,497.00 and ₦1,509.50 during the session. Also, Nigeria's gross reserves increased to $41.57 billion as of 8 September 2025, rising $33.27 million from the previous day.

Outlook: *The naira is likely to hold steady amid rising external reserves.*

NFEM RATE ($/₦)		Diff.
9-Sep-25	1,506.0850	↓ (0.7583)
8-Sep-25	1,506.8433	
Source: CBN		

Commodities

Oil prices edged higher on Tuesday after Israel said its military struck Hamas leadership in Doha, marking an escalation of its regional campaign. Brent crude gained 37 cents, or 0.6%, to $66.39 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate also rose 37 cents, or 0.6%, to $62.63. Gold extended its record-setting run, supported by expectations of a September Fed rate cut and ahead of key U.S. inflation data. Spot gold climbed 0.2% to $3,643.57 after touching a record $3,673.95, while U.S. futures settled at $3,682.20.

Outlook: *Markets will closely watch the Federal Reserve's meeting next week, where a rate cut is widely expected. Lower rates would reduce borrowing costs for consumers, potentially stimulating economic growth and boosting oil demand.*

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$'BILLION)	41.57 (+1.70% YTD as of 08-Sep-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (JULY'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US$/BBL	*66.39 (+0.37 d/d)
Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital	

Important Disclaimers
This document has been issued and approved by AIICO Capital and is based on information from various sources that we believe are reliable. However, no representation is made that it is accurate or complete. While reasonable care has been taken in preparing this document, no responsibility or liability is accepted for errors or fact or for any opinion expressed herein. This document is for information purposes only. It does not constitute any offer or solicitation to any person to enter into any trading transaction. Investments discussed in this report may not be suitable for all investors. This report is provided solely for the information of AIICO Capital clients who are then expected to make their own investment decisions. AIICO Capital conducts designated investment business with market counter parties and customers, and this document is directed only to such persons. AIICO Capital accepts no liability whatsoever for any direct or consequential loss arising from any use of this report or its contents. This report is for private circulation only and may not be reproduced, distributed or published by any recipient for any purpose without prior express consent of AIICO Capital. Users of this report should bear in mind that investments can fluctuate in price and value. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. AIICO Capital is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and is licensed to provide fund and portfolio management services in Nigeria.