DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.

Wednesday, 15 October 2025

MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

Market liquidity opened the day with a surplus balance of ₦1.6 trillion, representing a decline from the previous day's level. The drop was largely attributed to a reduction in DMBs placements at the CBN's SDF window, which fell to ₦1.4 trillion, despite a ₦194.3 million bond coupon inflow. Consequently, average funding costs inched higher by 1bp, as the Open Repo Rate (OPR) held steady at 24.50%, while the Overnight (O/N) rate rose by 3bps to close at 24.90%.

Outlook: *We anticipate funding cost to remain at similar level, barring any funding activity.*

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15-Oct-25	1,615.59	
14-Oct-25	2,153.33	(537.74)
Source: CBN		

Eurobonds

The Africa Eurobond market traded bullish as investor sentiment improved, despite persistent oil prices decline. Renewed risk-on appetite, spurred by dovish remarks from U.S. Fed Chair Jerome Powell in the previous session, supported buying interest across the curve. Consequently, the Nigerian Eurobonds market saw yields decline, with an average 12bps to 7.82%.

Outlook*: We anticipate continuous positive sentiment amidst expected further rate cut in October.*

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS	15-Oct-25	14-Oct-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	7.45%	7.66%	-0.21%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/33	8.33%	8.47%	-0.14%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	8.66%	8.77%	-0.11%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	9.19%	9.30%	-0.11%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	6.78%	6.97%	-0.19%
Source: FBN UK Runs for 15-Oct-2025			

Treasury Bills

The NTB secondary market traded on a quiet, as investors awaits the September CPI data. Notably, the 8-Oct-2026 bill saw modest decline, resulting to an 8bps rate decrease in its rate to 15.48%, while 17-Sept-26 saw rates increase to 15.55% (+4bps). As such, average benchmark rate remain flat at 16.07%.

Outlook: *Ample system liquidity is expected to sustain positive investor sentiment.*

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES	15-Oct-25	14-Oct-25	Change in Rates
85 DAYS	15.80%	15.80%	0.00%
176 DAYS	15.94%	15.94%	0.00%
358 DAYS	15.48%	15.55%	-0.08%
Source: FMDQ DQL for 15-Oct-2025			

FGN Bonds

The FGN bond market traded bullish, with yields declining across the curve. Trading opened cautiously but turned positive as investors reacted to the September inflation print of 18.02%, down 210bps from August. Notably, the 2032s, 2033s, and 27-Mar-2035 papers recorded declines compared to the previous close. Consequently, the average benchmark yield slipped 3bps to 15.98%.

Outlook: *We expect investors to respond positively to the September inflation data, supported by expectations of a further rate cut at the November MPC meeting.*

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS	15-Oct-25	14-Oct-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	16.18%	16.15%	0.03%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	16.23%	16.23%	0.00%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	15.86%	15.86%	0.00%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	15.40%	15.40%	0.00%
Source: FMDQ DQL for 15-Oct-2025			

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market closed higher, rebounding from the previous session's marginal decline as the NGX All-Share Index gained 2bps to settle at 147,742.22 points. The uptick was driven by gains in mid-cap stocks such as NESTLE and VITAFOAM, among others. Consequently, market breadth closed positive with 32 advancers and 27 decliners. ROYALEX (+7.37%) led the gainers, while TRIPPLE (-9.91%) topped the losers. FIDELITYBK recorded the highest trading volume with 46.9 million units, representing 12.13% of total trades, while ZENITHBANK led by value with ₦1.4 billion worth of transactions, accounting for 11.6% of total value. Overall sector performance was slightly positive as the Consumer Goods Index rose by 9bps, driven by gains in VITAFOAM (+4.3%), FIDSON (+3.2%), INTBREW (+1.7%), NESTLE (+1.2%), and NASCON (+0.9%), which offset losses in NB, HONYFLOUR, and DANGSUGAR. The Oil & Gas Index also gained 9bps, buoyed by OANDO (+1.3%), while the Industrial Goods Index advanced 8bps on account of gains in CUTIX (+0.6%) and WAPCO (+0.5%). On the downside, the Banking Index declined 15bps, dragged by losses in FCMB, GTCO, ACCESSCORP, and ETI despite gains in ZENITHBANK, FIDELITYBK, and UBA. Similarly, the Insurance Index fell 13bps, pressured by REGALINS, SOVRENINS, and AIICO. Market turnover declined by 28.0% to ₦12.5 billion despite notable block trades in FIDELITYBK (39.3m), ZENITHBANK (5.5m), NB (5.5m), NESTLE (208k), and STANBIC (4.6m).

Outlook: *We expect the market to sustain its positive momentum, supported by persistent disinflation trends and the anticipated release of strong Q3 earnings results.*

NAME (SYMBOL)	TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
ROYALEX	2.33	0.16	7.37%
INTENEGINS	2.98	0.17	6.05%
JBERGER	134.00	7.00	5.51%
OMATEK	1.50	0.07	4.90%
DAARCOMM	1.10	0.05	4.76%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

NAME (SYMBOL)	TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
TRIPPLEG	4.91	-0.54	-9.91%
IMG	32.40	-3.55	-9.87%
UACN	68.00	-4.70	-6.46%
ELLAHLAKES	13.30	-0.65	-4.66%
JAPAULGOLD	2.54	-0.12	-4.51%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	0.02%	1.39%	3.53%	43.54%
NSE BANKING INDEX	-0.15%	-0.18%	0.06%	39.69%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	-0.13%	2.33%	8.75%	80.41%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	0.08%	4.61%	5.50%	49.70%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	0.09%	0.87%	2.16%	98.87%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	0.09%	-0.17%	5.41%	-1.94%

Foreign Exchange

The Naira weakened by 69bps to close at ₦1,473.2943/$, having traded within a range of ₦1,465.00 to ₦1,479.00 during the session. Meanwhile, Nigeria's gross external reserves closed at $42.63 billion as of October 13, 2025.

Outlook: *The naira to remain at similar level amid robust external reserve.*

NFEM RATE ($/₦)		Diff.
15-Oct-25	1,473.2943	
14-Oct-25	1,463.2342	10.0601
Source: CBN		

Commodities

Global oil prices dipped on Wednesday, holding near a five-month low for a second day, pressured by escalating U.S.-China trade tensions and the International Energy Agency's prediction of a supply surplus in 2026. Brent crude dipped 47 cents, or 0.75%, to $61.92 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) recede 21cents, or 0.36%, to $58.064 Conversely, gold prices breached $4,200 per ounce for the first time, extending a record rally as rising interest rate cut bets and geopolitical jitters send investors flocking to the safe-haven metal. Spot gold climbed 0.84% to $4,196.79/oz, while U.S. gold futures advanced 0.86% to $4,215.70/oz.

Outlook: *Tomorrow, we expect continued risk-on flows to dominate markets—yields likely to edge lower further, equities to extend gains, and safe-haven assets like gold continuing to receive strong demand.*

MACRO INDICATORS	
GDP (Q2 2025)	+4.23% (Q1: 2025 +3.13% y/y)
INFLATION (SEPTEMBER 2025)	18.02% (Aug'25: 20.12%)
EXTERNAL RESERVE (US$'BILLION)	42.63 (+4.29% YTD as of 13-Oct-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (JULY'2025)	27.00%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	45.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US$/BBL	*61.92 (-0.47 d/d)
Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital	