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MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

System liquidity declined significantly to a deficit of ₩1.6tn from the surplus of \text{\text{\$\frac{4}{2}.3tn, following the settlement of the}} recent OMO auction. Meanwhile, the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) fell by 60bps to 26.60%, while the Overnight (O/N) rate eased by 50bps to 27.00%.

Outlook: We expect rates to remain around current levels tomorrow, amid the impact of the NTB auction settlement.

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6-Aug-25	-1,611.16	
5-Aug-25	2,256.74	4 (3,867.90)
Source: CBN		\ (1)/2211221

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES 06-Aug-25 05-Aug-25 Change in Rates 78 DAYS 16.25% 16.25% 0.00% 169 DAYS 16.57% 16.57% -0.00% 351 DAYS 15.73% 0.00% 15.73% Source: FMDQ DQL for 06-Aug-2025

NTB AUCTION RESULT - 06 August 2025				
AUCTION DATE	06-Aug-25			
SETTLEMENT DATE		07-Aug-25		
TENOR	91-Day	182-Day	364-Day	
MATURITY DATE	6-Nov-25	5-Feb-26	6-Aug-26	
OFFER AMOUNT (N'BN)	60.0000	20.0000	140.0000	
SUBSCRIPTION AMOUNT (#'BN)	22.6009	20.8714	323.0826	
ALLOTMENT AMOUNT (#'BN)	15.3346	18.3203	139.5946	
RANGE OF BIDS	14.48% - 18.00%	14.95% - 17.64%	14.95% - 21.02%	
CURRENT STOP RATE: DISCOUNT (YIELD)	15.000% (15.000%)	15.500% (15.500%)	16.500% (19.750%)	
LAST STOP RATE: DISCOUNT (YIELD)	15.000% (15.583%)	15.500% (16.798%)	15.880% (18.868%)	
CHANGE: DISCOUNT (YIELD)	+0.000% (-0.583%)	+0.000% (-1.298%)	+0.620% (+0.882%)	

Treasury Bills

The NTB market started off quietly as investors turned their attention to the day's primary market auction, which offered approximately ₩220 billion across all maturities. However, the NTB saw a subscription of ₦366.55 billion, while ₦178.25 billion was allotted. The stop rates for the 91, 182 and 364day papers settled at 15.00% (0.00%), 15.50% (0.00%) and 16.50% (+0.62%), respectively, compared to the previous stop rates.

Outlook: Increased activity is anticipated tomorrow as investors look to lock in profits while also covering unfilled bids.

FGN Bonds

Trading activity in the FGN bond secondary market remained subdued, with the average yield edging down by 1bp to 15.66%. Meanwhile, modest buying interest was observed in mid-tenor bonds, particularly the FGN MAR 2035s, where yields declined by 29bps to 15.67%.

Outlook: We anticipate sustained investors interest.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS				
	06-Aug-25	05-Aug-25	Char	ge in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	16.87%	16.87%	1	0.00%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	15.88%	15.88%	→	0.00%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	15.68%	15.68%	→	0.00%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	15.92%	15.92%	→	0.00%
Source: FMDQ DQL for 06-Aug-2025				

MTD YTD D-0-D W-o-W NGX ASI 0.70% 4.69% 4.25% 41.67% **NSE BANKING INDEX** -0.36% -0.55% -0.62% 47.58% **NSE INSURANCE INDEX** 9.87% 16.57% 21.82% 50.93% **NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX** 2.85% 17.87% 16.30% 59.05% 5.71% **NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX** -0.41% 5.73% 78.86% **NSE OIL & GAS INDEX** -0.08% -1.01% -9.50% 0.96%

Eurobonds

African Eurobonds rallied on improved investor sentiment, following signals that potential U.S. sanctions against Russia, in response to its ongoing war in Ukraine, may proceed this week, boosting demand for emerging market assets. In line with this trend, the Nigerian Sovereign Eurobond market recorded a modest rally, with benchmark yields declining by an average of 2bps to 8.09%, supported by broad-based buying interest across the curve.

Outlook: U.S. decision on Russia and its oil buyers to drive market sentiment

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS				
	06-Aug-25	05-Aug-25	Change in Yield	
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	7.29%	7.37%	-0.08%	
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/33	8.49%	8.58%	-0.09%	
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	9.06%	9.06%	• 0.00%	
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	9.67%	9.69%	-0.02%	
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	7.81%	7.81%	• 0.00%	
Source: FBN UK Runs for 06-Aug-2025				

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian local bourse sustained its bullish momentum, with the All-Share Index (ASI) gaining 70bps to close at 145,813.86 points, representing a year-to-date (YTD) growth of 41.67%. The rally was largely driven by a +7.33% gain in BUACEMENT, which lifted the Industrial Goods Index by +2.85%. Similarly, the Insurance Index advanced by +9.87%, with nearly all constituents hitting the maximum daily gain of 10%. Gains in OANDO also supported the Oil &Gas Index, which rose +0.96%. However, the Banking and Consumer Goods indices declined by -0.36% and -0.41%, respectively, as investors engaged in profit-taking following recent gains. Market breadth remained positive, with 53 gainers outpacing 24 losers. Notable deals included: 380 million units of LINKASSURE traded at \1.74, 73.7 million units of STERLINGNG at \\ 8.15, 42.8 million units of ZENITHBANK at ₩75.80 and ₩75.00, 10 million units of WAPIC at ₦2.99, among many others.

Outlook: Trading activity is likely to mirror today's pattern.

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS CLOSING				
NAME (SYMBOL)	PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE	
JAIZBANK	4.73	0.43	10.00%	
SCOA	5.50	0.50	1 0.00%	
HMCALL	4.84	0.44	10.00%	
LEARNAFRCA	6.27	0.57	1 0.00%	
MANSARD	12.10	1.10	10.00%	
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Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS CLOSING				
NAME (SYMBOL)	PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE	
NGXGROUP	63.00	-7.00	-10.00 %	
UACN	90.00	-10.00	- 10.00%	
LIVINGTRUST	5.35	-0.59	-9.93%	
MULTIVERSE	9.80	-1.05	-9.68%	
RTBRISCOE	3.50	-0.35	-9.09%	
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital				

Foreign Exchange

Demand pressure resurfaced at the interbank NFEM as the exchange rate traded within the range of \$/\frac{\pma}{1},537.25 and \$/₩1,528.00, with the Naira depreciating by 24bps to close at \$/₦1,537.25

Outlook: The USD/NGN exchange rate is expected to remain stable around current levels in the near term.

NFEM RATE (Diff.	
6-Aug-25	1,537.2500	
5-Aug-25	1,533.5000	3.7500
Source: CBN		

Commodities

Oil prices slid to an eight-week low after President Trump's remarks about progress in talks with Moscow created uncertainty on whether the U.S. would impose new sanctions on Russia. Brent crude dipped 95 cents to close at \$66.69 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude shed 97 cents to \$64.19. Similarly, gold prices eased as investors booked profits after prices hit a near two-week high in the previous session, while the market's focus shifted to President Trump's upcoming Federal Reserve nominations. As such, both the Spot gold receded by 0.39% to \$3,368.01 per ounce while U.S. gold futures dipped 0.22% to \$3,430.52 per ounce.

Outlook: Market to trade in line with new U.S. tariff on Indian and possible Russia cease fire in Ukraine.

MACRO INDICATORS	
GDP (Q1 2025)	+3.13% (Q4: 2024 +3.76% y/y)
INFLATION (JUNE 2025)	22.22% (May'25: 22.97%)
EXTERNAL RESERVE (US\$'BILLION)	39.81 (-2.60% YTD as of 04-Aug-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (JULY'2025)	27.50%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	50.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*66.69 (-0.95 d/d)
Source: NBS,CBN, AllCO Capital	