DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.

Monday, 27 October 2025

MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

Market liquidity opened the day with a surplus balance of ₦3.8 trillion, representing an increase of ₦659.0 billion from previous position. The improvement was primarily driven by a ₦261.4 billion Bonds coupon inflow and increase in the CBN's Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) window to ₦2.9 trillion. Despite the improvement, average funding costs rose by 2bps, as the Open Repo Rate (OPR) held steady at 24.50%, while the Overnight (O/N) rate spiked by 3bps to close at 24.86%.

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

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27-Oct-25	3,777.99	
24-Oct-25	3,119.01	658.98
Source: CBN		

Eurobonds

The African Eurobond market traded bullishly today as investors responded to global trade tension easing aft the U.S. and China reached a preliminary agreement to relax export restriction. As such, the average Nigerian Eurobond yield declined by 13bps to 7.47%.

Outlook*: We anticipate continuous positive sentiment in the near term as investors awaits FED meeting outcome.*

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS	27-Oct-25	24-Oct-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	7.03%	7.15%	-0.12%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/33	8.00%	8.11%	-0.11%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	8.42%	8.52%	-0.10%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	8.96%	9.08%	-0.12%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	6.28%	6.49%	-0.21%
Source: FBN UK Runs for 27-Oct-2025			

Treasury Bills

The NTB secondary market traded on a quiet note as investors attention shifted towards the October FGB bond auction of ₦260 billion across the 2030 and 2032 maturities. Activities as one noticed on the 22-Oct-2026 bills (+1bps) to 15.85%, while other maturities stayed steady. As such, average benchmark rate stayed steady at 16.09%.

Outlook: *Market is expected to trade in line with the available system liquidity.*

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES	27-Oct-25	24-Oct-25	Change in Rates
87 DAYS	15.94%	15.94%	0.00%
178 DAYS	16.01%	16.01%	0.00%
360 DAYS	15.85%	15.84%	0.01%
Source: FMDQ DQL for 27-Oct-2025			

FGN Bonds

The FGN bond market traded quietly as investors focused on the October FGN Bond auction, where the DMO offered ₦260.00bn across the FGN 2030 and FGN 2032 maturities. Activity was concentrated on the short end of the curve—particularly the 2026s, 2028s, and 2029s—while the mid- and long-term segments remained largely muted. Overall, the average benchmark yield held steady at 15.87%

Outlook: *Market participants to react to the outcome of the bond auction.*

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS	27-Oct-25	24-Oct-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	16.12%	16.12%	-0.01%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	16.23%	16.23%	0.00%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	15.65%	15.65%	0.00%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	15.40%	15.40%	0.00%
Source: FMDQ DQL for 27-Oct-2025			

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equities market closed negative as the All-Share Index (ASI) declined by 10 basis points, though it remains up 51.08% year-to-date. Market sentiment was mixed, with ARADEL (+10.00%) leading the gainers' chart following positive investor reactions to news of its acquisition of ND Western, while DEAPCAP (-9.71%) topped the losers' list. ACCESSCORP recorded the highest volume traded at 68.92 million units, and ARADEL led in value traded with ₦5.63 billion. In total, 25 stocks advanced while 33 declined. Sectoral performance reflected the day's cautious tone. The NGX Banking Index fell 198bps, pressured by losses in ACCESSCORP, FIDELITYBK, UBA, ZENITHBANK, and GTCO, while WEMABANK gained. The Consumer Goods Index dipped 65bps as CHAMPION, PZ, NB, and CADBURY declined, though INTBREW and DANGSUGAR posted slight gains. In contrast, the Oil and Gas Index advanced 424bps, supported by gains in ARADEL and ETERNA, while OANDO slipped. The Industrial Index closed flat despite an uptick in MEYER. Market turnover dropped 20.73% to $17.09 million, with activity dominated by ARADEL, PRESCO, and select banking stocks. Notable block trades included 940,000 units of ARADEL at ₦869.00, 1.38 million units of PRESCO at ₦1,480.00, and 7 million units of FBNH at ₦31.50. Although strong performance in the oil and gas sector offered some support, widespread profit-taking in banking stocks kept the market in negative territory at the close.

Outlook: *We expect the market to trade mixed as profit-taking sentiment set-in amidst recent rally.*

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
ARADEL	869.00	79.00	10.00%
NEM	32.90	2.90	9.67%
ASOSAVINGS	0.72	0.06	9.09%
ETERNA	43.50	3.50	8.75%
CHAMS	4.25	0.30	7.59%
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital			

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
DEAPCAP	1.58	-0.17	-9.71%
CHAMPION	15.00	-1.60	-9.64%
REDSTAREX	10.05	-0.95	-8.64%
WAPIC	2.90	-0.20	-6.45%
UNIVINSURE	1.10	-0.07	-5.98%
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital			

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	-0.10%	3.71%	8.96%	51.08%
NSE BANKING INDEX	-1.98%	-3.77%	-3.03%	35.38%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	1.09%	0.68%	8.25%	79.57%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	0.00%	8.08%	18.72%	68.46%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	-0.65%	3.17%	7.09%	108.46%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	4.24%	13.03%	19.99%	11.63%

Foreign Exchange

The Naira traded flat to close at ₦1,457.9571/$ compared with Friday's position, after trading at ₦1,463.00/$ as the high and low during the session. Meanwhile, Nigeria's gross external reserves rose by $73.2 million (d/d), reaching $42.87 billion as of October 22, 2025.

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

NFEM RATE ($/₦)		Diff.
27-Oct-25	1,457.9571	
24-Oct-25	1,457.9571	**0.0000**
Source: CBN		

Commodities

Global oil prices settled marginally lower on Monday as OPEC's plans to increase oil output once again outweighed hopes of a trade deal framework between the U.S. and China and renewed U.S. sanctions on Russia. Brent crude rose by 71 cents, or 1.09%, to $65.91 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) rose by 7 cents, or 0.11%, to $61.57 Similarly, gold rose fell below $4,000 per ounce as signs of a thaw in U.S.-China trade tensions reduced some of the bullion's safe-haven appeal, while market participants awaited the U.S. Federal Reserve's interest rate decision this week. Spot gold dipped 2.98% to $3,989.48/oz, while U.S. gold futures receded by 3.24% to $4,003.80/oz.

Outlook: *Tomorrow, we anticipate a mixed commodities market, with oil likely to extend gains on renewed U.S.–China trade optimism, while gold may face further pressure from a stronger dollar and improved risk sentiment.*

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$'BILLION)	42.87 (+4.86% YTD as of 22-Oct-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (JULY'2025)	27.00%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	45.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US$/BBL	*65.91 (+0.71 d/d)
Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital	