

WEEKLY FINANCIAL MARKETS.



Friday, 31 October 2025

MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

Interbank system liquidity remained largely stable through out the week, supported by continuous DMB placements at the CBN's SDF window. Liquidity opened strong at ₦3.8 trillion, boosted by coupon inflows from FGN 2029, 2032, and 2049 bonds. Midweek, it rose to ₦4.5 trillion despite a ₦313.77 billion outflow for the FGN bond PMA settlement. By Thursday, liquidity dropped to ₦2.3 trillion due to a swap rollover with the CBN, before closing higher at ₦2.5 trillion, driven by DMB placements of ₦2.30 trillion at the SDF window. Funding rates were steady, ending the week slightly higher by 2bp at 24.68%. The OPR held at 24.50%, while the O/N rate rose marginally by 3bps w/w to 24.86%.

Outlook: Despite Friday's OMO auction, which saw a ₦1.11 billion allotment, funding costs are expected to open stable and ease further during the week, supported by ₦662.7 billion in maturing bills and the upcoming ₦650 billion NTB auction.

	SYS. LIQ. (₦BN)	Diff.
31-Oct-25	2,470.54	
24-Oct-25	3,119.03	↓ (648.49)

Source: CBN

Treasury Bills

The NTB secondary market traded mixed but mildly bullish during the week, supported by ample liquidity and moderate investor demand. Early in the week, cautious trading kept the average benchmark rate steady at 16.09%. Midweek, activity remained stable in mid- to long-term papers, though the 04 June 2026 bill rose to 16.00%. Later, sentiment turned slightly cautious, with the 08 October 2026 paper climbing 53bps to 15.84%, while the average rate fell marginally to 16.06%.

Towards the week's end, renewed buying across select maturities—including 5-Mar-26, 4-Jun-26, 9-Apr-26, and 8-Oct-26—reversed earlier losses, supported by strong liquidity and limited OMO PMA sales. Overall, the average benchmark yield closed flat at 16.09%.

Outlook: Trading is likely to remain in line with the prevailing market liquidity ahead of the ₦650 billion NTB auction on Wednesday

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES			
	31-Oct-25	24-Oct-25	Change in Rates
83 DAYS	15.94%	15.94%	→ 0.00%
174 DAYS	16.01%	16.01%	→ 0.00%
356 DAYS	15.85%	15.84%	↑ 0.01%

Source: FMDQ DQL for 31-Oct-2025

FGN Bonds

The FGN Bond market remained largely quiet this week as investors focused on the October FGN Bond PMA, where the DMO allotted approximately ₦313.78bn from total subscriptions of around ₦1.06trn for the FGN 2030 and FGN 2032 re-openings, at marginal stop rates of 15.83% and 15.85%. Post-auction, activity stayed subdued, with minor repricing across select maturities. Early in the week, short-term papers saw modest movements, while mid- to long-term bonds traded quietly on limited volumes. Midweek, mild bearish sentiment emerged, led by yield rises on the dual FGN 2029 papers (+39bps to 16.04%), whereas the FGN 2031 fell 13bps to 15.95%. The FGN 2053 paper saw brief interest, quoted around 15.05%/14.95%. Towards week's end, focus shifted to the OMO PMA auction, with selective demand driving moderate yield compression on the dual FGN 2029s, 2031s, and 2032s. Overall, the average benchmark yield rose slightly by 6bps w/w to 15.93%.

Outlook: Activity should stay cautious in the near term

OCTOBER 2025 FGN BOND AUCTION RESULTS

Auction Date	October 27, 2025	
Settlement Date	October 29, 2025	
Maturity Date	August 27, 2030	June 25, 2032
Bond Nomenclature	17.945% FGN AUG 2030	17.95% FGN JUNE 2032
Offered Amount (₦'Bn)	130.000	130.000
Subscription Amount (₦'Bn)	212.662	845.627
Allotment Amount (₦'Bn)	87.815	225.973
Stop Rates (%)	15.8320	15.8500
Previous Stop Rates (%)	16.0000	16.2000
Change (%)	(0.1680)	(0.3500)

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS

	31-Oct-25	24-Oct-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	16.04%	16.12%	↓ -0.09%
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 31-Oct-2025

Eurobonds

The African Eurobond market traded mixed to bullish during the week as global sentiment shifted ahead of the U.S. Fed rate announcement. Early in the week, strong buying interest, spurred by improved U.S.–China trade relations, drove broad yield declines. Midweek, cautious optimism emerged as investors positioned for the FOMC decision, leading to mild yield compression across most maturities. Following the 25bps cut in the Fed Funds rate to 4.0%, sentiment briefly turned bearish after Chair Powell's announcement to halt balance sheet reduction. However, by week's end, stronger oil prices lifted market sentiment, with the average Nigeria benchmark yield declining by 22bps w/w to 7.37%.

Outlook: The market is expected to trade cautiously, as profit-taking may emerge following the already priced-in Fed rate cut. Nonetheless, firming oil prices could provide some support to sentiment.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS

	31-Oct-25	24-Oct-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	7.02%	7.15%	↓ -0.13%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/33	7.89%	8.11%	↓ -0.22%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	8.42%	8.52%	↓ -0.10%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	8.92%	9.08%	↓ -0.16%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	5.81%	6.49%	↓ -0.68%

Source: FBN UK Runs for 31-Oct-2025

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian local bourse recorded a bearish performance this week, as profit-taking activities dominated trading and halted its seven-week winning streak. The market closed lower in four of five sessions, with investor sentiment dampened by a mixed set of corporate earnings releases that prompted cautious positioning. Consequently, the All-Share Index (ASI) declined by 0.98% w/w to 154,126.45 points, driven by sell-offs in ZENITHBANK (-6.3%), GTCO (-3.2%), DANGCEM (-0.8%), WAPCO (-3.5%), ARADEL (-1.0%), and UBA (-4.6%). As a result, MTD and YTD returns moderated to +8.0% and +49.7%, respectively. Market activity improved, as average trading volume and value rose by 102.7% w/w and 12.2% w/w, respectively. Sectoral performance was broadly negative, with declines in the Insurance (-3.5%), Consumer Goods (-2.7%), Banking (-2.1%), and Industrial Goods (-1.0%) indices, while the Oil & Gas (+0.3%) index was the sole gainer.

Outlook: We anticipate a mixed to cautious trading sentiment as investors focus on the release of Q3 financial results and engage in selective buying of recently depreciated stocks.

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGXASI	↑ 0.29%	↓ -0.98%	↑ 8.00%	↑ 49.74%
NSE Banking Index	↑ 0.83%	↓ -2.11%	↓ -3.15%	↑ 35.21%
NSE Insurance Index	↓ -1.98%	↓ -3.47%	↑ 3.37%	↑ 71.47%
NSE Industrial Goods Index	↑ 1.06%	↓ -1.02%	↑ 17.50%	↑ 66.73%
NSE Consumer Goods Index	↓ -0.22%	↓ -2.73%	↑ 4.85%	↑ 104.10%
NSE Oil & Gas Index	↑ 0.13%	↑ 0.30%	↑ 15.45%	↑ 7.40%

Top 5 Equity Advancers W-o-W

Name (Symbol)	Closing Price	Gain(N)	% Change
ASSOSAVINGS	1.03	0.37	↑ 56.06%
JBERGER	151.80	17.80	↑ 13.28%
OANDO	48.05	5.10	↑ 11.87%
BERGER	42.50	3.60	↑ 9.25%
ETI	38.95	2.95	↑ 8.19%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

Top 5 Equity Decliners W-o-W

Name (Symbol)	Closing Price	Loss(N)	% Change
OMATEK	1.21	-0.34	↓ -21.94%
JOHNHOLT	5.40	-1.10	↓ -16.92%
CAVERTON	5.45	-1.05	↓ -16.15%
NAHCO	105.00	-19.85	↓ -15.90%
ETRANZACT	12.70	-2.30	↓ -15.33%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

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Foreign Exchange

The Nigerian naira appreciated during the week, buoyed by improved foreign currency supply from Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) who sold USD positions, boosting market liquidity and easing demand pressures. The steady inflow of foreign funds strengthened supply conditions across key benchmarks, resulting in a consistent appreciation of the naira as USD availability outpaced demand. Overall, the naira gained 2.48% w/w to close at ₦1,421.73/\$. Meanwhile, external reserves extended their rally, rising by \$230.4 million to \$43.2 billion as of October 30.

Outlook: The Naira is likely to maintain its current trading range.

NFEM RATE (\$/N)		Diff.
31-Oct-25	1,421.7343	
24-Oct-25	1,457.9571	↓ (36.2228)

Source: FMDQ

Commodities

Oil prices ended the week lower despite a slight rebound on Friday following a volatile trading session. Prices initially rose on reports of potential U.S. airstrikes on Venezuela but retreated after U.S. President Donald Trump denied the claims on social media. Brent crude futures for November delivery settled at \$64.77 per barrel, down \$0.43 or 0.66%, while West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures closed at \$60.98 per barrel, down \$0.52 or 0.85%. Similarly, gold prices declined by 1% on Friday, pressured by uncertainty surrounding the likelihood of another U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate cut this year. Nonetheless, the metal remained on track for a third consecutive monthly gain, with spot gold down 2.67% to close at \$4,002.28 per ounce.

Outlook: Oil prices are likely to remain under pressure next week as ample supply and a strong U.S. dollar continue to weigh, while gold may face sideways to modest upside as interest-rate uncertainty and a firm dollar temper 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)	43.17 (+5.61% YTD as of 30-Oct-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (SEPT'2025)	27.00%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	45.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*64.77 (-0.43 w/w)

Source: NBS,CBN, AIICO Capital

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