

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



Thursday, 11 December 2025

MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

Market liquidity opened the day with a surplus balance of ₦3.5 trillion, representing a ₦521.3 billion moderation compared to the previous level. This moderation was driven by decline in placement in CBN's SDF window by the Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) to ₦3.5 trillion, alongside a negative net-flow from previous day's NTB auction settlement of ₦788.2 billion and ₦512.0 billion from NTB maturities. During the day, the CBN conducted an OMO auction of ₦600 billion across 180- and 215-day tenors and allotted ₦1.3 trillion across the two maturities.

Despite, average funding cost eased slightly as the Open Repo Rate (OPR) held at 22.50%, while the Overnight (O/N) shed 1bp to 22.79%.

Outlook: Amid the expected outflow of ₦1.3 trillion settlement of the OMO auction, we expect market liquidity to open moderately tomorrow and drive funding rate slightly higher..

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11-Dec-25	3,453.05	↓ (521.30)
10-Dec-25	3,974.35	

Source: CBN, AIICO Capital

Eurobonds

The African Eurobond market sustained the positive sentiment from the previous session after the U.S. Fed cut interest rates by another 25bps—its third consecutive reduction in 2025—bringing the policy rate to a range of 3.50%–3.75%, despite ongoing volatility in oil prices amid geopolitical tensions.

Yields declined across most African sovereign curves, resulting in price gains across various maturities. In Nigeria, the average benchmark yield eased by 11bps to 7.24%.

Outlook: We expect market to sustain positive trend in the near term.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS

	11-Dec-25	10-Dec-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	6.30%	6.45%	↓ -0.15%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/33	7.25%	7.40%	↓ -0.15%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	7.69%	7.80%	↓ -0.11%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	8.44%	8.53%	↓ -0.09%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	7.21%	7.23%	↓ -0.02%

Source: FirstBank UK, AIICO Capital

Treasury Bills

The NTB secondary market traded on a bullish note as investors reacted to the latest NTB auction, where about ₦788.20 billion was allotted across the 91-, 182-, and 364-day bills, with the 364- day tenor clearing at 17.95%. Notably, the new 364-year (10 Dec 2026) bill saw steady demand, trading at 17.15%—roughly 80bps below the auction stop rate. Similarly, the 03 Dec 2026 paper fell by 18bps to close at 17.06% discount.

Discount rates across the selected bills like 12-Mar-26 and 22-Oct-26 dropped sharply by 145bps and 88bps to 15.15% and 16.00%, respectively. Consequently, average rates eased by 18bps to 16.18%.

Outlook: We market to trade in line with the prevailing market liquidity near term.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES			
	11-Dec-25	10-Dec-25	Change in Rates
84 DAYS	15.24%	15.24%	→ 0.00%
175 DAYS	15.56%	15.56%	→ 0.00%
357 DAYS	17.06%	17.24%	↓ -0.18%

Source: FMDQ, AllCO Capital

FGN Bonds

The domestic FGN bond market was relatively mixed and positive as market participants shifted attention toward the NTB segment following the PMA, where more attractive yields drew investor interest.

Trading activity in the bond space remained limited, though modest demand appeared around the short to mid-tenor maturities. The 22-Jan-26 and 20-Mar-26 bonds saw buying interest, with yields dropping by 37bps and 145bps to 16.27% and 16.15%, respectively. However, 23-Feb-28 and 18-Jul-34 saw yield increase by 1bp each to 16.96% and 16.87%, respectively.

Overall, the average benchmark yield eased by 6bp to 16.65%.

Outlook: We expect sustain investor's sentiment in the near term.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS			
	11-Dec-25	10-Dec-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	17.31%	17.31%	↑ 0.00%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	16.78%	16.78%	↑ 0.00%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	16.27%	16.27%	↓ 0.00%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	15.08%	15.08%	↑ 0.00%

Source: FMDQ, AllCO Capital

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian bourse closed the day on a positive note as the ASI gained 74bps, pushing the year-to-date return to +43.74%. JAPAU LGOLD and BERGER, both up +9.88% to led the gainers' chart, while JOHNHOLT, down -9.26%, topped the losers' chart. ACCESSCORP dominated market turnover, leading both the volume and value charts with 156.32 million units and ₦3.16 billion, respectively. Overall, 30 stocks recorded gains while 24 declined.

Across sectors, the NGX Banking Index fell by 35bps due to declines in UBA, WEMABANK, ACCESSCORP, GTCO, and ZENITHBANK. The NGX Consumer Goods Index gained 115bps, supported by notable advances in PZ, NB, DANGSUGAR, and MCNICHOLS, although CHAMPION declined. The NGX Oil and Gas Index dipped by 3bps on account of losses in ETERNA, while the NGX Industrial Index inched up by 1bp as BERGER gained and CUTIX shed points.

Market activity showed a 0.68% increase in value traded to \$8.43 million as trading was generally quiet across most counters, with market activity concentrated in a few names. Market sentiment was mixed but tilted positive, with MTNN contributing significantly to the day's ASI uplift.

Notable block trades included 125 million units of ACCESSCORP exchanged between ₦20.20 and ₦20.25, 72 million units of FCMB traded at ₦11.00, and 5 million units of ZENITHBANK exchanged at ₦64.45.

Outlook: With a +0.71x market breadth, we expect sustained sentiment as market participants continued to cherry-pick fundamental stocks.

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↑ 0.74%	↑ 1.70%	↑ 3.09%	↑ 43.74%
NSE BANKING INDEX	↓ -0.35%	↑ 1.74%	↓ -100.00%	↑ 32.05%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	↑ 2.99%	↑ 2.25%	↓ -100.00%	↓ -100.00%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.01%	↓ -100.00%	↑ 7.62%	↓ -100.00%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	↑ 1.15%	↑ 1.93%	↑ 2.66%	↓ -100.00%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	↓ -0.03%	↓ -0.12%	↓ -100.00%	↓ -1.07%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
JAPAUFGOLD	2.78	0.25	↑ 9.88%
BERGER	40.05	3.60	↑ 9.88%
MORISON	4.27	0.38	↑ 9.77%
PZ	45.00	3.85	↑ 9.36%
LEGENDINT	5.50	0.45	↑ 8.91%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
JOHNHOLT	4.90	-0.50	↓ -9.26%
CHAMPION	12.90	-1.10	↓ -7.86%
ETERNA	30.20	-1.75	↓ -5.48%
VFDGROUP	10.30	-0.55	↓ -5.07%
TIP	11.90	-0.60	↓ -4.80%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

Foreign Exchange

In the Nigerian Foreign Exchange Market (NFEM), the Nigeria Naira continued the depreciation against the USD as demand pressure continues despite the sustained CBN intervention. The NFEM rate weakened by 68kobo per USD to close at ₦1,456.0656/\$, having traded within a range of ₦1,459.00 and ₦1,453.55 per USD during the session.

Meanwhile, the External Reserve position was noted at \$45.41 billion (as of 10-Dec-25), reflecting a +11.09% Year-to-Date (YTD) gain and d/d gain of ₦28.21 million.

Outlook: We expect the market to hold near its elevated levels, supported by tight liquidity conditions and persistent demand pressures.

NFEM RATE (\$/N)		Diff.
11-Dec-25	1,456.0656	↑ 0.6833
10-Dec-25	1,455.3823	

Source: CBN, AIICO Capital

Commodities

Global oil prices fell more than 1% on Thursday as investors shifted their focus back to Russia-Ukraine peace talks and saw no fallout from Ukrainian drone strikes or a U.S. seizure of a sanctioned oil tanker off the coast of Venezuela. Brent crude dipped 91 cents, or 1.465%, to \$61.35 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) receded by 85cents, or 1.45%, to \$57.67.

In contrast, gold prices rose to hit its highest level in more than a month after the U.S. Federal Reserve's quarter-point rate cut pushed the dollar lower, while silver surged to a fresh record high. Spot gold rose by 1.05% to \$4,273.08/oz, while U.S. gold futures increased by 1.84% to \$4,302.45/oz.

Outlook: We expect markets to remain cautious yet slightly positive tomorrow, with oil prices supported by geopolitical risk while precious metals digest the Fed's rate-cut stance and await key U.S. economic data.

MACRO INDICATORS	
GDP (Q3 2025)	+3.98% (Q2: 2025 +4.23% y/y)
INFLATION (OCTOBER 2025)	16.05% (Sept'25: 18.02%)
EXTERNAL RESERVE (US\$ BILLION)	45.41 (+11.09% YTD as of 10-Dec-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (NOV'2025)	27.00%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	45.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*61.35 (-0.91 d/d)

Source: NBS, CBN, Bloomberg, AIICO Capital

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