

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



Thursday, 4 December 2025

MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

The market liquidity opened the day with a surplus balance of ₦3.2 trillion, representing an increase of ₦134.3 billion from the previous level. The improvement was attributed to the ₦805.9 billion NTB maturity and ₦43.4 billion increase in Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) placement in the CBN's Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) window to ₦2.9 trillion. This is despite an outflow of ₦709.6 billion to settle the previous session's NTB PMA.

However, with improved liquidity, funding remain steady as the Open Repo Rate (OPR) and Overnight (O/N) closed flat at 22.50% and 22.75%, respectively.

Outlook: Fund cost remain at similar level, barring any funding activities tomorrow.

	SYS. LIQ. (₦BN)	Diff.
4-Dec-25	3,174.69	↑ 134.43
3-Dec-25	3,040.26	

Source: CBN, AIICO Capital

Eurobonds

African Eurobond market sustained bullish trend as investor react positively to lower U.S. weekly jobless claims, which came in below both the previous reading and market expectations, alongside gains in oil prices and strong bets on a Fed rate cut next week.

Notably, yields across major oil producing economies (Nigeria, Angola and Egypt) declined, leading to price increase across maturities. Consequently, the average Nigeria benchmark yield eased by 5bps to 7.17%.

Outlook: Tomorrow, market to further react to the oil price volatility and expected U.S. PCE data, which will further guide the Fed decision.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS

	04-Dec-25	03-Dec-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	6.20%	6.29%	↓ -0.09%
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/33	7.21%	7.29%	↓ -0.08%
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	7.60%	7.65%	↓ -0.05%
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	8.33%	8.38%	↓ -0.05%
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	7.26%	7.23%	↑ 0.03%

Source: FirstBank UK, AIICO Capital

Treasury Bills

The NTB secondary market opened mixed and cautious as investors digested the prior day's NTB PMA, where ₦709.6 billion was allotted and the 364-days tenor cleared sharply higher at 17.50% than the previous auction. The new 364-days bill saw modest interest, while selective demand caused slight rate declines except for the 04-Ju-26 bill, which rose 13bps.

Activity slowed after the DMO increased the next auction size to ₦1.45trn, pushing the new long-dated bill to 17.00% discount rate. Consequently, average NTB yields eased by 6bps to 15.60%.

Outlook: We expect quiet to cautious trading activities tomorrow as digest the possible impact of the revised auction calendar on the projected quiddity inflow.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES

	04-Dec-25	03-Dec-25	Change in Rates
91 DAYS	15.24%	15.29%	↓ -0.05%
182 DAYS	15.56%	15.43%	↑ 0.13%
364 DAYS	17.00%	17.50%	↓ -0.50%

Source: FirstBank UK, AIICO Capital

FGN Bonds

The FGN bond market traded on a mixed note with a mild sell-side tilt, as quotes remained broadly stable across most maturities amid subdued activity, while the mid-segment saw significant repricing driven by the prior day's NTB auction results and the newly released NTB auction calendar.

Notably, yields on the 20-Nov-29, 23-Jul-29 and 21-Feb-31 rose significantly by 19bps (16.02%), 42bps (16.27%) and 62bps (16.49%), respectively. While yield on the 22-Jan-26 and 20-Mar-26 eased by 2bps and 4bps to 16.31% and 16.28%, respectively. Overall, the average benchmark yield spiked by 4bp to 15.64%.

Outlook: We expect mixed investor's reaction in the near term.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS

	04-Dec-25	03-Dec-25	Change in Yield
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	15.80%	15.80%	→ 0.00%
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	15.31%	15.31%	→ 0.00%
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	15.26%	15.26%	→ 0.00%
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	15.08%	15.08%	→ 0.00%

Source: FirstBank UK, AIICO Capital

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian stock market closed the day on a positive note as the ASI gained 10bps, amidst sustained positive investors sentiment from the previous session. Notably, UACN (+10%) leading the gainers' chart while ELLAHLAKES and EUNISELL (-10%) topped the losers' list; ETRANZACT dominated market activity as the highest in both volume and value with 1.58 billion units and ₦6.37 billion respectively, while 23 stocks gained and 28 declined.

The sectoral performance was broadly positive as the NGX Banking Index rose 91bps on gains in ETI (+8.53%), WEMABANK (+3.28%), GTCO (+1.15%) and ZENITHBANK (+0.83%) despite declines in ACCESSCORP (-0.48%) and UBA (-1.14%); the NGX Consumer Goods Index advanced 28bps buoyed by HONYFLOUR (+4.64%) and NB (+2.79%) amid losses in CHAMPION (-0.34%), DANGSUGAR (-0.46%) and NASCON (-3.67%); the NGX Oil and Gas Index gained 8bps on OANDO (+1.28%); and the NGX Industrial Index appreciated 48bps supported by WAPCO (+3.45%) despite a decline in CAP (-6.16%).

Overall market activity was mixed as value traded fell by 8.5% to \$13.22 million, with the session dominated by significant cross deals involving both local and foreign investors, including GTCO (20m units at ₦88.00), ZENITHBANK (15m units at ₦60.10), ARADEL (2.5m units at ₦680.00), and ETI (20m units at ₦34.00).

Outlook: We expect sustained positive sentiment in the near term as investors continue to take advantage of low prices and portfolio realignment for next year.

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↑ 0.10%	↑ 1.56%	↑ 1.36%	↑ 41.34%
NSE Banking Index	↑ 0.91%	↑ 2.13%	↑ 1.87%	↑ 29.79%
NSE Insurance Index	↑ 1.56%	↓ -0.24%	↑ 2.10%	↑ 53.97%
NSE Industrial Goods Index	↑ 0.48%	↑ 5.36%	↑ 5.22%	↑ 51.21%
NSE Consumer Goods Index	↑ 0.28%	↑ 1.29%	↑ 0.72%	↑ 98.99%
NSE Oil & Gas Index	↑ 0.08%	↓ -0.67%	↓ -0.48%	↓ -0.95%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
UACN	88.00	8.00	↑ 10.00%
MORISON	3.54	0.32	↑ 9.94%
ETI	36.90	2.90	↑ 8.53%
WAPIC	2.56	0.20	↑ 8.47%
MANSARD	13.90	1.00	↑ 7.75%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
NAME (SYMBOL)	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
ELLAHLAKES	13.14	-1.46	↓ -10.00%
EUNISELL	72.90	-8.10	↓ -10.00%
TRANSCOHOT	157.50	-17.40	↓ -9.95%
OMATEK	1.18	-0.12	↓ -9.23%
GUINEAINS	1.19	-0.11	↓ -8.46%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

Foreign Exchange

The Nigerian Foreign Exchange Market (NFEM) recorded a marginal depreciation of the Naira, showing persistent demand pressure despite CBN intervention and inflow from Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs). The NFEM Rate dipped by 18kobo per USD to close at ₦1,447.8263/\$, having traded within a range of ₦1,450.00 and ₦1,446.00 per USD during the session.

Meanwhile, the External Reserve position was noted at \$44.97 billion (as of 3-Dec-25), reflecting a +10.01% Year-to-Date (YTD) gain and d/d gain of ₦53.81 million.

Outlook: We expect the naira to trade in line with prevailing demand and supply levels, as external reserves provides support

NFEM RATE (\$/N)		Diff.
4-Dec-25	1,447.8263	↑ 0.1769
3-Dec-25	1,447.6494	

Source: CBN, AIICO Capital

Commodities

Global oil prices rose on Thursday on investors' expectations for the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates, while stalled Ukraine peace talks tempered expectations of a deal restoring Russian oil flow. Brent crude rose 76cents, or 1.21%, to \$63.43 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) gained 89cents, or 1.51%, to \$59.84.

Similarly gold prices tickle up, as rising U.S. Treasury yields offset support from a weaker dollar, while markets awaited Friday's U.S. inflation data for clues on the Federal Reserve's policy outlook ahead of its December meeting. Spot gold increased by 0.18% to \$4,213.81/oz, while U.S. gold futures gained 0.28% to \$4, 244.50/oz.

Outlook: We anticipate to trade with cautious optimism — oil may firm further on geopolitical-driven supply fears, while gold may remain under pressure as investors await fresh U.S. data and the upcoming Federal Reserve meeting.

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)	44.97 (+10.01% YTD as of 03-Dec-25)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (NOV'2025)	27.00%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	45.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*63.43 (+0.76 d/d)

Source: NBS, CBN, Bloomberg, AIICO Capital

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