

# DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



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## MARKET COMMENTARY

### System Liquidity

The money market liquidity opened the new week with a balance of ₦1.47 trillion, reflecting an improvement of ₦49.19 million from the previous session. This increase was primarily driven by the ₦617.81 million primary market inflow, offsetting the ₦140.63 million decline in Deposit Money Banks' (DMBs) placements at the CBN Standard Deposit Facility (SDF) window to ₦1.47 trillion.

Meanwhile, average funding cost eased by 5bps to 22.59% as the Open Repo Rate (OPR) remained at 22.50% while the Overnight Rate (OVN) shed 11bps to close at 22.68%.

**Outlook:** Funding cost is expected to remain in line with the available system liquidity.

SYS. LIQ. (₦'BN)	Diff.
12-Jan-26	1,472.71
9-Jan-26	1,423.52

Source: CBN, AIICO Capital

### Eurobonds

The African Eurobonds market traded mixed to bearish amid broader risk-off sentiment, such as higher U.S. Treasury yields and cautious investor positioning followed comments from Fed Chair Jerome Powell confirming a cut-and-pause, data-dependent approach, which reduced expectations for further easing and weakened appetite for higher-beta emerging market assets. Furthermore, market speculation around Fed independence added to uncertainty, reinforcing defensive positioning.

Consequently, the Nigeria Eurobonds traded mixed across the curve, leaving the average benchmark yield unchanged at 7.30%.

**Outlook:** Cautious trading activities to persist as market continue to react to oil price volatility and expected U.S. CPI data.

#### BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS

	12-Jan-26	09-Jan-26	Change in Yield (%)
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	6.27%	6.27%	-
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/33	7.26%	7.25%	0.01
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	7.84%	7.84%	-
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	8.55%	8.55%	-
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	0.00%	6.31%	(0.63)

Source: FirstBank UK, AIICO Capital

## Treasury Bills

The NTB market opened the week on a mixed footing amid improved system liquidity supporting buy-interest on select maturities. Demand was particularly evident on the 7-Jan-27 bill, where discount rate declined by 7bps to 17.94% discount.

However, these gains were partly offset by profit-taking and sell pressure on other papers, like the 5-Nov-26 bill which saw a notable selling interest, with rate rising by 10bps 17.05%. Overall, the average benchmark rate closed flat at 16.45%.

**Outlook:** We expect market to trade in-line with the prevailing market liquidity.

### BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES

	12-Jan-26	09-Jan-26	Change in Yield (%)
87 DAYS	15.92%	15.92%	(0.00)
178 DAYS	16.28%	16.28%	0.00
360 DAYS	17.94%	18.01%	(0.07)

Source: FMDQ, AICO Capital

## FGN Bonds

The FGN Bond secondary market began the week on a largely calm but slightly mixed note, as investor participation remained muted across the curve with a mild bearish bias, as investors adopted a wait-and-see approach ahead of the CPI release scheduled for later in the week.

Trading was largely quiet, with quotes remaining stable across most maturities and limited price movement. Nonetheless, notable selling pressure emerged at the short and belly of the curve, while the long end curve traded flat. Notable yield change was notice on the 20-Mar-27 and 21-Feb-34, by 47bps and 84bps to 17.90% and 17.94%, respectively. As a result, the average benchmark yield edged up by 4bps to close at 16.80%.

**Outlook:** In the near term, we expect the bond market to remain cautious ahead of the December CPI data.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS			
	12-Jan-26	09-Jan-26	Change in Yield (%)
5 YRS: 19.30% 17-APR-2029	17.51%	17.51%	(0.00)
10 YRS: 22.60% 29-JAN-2035	16.80%	16.80%	-
13 YRS: 15.45% 21-JUN-2038	16.33%	16.33%	(0.00)
28 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	14.93%	14.93%	(0.00)

Source: FMDQ, AICO Capital

## Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equity market closed on a positive note, with the All-Share Index (ASI) advancing by 58bps, while the market capitalization rose by 72bps amid the listing of 3.16billion shares of UBA. Market breadth was positive, as 48 stocks recorded gains while 20 stocks closed in negative territory.

REDSTAREX, ETRANZACT, RTBRISCOE, UPDC, DEAPCAP and MCNICHOLS led the gainers' chart, each appreciating by the daily price limit of 10.0%, while CHAMPION Breweries topped the losers' chart, shedding 8.51%. Activity levels were mixed, with SOVRENINS leading volume traded at 307.47 million shares, while FIDELITY Bank emerged as the most valuable stock traded, with turnover of ₦3.14 billion.

Sector performance was broadly positive. The Banking Index gained 86bps, supported by price appreciation in ACCESSCORP, ETI, WEMABANK and GTCO, although losses in STANBIC and FCMB moderated the gains. The Consumer Goods Index rose by 57bps, driven by strong performances in MCNICHOLS, HONYFLOUR, Nigerian Breweries, Cadbury, PZ Cussons and International Breweries, despite declines in DANGSGAR and CHAMPION. The Oil and Gas Index advanced by 149bps, largely on the back of gains in ARADEL, while the Industrial Goods Index rose by 81bps, supported by WAPCO and CUTIX.

Value traded increased by 3.47% to \$13.42 million, with notable crossed deals in SOVRENINS, NB, UNILEVER, ZENITHBANK and FIDELITYBK. Overall sentiment remained positive, with most gains recorded toward the close of the session.

**Outlook:** Amidst positive market breadth of +2.5x and cautious trading in the fixed income market, we expect positive sentiment to persist in the near term..

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↑ 0.58%	↑ 2.53%	↑ 4.90%	↑ 4.90%
NSE BANKING INDEX	↑ 0.86%	↓ -0.71%	↑ 6.38%	↑ 6.38%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	↑ 0.88%	↑ 2.67%	↑ 10.00%	↑ 10.00%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.81%	↑ 4.59%	↑ 5.59%	↑ 5.59%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.57%	↑ 1.26%	↑ 3.57%	↑ 3.57%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	↑ 1.49%	↑ 2.42%	↑ 7.72%	↑ 7.72%

Source: NGX, AICO Capital

NAME (SYMBOL)	TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS		
	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
ETRANZACT	16.50	1.50	↑ 10.00%
REDSTAREX	11.55	1.05	↑ 10.00%
UPDC	5.50	0.50	↑ 10.00%
DEAPCAP	3.30	0.30	↑ 10.00%
MCNICHOLS	6.05	0.55	↑ 10.00%

Source: NGX, AICO Capital

NAME (SYMBOL)	TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS		
	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
CHAMPION	15.05	-1.40	↓ -8.51%
EUNISELL	156.20	-13.60	↓ -8.01%
IKEJAHOTEL	36.80	-3.20	↓ -8.00%
GUINEAINS	1.27	-0.10	↓ -7.30%
OMATEK	1.24	-0.04	↓ -3.13%

Source: NGX, AICO Capital

## Foreign Exchange

Amidst sustained demand pressures in the FX market, the Naira on Monday records a marginal depreciation of 3bps (₦0.40), to close at ₦1,423.57 per USD at the Nigerian Foreign Exchange Market (NFEM) window. The local currency traded with very limited volatility during the day's session, reflecting the tight range of trading activities.

Meanwhile, the External Reserve was noted at \$45.67 billion (as of 9-Jan-26), reflecting an \$8.18 million day-on-day addition.

**Outlook:** Supported by strengthening foreign reserves, we expect the Naira to continue to move in accordance with current market supply and demand conditions.

NFEM RATE (\$/₦)		Diff.
12-Jan-26	1,423.5700	
9-Jan-26	1,423.1674	↓ 0.4026

Source: CBN, AICO Capital

## Commodities

Global oil prices held near a five-week high on Monday as concerns Iran may reduce exports during a crackdown on the biggest anti-government demonstrations in years offset expectations supplies could rise from Venezuela, another OPEC member under sanctions. Brent crude gained a marginal 1 cent or 0.02%, to \$63.35 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) eased by 8 cents or 0.14%, to \$59.04.

However, Gold hit a record above \$4,600 per ounce on Monday, and silver reached a fresh peak as investors piled into safe-haven assets after uncertainty deepened over a Trump administration criminal probe into Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell. Spot gold price climbed 237bps to \$4,617.16/oz, while U.S. gold futures followed with a 279bps to \$4,626.59/oz.

**Outlook:** We expect markets to remain cautious and slightly risk-off, with safe-haven assets supported by geopolitical and policy uncertainty while investors await key data and central bank signals for further direction.

MACRO INDICATORS	
DP (Q3 2025)	+3.98% (Q2: 2025 +4.23% y/y)
FLATION (NOVEMBER 2025)	14.45% (Oct'25: 16.05%)
EXTERNAL RESERVE (US\$ BILLION)	45.67 (+0.38% YTD as of 09-Jan-26)
MONETARY POLICY RATE (NOV'2025)	27.00%
CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT (CRR)	45.00%
BRENT CRUDE PRICE US\$/BBL	*\$63.35 (+0.01 d/d)

Source: NBS, CBN, Bloomberg, AICO Capital

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