

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



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MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

Liquidity in the banking system opened the week with a surplus balance of ₦596.46 billion, to rebound from the deficit of ₦241.96 billion in the previous session, albeit at a moderate level compared to recent trends. The improvement was largely driven by ₦1.02 trillion Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) placements at CBN's Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) window and ₦21.38 billion Primary market inflow, which was slightly offset by ₦780 billion borrowings through the Standing Lending Facility (SLF) window.

Consequently, average funding cost dropped significantly by 342bps to 22.80 from previous 26.22% as the Overnight Rate (OVN) lost 336bps to 22.83, while the Open Repo Rate (OPR) fell by 347bps to settle at 23.00%.

Outlook: We expect funding costs to ease slightly following an expected inflow of ₦1.03 trillion from 3-Feb-2026 OMO maturity, barring any funding activities.

SYS. LIQ. (₦'BN)	Diff.
2-Feb-26	596.46
30-Jan-26	-241.96

Source: CBN, AIICO Capital

Eurobonds

The African Eurobonds market traded on a positive note, as sustained buying interest outweighed lingering global risk-off sentiment, supporting broad-based yield compression across the Nigerian curve.

Buying interest was evident across the curve, with broad-based yield compression recorded across Nigerian Eurobonds. The short end saw yields on the Nov-2027 and Sep-2028 papers ease by 7bps and 5bps, while mid-curve maturities also attracted demand, leading to further yield declines. The long end remained supported, with select longer-dated bonds posting moderate yield compression.

Consequently, the average Nigerian Eurobond benchmark yield declined by 7bps to 7.05%.

Outlook: Market to is expected to trade with the similar sentiment barring any adverse global macro developments.

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS

	02-Feb-26	30-Jan-26	Change in Yield (%)
5 YRS: NGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	5.90%	5.99%	(0.09)
10 YRS: NGERIA 7.375% 09/29/33	7.07%	7.13%	(0.06)
15 YRS: NGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	7.74%	7.78%	(0.04)
30 YRS: NGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	8.34%	8.39%	(0.05)
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	6.26%	6.27%	(0.00)

Source: FirstBank UK, AIICO Capital

Treasury Bills

The NTB secondary market traded on a quiet and largely neutral note, as subdued activity across all maturities kept rates flat along the curve amid balanced demand-supply dynamics.

Trading remained muted across the short, mid, and long segments, with all bills closing unchanged as investors stayed largely on the sidelines, resulting in minimal price action across the market.

Consequently, the average benchmark rate closed flat at 16.72%.

Outlook: We expect the market to trade sideways, with movements largely driven by prevailing system liquidity conditions.

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES

	02-Feb-26	30-Jan-26	Change in Yield (%)
66 DAYS	16.50%	16.50%	-
157 DAYS	16.74%	16.74%	-
339 DAYS	16.33%	16.33%	-

Source: FMDQ, AICO Capital

FGN Bonds

The FGN bond secondary market traded on a calm to mildly bullish note, as selective buying interest at the mid-to-long end offset generally muted activity across most other tenors.

At the short end, yields were largely stable, with only marginal compression of 2bps and 1bp recorded on the 20-Mar-27 and 20-Mar-28 bonds, respectively. Activity was mixed at the belly of the curve, as the 21-Feb-31 saw mild yield expansion of 10bps, while buying interest on the 27-Apr-32 supported a 6bps compression. Sentiment improved notably at the long end, where strong demand drove significant yield compression on the 15-May-33 and 18-Jul-34 papers by 111bps and 26bps to settle at 16.57% and 16.52%, respectively, while other long-dated bonds closed flat.

Overall, the strength at the long end was sufficient to pull the average benchmark yield lower by 7bps to 16.29%.

Outlook: In the near term, we expect market activities to trade at similar level.

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS

	02-Feb-26	30-Jan-26	Change in Yield (%)
3 YRS: 14.55% 26-APR-2029	16.37%	16.37%	-
10 YRS: 12.40% 18-MAR-2036	16.25%	16.25%	-
18 YRS: 13.00% 21-JAN-2042	15.98%	15.98%	-
27 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	15.21%	15.21%	-

Source: FMDQ, AICO Capital

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian Exchange closed the session marginally higher as the All-Share Index (ASI) rose by 1bps, bringing the YTD return to 6.3%. Market sentiment remained mixed, with PREMPAINTS and UNIVINSURE leading the gainers' chart after advancing by 10.0% each, while OMATEK topped the losers' chart with a 10.0% decline. Trading activity was relatively concentrated, as TANTALIZER emerged as the most actively traded stock by volume with 88.5m shares, while ZENITHBANK led by value, recording trades worth ₦2.9bn. Market breadth was negative, with 28 stocks advancing against 44 decliners.

Sectoral performance was mixed during the session. The Banking Index declined by 64bps, pressured by losses in ETI, FIDELITYBK, ACCESSCORP, and GTCO, although gains in ZENITHBANK, WEMABANK, FCMB, and STANBIC provided some support. The Consumer Goods Index also weakened, falling by 37bps due to declines in CHAMPION, HONYFLOUR, CADBURY, INTBREW, and PZ, while MCNICHOLS closed higher. In contrast, the Oil and Gas Index advanced by 200bps, driven largely by gains in ARADEL, although OANDO and JAPAULGOLD ended the day lower. The NGX Industrial Index shed 8.0bps following losses in BETAGLAS, AUSTINLAZ, CUTIX, and TRIPPLEG.

Value traded rose by 23.2% to ₦13.1bn, with activity concentrated in GTCO, ZENITHBANK, PZ, ARADEL, and FIRSTHOLDCO.

Outlook: Amid the positive market breath of 1.7x, we expected sustained positive sentiment in the next session.

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↑ 0.01%	↓ -0.08%	↑ 0.01%	↑ 6.28%
NSE BANKING INDEX	↓ -0.64%	↓ -1.28%	↓ -0.64%	↑ 6.31%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	↓ -1.99%	↑ 0.20%	↓ -1.99%	↑ 9.53%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	↓ -0.08%	↑ 0.00%	↓ -0.08%	↑ 5.36%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	↓ -0.37%	↑ 0.16%	↓ -0.37%	↑ 2.83%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	↑ 2.00%	↑ 2.09%	↑ 2.00%	↑ 16.07%

Source: NGX, AICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS			
	CLOSING PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
PREMPAINTS	11.00	1.00	↑ 10.00%
UNIVINSURE	1.32	0.12	↑ 10.00%
DAARCOMM	1.55	0.14	↑ 9.93%
RTBRISCOE	8.64	0.78	↑ 9.92%
MORISON	10.98	0.99	↑ 9.91%

Source: NGX, AICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS			
	CLOSING PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
OMATEK	2.70	-0.30	↓ -10.00%
MANSARD	14.31	-1.58	↓ -9.94%
DEAPCAP	8.46	-0.93	↓ -9.90%
CILEASING	6.90	-0.75	↓ -9.80%
ROYALEX	1.97	-0.21	↓ -9.63%

Source: NGX, AICO Capital

Foreign Exchange

The Naira at the Nigerian Foreign Exchange Market (NFEM) opened the month of February on weak note, to depreciate by 27bps (₦3.81) against the U.S Dollar. The depreciation was driven stronger demand compared to the available supply as the Naira traded within the ₦1,381/\$ and ₦1,396/\$ band during the session before settling at ₦1,390.36/\$.

Meanwhile, external reserves was noted at \$46.18 billion as of 29 January 2026, reflecting an addition of \$62.40 million day-on-day.

Outlook: Supported by current supply level conditions, we expect the exchange rate to trade around the similar band in the next session.

NFEM RATE (\$/₦)	Diff.
2-Feb-26	1,390.3622
30-Jan-26	1,386.5532

Source: CBN, AICO Capital

Commodities

Global oil prices fell 5% on Monday after U.S. President Donald Trump said Iran was "seriously talking" with Washington, signalling a de-escalation of tensions with the OPEC member, while a stronger dollar and milder weather forecasts also pressured prices. Brent crude dipped 4.59% or \$3.18, hovering around \$66.14 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) fell 5.06%, to around \$61.91.

Similarly, gold prices have fallen roughly 10% in the past two days after hitting record highs last week, as CME Group raised margin requirements following a sharp metals selloff that was triggered by Kevin Warsh's nomination as the next U.S. Federal Reserve Chair. Spot gold price declined 169bps to \$4,660.45/oz, while U.S. gold futures fell 178bps, hovering around \$4,677.66/oz.

Outlook: We expect markets to trade mixed to cautious, with safe-haven demand supporting gold and gold ETFs amid a weak dollar and uncertain oil price direction.

Macro Indicators	
GDP (Q3 2025)	+3.98% (Q2: 2025 +4.23% y/y)
Inflation (December 2025)	15.15% (Nov'25: 17.33%)
External Reserve (US\$billion)	46.18 (+1.48% YTD as of 29-Jan-26)
Monetary Policy Rate (Nov'2025)	27.00%
Cash Reserve Requirement (CRR)	45.00%
Brent Crude Price US\$/bbl	*66.14 (-3.18 d/d)

Source: NBS, CBN, Bloomberg, AICO Capital

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