

DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.



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MARKET COMMENTARY

System Liquidity

System liquidity opened today with a surplus balance of ₦6.96 trillion, reflecting an improvement of ₦344.63 billion from the previous open of ₦6.62 trillion. The surplus was mainly supported by ₦6.92 trillion DMB placements at the CBN's Standing Deposit Facility window, and ₦556.02 billion inflow from 7-May-2026 NTB maturity, offset by ₦731.75 billion PMA settlement, and ₦20.00 billion borrowing at the SLF window.

However, the Nigerian Overnight Financing Rate (NOFR) remained steady at 22.00% as of 05-May-2026.

Outlook: *Barring any funding activities, we expect system liquidity to remain elevated.*

SYS. LIQ. (₦'BN)		Diff.
7-May-26	6,961.25	↑344.63
6-May-26	6,616.62	

Source: CBN, AIICO Capital

Eurobonds

African sovereign Eurobonds were broadly softer today, with yields edging higher across most of the curve.

Nigeria's curve was mixed-to-bearish overall. Most maturities widened marginally by 1–4bps, particularly at the belly of the curve. The NOV 2027 bond rose to 5.49% from 5.48%, while FEB 2030 added 4bps to 5.96%, suggesting some mild selling pressure in intermediate tenors. Longer-dated papers were relatively stable, with JAN 2049 at 7.89% and SEP 2051 unchanged at 7.96%.

Interestingly, parts of the curve such as JUN 2031, SEP 2033, and FEB 2038 saw slight yield compression, indicating selective demand from investors still searching for carry opportunities in liquid African credits despite broader risk aversion. The average Nigerian Eurobond yield closed at 6.73%, up 1bp from 6.72% previously, reflecting a generally cautious tone rather than an aggressive selloff.

Outlook: *We expect the market to maintain a positive but selective trajectory in the coming session, as investors balance improved risk appetite amid global geopolitical developments.*

BENCHMARK FGN EUROBOND YIELDS				
	07-May-26	06-May-26	Change in Yield (%)	
5 YRS: NIGERIA 8.375% 03/24/29	5.47%	5.45%	0.02	
10 YRS: NIGERIA 7.375% 09/29/33	6.70%	6.72%	(0.02)	
15 YRS: NIGERIA 7.696% 23/02/38	7.17%	7.18%	(0.01)	
30 YRS: NIGERIA 8.25% 09/29/51	7.96%	7.96%	-	
8.75% ETI 06/17/31*	4.66%	4.66%	-	

Source: FirstBank UK, AIICO Capital

Treasury Bills

The NTB secondary market remained completely flat today as investors largely maintained a cautious stance, digesting the outcome of the auction held yesterday with its settlement set for today. The DMO offered ₦700bn across the 91-, 182-, and 364-day tenors against c. ₦556.02bn in maturities. The DMO ultimately allotted c. ₦731.75bn at stop rates of 15.949%, 16.14%, and 16.15%, respectively.

Consequently, the average benchmark yield remained unchanged at 16.02%

Outlook: *We expect investor activity to align with prevailing liquidity conditions, with the outcome of the NTB primary market auction*

BENCHMARK T-BILLS DISCOUNT RATES			
	07-May-26	06-May-26	Change in Yield (%)
91 DAYS	15.77%	15.77%	-
182 DAYS	16.14%	16.14%	-
336 DAYS	16.08%	16.08%	-

Source: FMDQ, AIICO Capital

FGN Bonds

The FGN Bond secondary market traded on a largely quiet and mixed note, with activity remaining subdued as investors maintained a cautious stance. Across the curve, yields were broadly unchanged day-on-day, reflecting limited trading interest and a continued wait-and-see approach.

The near-end segment recorded slight mixed movements, as the FGN FEB 2028 bond inched higher by 1bps to 16.76%, while the FGN MAR 2028 bond eased marginally by 1bp to 16.85%. The FGN MAR 2036 also inched up by 1bps to 14.96%. All other benchmark maturities remained stable.

Consequently, the average benchmark yield remained unchanged to close at 15.77%.

Outlook: *We anticipate sustained investors interest in the near term.*

BENCHMARK FGN BOND YIELDS			
	07-May-26	06-May-26	Change in Yield (%)
3 YRS: 14.55% 26-APR-2029	16.18%	16.18%	-
10 YRS: 12.40% 18-MAR-2036	14.96%	14.95%	0.01
18 YRS: 13.00% 21-JAN-2042	14.07%	14.07%	-
27 YRS: 15.70% 21-JUN-2053	14.73%	14.73%	-

Source: FMDQ, AIICO Capital

Nigerian Equities

The Nigerian equity market closed today's session on a bearish note, as profit-taking pressures weighed on key large-cap stocks. Both the NGX All-Share Index and market capitalisation declined by 1.23%, driven largely by renewed sell-offs in Industrial Goods and Banking counters such as WAPCO, BUACEMENT, DANGCEM, and ZENITHBANK. Consequently, the All-Share Index shed 2,994.90 points to close at 239,734.61, while market capitalisation fell by ₦1.92 trillion to ₦153.86 trillion.

Trading activity, however, strengthened, with total volume and value traded rising by 29.34% and 21.44% to 1.83bn shares valued at ₦72.17bn across 81,131 deals. FTGINSURE led the volume chart, followed by VFDGROUP, ACCESSCORP, FCMB, and NSLTECH, while SEPLAT topped the value chart, accounting for 20.23% of total turnover.

Market breadth closed positive, with 41 gainers against 30 losers. CAP and FTNCOCOA led the gainers' chart (+9.99%), alongside ZICHIS, MEYER, BERGER, DEAPCAP, and TANTALIZER, among others. On the flip side, UPL topped the losers, shedding 10.00%, followed by REDSTAREX, SKYAVN, CILEASING, CONHALLPLC, and LIVINGTRUST.

Sectoral performance was mixed, as the Insurance, Oil & Gas, and Consumer Goods indices advanced by 1.51%, 0.39%, and 0.10%, respectively, while the Industrial Goods and Banking indices declined by 5.45% and 1.11%.

Outlook: *We expect a mixed trading session tomorrow amid intermittent profit-taking and strategic reallocation.*

	D-o-D	W-o-W	MTD	YTD
NGX ASI	↓ -1.23%	↓ -1.05%	↓ -1.05%	↑ 54.06%
NSE BANKING INDEX	↓ -1.11%	↓ -1.41%	↓ -1.41%	↑ 48.38%
NSE INSURANCE INDEX	↑ 1.51%	↑ 4.39%	↑ 4.39%	↑ 4.14%
NSE INDUSTRIAL GOODS INDEX	↓ -5.45%	↓ -2.01%	↓ -2.01%	↑ 94.67%
NSE CONSUMER GOODS INDEX	↑ 0.10%	↑ 1.61%	↑ 1.61%	↑ 24.04%
NSE OIL & GAS INDEX	↑ 0.39%	↓ -3.40%	↓ -3.40%	↑ 120.57%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY ADVANCERS CLOSING			
NAME (SYMBOL)	PRICE	GAIN(N)	% CHANGE
CAP	212.50	19.30	↑ 9.99%
FTNCOCOA	8.04	0.73	↑ 9.99%
ZICHIS	30.33	2.75	↑ 9.97%
MEYER	17.10	1.55	↑ 9.97%
BERGER	98.75	8.95	↑ 9.97%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

TOP 5 EQUITY DECLINERS CLOSING			
NAME (SYMBOL)	PRICE	LOSS(N)	% CHANGE
UPL	4.50	-0.50	↓ -10.00%
REDSTAREX	25.45	-2.70	↓ -9.59%
SKYAVN	130.75	-12.35	↓ -8.63%
CILEASING	7.00	-0.65	↓ -8.50%
CONHALLPLC	6.01	-0.49	↓ -7.54%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

Foreign Exchange

The Naira doubled-down on previous session gains today, as it appreciates by 11bps against the U.S. Dollar at the Nigerian Foreign Exchange Market (NFEM).

The Naira gained ₦1.49 against the U.S. Dollar, driven by stronger FX supply relative to demand, which in recent sessions has been linked to sustained foreign portfolio inflows, improved market liquidity, and continued confidence from the CBN's FX reforms. During today's session, the Naira traded between the ₦1,360.50/\$ and ₦1,354.00/\$ band before settling at ₦1,355.85/\$.

However, external reserves recorded a decline of \$7.73 million from the \$48.33 billion to \$48.32 billion as of 6-May-2026.

Outlook: We expect the naira to trade range-bound in the near term driven by FX demand and supply dynamics.

	NFEM RATE (\$/N)	Diff.
7-May-26	1,355.8502	
6-May-26	1,357.3371	↓ (1.4869)

Source: CBN, AIICO Capital

Commodities

Global Oil prices turned positive in volatile trade on Thursday after a report said Iran would not allow the U.S. to reopen the Strait of Hormuz with "an unrealistic plan". Brent crude up-ticked by 35bps, gaining 35 cents and trading at \$101.62 per barrel as of 19:00 HRS, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) rose 0.87%, trading around \$95.91 per barrel.

Conversely, Gold rose on Thursday on optimism over a potential U.S.-Iran peace deal, easing concerns about inflation and prolonged higher interest rates, though gains were capped after a report said Tehran would not allow the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. Spot gold price gained 23bps, to trade around \$4,710.03/oz, while U.S. gold futures rose 0.48%, hovering around \$4,716.84/oz.

Outlook: Tomorrow, we expect oil to trade lower but with a cautious bias as Middle East tensions near a potential end.

Macro Indicators	
GDP (Q4 2025)	+4.07% (Q3: 2025 +3.98% y/y)
Inflation (March 2026)	15.38% (Feb'26: 15.06%)
External Reserve (US\$ billion)	48.32 (+6.20% YTD as of 06-May-26)
Monetary Policy Rate (Feb'2026)	26.50%
Cash Reserve Requirement (CRR)	45.00%
Brent Crude Price US\$/bbl	*101.62 (+0.35 d/d)

Source: NBS, CBN, Bloomberg, AIICO Capital

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