DAILY MARKET INSIGHTS.

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System Liquidity

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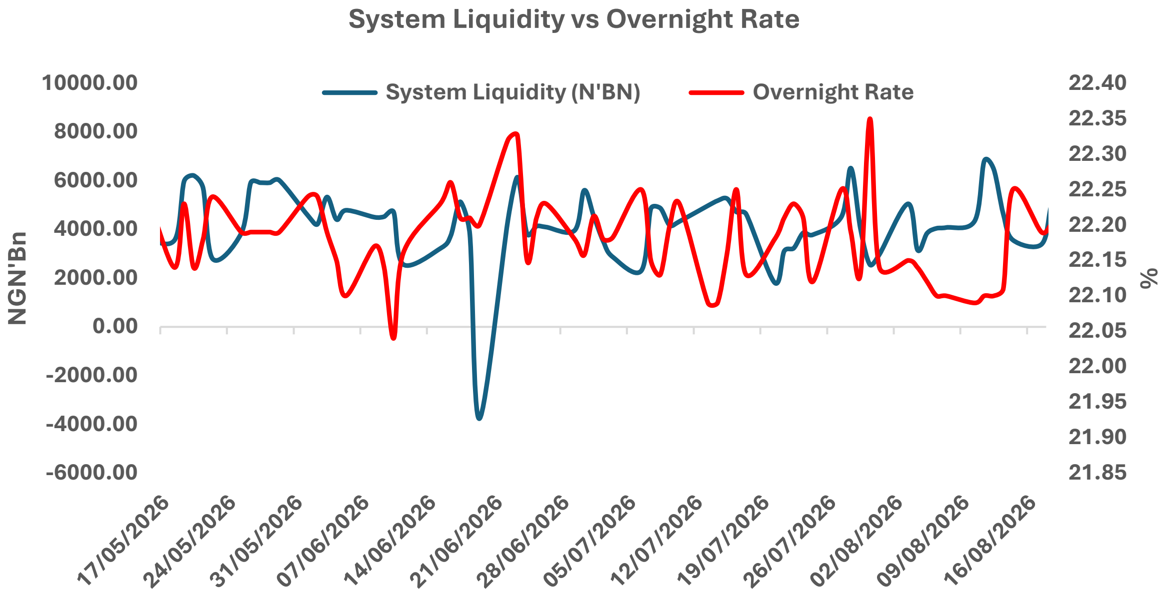


Source: CBN, AIICO Capital

Indicator	Current (19/08/2026)	Previous (18/08/2026)	Change	Ytd
System Liquidity (NGN Billion)	4,010.55	4,928.22	-18.62%	5.08%
Overnight Policy Rate (%)	22.00	22.00	0.00%	-0.50%
Overnight Rate (%)	22.20	22.20	0.00%	-0.55%
Average T-Bill Rate (%)	18.60	18.60	0.00%	1.60%
NOFR (%)	22.00	22.00	0.00%	

Source: CBN, AIICO Capital

System liquidity declined from c. ₦4.93trn in the previous session to close at c. ₦4.01trn, a drop of 18.62%, largely on account of funding pressures from the c. ₦805.16 billion August FGN Bond PMA settlement. Despite the tighter liquidity position, funding costs held steady, with the OPR flat at 22.00% and the O/N rate unchanged at 22.20%. The average T-bill rate also remained steady at 18.60%.

“ Outlook:

We expect funding costs to hold broadly steady in the next session, as the bulk of the bond PMA-related drain has now been absorbed. Barring fresh maturities to replenish the system, rates should stay anchored near current levels. ”

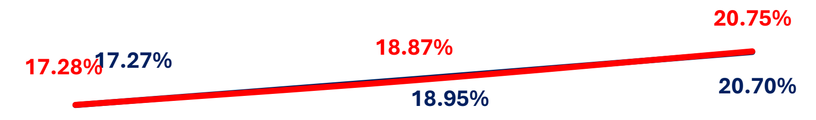
Treasury Bills Market

The Treasury Bills market traded on a calm but broadly bullish note, supported by excess system liquidity of c. ₦5 trillion and the absence of a midweek NTB auction. Demand remained concentrated on the 12-Aug NTB, with its discount rate holding around 17.30%. Across the secondary market curve, the 91-day and 365-day yields eased 1bp and 4bps to 17.27% and 20.70% respectively, while the 180-day tenor bucked the trend, rising 8bps to 18.95%.

Outlook:

We expect demand in the Treasury Bills market to remain supported, with the absence of a scheduled NTB auction this week likely to keep secondary market yields anchored near current levels.

NTB YIELD CURVE



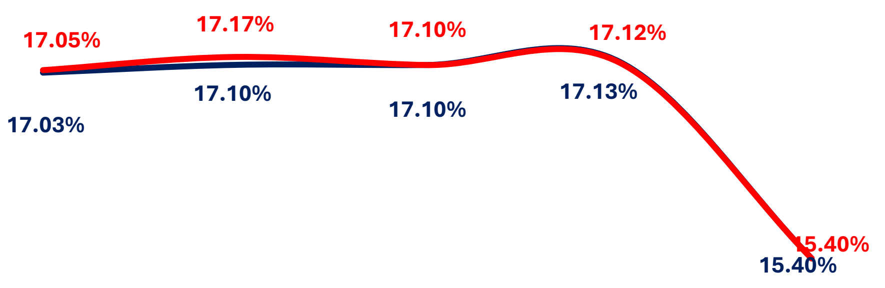
	91 day	180 day	365 day
Current	17.27%	18.95%	20.70%
Previous	17.28%	18.87%	20.75%

Source: FMDQ, AIICO Capital

	19/08/2026	18/08/2026		
NTB	**Current**	**Previous**	**Change**	**YTD**
91 day	17.27%	17.28%	-0.01%	-0.97%
180 day	18.95%	18.87%	0.08%	-2.25%
365 day	20.70%	20.75%	-0.04%	-1.12%

Source: FMDQ, AIICO Capital

FGN Bonds Market



	FGN 3	FGN 5	FGN 7	FGN 10	FGN 20
Current	17.03%	17.10%	17.10%	17.13%	15.40%
Previous	17.05%	17.17%	17.10%	17.12%	15.40%

Source: FMDQ, AIICO Capital

	19/08/2026	18/08/2026		
FGN BOND	**Current**	**Previous**	**Change**	**YTD**
FGN 3	17.03%	17.05%	-0.02%	-0.12%
FGN 5	17.10%	17.17%	-0.07%	-0.04%
FGN 7	17.10%	17.10%	0.00%	0.01%
FGN 10	17.13%	17.12%	0.01%	-0.32%
FGN 20	15.40%	15.40%	0.00%	-0.06%

Source: FMDQ, AIICO Capital

The FGN Bond market remained active following Monday's auction, supported by strong demand for the reopened 2035, 2037 and 2038 bonds. Activity was concentrated around the belly of the curve, reflecting strong interest in the 2038 bond. The short end rallied, with FGN 3 and FGN 5 yields declining by 2bps and 7bps, respectively, while longer-dated yields were largely stable.

Outlook:

"We expect trading activity to remain concentrated in the 2035s, 2037s, and 2038s, as investors continue to position around prevailing yield levels amid sustained post-auction demand and ongoing secondary market interest."

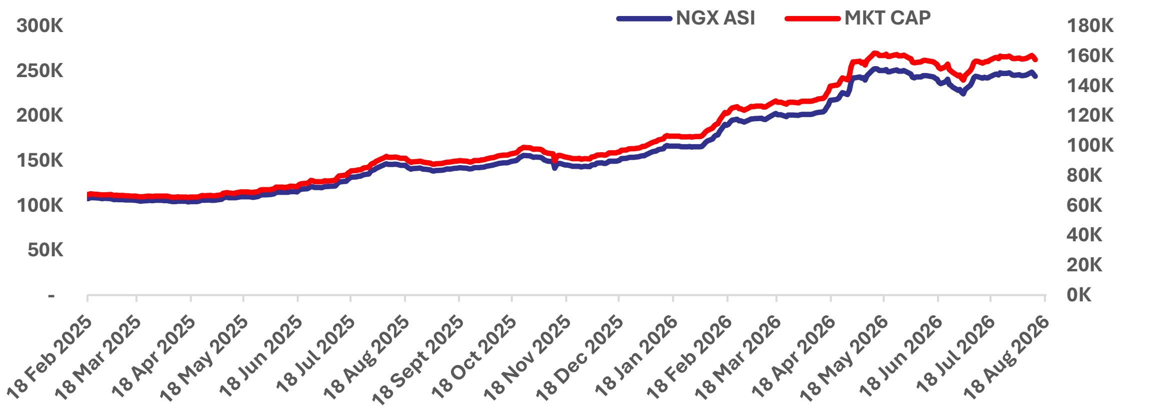
Equities Market

The Nigerian equities market closed on a bearish note as the NGX-ASI declined by 0.36% to settle at 240,750.47 points, down from the previous session's close of 241,611.23 points, marking the seventh consecutive session of losses. Performance across sectors was mixed, with renewed sell pressure in Oil & Gas (-4.63%), Insurance (-0.88%), and Consumer Goods (-0.31%) weighing on the index, while Banking bucked the trend with a 0.54% gain and Industrial Goods closed flat. Despite the extended pullback, broader market sentiment remains resilient, with the year-to-date (YTD) return standing strong at 54.71%.

	19/08/2026	18/08/2026		
Market Sector	**Current**	**Previous**	**Change**	**Ytd**
NGX-ASI	240,750.47	241,611.23	-0.36%	54.71%
Banking	2,503.67	2,490.17	0.54%	65.17%
Insurance	1,102.71	1,112.50	-0.88%	-7.28%
Consumer Goods	4,037.49	4,049.97	-0.31%	1.56%
Industrial Goods	10,378.61	10,378.59	0.00%	82.84%
Oil &Gas	4,960.82	5,201.49	-4.63%	85.78%

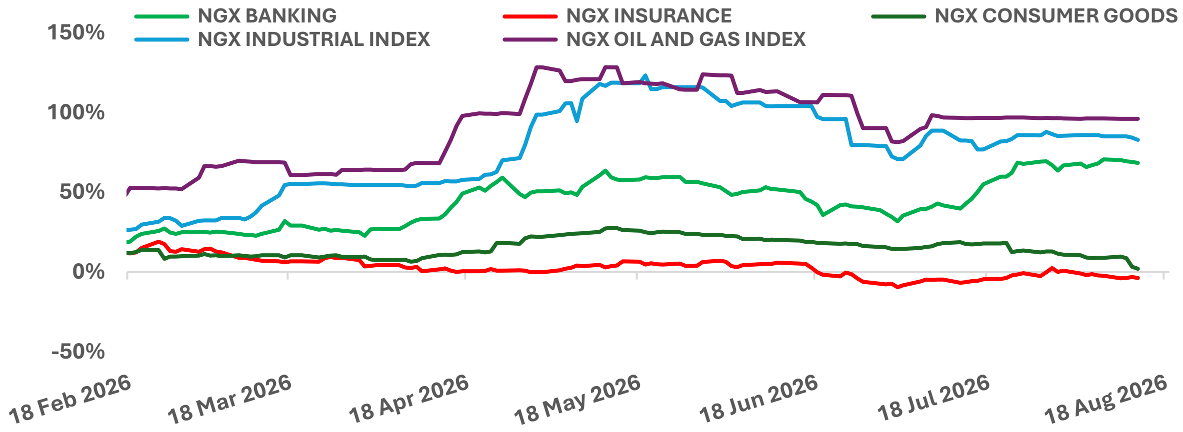
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

ASI PERFORMANCE



Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

SECTORAL PERFORMANCE



Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

AIICO CAPITAL

Top Gainers

Ticker	Price	Change
HMCALL	₦3.52	10.00%
WAPIC	₦2.44	8.44%
UACN	₦177.85	6.56%
AVACAP	₦7.60	6.29%
CAVERTON	₦4.95	5.32%

Top Decliners

Ticker	Price	Change
INTENEGINS	₦4.77	10.00%
ARADEL	₦1,374.20	9.99%
UNIVINSURE	₦0.77	9.41%
REDSTAREX	₦14.70	9.26%
ROYALEX	₦1.06	8.62%

Sectoral performance was mixed, with Oil & Gas leading the losses (-4.63%), followed by Insurance (-0.88%) and Consumer Goods (-0.31%). Banking bucked the trend to close higher (+0.54%), while Industrial Goods remained flat (0.00%). On a year-to-date (YTD) basis, Oil & Gas (+85.78%), Industrial Goods (+82.84%), and Banking (+65.17%) remain the top-performing sectors, while Insurance remains in negative territory at -7.28%.

Outlook:

"We expect near-term trading to remain cautious and choppy as profit-taking persists following the strong YTD rally. However, selective buying in stocks with strong earnings momentum, robust cash flows, and attractive dividend prospects should provide support to the market."

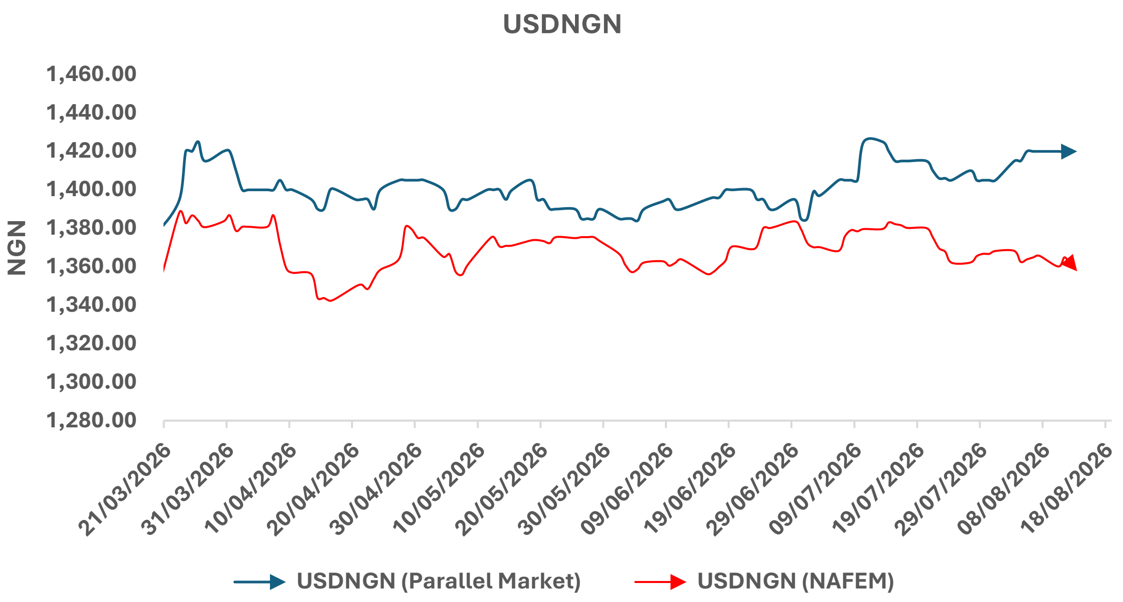
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

Foreign Exchange Market

The Naira traded mixed against the US Dollar, depreciating by 0.53% to close at ₦1,350.41/$ at the NAFEM window, while appreciating by 0.42% to ₦1,409.00/$ in the parallel market. The Naira also weakened against the British Pound and Euro at the NAFEM window, losing 1.09% and 1.16% respectively, while both pairs held flat in the parallel market. Overall, the market continues to experience relative stability, supported by ongoing monetary and fiscal policy refinements.

	19/08/2026	18/08/2026		
Market Sector	**Current**	**Previous**	**Change**	**YTD**
USDNGN (Parallel Market)	₦1,409.00	₦1,415.00	-0.42%	-4.15%
USDNGN (NAFEM)	₦1,350.41	₦1,343.32	0.53%	-5.94%
GBPNGN(Parallel Market)	₦1,900.00	₦1,900.00	0.00%	-3.80%
GBPNGN (NAFEM)	₦1,839.13	₦1,819.26	1.09%	-4.92%
EURNGN (Parallel Market)	₦1,595.00	₦1,595.00	0.00%	-6.73%
EURNGN (NAFEM)	₦1,574.31	₦1,556.24	1.16%	-6.73%
External Reserve (Billion)	$0.00	$52.32	-100.00%	-100.00%

Source: CBN, AIICO Capital



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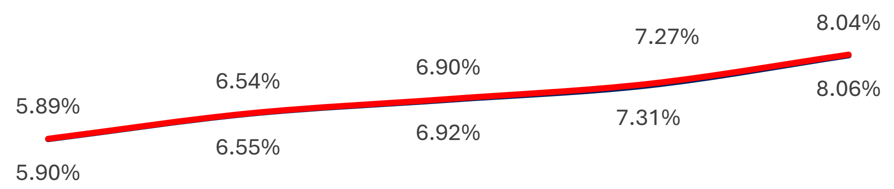
Outlook:

"The naira is expected to remain broadly stable in the near term, supported by improving FX liquidity. However, persistent dollar demand and the gap between the official and parallel markets could limit further appreciation. Market direction will remain dependent on FX inflows, reserve accumulation and demand pressures."

FGN EURO BOND YIELD CURVE



	FGN EURO 3	FGN EURO 5	FGNEURO 7	FGN EURO 10	FGN EURO 20
Current	5.89%	6.54%	6.90%	7.27%	8.04%
Previous	5.90%	6.55%	6.92%	7.31%	8.06%

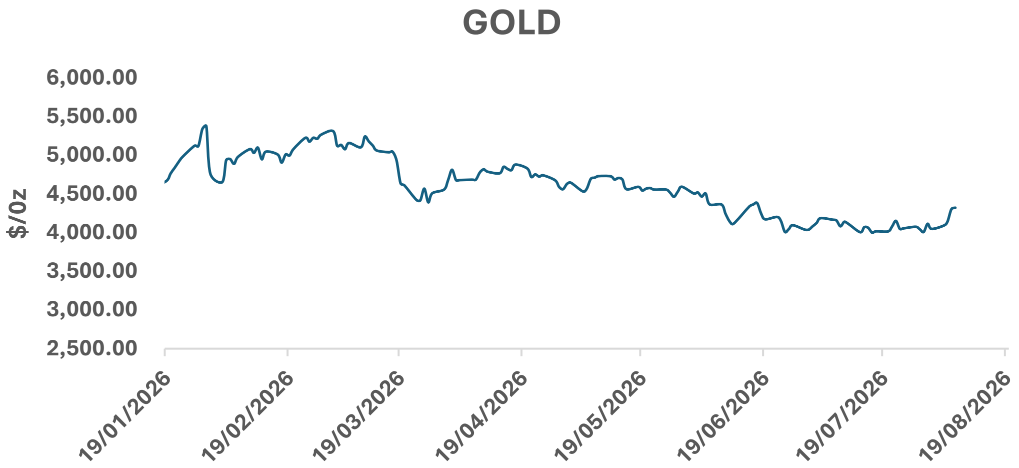
Source: FirstBank UK, AIICO Capital

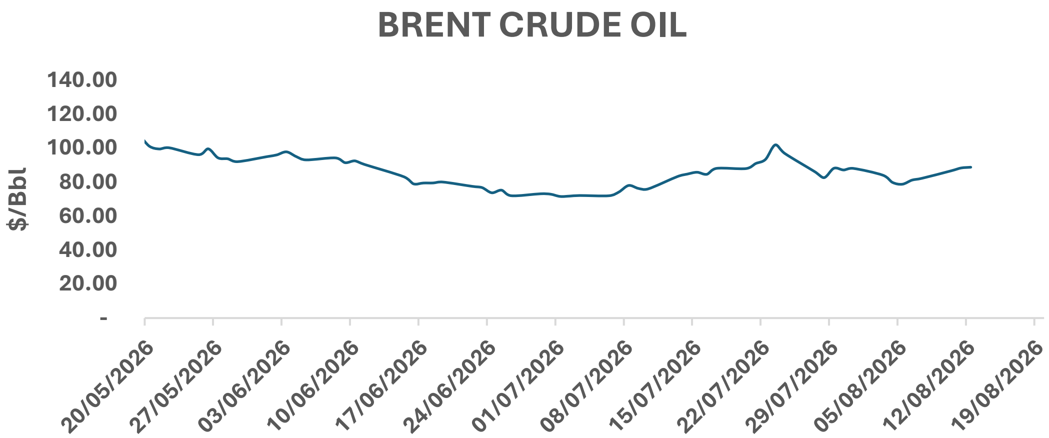
Outlook:

We expect selective buying and further downward repricing in yields, although profit-taking at current levels could moderate the pace of the rally in the near term.

The Nigerian Sovereign Eurobond market traded on a mildly bullish note, supported by sustained offshore demand even as the broader global bond backdrop remained pressured by elevated US Treasury yields, with the 10-year around 4.71% and the 30-year near 5.29%. Elevated Brent crude prices continued to underpin Nigeria's fiscal and external reserve outlook, reinforcing investor appetite for the country's dollar-denominated debt. This offset lingering caution from persistent global inflation and fiscal concerns weighing on developed-market yields. Consequently, buying interest across the Nigerian sovereign curve drove the average benchmark yield lower by 2bps to close at 6.93%.

Commodities Market





Source: Bloomberg, AIICO Capital

Gold rose toward $4,480/oz as the US dollar and Treasury yields eased ahead of the release of the FOMC's July meeting minutes, with investors evaluating hints on the Fed's near-term rate path. The move was reinforced by continued softness in retail sales, keeping alive expectations of a more dovish Fed stance. Gains were further supported by safe-haven demand as markets tracked the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

Brent crude extended its climb toward $91.90/bbl, its fourth consecutive session of gains, as the US and Iran showed little sign of reaching an agreement to reopen the Strait of Hormuz. President Trump confirmed there were no ongoing negotiations with Tehran, while reaffirming that the US naval blockade remains in effect. Supply concerns were tempered slightly as Gulf producers continued to reroute volumes through alternative channels.

“ *Outlook:*

Gold is expected to remain supported by safe-haven flows, a softer dollar, and shifting Fed rate expectations, while Brent crude will likely stay volatile as markets digest escalating Middle East geopolitical risks and Strait of Hormuz shipping dynamics. ”