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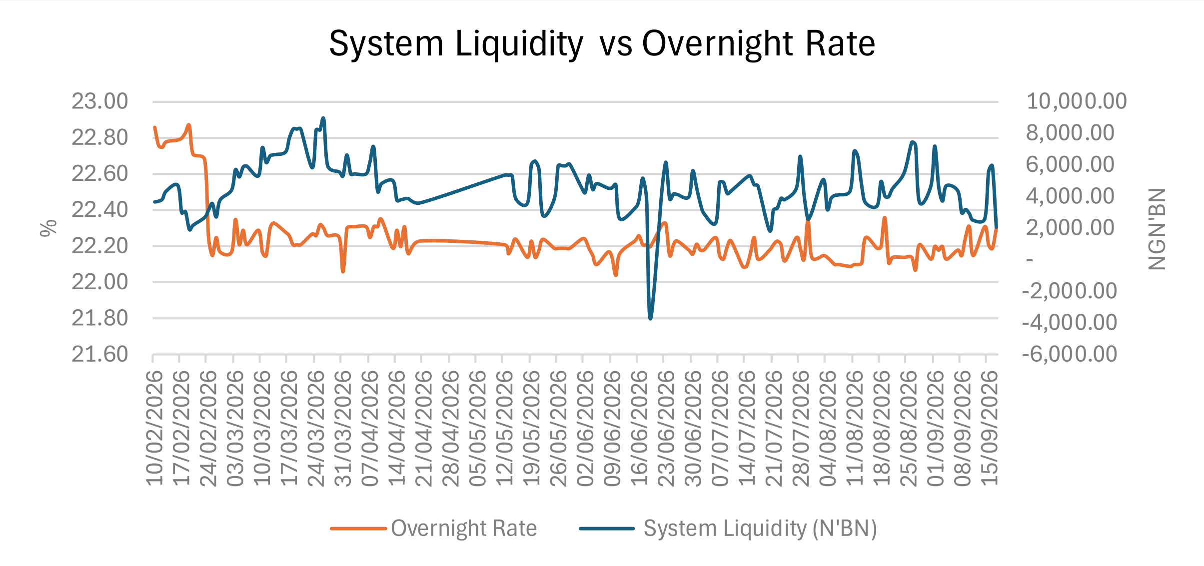
System Liquidity



Source: CBN, AIICO Capital

Indicator	17/09/2026 Current	16/09/2026 Previous	Change	Ytd
System Liquidity (NGN Billion)	2,030.26	5,890.62	-65.53%	-46.81%
Overnight Policy Rate (%)	22.00	22.00	0.00%	0.00%
Overnight Rate (%)	22.30	22.19	0.11%	-0.45%
Average T-Bill Rate (%)	18.81	18.77	0.05%	1.81%
NOFR (%)	22.00	22.00	0.00%	

Source: CBN, AIICO Capital

System liquidity fell 65.53% to ₦2.03 trillion, from ₦5.89 trillion, as the central bank drained cash from the banking system through its open market operations. The policy rate was left unchanged at 22.00% and the Nigerian Overnight Financing Rate also held at 22.00%, but the rate banks charge each other for overnight loans rose to 22.30% from 22.19%. The average Treasury bill rate edged up to 18.81% from 18.77%. So far this year, banks are holding 46.81% less cash than they started with, the overnight lending rate is 0.45 percentage points lower and Treasury bill rates are 1.81 percentage points higher.

“ **Outlook:**

We expect short-term borrowing costs to stay close to the central bank's 22.00% target, but with the cash buffer now down to ₦2.03 trillion, the risk is that rates drift higher. How quickly the squeeze eases will depend on the size of the next OMO auction versus how much cash is repaid to banks this week. ”

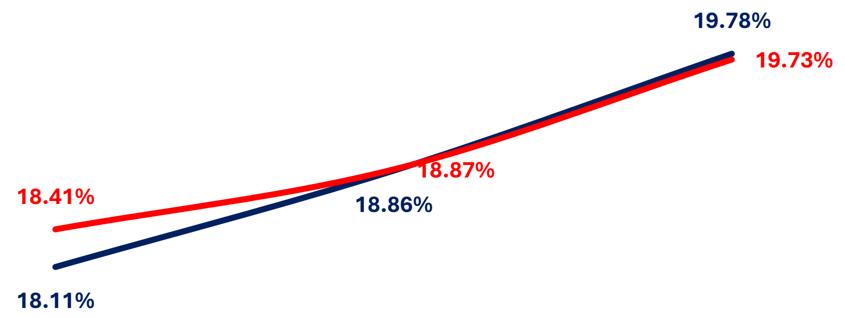
Treasury Bills Market

Trading in the secondary Treasury bill market was mixed, with buying concentrated at the short end. The 91-day rate fell 0.29 percentage points to 18.11% and the 180-day rate was virtually unchanged at 18.86%, while the 365-day rate edged up 0.05 percentage points to 19.78% as investors demanded a little more yield for holding longer paper. Rates remain below where they started the year, down 1.82 percentage points on the 91-day bill and 2.17 percentage points on the 180-day bill, with only a small decline of 0.19 percentage points on the 1-year bill.

“ *Outlook:*

We expect the 1-year bill to remain the market's main focus. Demand for short-dated bills should stay firm, but with system liquidity down sharply and the central bank offering higher rates at its OMO auctions, the 1-year rate is likely to hold near current levels rather than fall further. ”

NTB YIELD CURVE



	91 day	180 day	365 day
Current	18.11%	18.86%	19.78%
Previous	18.41%	18.87%	19.73%

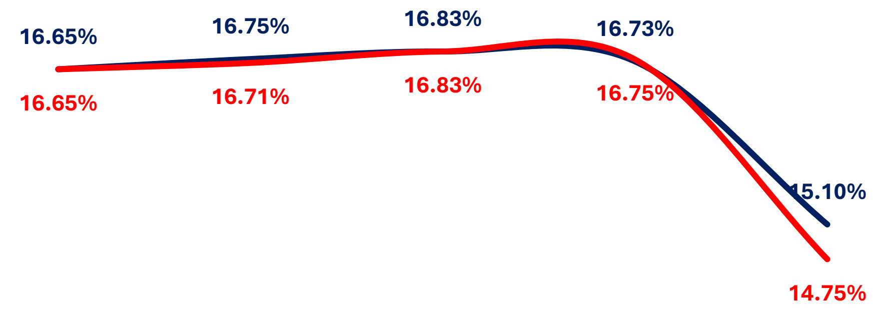
Source: FMDQ, AIICO Capital

	17/09/2026	16/09/2026		
NTB	**Current**	**Previous**	**Change**	**YTD**
91 day	18.11%	18.41%	↓ -0.29%	↓ -1.82%
180 day	18.86%	18.87%	↓ -0.01%	↓ -2.17%
365 day	19.78%	19.73%	↑ 0.05%	↓ -0.19%

Source: FMDQ, AIICO Capital

FGN Bonds Market

FGN BOND YIELD CURVE



	FGN 3	FGN 5	FGN 7	FGN 10	FGN 20
Current	16.65%	16.75%	16.83%	16.73%	15.10%
Previous	16.65%	16.71%	16.83%	16.75%	14.75%

Source: FMDQ, AIICO Capital

	17/09/2026	16/09/2026		
FGN BOND	**Current**	**Previous**	**Change**	**YTD**
FGN 3	16.65%	16.65%	0.00%	0.26%
FGN 5	16.75%	16.71%	0.04%	0.31%
FGN 7	16.83%	16.83%	0.00%	0.28%
FGN 10	16.73%	16.75%	-0.02%	0.08%
FGN 20	15.10%	14.75%	0.35%	0.24%

Source: FMDQ, AIICO Capital

Government bond yields were broadly steady, with selling pressure concentrated at the long end. The 20-year yield jumped 0.35 percentage points to 15.10%, while the 5-year edged up to 16.75%. The 3-year and 7-year were unchanged at 16.65% and 16.83%, and the 10-year eased to 16.73%. Long-dated bonds still pay less than medium-term ones. Across the curve, yields remain 0.08 to 0.31 percentage points lower than at the start of the year.

Outlook:

We expect trading to stay two-way, with the long end of the curve the most exposed after today's move. The size of this week's OMO auction, and the tighter cash position in the banking system, will be the main influences on demand for longer-dated bonds.

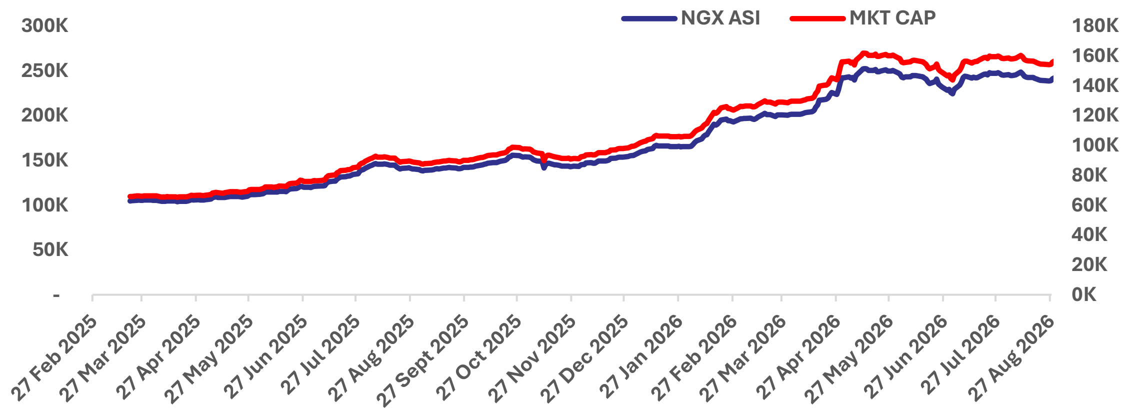
Equities Market

Buying was broad-based and the market closed firmly higher. The main stock index, the NGX All-Share Index, rose 0.62% to 246,315.38 points, its highest level this month, driven by Industrial Goods (+2.89%), Insurance (+1.88%) and Banking (+1.18%). Consumer Goods (-0.74%) was the weakest sector, while Oil & Gas was flat (-0.01%). For the year so far, the index is up 58.29%, led by Oil & Gas (+125.92%), Industrial Goods (+80.11%) and Banking (+70.42%). Insurance (-8.51%) remains the only sector below where it started the year, although it has recovered some ground in recent sessions.

	17/09/2026	16/09/2026		
Market Sector	**Current**	**Previous**	**Change**	**YTD**
NGX-ASI	246,315.38	244,791.80	0.62%	58.29%
Banking	2,583.31	2,553.08	1.18%	70.42%
Insurance	1,088.09	1,068.05	1.88%	-8.51%
Consumer Goods	4,084.03	4,114.30	-0.74%	2.73%
Industrial Goods	10,224.02	9,936.78	2.89%	80.11%
Oil &Gas	6,032.49	6,033.07	-0.01%	125.92%

Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

ASI PERFORMANCE



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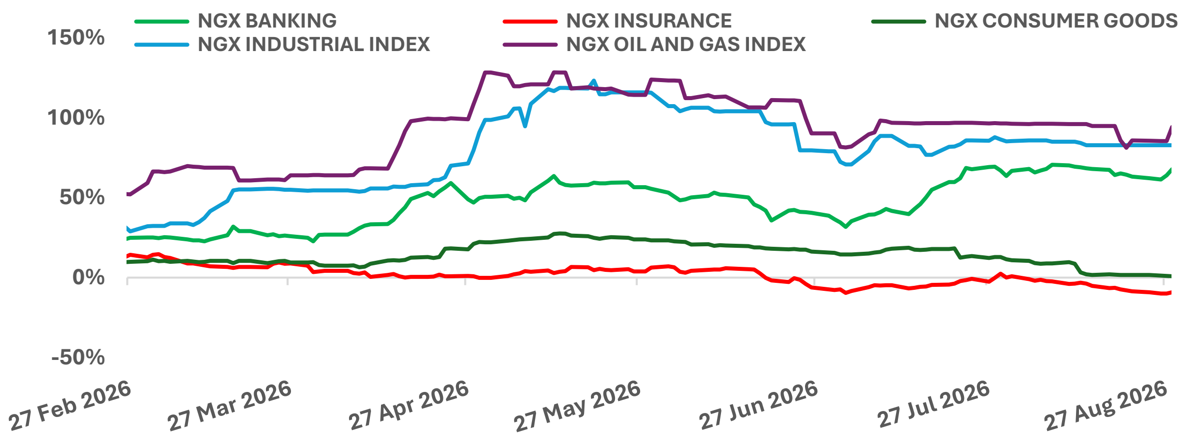
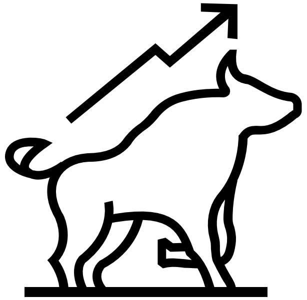
SECTORAL PERFORMANCE



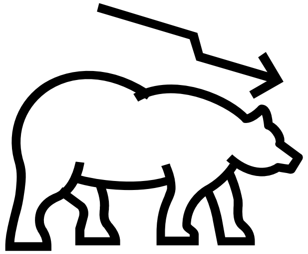
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

Equities Market

Top Gainers		
Ticker	**Price**	**Change**
BETAGLAS	₦511.50	10.00%
BUACEMENT	₦297.00	10.00%
CONHALLPLC	₦7.37	10.00%
ROYALEX	₦1.00	9.89%
SOVRENINS	₦2.36	9.77%



Top Decliners		
Ticker	**Price**	**Change**
TRANSPOWER	₦197.70	-9.97%
LEGENDINT	₦3.65	-9.88%
OMATEK	₦1.31	-9.66%
LIVINGTRUST	₦2.60	-8.45%
INTBREW	₦10.30	-5.94%



Three stocks closed at the 10.00% daily price limit: BETAGLAS (₦511.50), BUACEMENT (₦297.00) and CONHALLPLC (₦7.37), with ROYALEX (+9.89% to ₦1.00) and SOVRENINS (+9.77% to ₦2.36) just behind. On the losing side, TRANSPOWER fell 9.97% to ₦197.70, followed by LEGENDINT (-9.88%), OMATEK (-9.66%), LIVINGTRUST (-8.45%) and INTBREW (-5.94%). BUACEMENT's limit-up move helps explain the strength in Industrial Goods, while INTBREW's decline weighed on Consumer Goods.

Outlook:

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We expect trading to stay choppy and selective. With the Dangote Refinery offer open and Treasury bills paying close to 19%, investor cash is being rationed and should keep rotating into a narrow group of leaders. Cement, industrial and banking names look best placed to hold their gains, while consumer goods stocks look exposed.

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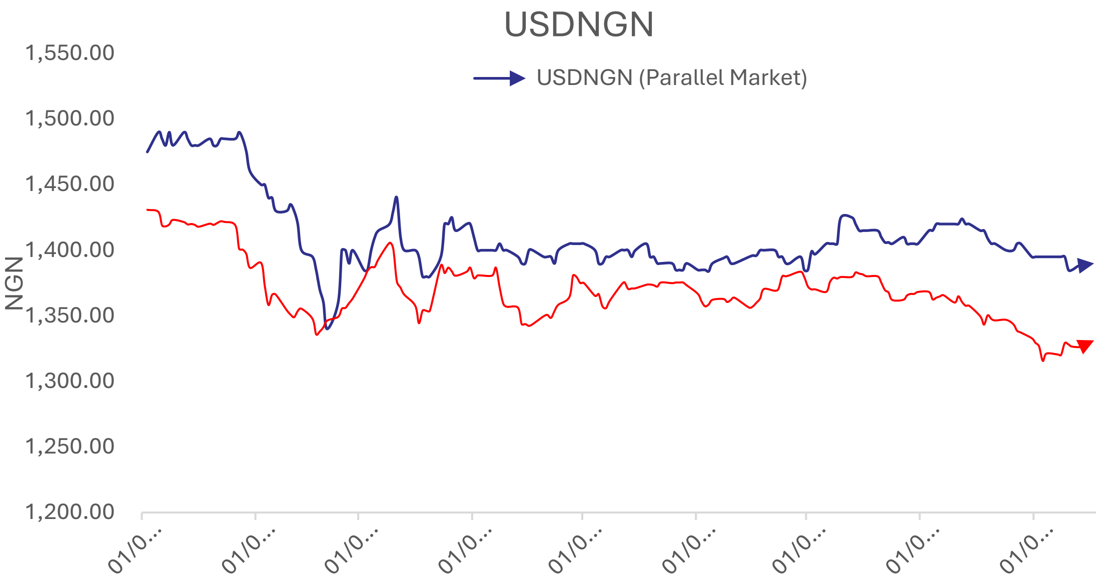
Source: NGX, AIICO Capital

Foreign Exchange Market

The naira lost a little ground against the dollar today. At the official window the dollar rate rose 0.11% to ₦1,331.28, and in the parallel market it rose 0.36% to ₦1,390.00. Sterling and the euro moved the other way: the pound eased to ₦1,780.32 officially and ₦1,875.00 in the parallel market, while the euro slipped to ₦1,529.51 officially and held at ₦1,585.00 in the parallel market. The gap between the two dollar markets widened to about ₦59, from about ₦55. Since the start of the year the naira is still stronger, by 7.28% against the dollar at the official window and 5.44% in the parallel market.

	17/09/2026	16/09/2026		
Market Sector	**Current**	**Previous**	**Change**	**YTD**
USDNGN (Parallel Market)	₦1,390.00	₦1,385.00	0.36%	-5.44%
USDNGN (NAFEM)	₦1,331.28	₦1,329.86	0.11%	-7.28%
GBPNGN(Parallel Market)	₦1,875.00	₦1,880.00	-0.27%	-5.06%
GBPNGN (NAFEM)	₦1,780.32	₦1,789.19	-0.50%	-7.96%
EURNGN (Parallel Market)	₦1,585.00	₦1,585.00	0.00%	-7.31%
EURNGN (NAFEM)	₦1,529.51	₦1,534.26	-0.31%	-9.38%

Source: CBN, AIICO Capital



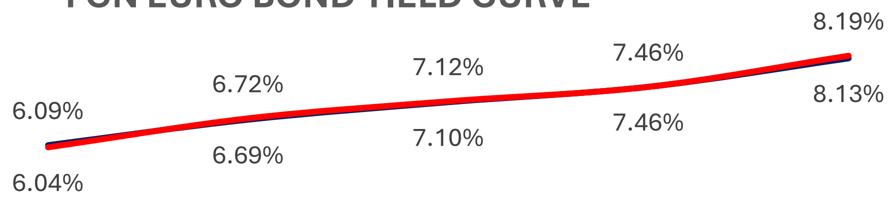
Source: CBN, AIICO Capital

Outlook:

“We expect the naira to trade around ₦1,330 to the dollar at the official window, supported by continued central bank intervention and by oil prices above $100 a barrel, which help dollar inflows. The wider parallel-market gap is the main thing to watch if demand keeps building.”

Eurobonds Market

FGN EURO BOND YIELD CURVE



	FGN EURO 3	FGN EURO 5	FGNEURO 7	FGN EURO 10	FGN EURO 20
Current	6.09%	6.69%	7.10%	7.46%	8.13%
Previous	6.04%	6.72%	7.12%	7.46%	8.19%

Source: FirstBank UK, AIICO Capital

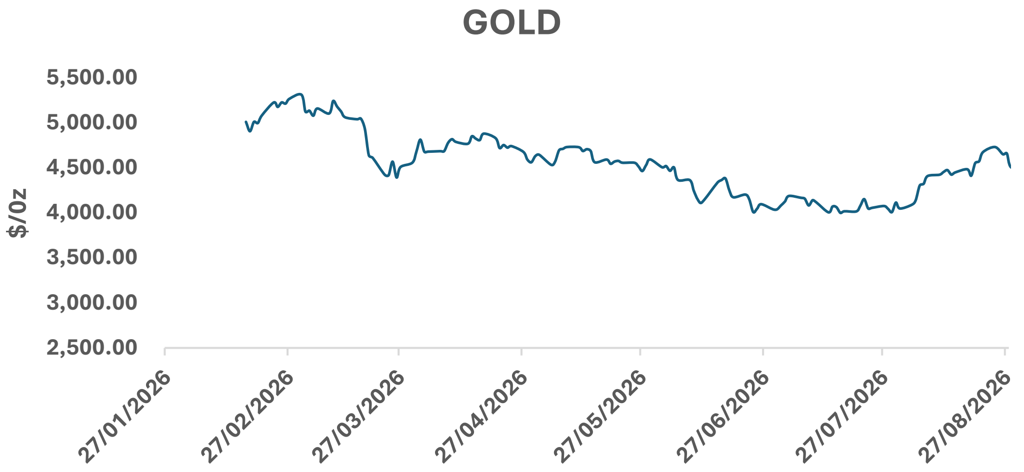
Nigeria's dollar bonds were mixed, with buying focused on longer maturities, after the US Federal Reserve raised its benchmark interest rate by 0.25 percentage points to a range of 3.75%-4.00%. The 20-year yield fell 0.06 percentage points to 8.13%, the 5-year eased to 6.69% and the 7-year to 7.10%, while the 10-year held at 7.46%. The 3-year was the exception, rising 0.05 percentage points to 6.09%. On average, yields closed at about 7.09%, roughly 0.01 percentage points lower than the day before.

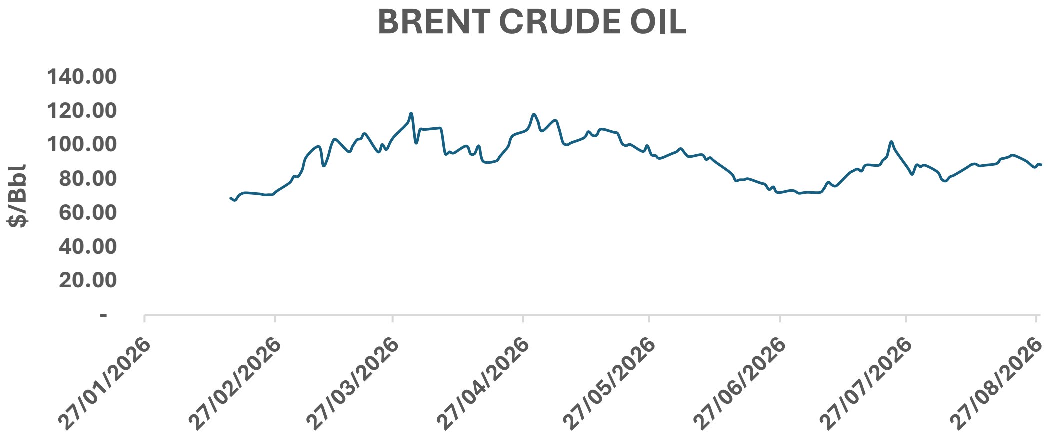
Nigeria's dollar bonds continue to track US interest rates closely. The Fed's signal that a further increase is possible this year is limiting gains at the short end of the curve. Oil prices above $100 a barrel and stronger foreign currency reserves are providing support, helping longer-dated bonds hold firm.

“ Outlook:

We expect yields to stay in a fairly tight range, still driven mainly by US interest rates. With oil near $104 a barrel and reserves providing a cushion, any sell-off should be limited, though the short end may stay under pressure while the market prices in another possible Fed increase. ”

Commodities Market





Source: Bloomberg, AIICO Capital

Gold edged higher again, rising 0.32% to $4,403.09 an ounce, although it remains 1.04% lower for the year so far.

Oil prices fell back, with Brent crude down 1.74% to $103.99 a barrel, but still 1.77% higher for the year so far.

“ Outlook:

We expect gold to stay below $4,550 an ounce, with the US Federal Reserve's decision to raise interest rates limiting how far it can climb. Oil should hold above $100 a barrel, supported by tension near the Strait of Hormuz and disruptions to Russian exports, which continues to help Nigeria's export earnings. ”