

WEEKLY ECONOMIC AND MARKET RECAP

NIGERIAN ECONOMY

According to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Nigeria recorded a 67.1% year-on-year increase in capital importation in Q1 2025, totaling USD 5.64 billion (Q1 2024: USD 3.38 billion), its highest level since Q1 2020 (USD 5.85 billion). This sharp rise was partly due to the low base of the previous year but also reflected stronger investor confidence, supported by improving macroeconomic conditions, gradual foreign exchange market stability, and renewed trust in government policies.

Capital inflows grew across most segments, with portfolio investments soaring by 150.8% y/y to USD 5.20 billion (Q1 2024: USD 2.08 billion) and foreign direct investment increasing by 6.0% y/y to USD 126.29 million (Q1 2024: USD 119.18 million). In contrast, inflows from other investments plunged by 73.7% y/y to USD 311.17 million (Q1 2024: USD 1.18 billion). On a quarter-on-quarter basis, total capital importation rose by 10.9% (Q4 2024: USD 5.09 billion), reinforcing the positive shift in investor sentiment.

EQUITIES

The local bourse ended the week on a positive note as the All Share Index (NGX ASI) appreciated by 3.18% week-on-week to settle at 145,754.91 basis points with interest seen in stocks such as MBENEFIT (+60.44%), AIICO (+59.82%), ROYALEX (+59.33%) and SOVRENINS (+59.06%).

Consequently, the Month-To-Date (MTD) return appreciated by +4.21%. The Year-To-Date (YTD) return remained positive settling at to +41.61% for the week. Market Capitalization settled at 92,215trn Naira at the close of the trading session.

Sector performance was positive last week as the NGX-Oil/Gas appreciated by (+0.17%). NGX-Industrial Index and NGX- Consumer Goods Index appreciated by (+8.73%) and (+8.27%) respectively. While NGX-Banking Index depreciated by (-0.75%).

GLOBAL ECONOMY

The Bank of England (BoE) narrowly voted 5-4 to lower its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points to 4.00% (from 4.25%) at its August monetary policy meeting. The Committee highlighted that domestic inflationary pressures—especially in prices and wages—have continued to ease, though unevenly. At the same time, GDP growth has remained weak, reflecting a gradual slowdown in labor market conditions.

While geopolitical risks still pose challenges to economic activity, trade policy uncertainty has eased slightly. In its outlook, the Committee emphasized that the pace and timing of additional rate cuts will depend on how quickly underlying disinflationary trends persist.

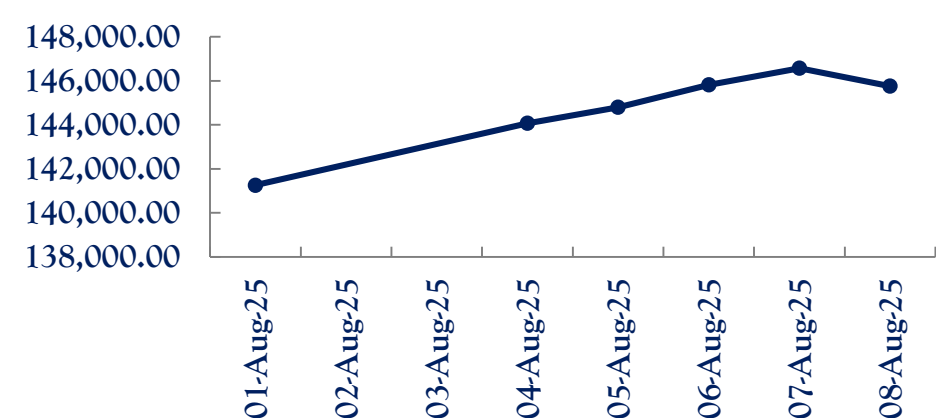
ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Economic Indicators	Current	Previous
GDP Growth	3.84%	3.48%
Unemployment	33.3%	33.3%
MPR	27.50%	27.50%
External Reserve	\$38.5billion	\$38.37billion
Inflation	22.22%	22.97%

KEY METRICS

Metrics	Outcome
All-Share Index	145,754.91
WTD	3.18%
MTD	4.21 %
YTD	41.61%
52-week High	102401.88
52-week Low	24,026.05
Market Capitalization (N'trn)	92.21

FIG 1: NGX ALL SHARE INDEX - 5 DAYS CHART



SECTOR PERFORMANCE

Index	Wk. Close 08-01-2025	Wk. Close 08-08-2025	% WTD	% YTD
NGX-Banking	1,618.91	1,606.76	-0.75	48.15
NGX-Industrial	5,055.71	5,497.12	8.73	53.89
NGX Oil/Gas	2,436.63	2440.83	0.17	-10.00
NGX-Consumer Goods	2,976.61	3,222.79	8.27	86.11

GLOBAL MARKET

Global stock markets advanced last week, supported by growing expectations of a US Federal Reserve rate cut in September, the BoE's dovish policy shift, and strong corporate earnings in major markets, with investors largely brushing off new US tariff announcements.

US markets closed bullish as the Dow Jones remain unchanged (+0.0%). While S&P 500 and Nasdaq appreciated by (+0.94%) and (+1.88%) respectively.

European equities FTSE 100 depreciated by (-0.04%). While the Euro Stoxx 50 and CAC 40 appreciated by (+1.77%) and (+1.13%) respectively.

Asian markets, the Nikkei 225 appreciated by (+3.80%). Likewise Hang Seng and China A50 appreciated by (+0.70%) and (+1.12%) respectively.

MONEY MARKET AND FIXED INCOME

MONEY MARKET

Interbank rates ended the week mixed. The Open Repo Rate (OPR) remained unchanged at 26.50% for the third consecutive week, while the Overnight Rate (O/N) rose by 100bps to 27.90% from 26.90% the previous week.

FGN BONDS AND TREASURY BILLS

The FGN Bond market was dominated by bearish sentiment, pushing the average benchmark yield up by 6bps to 16.27% from 16.21%. Yields on short- and mid-term bonds climbed by 15bps and 8bps to 16.74% and 16.57%, respectively, while long-term yields held steady at 15.71%.

The NTB market experienced selling pressure, with the benchmark yield climbing 14bps to 17.93% from 17.79% the prior week, despite stable auction rates. In contrast, the OMO bill market recorded a 4bps drop in the average benchmark yield, closing at 24.78%.

Nigerian Treasury Bill Auctions

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) conducted both OMO and NTB auctions during the week. The OMO auction offered ₦600bn, attracting total subscriptions of ₦2,122.85bn. The CBN allotted ₦2,122.10bn, with the stop rate easing slightly to 23.70% from 23.87% at the previous auction.

The NTB auction received total bids of ₦366.55bn, translating to a 1.67x bid-to-cover ratio, against an offer of ₦220bn. The Debt Management Office (DMO) allotted ₦173.24bn, representing 46.75% of the offer. Stop rates for the 91-day and 182-day tenors were unchanged at 15.00% and 15.50%, respectively, while the 364-day rate rose to 16.50% from 15.88% at the last auction.

TOP GAINERS

COMPANY	OPEN	CLOSE	GAIN (N)	% CHANGE
MBENEFIT	1.82	2.92	1.10 ▲	60.44
AIICO	2.19	3.50	1.31 ▲	59.82
ROYALEX	1.50	2.39	0.89 ▲	59.33

TOP LOSERS

COMPANY	OPEN	CLOSE	GAIN (N)	% CHANGE
LIVINGTRUST	6.59	5.00	-1.59 ▼	-24.13
ACADEMY	11.00	9.00	-2.00 ▼	-18.18
TIP	13.75	12.00	-1.75 ▼	-12.73

FGN BOND

Maturity	Bid Yield	Offer Yield
NIGB 12.500% JAN 26	16.95%	15.00%
NIGB 16.2884% MAR 27	16.80%	15.90%
NIGB 19.94% MAR 27	16.80%	16.35%
NIGB 13.98% FEB 28	16.90%	15.90%
NIGB 14.55% APR 29	16.85%	15.90%
NIGB 19.30% APR 29	17.15%	16.90%
NIGB 18.50% FEB 31	17.20%	16.85%
NIGB 12.50% APR 32	16.85%	15.00%
NIGB 17.95% JUN 32	17.10%	16.75%
NIGB 19.89% MAY 33	17.05%	16.75%
NIGB 12.149% JUL 34	16.85%	16.65%
NIGB 19.00% FEB 34	16.70%	16.50%
NIGB 12.50% MAR 35	16.65%	15.90%
NIGB 22.60% JAN 35	16.75%	15.35%
NIGB 12.40% MAR 36	16.95%	15.00%
NIGB 16.25% APR 37	16.85%	15.00%
NIGB 15.45% JUN 38	16.70%	15.00%
NIGB 13.00% JAN 42	16.90%	14.60%
NIGB 14.80% APR 49	16.90%	15.00%
NIGB 12.98% MAR 50	16.90%	15.00%
NIGB 15.70% JUN 53	16.75%	15.70%

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

The naira declined by 1.0% week-on-week, settling at USD/NGN 1,535.00, as foreign portfolio investors' demand for FX slightly exceeded supply amid participation in the OMO PMA and the CBN's USD 150 million intervention to banks. Meanwhile, gross foreign exchange reserves rose for the fifth consecutive week, gaining USD 800.51 million to reach USD 40.16 billion as of August 7.

In the forwards market, the naira depreciated across all maturities: down 0.5% to NGN 1,575.24/USD for 1-month contracts, 1.2% to NGN 1,647.47/USD for 3-month, 2.3% to NGN 1,755.29/USD for 6-month, and 3.9% to NGN 1,960.26/USD for 1-year contracts.

OIL PRICES AND COMMODITIES

Over the week, the West Texas Intermediate (WTI) Crude depreciated by -4.62% w/w to close at \$64.27 per barrel. Gold appreciated by +2.77% to close at \$3,488.40 from \$3,394.40.

Accordingly, the OPEC Basket price closed at \$66.95 per barrel for the week indicating a -3.93% weekly loss.

TOP BUSINESS HEADLINES FOR THE WEEK

- Pension funds have risen to ₦24.6 trillion.
- Oil tax revenue increased by 41.7% to ₦3.69 trillion.
- The Federal Government spent ₦88 billion repairing vandalized power transmission towers.
- Capital importation grew to \$5.64 billion in Q1, driven by strong portfolio investments.
- In July, Nigeria's oil output reached a peak of over 1.8 million barrels per day, edging closer to 2025 budget goals.

INTERBANK OFFERED RATE

	01-Aug-2025	08-Aug-2025	Change(%)
OPR	26.50	26.50	0.0
OVN	26.90	27.90	3.72

OIL & COMMODITIES PRICES

Instrument	01-Aug-2025	08-Aug-2025	Change (%)
Brent Crude	69.69	66.95	-3.93
WTI Oil	67.38	64.27	-4.62
Gold	3,394.40	3,488.40	2.77

FOREIGN EXCHANGE (Spot & Forward rate)

Currency	Closing Rate (\$/N)
NAFEM Window	1,533.57
GBP	2,200.22
EUR	1,850.19
CAD	1,180.12

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