



Money Market

- System liquidity continued to decline at the close of trading, an effect of the apex bank's CRR debit. Despite the drop, the system closed with a surplus balance of ₦151.16 billion.
- The decline in system liquidity led to a further uptick in interbank funding rates by the end of the session. The Overnight rate rose by 92bps to 29.42%, while the Open Repo rate increased by 100bps to settle at 28.50%.
- The Nigerian Treasury Bill market closed slightly bearish, reflecting heightened investor appetite for higher yields. This was particularly evident in the January 2026 tenor, which experienced sell-offs. Consequently, the average discount rate across the NTB yield curve settled at 19.66%.

FX Market

- The Naira appreciated on the NAFEM at the end of the session on Wednesday, closing at ₦1,596.70/\$ compared to its previous session's close of ₦1,600.03/\$. During the trading session, the spot rate fluctuated within a range of ₦1,595.00/\$ to ₦1,600.00/\$.

FGN Bonds Market

- The FGN bonds market traded quietly on Wednesday, with modest demand observed in the 2033 maturity, as the bid was fixed at 20.15%. Overall, the average yield climbed to 19.25%.

SSA Eurobonds Market

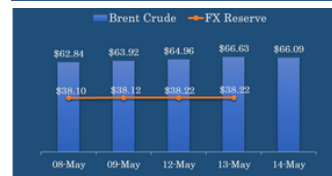
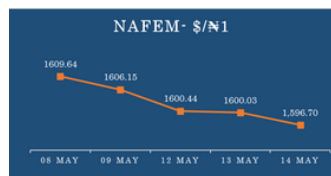
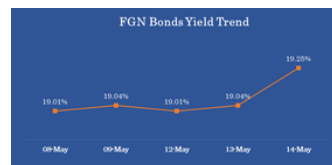
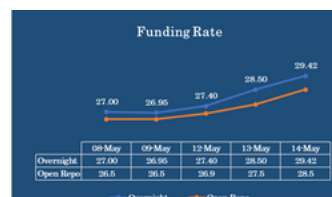
- SSA Eurobonds reversed their bullish sentiment, as profit-taking activity was seen across maturities following the recent rally. This, coupled with a slight drop in oil prices, led to the price dip. Overall, the average yield on Nigeria's papers rose to 9.86%.

Foreign Equities Market

- Asian stocks slipped on Wednesday as the tariff relief rally fizzled out and investors now await more data-induced guidance. In Japan, the Nikkei 225 slipped 0.8% over a stronger Yen owing to increasing bets on a rate hike by the Bank of Japan(BOJ). China's investors reduced bets on an outsized stimulus package from Beijing, leading the CSI 300 to close flat.
- The European stock market snapped its four-day winning streak, with Powell's speech and economic data in focus as investors digested sour corporate earnings. A mixed bag of corporate earnings took centre stage, with losses heralded by pharmaceuticals as Trump's plan to crash prescription medicine prices is still being weighed. The EuroStoxx 600 was down 0.2% at the close of trading.
- Trade in the U.S. stock market was subdued following a previous session of gains, though positive sentiment lingered, led by strength in tech stocks. Investors remain focused on incoming economic data and Powell's Thursday speech for signals on the Fed's next move. Risk-on sentiment was supported by the announcement of tariff reductions on "de minimis" imports from China (valued at \$800 or less), lowered from 120% to 54%. By close, the Dow slipped 0.1%, while the S&P 500 and NASDAQ rose 0.2% and 0.6%, respectively.

Domestic Equities Market

- The Nigerian Stock Exchange All-Share index improved by 27bps at the end of the trading session on Wednesday, closing the day with a point and market capitalisation of 109,059.33 and ₦68.54 trillion, respectively.
- The top 5 gainers for the day were MCNICHOLS(+10.00%), NNFM(+10.00%), CHAMPION(+9.91%), CAVERTON(+9.78%) and FTNCOCOA(+9.65%), while the top losers were MULTIVERSE(-9.63%), GEREGU(-9.09%), LEGENDINT(-5.41%), VERITASKAP(-4.76%), and TRANSCORP(-4.65%).
- The market breadth was POSITIVE at 1.36x as 34 advancers outpaced 25 decliners.



Domestic Macro Indicators

Inflation Rate (Y-o-Y)	24.23%	↑
GDP Growth Rate (Y-o-Y)	3.84%	↑
Monetary Policy Rate (Feb 2025)	27.50%	↔
Cash Reserve Ratio (Feb 2025)	50.00%	↔

EVENT WATCH: MAY

13th May 2025	U.S. Core CPI (MoM) (Apr) (0.3% exp. vs 0.1 prev.)
15th May 2025	U.S. Core Retail Sales (MoM) (Apr) (0.3% exp. vs 0.5 prev.)
15th May 2025	U.S. Initial Jobless Claims MAY (229k exp vs 228k prev.)
15th May 2025	Fed Chair Powell Speech (1:40pm)
19th May 2025	Monetary Policy Committee Meeting

Macro News: Global and Domestic

- China April bank lending tumbles more than expected amid trade war.
- China pauses some measures on US entities following tariff truce
- German inflation confirmed at 2.2% in April.
- CBN says MPC meeting will hold May 19.