STIAM DAILY MARKET DIGEST

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Money Market

- *System liquidity opened the session with a positive balance of ₦4.816trn, reflecting an increase of ₦2.106trn from the previous session's balance, owing to inflows from OMO maturity (₦2.218trn)*

- *At the close of the session, the overnight rate increased by 16bps to 22.36%, while the Open Repo Rate and the Nigerian Overnight Financing Rate (NOFR) closed flat at 22.00%.*

- *The NTB secondary market traded on an active note, with buying interest observed across selected maturities, particularly at the short end of the curve, as investors sought to lock in higher yields. The Nov-2026 bill traded at an average yield of 20.48%. Consequently, the average NTB yield declined to 18.93%.*

FX Market

- *The Naira on the NAFEM window depreciated at the close of the session to ₦1,350.41/$1, compared with the previous session's ₦1,343.32/$1. During the session, the spot rate traded within a range of ₦1,340.00/$1 to ₦1,353.00/$1. Meanwhile, the parallel market appreciated to ₦1,408.00/$1 from ₦1,412.00/$1.*

FGN Bond Market

- *The FGN bond market traded with a bearish bias, with increased selling pressure observed across the mid- to long-end of the curve. The Jun-2053 paper witnessed offers around 15.00%, while demand remained relatively subdued. Consequently, the average yield across the benchmark curve rose to 16.59%.*

SSA Eurobonds Market

- *The SSA Eurobonds market traded mixed on Wednesday, with sentiment partially lifted following the U.S. Treasury buyback of longer-dated government bonds, easing yield pressure and driving investors back to the SSA market. Investors remain cautious as risk appetite is tamed by inflation concerns spiked by geopolitical uncertainty. Consequently, the average yield for the Nigerian Eurobond eased to 7.07%.*

Foreign Equities Market

- *The Asian session was strongly bearish, with the semiconductor sell-off highlighting growing investor concerns over elevated tech valuations and the sustainability of the AI-driven rally. Rising global bond yields and higher oil prices further strengthened the risk-off mood, creating additional pressure on Asian equities. The Nikkei 225 and CSI 300 fell 2.4% each.*

- *European equities remained bearish, pressured by higher bond yields, a global technology sell-off, and elevated oil prices. Prolonged conflict in the Middle East continues to fuel market concern, as persistent inflation risks could constrain central banks' ability to ease monetary policy, creating further headwinds for European growth and technology stocks. STOXX 600 fell 0.1%.*

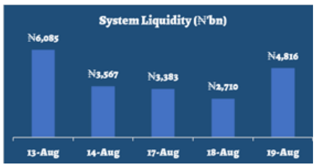
- *U.S. equities closed modestly higher, snapping a three-session losing streak as falling Treasury yields and gains in pharmaceutical and consumer stocks improved investor sentiment. However, the limited advance reflected continued caution amid elevated oil prices, Middle East tensions and uncertainty over the Federal Reserve's rate outlook. The decline in Treasury yields provided some relief to equities, following the U.S. Treasury's announcement to buy-back longer dater government bonds, lifting pressure off the bond market, although persistent inflation risks and higher-for-longer rate expectations remain a headwind, particularly for growth and technology stocks. The Dow Jones, S&P 500 and Nasdaq added 0.22%, 0.22% and 0.16%.*

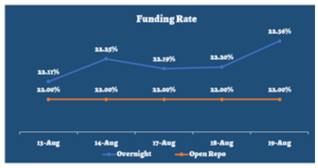
Domestic Equities Market

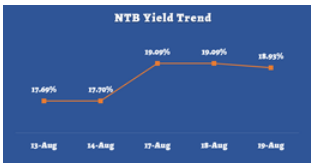
- *The Nigerian Stock Exchange All-Share Index declined by 36bps at the end of the trading session, closing the day with points and a market capitalisation of 240,750.47 and ₦155.42 trillion, respectively.*

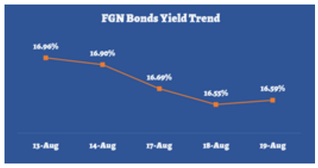
- *The top 5 gainers for the day were HMCALL (+10.00%), WAPIC (+8.44%), UACN (+6.56%), AVACAP (+6.29%), and CAVERTON (+5.32%), while the top losers were INTENEGINS (-10.00%), ARADEL (-9.99%), UNIVINSURE(-9.41%), REDSTAREX (-9.26%), and ROYALEX (-8.62%).*

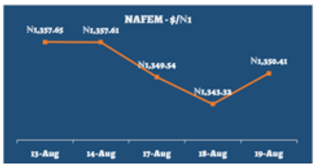
- *The market breadth was NEGATIVE at 1.04x as 29 decliners outpaced 28 advancers.*

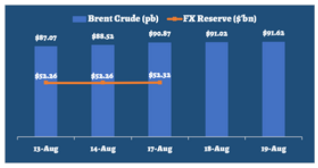












Domestic Macro Indicators		
Inflation Rate (Y-o-Y) (July 2026)	15.43%	↓
GDP Growth Rate (Y-o-Y) (Q1 2026)	3.89%	↓
Monetary Policy Rate (July 2026)	26.50%	↕
Cash Reserve Ratio (July 2026)	45.00%	↕

EVENT WATCH: AUGUST	
19th August	*UK Inflation Rate YoY (July) (2.9% exp. vs. 2.6% prev.)*
19th August	*ECB President Lagarde Speech*
19th August	*Eurozone Inflation Rate YoY (July) (2.9% exp. vs. 2.8% prev.)*
20th August	*Germany PPI YoY (July) (2.4% exp. vs. 1.8% prev.)*
20th August	*US Initial Jobless Claims (Aug/15) (212k exp. vs 209k prev.)*
21th August	*Japan Inflation Rate MoM (July) (0.1% exp. vs. 0.3% prev.)*
21th August	*UK Retail Sales MoM (July) (-0.3% exp. vs. 1.0% prev.)*

Macro News: Global and Domestic

- *US yields drop after Treasury offers liquidity support.*
- *Oil prices settle near 4-week high as Middle East crisis escalates.*
- *Nigeria FG borrows N11.9 trillion in two years, says subsidy removal prevented more debt.*
- *NGX sheds N555 billion as Aradel plunge deepens seven-day market slide.*