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FMDA Monthly Market Report

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Market at a Glance

$55.26bn	$106.61	N7.373trn	NOFR 0.00%	NFEM ▼0.87%	ASI ▲1.23%
▲ 0.60% MoM	▲ 6.15% MoM	▲ 56.75% MoM	OVN ▼0.05%	Parallel ▲ 1.8%	Mkt Cap ▲1.23%
External Reserve	Avg Brent Crude	System Liquidity	20.00% / 20.38% — Interbank	N1,338.99 / N1,379.19	254,299.49 / N165.11trn

Inflow source	Oct 2026 (N)	Nov 2026 (N)
T-bills Maturities	1.310 trn	1.919 trn
OMO Maturities	9.051 trn	8.927 trn
FGN Bond Coupons	634.686 bn	323.154 bn
FGN Bond Maturities	-	-
Corporate Bond Coupons	21.717 bn	68.032 bn
Corporate Bond Maturities	-	-
Commercial Paper Maturities	47.483 bn	50.016 bn
FAAC (FG, States & LG)	2.43 trn (act.)	2.5 trn (est.)
Total Estimated Inflow	13.495 trn	13.787 trn

Eurobond Coupon (USD, offshore — not a Naira liquidity inflow): Oct 2026 – nil | Nov 2026 – $105.94mn

Source: CBN, DMO, FMDQ, FMDA

- System liquidity surged 56.75% to N7.373trn in October from N4.703trn in September, as lower allotments at the last OMO auction and the final two T-bill auctions limited how much CBN mopped up, just N6.182trn in fresh OMO sales against N9.051trn in OMO maturities rolling back into the system, alongside N1.310trn in T-bill maturities, FGN Bond coupons and FAAC inflows.
- Inflows are projected at N13.787trn in November, modestly above October's N13.495trn, with OMO and T-bills again the largest sources, alongside a $105.94mn Eurobond coupon settling offshore.
- The naira eased 0.87% to N1,338.99 in the NFEM window in October, even as the parallel rate strengthened to N1,379.19 and the premium narrowed, despite the CBN selling over $3bn in FX during the month.
- Average Brent crude rose 6.15% to $106.61/bbl in October as Middle East supply risk stayed elevated, helping lift external reserves 0.60% to $55.26bn.
- Secondary-market turnover eased across NTB (N3.909trn), OMO (N16.755trn) and FGN Bonds (N5.090trn), with yields drifting higher for NTB (18.23%) and FGN Bonds (16.18%), while OMO eased to 18.88% from September's 19.81%

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The Global & Macro Backdrop

Global Monetary Policy & Inflation

- Fed holds rates at 3.75%–4.00%; two officials dissent in favour of a hike
- ECB holds deposit rate at 2.5% as Lagarde announces early exit
- Bank of Japan holds rate at 1.25% after September hike
- Bank of Canada raises rate to 2.5%, its first hike in over three years
- US inflation rises to 3.7% in September; PCE inflation at 3.6%
- UK inflation jumps to 3.5% in September, above forecasts
- IMF sees global inflation rising to 4.7% in 2026 before easing in 2027

Trade, Tariffs & Global Growth

- IMF lifts 2026 global growth forecast to 3.1%, warns resilience is wearing thin
- WTO doubles 2026 goods trade growth forecast to 3.9% on AI boom
- China’s exports surge 36.3% in September; trade surplus hits $133.5bn
- China’s Q3 GDP growth picks up to 4.5%, beating forecasts
- US economy grows 3.4% in Q3 on consumer and AI spending
- Euro zone economy grows 0.4% in Q3, slowing from 0.6% in Q2
- China’s factory activity slips back into contraction as PMI falls to 49.3

Oil Market & Energy Geopolitics

Brent heads for fourth straight monthly gain, up nearly 11% in October

Iran steps up attacks on ships in the Strait of Hormuz, threatening supply

IEA warns diesel market constraints could persist into next year

US weighs easing shadow-fleet sanctions to cool oil prices

OPEC+ keeps November output targets steady; next meeting on 1 November

Key Macroeconomic Indicators

Country	GDP Growth (%)	Inflation (%)	Interest Rates (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
United States	3.4	3.7	4.0	4.2
China	4.5	0.9	3.0	5.2
Japan	0.7	2.1	1.25	2.5
Germany	1.0	3.3	2.65	6.4
United Kingdom	1.4	3.5	3.75	4.7
India	7.8	5.54	5.5	5.0
Brazil	2.0	4.58	13.75	5.3
South Africa	0.9	4.4	7.25	33.6
Egypt	4.73	13.9	20.0	5.8
Nigeria	4.43	14.63	23.0	4.3

Source: CBN, NBS, TradingEconomics & FMDA Research

Africa & Nigeria-Specific Developments

- Nigeria’s headline inflation eases to 14.63% in September
- Nigeria’s gross external reserves rise to $55bn, highest in 18 years
- Egypt surprises with 100bps hike to 20%, first rate rise since March 2024
- Uganda hikes key rate by 225bps to 12% at emergency meeting
- World Bank raises Sub-Saharan Africa 2026 growth forecast to 4.3%
- South Africa cuts 2026 growth forecast to 1.2% in mid-term budget
- Tinubu defends $21.7bn external borrowing plan, ties it to $1trn goal

Liquidity, Fixed Income & FX Trading Conditions

Liquidity Inflows from Maturing Securities in November: N13.787trn

Fixed Income Market Summary — October 2026

Indicator	NTB Sep	NTB Oct	OMO Sep	OMO Oct	FGN Bond Sep	FGN Bond Oct
Amount Raised (N'trn)	2.418	1.309	17.510	6.182	1.599	2.010
Investor Demand (Bid-to-Cover)	5.11x	2.19x	3.69x	1.70x	1.49x	1.00x
Secondary Turnover (N'trn)	5.992	3.909	28.048	16.755	6.962	5.090
Avg Secondary Yield (%)	18.16	18.23	19.81	18.88	15.95	16.18

Liquidity Summary & Outlook — November 2026

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- Primary market issuance pulled back in October (NTB N1.309trn, OMO N6.182trn, FGN Bonds N2.010trn) from September's N2.418trn, N17.510trn and N1.599trn, and investor demand cooled sharply across all three, with bid-to-cover ratios falling to 2.19x (NTB), 1.70x (OMO) and 1.00x (FGN Bonds) from 5.11x, 3.69x and 1.49x in September.
- Secondary-market turnover eased across the board in October, NTB (N3.909trn), OMO (N16.755trn) and FGN Bonds (N5.090trn), all down from September, with average yields drifting higher for NTB (18.23%) and FGN Bonds (16.18%), while OMO eased to 18.88% from September's 19.81%.
- Both the CBN and DMO rejected a significant volume of investor bids at their respective final October auctions, allotting well below the offer size.
- Market sentiment suggests there may be a bigger strategy at play that has yet to become clear.

Fixed Income: Market Take

FGN Bonds Yield	30/9/2026	30/10/2026	%
1YR	16.03	16.38	0.35
2YR	16.05	16.00	-0.05
3YR	16.25	16.68	0.43
4YR	17.00	16.16	-0.84
5Y	16.55	17.07	0.52
7YR	16.42	16.81	0.40
10YR	16.23	16.63	0.40
15YR	14.40	14.89	0.49
30YR	14.60	15.01	0.41
Avg Yield	15.95	16.18	0.23

Global Bonds	30/9/2026	30/10/2026	%
US 10YR	5.29	4.93	-0.36
JPY 10YR	3.06	2.76	-0.30
UK 10YR	5.44	5.29	-0.14
ZAF 10YR	8.96	8.73	-0.23
KEN 10YR	12.40	12.53	0.13
CHN 10YR	1.68	1.63	-0.06
NIG 10YR	16.23	16.63	0.40

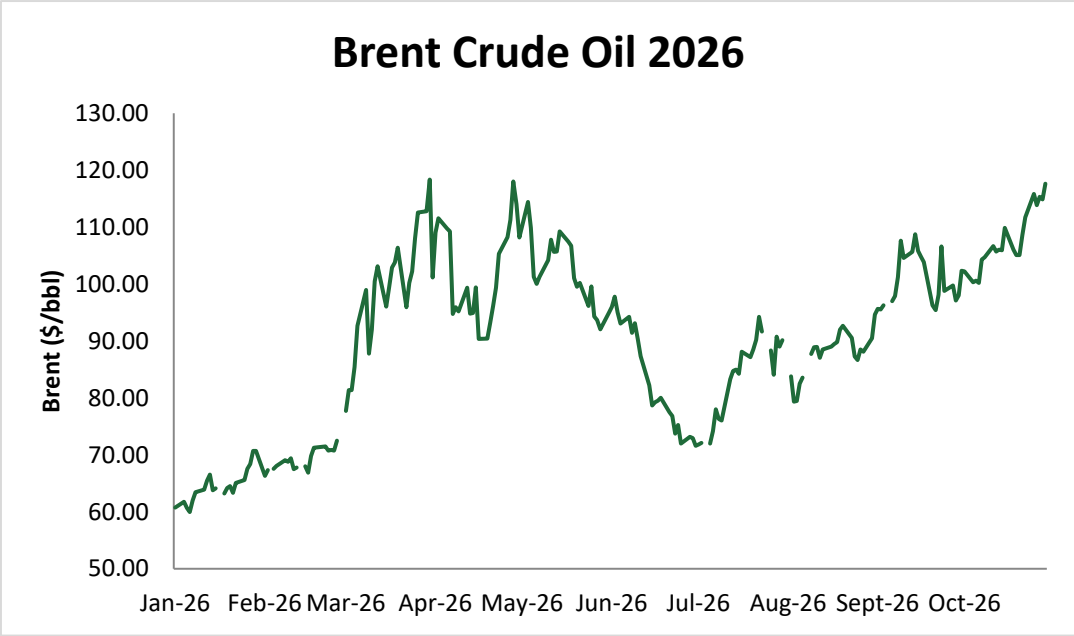
T-Bill Yield	30/9/2026	30/10/2026	%
1 MTH	16.99	17.00	0.01
3 MTH	17.46	17.83	0.37
6 MTH	17.73	18.23	0.50
9 MTH	18.15	18.71	0.56
12 MTH	18.37	18.34	-0.03
Avg Yield	17.74	18.02	0.28

Source: CBN, DMO, FMDQ, FMDA

- Treasury bill yields rose across most of the curve in October, with the average up 28bps to 18.02%, steepest at the 9-month (+56bps), while the 12-month eased 3bps, the only tenor to decline.
- The FGN bond market saw yields back up broadly in October, average up 23bps to 16.18%, led by the 5-year (+52bps), even as the 2-year (-5bps) and 4-year (-84bps) bucked the trend and eased.
- Global bond yields broadly declined in October, led by the US 10-year (-36bps to 4.93%), alongside falls in Japan (-30bps), South Africa (-23bps), the UK (-14bps) and China (-6bps); Kenya was the exception, edging up 13bps.
- Nigeria's 10-year yield bucked the global decline, rising 40bps to 16.63%, moving with Kenya as the only tenors to climb, as softer domestic auction demand dominated local direction.

Conflict in the Middle East between the U.S. and Iran continues to weigh on supply concerns

Crude oil average price **$107.41** ▲ 6.9%

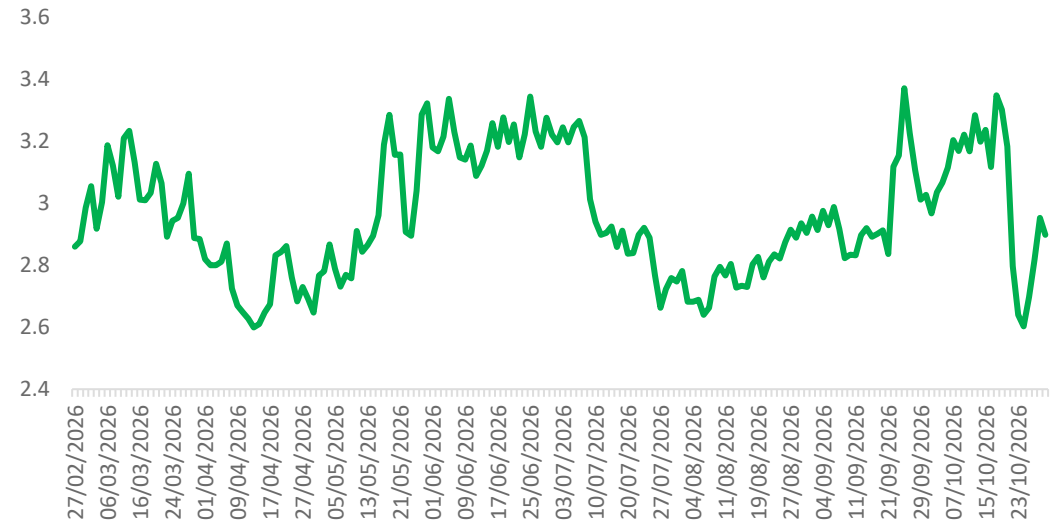


Crude oil price gained an average of $6.98 as Middle East supply risk continues.

EIA forecasts Brent will average $105/b in 4Q26, $14/b higher than in last September's forecast, as Middle East disruptions contribute to falling global inventories and tight diesel markets keep prices high.

Data source: investing.com

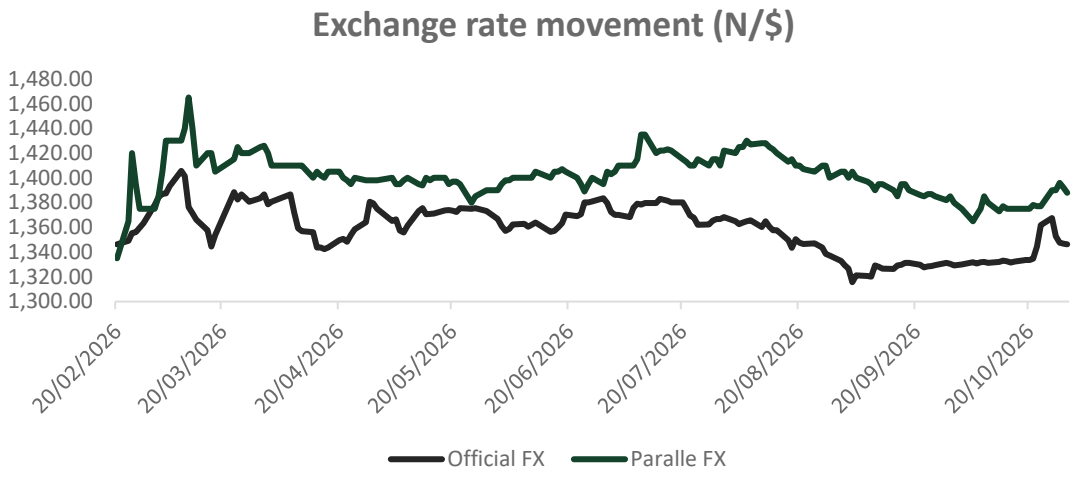
Natural gas average price **$3.05** ▲ 2.37%



Natural gas gained 2.37% to $3.05 in October as approaching Northern Hemisphere heating-season demand began lifting prices off summer lows.

EIA expects natural gas prices to stay contained this winter on strong production and above-average inventories, with Henry Hub forecast to average $3.48/MMBtu in 2026 and ease to $3.16/MMBtu in 2027

Naira Fell Marginally by 0.87% to reach N1,338.99 as Parallel gap narrows



Key FX Determinants	Aug'26	Sep'26	Oct'26	Trend
Brent Oil Price ($/bl)	87.35	100.43	107.41	▲
Crude Oil Production (mbd)	1.500	1.530	n/a	▲
Gross FX Reserves ($bn)	52.56	54.55	55.11	▲

External Balances ($bn)	Q3'25	Q4'25	Q1'26	Q2'26	Trend
Trade Balance	3.85	1.18	5.45	9.22	▲
Current Account Balance	4.06	1.40	4.98	7.54	▲
Remittances	5.43	5.71	5.28	5.49	▲

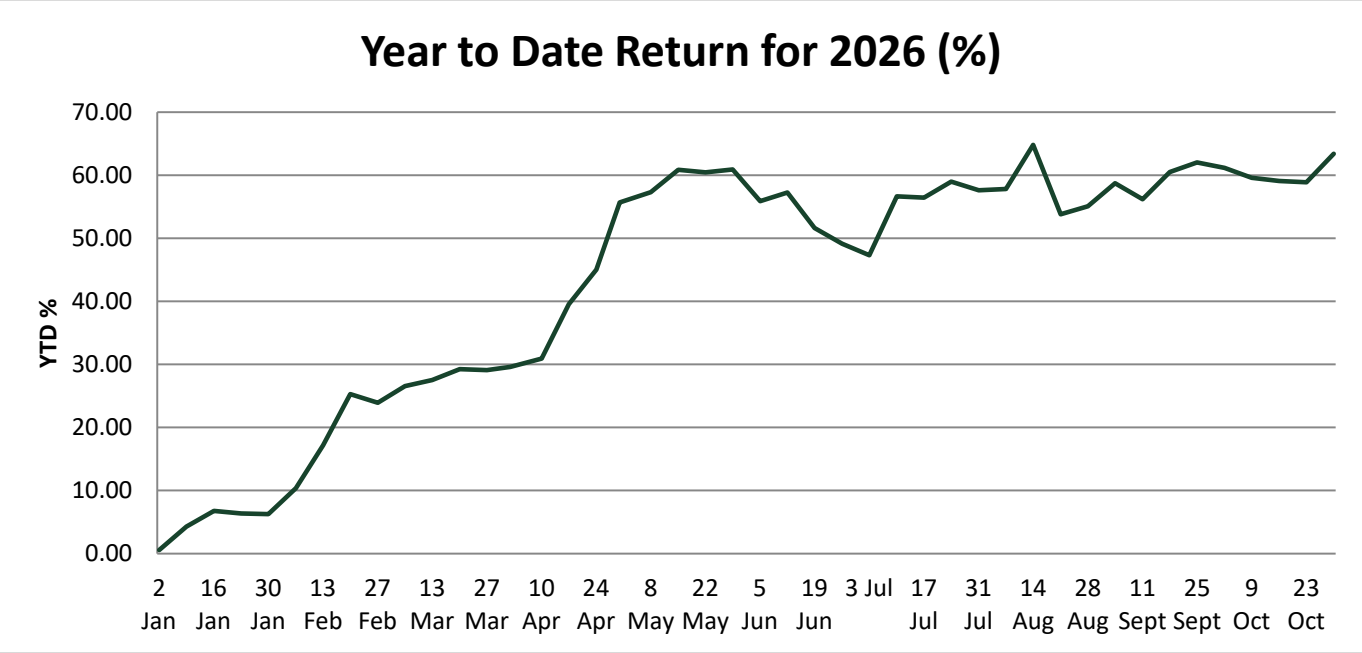
- FX demand appears to have picked up across emerging markets, Nigeria inclusive, in October, as elevated developed-market yields narrowed the carry spread and prompted FPIs to rotate out of riskier currencies into safer instruments, pressure the CBN has met with stepped-up FX sales.
- With FPI holdings of Nigerian OMO paper standing above $20bn according to our sources, sustaining an attractive carry for this investor base remains a key consideration shaping the CBN's rate strategy.
- he naira's modest 0.87% depreciation in October came even as the CBN sold over $3bn in FX during the month, reserves nonetheless rose to $55.11bn, likely reflecting either a large one-off inflow that offset the outflow, or the roughly 30-day lag before FX inflows or outflows are fully reflected in the reported reserve figure.
- The parallel rate strengthened in tandem, narrowing the average premium to the NFEM rate to N40.20 in October from N64.24 in September, a 37.42% decline, pointing to improving confidence in the official window; a modest $105.94mn Eurobond coupon falling due in November is a manageable offshore USD obligation and poses no material pressure on near-term naira liquidity.

Source: CBN, NBS, OPEC, FMDA

Stock Market

ASI Gained 1.23% in October 2026

Key Market Indicators	September	October	%
NGX All-Share	251,211.67	254,299.49	1.23%
Market Cap. (N'trn)	163.10	165.11	1.23%
Trade Volume (bn)	0.88	0.83	-5.51%
Trade Value (N'bn)	32.31	68.83	113.03%
No. of Deals	44,469	37,870	-14.84%



- The NGX All-Share Index rose 1.23% in October to 254,299.49, extending the market's bullish run. Market cap increased in step, up 1.23% to N165.11trn.
- Trading activity was mixed, trade volume eased 5.51% to 0.83bn units, even as trade value surged 113.03% to N68.83bn, pointing to larger-ticket transactions.
- The number of deals fell 14.84% to 37,870, reinforcing the shift toward fewer, larger-ticket transactions.
- Overall, the market maintained a positive tone, with index gains and a sharp rise in trade value outweighing the pullback in volume and deal count.

Source: NGX, CardinalStone, FMDA

Market Capitalisation Increased by 1.23% in October 2026

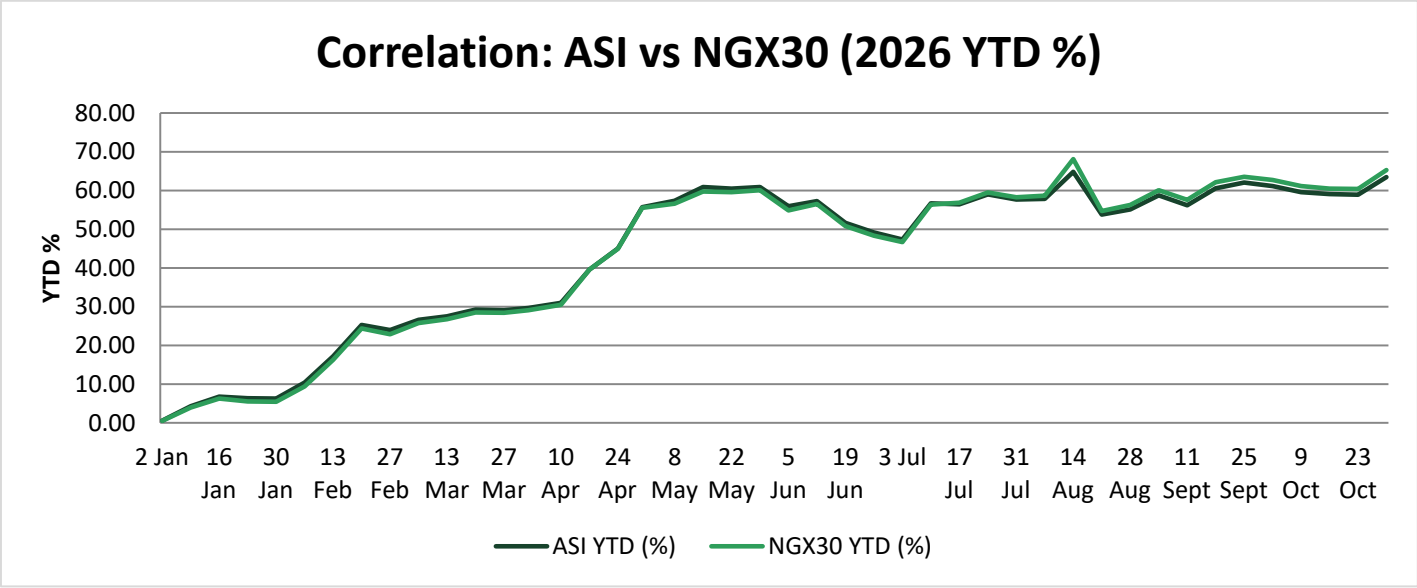
Top Price Losers

Ticker	Sep	Oct	%
CMFC	4.32	3.00	-30.56%
FIRSTHOLDCO	159.90	119.15	-25.48%
CORNERST	5.60	4.55	-18.75%
ZICHIS	19.90	16.66	-16.28%
ELLAHLAKES	8.30	7.00	-15.66%
REDSTAREX	15.80	13.40	-15.19%

Top Price Gainers

Ticker	Sep	Oct	%
LIVESTOCK	8.10	13.30	64.20%
ETRANZACT	12.20	16.30	33.61%
DANGCEM	1,066.70	1,420.00	33.12%
AVACAP	5.65	7.50	32.74%
HONYFLOUR	18.00	22.55	25.28%
LEARNAFRCA	7.65	9.15	19.61%

Correlation: ASI ↔ NGX30 ≈ 1



October 2026 performance is overwhelmingly influenced by the top 30 companies listed on the Nigerian Exchange (NGX).

Source: NGX, CardinalStone, FMDA

Forward Outlook

Impact of Global Developments on Nigeria

Oil Market & Geopolitical Tensions

- Oil prices extended their climb as Middle East supply risk stayed elevated, lifting Brent 6.15% to $106.61/bbl in October; OPEC+ is set to hold output steady into November.
- Elevated prices continue to support Nigeria's external position, reserves rose 0.60% to $55.26bn.

Global Monetary Policy & Financial Conditions

- The Fed, ECB and BOJ held rates steady through October, and global yields broadly eased (US 10-year -36bps to 4.93%, UK -14bps), while Nigeria's average Eurobond yield fell to 7.32% as of 29 October, down 26bps from end-September, improving offshore sentiment even as a $105.94mn coupon falls due on the sovereign's Eurobonds in November.
- By contrast, the CBN's benchmark MPR has remained unchanged since its last review, consistent with the broadly flat NOFR and OVN rates, even as domestic NTB and FGN bond yields moved higher, reflecting softer primary-market demand rather than a new policy move. The next MPC meeting is due this month.

Implication for Member Banks & Discount Houses

Asset Side

- Higher yields across NTB and FGN Bonds in October, driven by softer auction demand rather than a policy move, lift returns on fresh purchases, even as banks holding existing paper book modest mark-to-market losses from the back-up.
- Rising reserves ($55.26bn) and a resilient current account surplus continue to strengthen the sovereign and FX backdrop underpinning the quality of banks' naira-denominated and FX-linked holdings.

Liability Side

- Interbank rates were broadly stable in October, NOFR flat at 20.00%, OVN down marginally (-0.05%) to 20.38%, with the policy rate unchanged since September's cut and the next MPC meeting due this month, keeping funding costs steady.
- The sharp build in system liquidity (+56.75% MoM) and a strong N13.787trn November inflow pipeline point to funding conditions staying easy, liquidity may stay elevated through November if the lighter allotments seen toward the end of October persist, giving banks more room to extend tenor on placements.

Our Take

- With October's yield back-up reversing September's rally, add duration selectively at levels that still offer value rather than chasing the move further.
- Maintain prudent liquidity buffers given the sharp build in system liquidity (+56.75% MoM) heading into November and the CBN's continued use of OMO as a sterilisation tool.
- Monitor the CBN's policy stance, unchanged since its last review, alongside the improving Eurobond yield (7.32% as of 29 October, -26bps), Middle East-driven oil risk, and the naira's path as the $105.94mn November coupon falls due.

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