

Fixed Income in Focus:

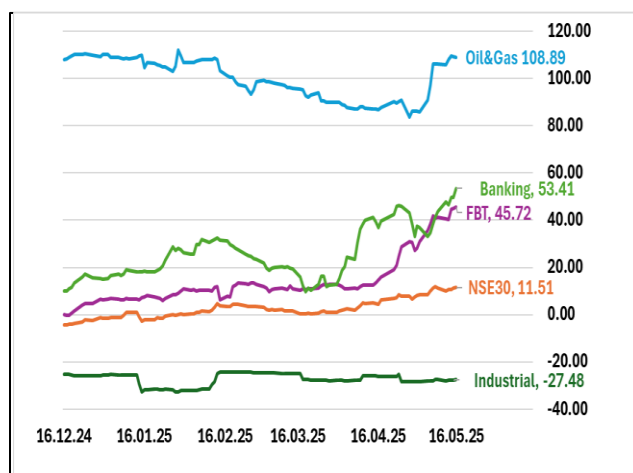
System liquidity opened at ₦293bn following CRR debit. The NTB market started quietly, with offers seen across the curve and limited buying interest, though some trades were recorded on the 22 Jan and 5 Mar bills. On the OMO side, demand was concentrated at the long end, with the 31 Mar OMO trading notably at 22.20%.

In the bond space, the 31s and 33s led activity. As coupon inflows filtered in later in the week, we saw a modest pickup in demand. Still, the secondary market closed on a subdued note, with selective interest across curves. Liquidity improved, closing the week at ₦423bn.

Nigerian Equities:

The All-Share Index gained 0.90% this week. This positive sentiment was due to continued interest in Food & Beverage and Banking stocks given the 4.08%, and 1.19% gains in their respective indices. Breweries and other firms along the supply chain have continued to attract investors interest. Access Holdings announced an increase in their Interim dividend which may be part of a broader dividend growth trend in the banking sector.

Indices Watch 1-Yr Performance %



This Weeks Market Movers

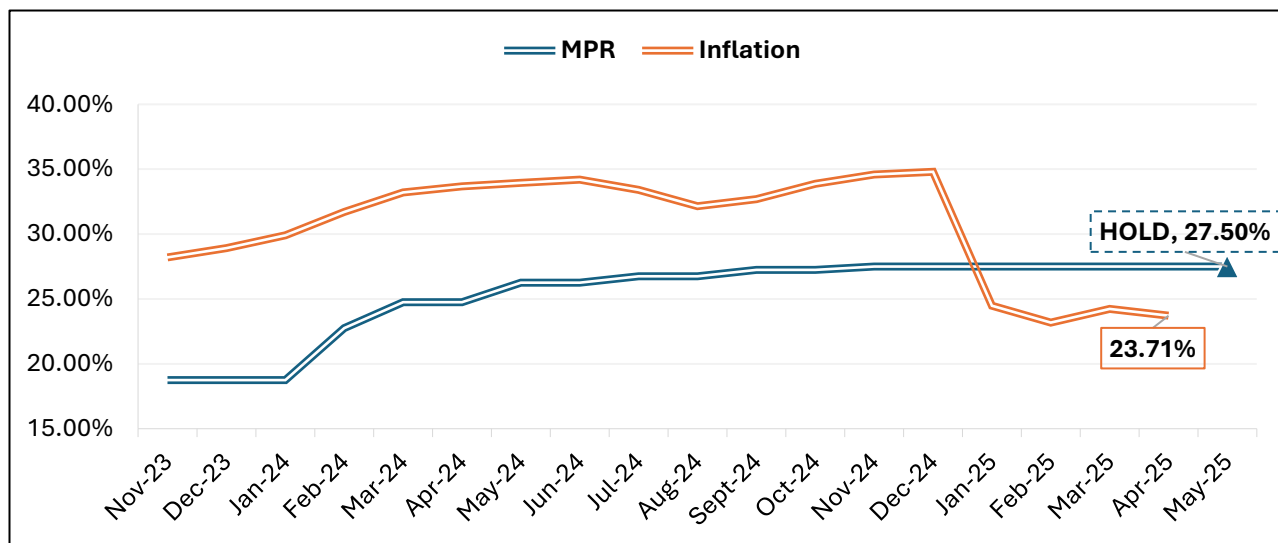
Ticker	Value ₦'Mill	Close ₦	Chg %	Volume '000
MTNN	14,083	278	-2.42%	51,226
GTCO	8,565	68	-1.52%	124,786
ZENITHBANK	5,403	48.4	-1.02%	111,645
ACCESSCORP	3,481	23.5	10.33%	160,278
NB	3,369	55	12.94%	63,422
FIDELITYBK	2,741	20.8	4.00%	134,033
FCMB	2,733	9.4	-2.08%	290,678
UBA	2,167	34.9	1.01%	62,557
NESTLE	1,047	1331	10.00%	795
DANGCEM	791	440	0.00%	1,816

FI Weekly Snapshot

FGN Bond	Open (Yield) %	Close (Yield) %	Chg WoW (Bps)
Apr-29	19.40	19.50	10
Feb-31	19.95	19.80	15
May-33	20.00	19.90	10
Jan-35	19.55	19.55	0
Jun-53	17.00	17.00	0

NTB	Bid %	Ask %	Effective Yield %
07-May-26	19.40	19.20	23.61
23-Apr-26	19.40	19.20	23.40
9-Apr-26	19.20	19.15	23.12

Monetary Policy Rate Expectation



MPC Policy View:

The key decision of the 299th Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Meeting held on February 20th 2025, was to keep key benchmark rates unchanged with MPR remaining at 27.50%.

Since headline inflation's lowest reading in two years, recorded at 23.18% in February, inflation has stayed elevated at 23.71%. This is despite food inflation in April decreasing to 21.26% y-o-y and partly due to core inflation's stickiness at 23.39%, 80 bps above January's core inflation low of 22.59%. We await subsequent inflation data to define the trend for 2025.

We expect MPC to hold the benchmark rates at current levels given the unconvincing data that inflation has begun to moderate at a favorable pace. This is supported by CBN Governor Cardoso's recent comments concerning his expectation of benchmark rates dropping in anticipation of slowing inflation over the next few months.

The Week Ahead...

Next week kicks off with ₦1.76 trillion in expected inflows from bond coupons (14.55% and 19.30% 2029s), OMO, and NTB maturities.

Market attention will turn to Monday's MPC meeting, where guidance on inflation and liquidity will shape sentiment ahead of Wednesday's NTB auction. While some offloading may occur ahead of fresh supply, strong inflows are expected to keep demand firm, especially at the short end.