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WEEKLY FIXED INCOME AND EQUITY MARKET REPORT



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CBN Cuts MPR by 350bps to 23.0% in Largest Single Reduction on Record


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At its 307th meeting (21–22 September), the Monetary Policy Committee cut the **MPR from 26.5% to 23.0%** and reset the standing-facilities corridor to **+50/–300bps**, while holding the CRR and liquidity ratio. The CBN framed the move as an “operational reset” to restore the MPR as its main policy signal, backed by easing inflation (**15.39%** in August), faster growth (**4.43%** in Q2) and reserves at an 18-year high (**\$55.25bn**).

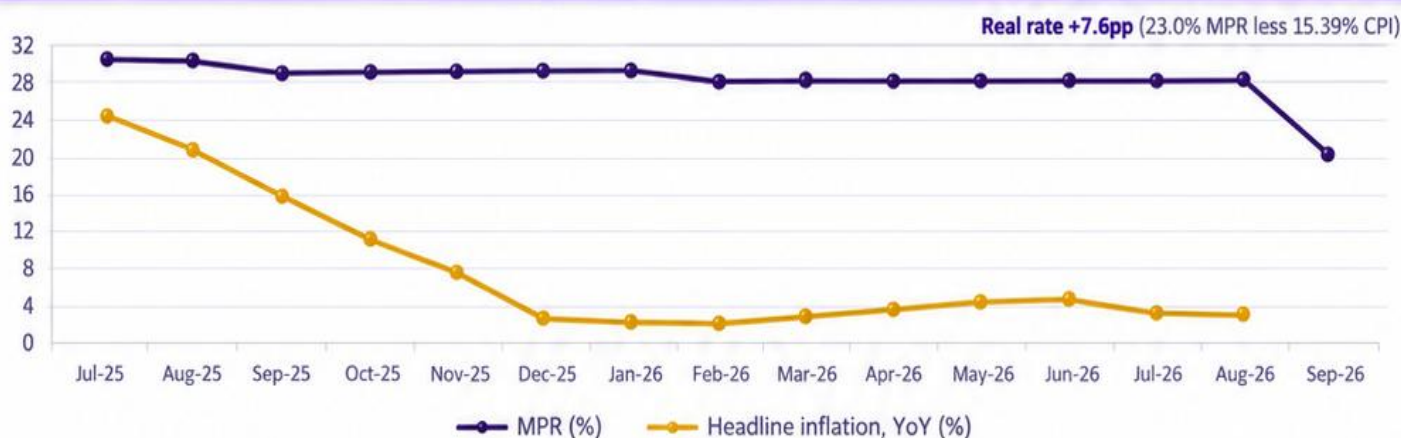

23.0%
MONETARY POLICY RATE
From 26.5%, –350bps

+50/–300
CORRIDOR (BPS)
SDF 23.5% – SOF 20.0%

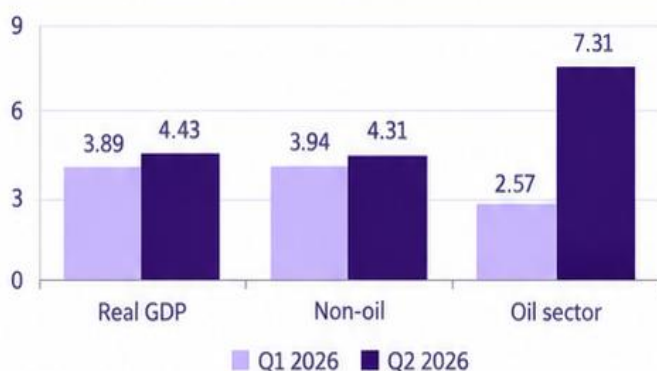
45%
CRR, COMMERCIAL BANKS
Unchanged - Merchant 12%

30%
LIQUIDITY RATIO
Unchanged

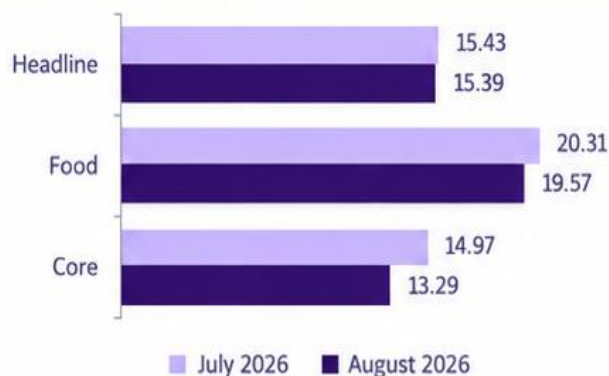
MPR vs Headline Inflation, Jul-25 to Sep-26 (%)



Real GDP Growth: Q1 vs Q2 2026 (% YoY)



Inflation: July vs August 2026 (% YoY)



Source: CBN MPC Communiqué No. 307 (as reported), NBS, NACO Research / MPR shown at month-end


\$55.25bn
GROSS EXTERNAL RESERVES

11 Sep 2026 – +11.1 months cover


\$7.54bn
CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS

Q2 2026, from \$4.82bn in Q1


52.7
CAI PMI, AUGUST

From 51.1 in July


+7.6pp
REAL POLICY RATE

MPR 23.0% less 15.39% CPI



Outlook: The cut should feed quickly into lower NTB stop rates, OMO pricing and, with a big, lending rates, while real rates stay firmly positive at about +7.6pp. We see the MPC holding at 23.0% in November as it gauges pass-through. Food prices, pre-2027-election spending and liquidity, and oil-driven FX pressure are the main risks. Next MPC: 23–24



US Growth Hits 5-Year High; BoJ Lifts Rate to 1.25%



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The **US flash composite PMI jumped to 58.4** in September (August: 56.0), a 62-month high that points to annualised growth of about 5%, cost and capacity strain raise the risk of stickier inflation. In Japan, the **BoJ raised its policy rate 25bps to 1.25%** on 18 September, the highest since 1995 in a 7-2 vote, citing the oil shock, a weak yen and wage pass-through.



58.4

US COMPOSITE PMI
62-month high · Aug: 56.0



58.7

SERVICES ACTIVITY
26-month high · Aug: 56.5



56.7

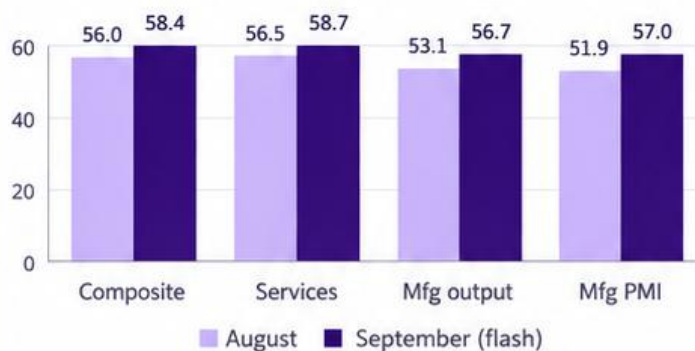
MFG OUTPUT
54-month high · Aug: 53.1



57.0

MFG PMI
32-month high · Aug: 51.9

US Flash PMI: August vs September



Under the Hood · Implied GDP ~5% (Q3 ~4%)



▲ **New orders**
Best since Mar-22



▲ **Hiring**
Best since Jun-22



▲ **Backlogs**
Most since May-22



▼ **Supply delays**
Worst since Jul-22



▲ **Input costs**
Most since Oct-22



▼ **Goods exports**
Still falling



1.25%

BOJ POLICY RATE
25bps · highest since 1995



7-2

BOARD VOTE
Dissent: Ueda, Sato



1.7%

CORE CPI, AUGUST
July: 1.7% (target 2%)



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HIKES SINCE 2024
From -0.1% in 2.5 years

BoJ: The Climb Out of Negative Rates (%)



What's Pushing the BoJ



▲ **Oil shock**
Middle East conflict



▼ **Weak yen**
40-year low



▲ **AI demand**
Lifting exports and PPI



▲ **Wages → prices**
Pass-through continues



▲ **Inflation expect.**
Median to long term



▲ **Labour market**
Remains tight



US: Growth stays strong near term as backlogs point to more output, but an oil-driven cost spike should lift selling prices. Next data: final PMIs on 1 Oct (services and manufacturing) and 5 Oct (services).



Japan: Gradual hikes continue, with core CPI seen clearly above 2% from H2 FY26; a weak yen could speed them up, though two board members opposed this hike.



Global: With the Fed (first hike in 3+ years), ECB and BoJ all tightening, global funding costs are rising, a headwind for frontier-market flows into assets such as Nigerian NTBs and equities.

Source: S&P Global (flash PMI, Sep 2026), Bank of Japan (18 Sep 2026), BBC, MDU Capital Research

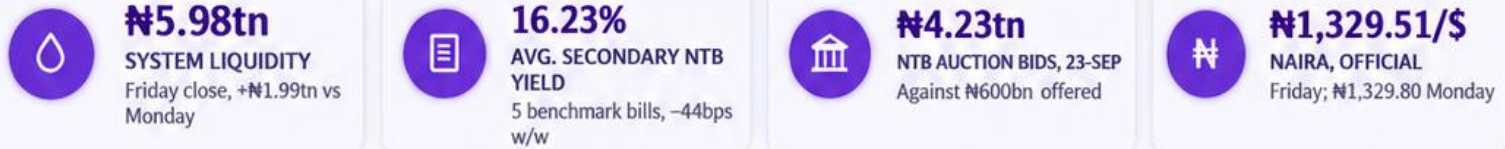


Fixed Income Market

Money Market, Treasury Bills, FGN Bonds & FX | Week Ending 25 Sep 2026



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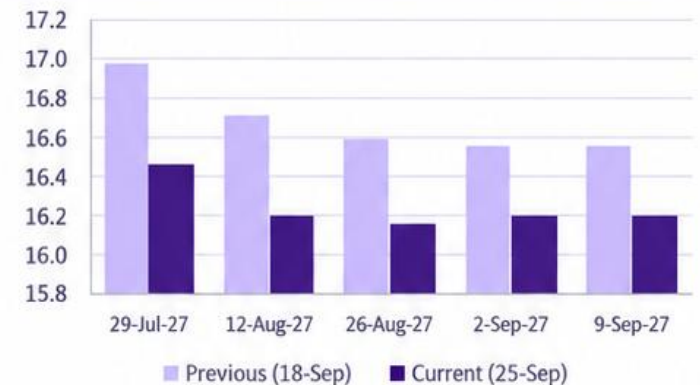


System Liquidity (₦tn)



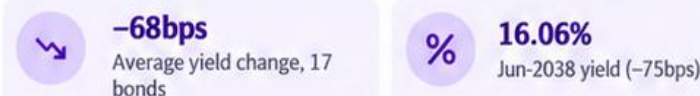
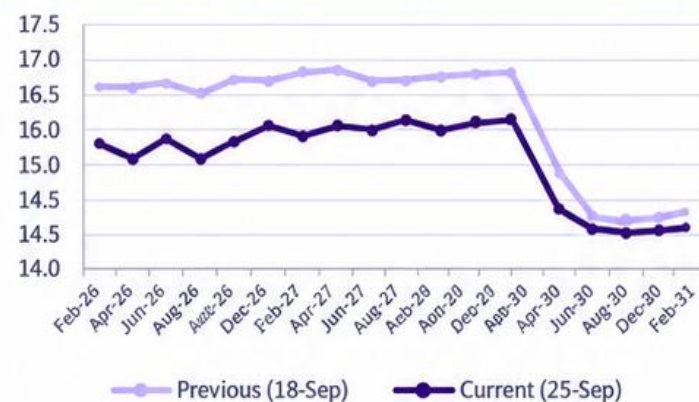
₦2.27tn of OMO maturities drove a ₦7.45tn midweek peak (SDF ₦7.34tn, highest since March) before OMO sales and NTB settlement drained over ₦2.5tn. **Outlook:** Expect volatile but ample liquidity. Further OMO maturities into early October should keep money-market rates soft, while CBN OMO sales remain the main drain.

Treasury Bills, Secondary Yields (%)



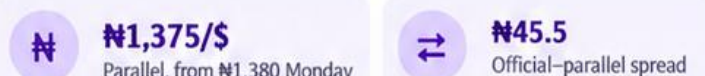
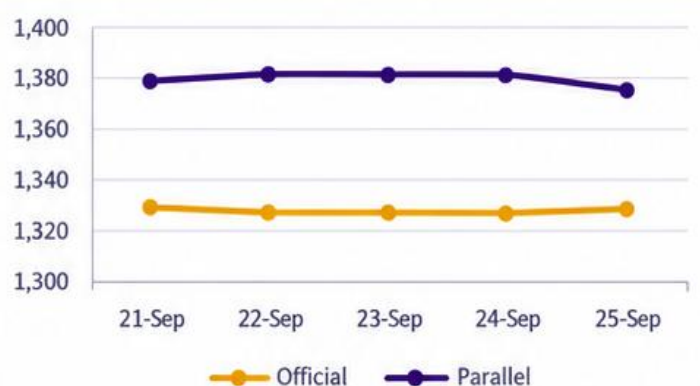
Demand surged after the MPR cut; secondary yields fell 37–51bps across benchmark bills. **Outlook:** Unmet auction demand and ample liquidity should pull yields another 100–150bps lower, towards 15.00–15.50%. OMO pricing is the swing factor.

FGN Bond Yield Curve (%)



Outlook: No primary auction this week. Yields should keep repricing lower with the MPR cut, favouring duration, but lower rates raise reinvestment risk. An inflation rebound or global rate moves are the key risks.

Foreign Exchange (₦/\$)



Outlook: The naira should stay broadly stable on record reserves, but a narrower carry after the MPR cut and the Fed hike could test demand for naira assets.

Source: CBN, FMDQ, DMO, MDU Research

Equities Market


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The NGX All-Share Index Increased 0.92% W-o-W, Closing at 252,113.41 Points

A broad-based advance lifted the NGX ASI **0.92%** w/w to **252,113.41** (from 249,804.56) and market cap to **#163.66tn**. Oil & Gas (+3.49%) and Banking (+3.06%) led; Insurance (-0.51%) was the only sector to decline. FIDELITYBK led volume and ZENITHBANK led value, while deals fell 8.8% despite higher volume.


#240.02bn
VALUE TRADED
+1.98% w/w

252,113.41
NGX ASI
+0.92% w/w

261,398
DEALS
-8.80% w/w

4.665bn
VOLUME
+46.00% w/w

#163.66tn
MARKET CAP
+0.92% w/w

Sectoral Performance, WTD (%)



Performance & Market Snapshot



Top 5 Weekly Gainers

Stock	Open	Close	Gain(N)	%Chg
CMFC	2.04	3.26	1.22	59.80%
THOMASWY	2.30	2.95	0.65	28.26%
UPDC	3.10	3.85	0.75	24.19%
OMATEK	1.20	1.48	0.28	23.33%
FTGINSURE	1.65	2.00	0.35	21.21%

Top 5 Weekly Losers

Stock	Open	Close	Loss(N)	%Chg
HMCALL	3.60	3.00	0.60	-16.67%
CHAMPION	10.95	9.65	1.30	-11.87%
TOTAL	576.00	518.40	57.60	-10.00%
OKOMUOIL	1,418.00	1,276.20	141.80	-10.00%
MULTIVERSE	21.30	19.20	2.10	-9.86%

Top 5 Volume Traded (mn units)



Top 5 Value Traded (#bn)



Outlook

- The 350bps MPR cut should keep sentiment positive as investors rotate from fixed income into equities, with Banking and Oil & Gas likely to lead.
- After a 62% YTD run, profit-taking and rebalancing could slow the advance, especially in names with sharp short-term gains.
- We expect a cautiously positive but volatile week. The Dangote IPO subscription, open until 13 Oct, may divert some liquidity from the secondary market.

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