FINANCIAL MARKETS MONTHLY REPORT

February 2026

Glossary

Abbreviation	Definition	Abbreviation	Definition
bn	Billion	**OPR**	Open Repos
bps	Basis Points	**OTC**	Over-the-Counter
CBN	Central Bank of Nigeria	**ppts**	Percentage Points
CP	Commercial Paper	**Review Period**	February 2026
D	Day	**Repo**	Repurchase Agreement
DMO	Debt Management Office	**RHS**	Right Hand Side
FGN	Federal Government of Nigeria	**T.bills**	Treasury Bills
FI	Fixed Income	**trn**	Trillion
FX	Foreign Exchange	**TTM**	Term-to-Maturity
LCY	Local Currency	**US**	The United States of America
LHS	Left Hand Side	**Y**	Year
M	Month	**YoY**	Year-on-Year
mm	Million		
MM	Money Market		
MoM	Month-on-Month		
N/A	Not Applicable		
NBS	National Bureau of Statistics		
NDFs	Non-Deliverable Forwards		
NV	Notional Value		
OMO	Open Market Operations		
O/N	Overnight		

Sources:
FMDQ Securities Exchange Limited, DMO, CBN, NBS

Note:
Minor discrepancies between sums of constituent figures and totals shown reflect rounding errors.

Primary Market

Sovereign Securities

T-bills valued at ₦2,861.36bn were sold by the DMO across its February 2026 auctions, representing a 29.79% (₦656.72bn) MoM increase from January 2026 sales of ₦2,204.64bn.

Similarly, the DMO sold FGN Bonds worth ₦524.28bn, representing a 68.71% (₦1,151.12bn) MoM decrease from January 2026 sales of ₦1,675.40bn. Demand for sovereign securities remained strong during the review period, with T.bills and FGN Bonds oversubscribed[1] by 520.38% and 237.40%, respectively.

Meanwhile, no OMO Bills were sold in February 2026, representing a MoM from the ₦11,244.96bn sold in January 2026.

Table 1: Average Rates for New Sovereign Security Issuances (%)

Type	Tenor	Feb. 26	Jan. 26	Trend
T.bills	91D	15.82%	15.82%	↔
	182D	16.65%	16.58%	▲
	364D	16.45%	18.42%	▼
FGN Bonds	7Y	15.74%	17.62%	▼
	9Y	15.74%	-	N/A
	10Y	15.50%	17.51%	▼

Chart 1: Trend in Average T.bills Discount Rate (%)

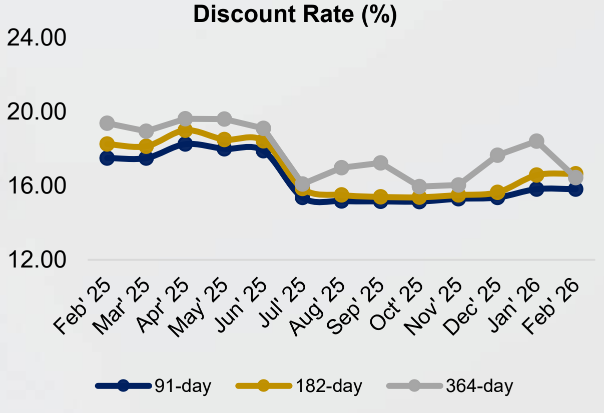


Chart 2: Trend in Average OMO Bills Discount Rate (%)^

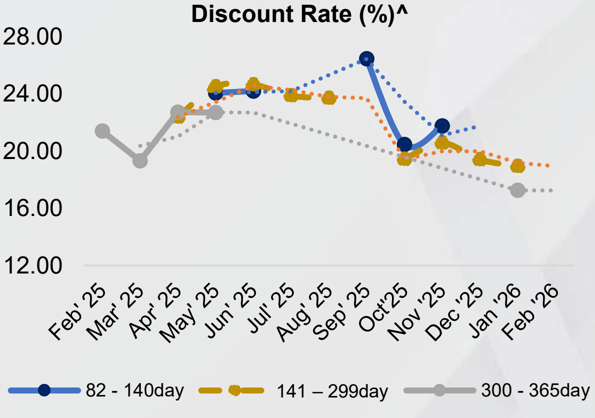


Table 2: Value of New Issuances (₦'bn)

Product	Feb. '25	Mar. '25	Apr. '25	May '25	Jun '25	Jul '25	Aug. '25	Sep. '25	Oct. '25	Nov. '25	Dec. '25	Jan. '26	Feb. '26
T.bills	1,444.13	2,821.85	1,144.97	1,214.13	612.02	491.82	477.04	930.35	1,025.59	1,636.26	2,201.90	2,204.64	2,861.36
FGN Bonds*	910.39	271.23	397.90	300.69	100.00	185.93	136.16	576.62	316.77	589.52	600.47	1,675.40	524.28

Table 3: Value of Outstanding Securities (₦'bn)

Product	Feb. '25	Mar. '25	Apr. '25	May '25	Jun '25	Jul '25	Aug. '25	Sep. '25	Oct. '25	Nov. '25	Dec. '25	Jan. '26	Feb. '26
T.bills	12,967.66	12,699.65	12,541.56	12,866.19	12,764.08	12,627.08	12,681.30	12,683.51	13,036.43	13,320.38	13,852.00	14,817.20	16,243.80
FGN Bonds	29,481.66	29,345.49	29.864.23	30,168.12	30,270.54	30,273.60	30,594.34	30,598.56	31,494.02	32,085.18	32,684.27	33,158.93	33,685.61

Notes:

1 – Amount Offered in February 2026 was ₦1,429.26bn and ₦800.00bn for T.bills and FGN Bonds, respectively

^ – Chart 2 has trend lines due to missing data as a result of no primary market activity for OMO Bills

** – FGN Bonds includes FGN Bonds, FGN Savings Bonds and FGN Green Bonds*

Primary Market

Non-Sovereign Securities

Two (2) Subnational Bonds were listed on FMDQ Exchange in Feb. 2026, resulting in a 10.52% (₦232.82bn) increase in Non-Sovereign Securities to ₦2,445.60bn, despite the maturity of ₦12.00bn worth of Corporate Bonds during the review period.

In Feb. 2026, Six (6) CPs valued at ₦82.18bn were quoted on the Exchange, representing a 49.60% (₦80.89bn) MoM decrease compared to the value of CPs quoted in Jan. 2026. The Agricultural sector accounted for the largest share of issuances, representing 50.00% (3) of the total number of CPs quoted. *(See Chart 3)*

Thus, the total outstanding value of CPs decreased by 8.42% (₦48.46bn) MoM to ₦527.36bn, primarily due to CP maturities worth ₦130.64bn exceeding new issuances during the review period. *(See Table 6)*

Table 4: Average Rates for Listed/Quoted Non-Sovereign Securities

Type	Tenor	Feb. 26	Jan. 26	Trend
CPs	91D – 180D	-	18.57%	N/A
	181D – 364D	18.81%	19.72%	▼
LCY Subnational Bonds	5Y – 10Y	16.13%	-	N/A

Chart 3: Sectoral Allocation of Quoted CPs

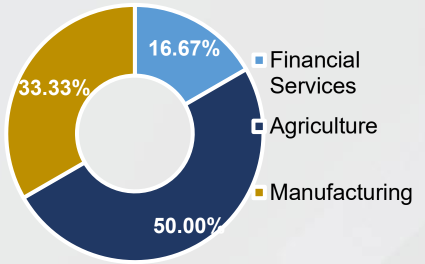


Chart 4: Average Tenor (Days) vs Discount Rates (%) for Quoted CPs

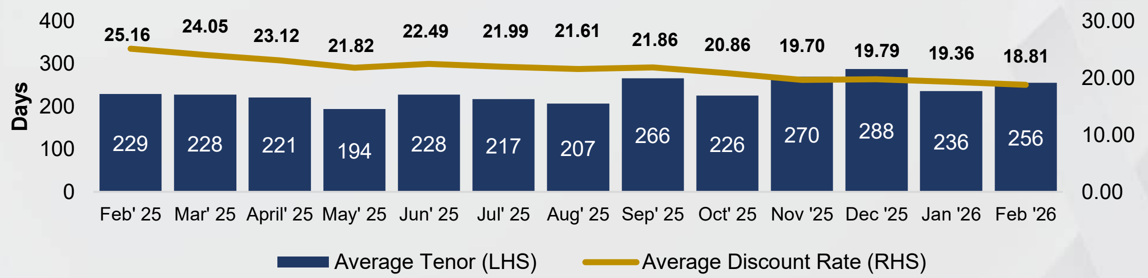


Table 5: Value of New Listings/Quotations (₦'bn)

Product	Feb. '25	Mar. '25	Apr. '25	May '25	Jun. '25	Jul. '25	Aug.'25	Sep.'25	Oct.'25	Nov.'25	Dec '25	Jan. '26	Feb. '26
CPs	109.56	417.73	60.58	370.10	144.89	317.89	43.62	11.92	53.02	21.71	62.04	163.06	82.18
Corporate Bonds	5.82	0.00	0.00	38.20	8.00	82.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.03	0.00
Subnational Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	244.82

Table 6: Outstanding Value of Admitted Securities (₦'bn)

Product	Feb. '25	Mar. '25	Apr. '25	May '25	Jun. '25	Jul. '25	Aug.'25	Sep.'25	Oct. '25	Nov.'25	Dec.'25	Jan. '26	Feb. '26
CPs	657.43	1,033.28	1,002.36	1,307.79	1,339.43	1,544.39	1,406.02	1,156.38	1,166.99	877.41	633.10	575.82	527.36
Corporate Bonds	1,822.39	1,854.39	1,762.39	1,835.29	1,835.29	1,825.29	1,825.29	1,818.97	1,768.40	1,743.40	1,733.51	1,796.54	1,784.54
Subnational Bonds	416.25	416.25	416.25	416.25	416.25	416.25	416.25	416.25	416.25	416.25	416.25	416.25	661.06

Note: **Non-Sovereign Bonds include LCY Corporate Bonds and LCY Subnational Bonds (includes LCY Sukuk)*

Secondary Market

Market Turnover by Products

Total secondary market turnover recorded on FMDQ Exchange in February 2026 was ₦68.54trn, representing a MoM increase of 12.81% (₦7.78trn) from January 2026 figures and a YoY increase of 14.56% (₦8.71trn) from February 2025 figures.

Foreign Exchange (FX) and CBN Bills^ turnover dominated secondary market activity, jointly accounting for 66.27% of total secondary market transactions during the review period. *(See Chart 6 below)*

Chart 5: FMDQ Markets Turnover (₦'trn)

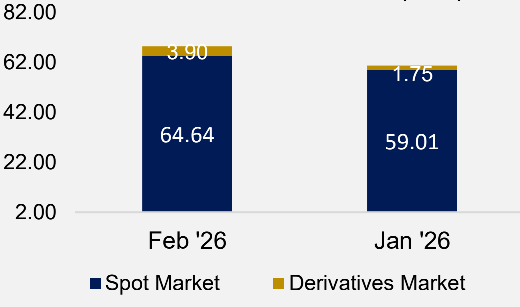


Chart 6: Contribution to FMDQ Markets Turnover

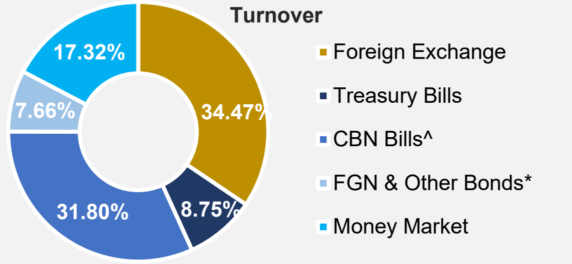
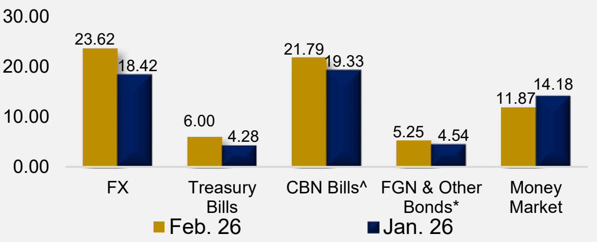


Chart 7: MoM FMDQ Market Turnover (₦'trn)



Spot Market

Total spot market turnover for all products traded in the secondary market on FMDQ Exchange stood at ₦64.64trn in February 2026, representing a 9.55% (₦5.63trn) MoM increase from January 2026 figures (₦59.01trn).

This MoM increase was jointly driven by the 17.37% (₦4.89trn) and the 18.31% (₦3.05trn) increase in FI and FX transactions, offsetting the 16.30% (₦2.31trn) decrease in MM turnover during the review period.

The decrease in MM turnover was due to decreased activities in Repos/Buy-backs. Meanwhile, the uptick in FI transactions reflects stronger activity across all sub-product categories, although CBN Special Bills remained inactive in the review period.

Spot Market Turnover and Percentage Contribution

Market	Turnover	Prior month	Contribution
FX Market	₦19.73trn	*₦16.68trn (Jan '26)*	30.52%
Fixed Income Market	₦33.04trn	*₦28.15trn (Jan '26)*	51.11%
Money Market	₦11.87trn	*₦14.18trn (Jan '26)*	18.37%

Spot Market – (Money Market)

Total MM turnover recorded on FMDQ Exchange was ₦11.87trn, representing a 16.30% (₦2.31trn) MoM decrease from the turnover recorded in January 2026 (₦14.18trn). The MoM decline was solely driven by the 16.57% (₦2.33trn) MoM decrease in Repos/Buy-backs which offset the marginal increase in Unsecured Placements/ Takings transactions. *(See Chart 8).*

Chart 8: Money Market Turnover (₦'trn)

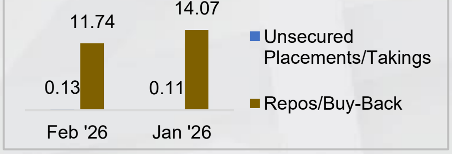
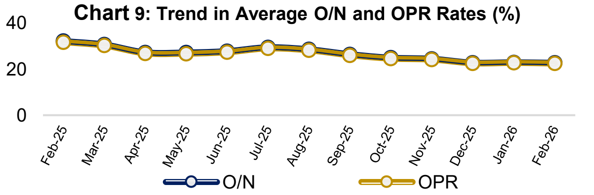


Chart 9: Trend in Average O/N and OPR Rates (%)



The average O/N rate and OPR rate (secured lending rate) decreased MoM by 0.22ppts and 0.26ppts, respectively to close at an average of 22.70% and 22.41%, respectively in February 2026. *(See Chart 9).*

Notes:
^ Refers to OMO and CBN Special Bills
**Other Bonds include Agency, Sub-national, Corporate, Supranational Bonds & Promissory Notes*

Spot Fixed Income Market

FI market turnover increased to ₦33.04trn in February 2026, representing a 17.37% (₦4.89trn) MoM increase from the ₦28.15trn recorded in January 2026. The MoM increase was driven by higher turnover activity across all sub-product categories in February 2026. *(See Chart 10)*

Notably, OMO Bills dominated FI turnover in accounting for 65.95% of total activity, followed by T-Bills (18.16%) and FGN Bonds (15.56%), with Other Bonds contributing marginally (0.33%), reflecting a strong concentration of trading in short-term instruments.

During the review period, the trading intensity (TI) for T.Bills and FGN Bonds increased by 31.46% (0.09) and 14.64% (0.02), respectively, to 0.39 and 0.15. *(See Chart 11)*

Chart 10: Fixed Income Market Turnover (₦'trn)

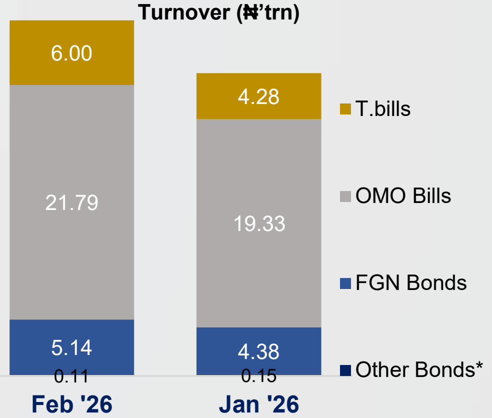


Chart 11: Trend in Trading Intensity

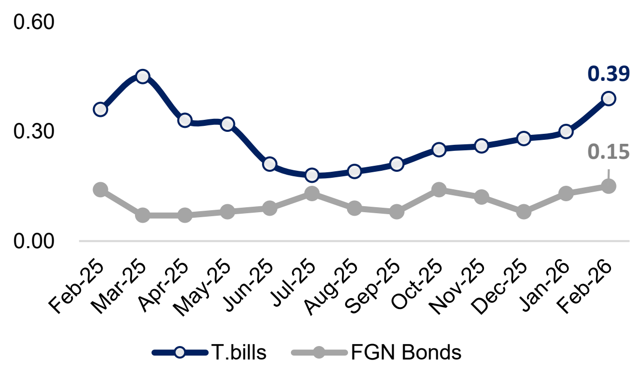
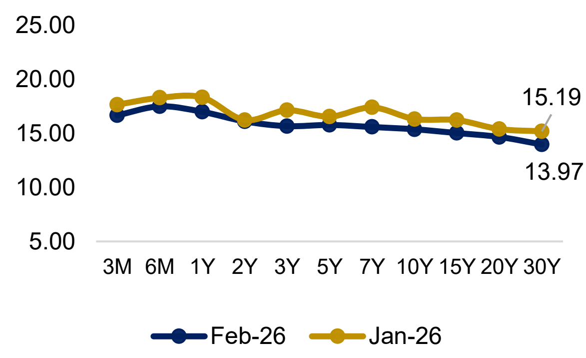


Chart 12: Sovereign Yield Curve (%)



T-bills and FGN Bonds with TTMs of >6M–12M and >5Y–10Y, respectively, were the most actively traded sovereign fixed income securities, accounting for 47.88% (₦5.33trn) and 38.10% (₦4.24trn) of secondary FI market turnover. *(See table 7 below)*

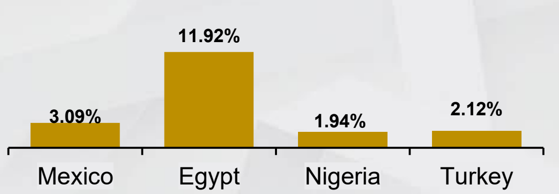
Table 7: Fixed Income Turnover ((₦'trn)

T.Bills			FGN Bonds						
Up to 3M	>3M - 6M	>6M - 12M	>12M - 3Y	>3Y - 5Y	>5Y - 10Y	>10Y - 15Y	>15Y - 20Y	>20Y	Total
0.58	0.09	5.33	0.45	0.19	4.24	0.08	0.00	0.16	**11.13**

The sovereign yield curve spread[1] increased slightly MoM in February 2026, although the curve remained inverted[2], as short-term yields continued to exceed long term yields. *(See Chart 12)*

During the same period, Nigeria's one-year (1Y) real (inflation-adjusted) yields remained positive, yielding 1.94%, as inflation eased during the review period. *(See Chart 13)*

Chart 13: One-Year Real Sovereign Yields as at February 27, 2026^(%)



Notes:
1 – Refers to the yield spread between the 3M and 10Y sovereign FI securities
2 – This implies that short term rates are higher than long term rates
^ – Adjusted with the most recent inflation figures (15.06%)
** – Other Bonds include Agency, Sub-national, Corporate, Supranational Bonds & Promissory Notes*

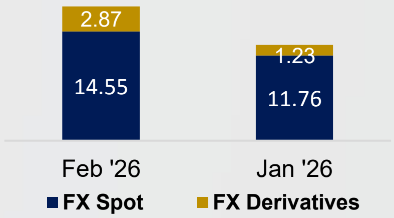
FX Market Turnover

The total turnover for all products traded in the FX market on FMDQ Exchange stood at $17.42bn (₦23.62trn) in February 2026, comprising $14.55bn (₦19.73trn) in FX Spot transactions and $2.87bn (₦3.90trn) in FX Derivatives. This represents a 34.10% ($4.43bn) MoM increase from January 2026 turnover of $12.99bn. *(See Chart 14)*

The MoM increase in FX market turnover was jointly driven by the 23.78% ($2.80bn) and the 133.44% ($1.64bn) increase in FX Spot and FX Derivatives transactions, respectively.

The increase in FX Spot turnover represents a corresponding MoM increase in the daily average turnover from $0.56bn in January 2026 to $0.76bn in February 2026. Similarly, the increase in the FX derivatives turnover was jointly driven by the 119.54% ($1.39bn) and 376.08% ($0.25bn) MoM increase in FX Swaps and FX Forwards transactions, respectively.

Chart 14: FX Market Turnover ($'bn)



FX Market Turnover and Percentage Contribution

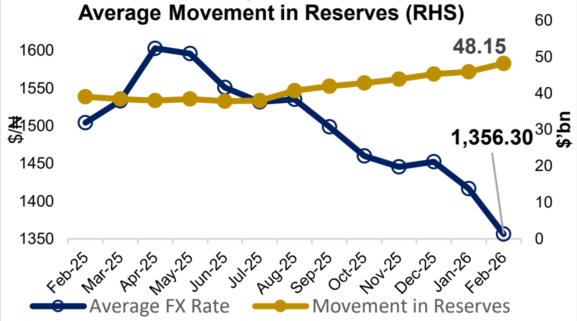
FX Spot
$14.55bn (₦19.73trn)
$11.76bn (₦16.68trn) – Jan '26
88.95%

FX Derivatives
$2.87bn (₦3.90trn)
$1.23bn (₦1.75trn) – Jan '26
11.05%

FX Spot Market

FX Spot transactions dominated the FX market in February 2026, accounting for 88.95% of total activity, with average daily turnover rising to $0.76bn from $0.56bn in January 2026. Consequently, FX Spot market turnover on FMDQ Exchange increased to $14.55bn (₦19.73trn), up 23.78% ($2.80bn) MoM from $11.76bn in the January 2026.

Chart 15: Average FX Rates (LHS) vs Average Movement in Reserves (RHS)



In the FX market, the naira appreciated against the US dollar, with the average spot exchange rate improving by 4.25% ($/₦60.23) to close at $/₦1,356.30 in February 2026 from $/₦1,416.53 recorded in January 2026. *(See Chart 15)*

Further, exchange rate volatility moderated in February 2026, with the Naira trading within a narrower range of $/₦1,337.00 – $/₦1,384.50, compared with $/₦1,385.00 – $/₦1,431.00 recorded in January 2026.

FX Derivatives Market

Total turnover in the FX derivatives segment was $2.87bn (₦3.90trn) in February 2026, representing a MoM increase of 133.44% ($1.64bn) from January 2026 figures ($1.23bn).

FX Swaps[1] remained the most actively traded product at $2.56bn (₦3.46trn), accounting for 88.95% of FX derivatives turnover, while FX Forwards contributed $0.32bn (₦0.43trn) or 11.05% of FX derivatives turnover within the review period.

Chart 16: FX Derivatives Market Turnover ($'bn)

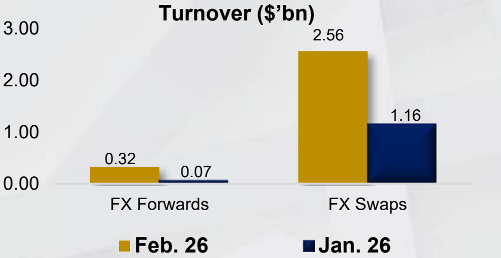


Table 8: Snapshot of FX Market Turnover ($'bn)

Product	Feb. '25	Mar. '25	Apr. '25	May '25	Jun. '25	Jul. '25	Aug.'25	Sep.'25	Oct.'25	Nov.'25	Dec '25	Jan. '26	Feb. '26
FX Spot	13.43	14.30	12.13	14.27	13.31	12.76	13.54	14.68	21.48	10.60	12.42	11.76	14.55
FX Forwards	0.19	0.13	0.07	0.12	0.11	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.10	0.01	0.10	0.07	0.32
FX Swaps	1.43	2.74	1.56	1.67	1.18	1.32	1.88	1.78	3.34	1.21	2.32	1.16	2.56

Notes:
1 – Includes Other FX Derivatives

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