



FINANCIAL MARKETS MONTHLY REPORT

August 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	August 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

In August 2026, T-bills valued at ₦2,218.93bn were sold across its auctions, representing a 36.65% (₦1,283.52bn) MoM decrease from July 2026 sales of ₦3,502.45bn.

Meanwhile, the DMO sold FGN Bonds worth ₦1,557.45bn in August 2026 of which ₦752.29bn, representing 48.30% of total sales was through non-competitive allotments. This represented a 67.14% (₦625.63bn) MoM increase from the ₦931.82bn in total sales recorded in July 2026.

Demand for sovereign securities remained strong during the review period, as T-bills and FGN Bonds were oversubscribed by 485.83% and 57.04%, respectively.

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

Type	Tenor	Aug. '26	Jul. '26	Trend
T.bills	91D	16.30%	16.30%	↔
	182D	16.50%	16.50%	↔
	364D	17.37%	17.57%	▼
FGN Bonds	10Y	17.15%	18.34%	▼
	15Y	17.79%	18.40%	▼
	20Y	17.19%	18.35%	▼

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

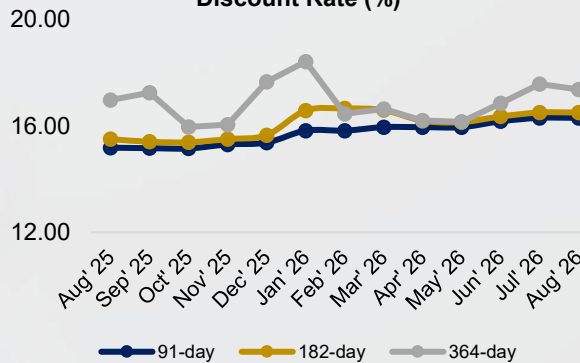


Chart 2: Trend in Average OMO Bills Discount Rate (%)^

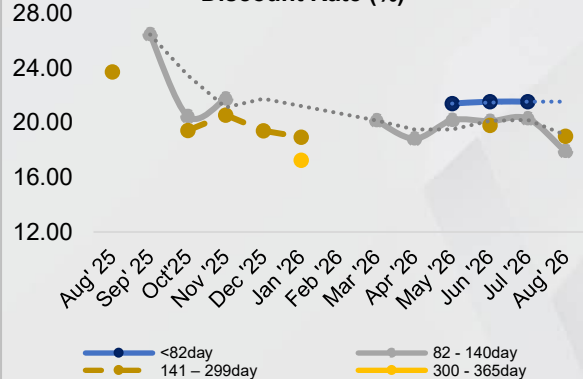


Table 2: Value of New Issuances (₦'bn)

Product	Aug. '25	Sep. '25	Oct. '25	Nov. '25	Dec. '25	Jan. '26	Feb. '26	Mar. '26	Apr. '26	May '26	Jun. '26	Jul. '26	Aug. '26
T.bills	477.04	930.35	1,025.59	1,636.26	2,201.90	2,204.64	2,861.36	3,158.20	1,625.54	1,561.08	2,948.21	3,502.45	2,218.93
FGN Bonds*	136.16	576.62	316.77	589.52	600.47	1,675.40	524.28	485.50	276.79	614.51	1,221.90	931.82	1,557.45

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

Product	Aug. '25	Sep. '25	Oct. '25	Nov. '25	Dec. '25	Jan. '26	Feb. '26	Mar. '26	Apr. '26	May '26	Jun. '26	Jul. '26	Aug. '26
T.bills	12,681.30	12,683.51	13,036.43	13,320.38	13,852.00	14,817.20	16,243.80	16,566.91	17,077.65	17,448.25	19,482.87	22,337.53	23,843.44
FGN Bonds	30,594.34	30,598.56	31,494.02	32,085.18	32,684.27	33,158.93	33,685.61	32,990.08	33,764.34	37,171.67	38,376.76	39,358.79	41,202.53

Notes:

^ – 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

One (1) Corporate Bond worth ₦26.34bn was listed on FMDQ Exchange in August 2026, compared to one Corporate Bond worth ₦4.46bn listed in July 2026. With no Corporate Bonds maturing during the review period, the total outstanding value of Corporate Bonds increased MoM to ₦2,302.78bn.

Similarly, no Non-Sovereign Bonds¹ matured in August, resulting in a 0.90% (₦26.34bn) MoM increase in the outstanding value of Non-Sovereign Bonds to ₦2,963.84bn.

In the CP market, three (3) CPs valued at ₦25.53bn, were quoted on the Exchange in August 2026, representing a 79.85% (₦101.18bn) MoM decrease from the ₦126.71bn worth of CPs quoted in July 2026. (See Chart 3). Despite the lower value of CPs quoted, the total outstanding value of CPs increased by 2.39% (₦11.68bn) MoM to ₦501.13bn, as the value of new CP quotations (₦25.53bn) exceeded maturities worth ₦13.85bn. (See Table 6)

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

Type	Tenor	Aug '26	Jul '26	Trend
CPs	181D – 364D	19.29%	19.27%	▲
LCY Corporate Bond	5Y – 10Y	19.00%	20.00%	▼

Chart 3: Sectoral Allocation of Quoted CPs

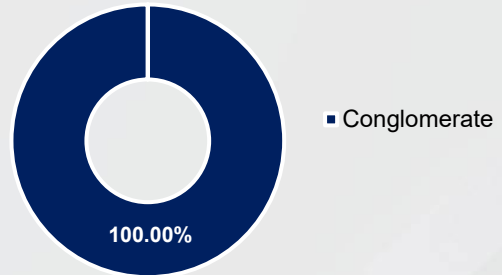


Chart 4: Average Tenor (Days) vs Discount Rates (%) for Quoted CPs

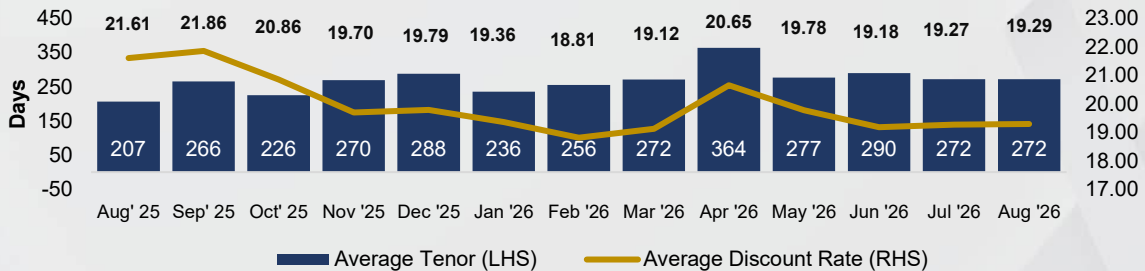


Table 5: Value of New Listings/Quotations (₦'bn)

Product	Aug.'25	Sep.'25	Oct.'25	Nov.'25	Dec.'25	Jan.'26	Feb.'26	Mar.'26	Apr.'26	May '26	Jun.'26	Jul.'26	Aug.'26
CPs	43.62	11.92	53.02	21.71	62.04	163.06	82.18	34.14	10.00	189.15	36.79	126.71	25.53
Corporate Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.03	0.00	30.00	531.89	0.00	15.00	4.46	26.34
Subnational Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	244.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Product	Aug.'25	Sep.'25	Oct.'25	Nov.'25	Dec.'25	Jan.'26	Feb.'26	Mar.'26	Apr.'26	May '26	Jun.'26	Jul.'26	Aug.'26
CPs	1,406.02	1,156.38	1,166.99	877.41	633.10	575.82	527.36	371.16	319.51	448.88	465.34	489.45	501.13
Corporate Bonds	1,825.29	1,818.97	1,768.40	1,743.40	1,733.51	1,796.54	1,784.54	1,811.54	2,343.43	2,286.99	2,301.98	2,276.44	2,302.78
Subnational Bonds	416.25	416.25	416.25	416.25	416.25	416.25	661.06	661.06	661.06	661.06	661.06	661.06	661.06

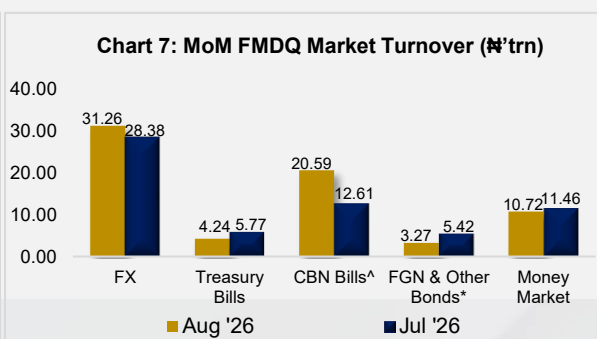
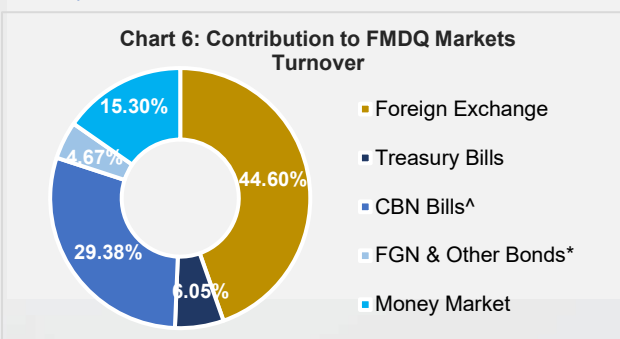
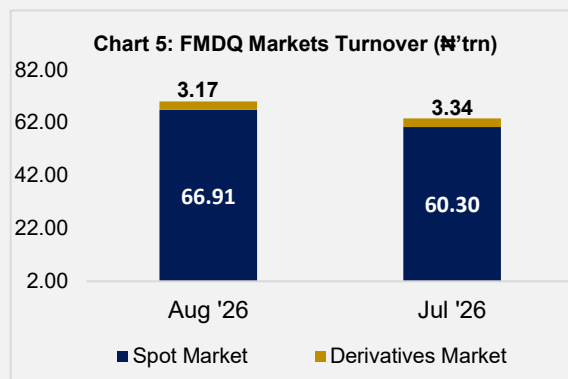
Note: 1 - Non-Sovereign Bonds include LCY Corporate Bonds and LCY Subnational Bonds (includes LCY Sukuk)

Secondary Market

Market Turnover by Products

Total secondary market turnover recorded on FMDQ Exchange in August 2026 was ₦70.08trn, representing a MoM increase of 10.11% (₦6.43trn) from July 2026 figures and a YoY increase of 9.67% (₦6.18trn) from August 2025 figures.

Foreign Exchange (FX) and CBN Bills[^] turnover dominated secondary market activity, jointly accounting for 73.98% of total secondary market transactions during the review period. (See Chart 6 below)



Spot Market

Total spot market turnover for all products traded in the secondary market on FMDQ Exchange stood at ₦66.91trn in August 2026, representing a 10.95% (₦6.61trn) MoM increase from July 2026 figures (₦60.30trn).

This MoM increase was jointly driven by the 12.15% (₦3.04trn) and 18.05% (₦4.30trn) increase in FX and FI, turnover, respectively, while MM transactions decreased MoM by 6.41% (₦0.73trn) during the review period.

The decrease in MM turnover was solely driven by decreased activity in Repos/Buy-backs. Similarly, the increase in FI transactions reflects improved activity across all sub-product categories (excluding Other Bonds), while CBN Special Bills remained inactive in the review period.

Spot Market Turnover and Percentage Contribution

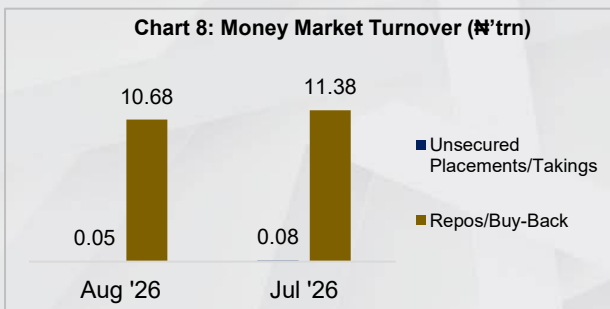
FX Market
₦28.09trn
₦25.04trn (Jul. '26) **41.98%**

Fixed Income Market
₦28.10trn
₦23.80trn (Jul. '26) **41.99%**

Money Market
₦10.72trn
₦11.46trn (Jul. '26) **16.03%**

Spot Market – (Money Market)

Total MM turnover recorded on FMDQ Exchange was ₦10.72trn, representing a 6.41% (₦0.73trn) MoM decrease from the turnover recorded in July 2026 (₦11.46trn). The MoM decrease was jointly driven by the 6.21% (₦0.71trn) and the 37.05% (₦0.03trn) decline in Repos/Buy-backs and Unsecured Placements/Takings respectively (See Chart 8).

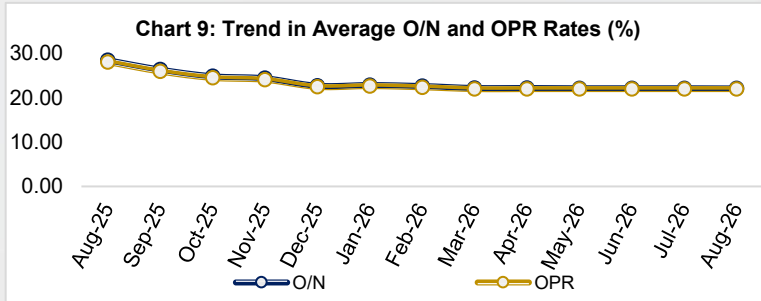


Notes:

[^] Refers to OMO and CBN Special Bills

^{*} Other Bonds include Agency, Sub-national, Corporate, Supranational Bonds & Promissory Notes

Spot Money Market Continued



The average OPR rate remained unchanged in August 2026, closing at an average of 22.00%, while the average O/N rate decreased by 0.04ppts to 22.15%. (See Chart 9)

Spot Fixed Income Market

FI market turnover increased to ₦28.10trn in August 2026, representing an 18.05% (₦4.30trn) MoM increase from the ₦23.80trn recorded in July 2026. This MoM increase was solely driven by higher FI turnover activity in the OMO Bills product category in August 2026. (See Chart 10)

During the review period, OMO Bills remained the dominant contributor to total FI turnover, accounting for 73.27% of total market activity. This represents a corresponding MoM increase from July 2026 (53.00%), due to the increase in OMO Bills market turnover in August 2026.

Trading intensity (TI) for T.Bills and FGN Bonds decreased by 33.69% (0.10) and 40.95% (0.06), respectively, to 0.18 and 0.08. (See Chart 11)

Chart 10: Fixed Income Market Turnover (₦trn)

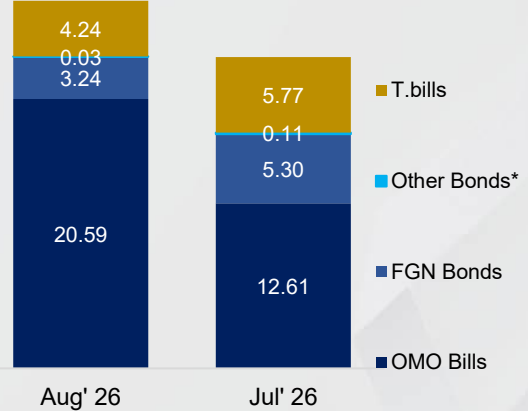


Chart 11: Trend in Trading Intensity

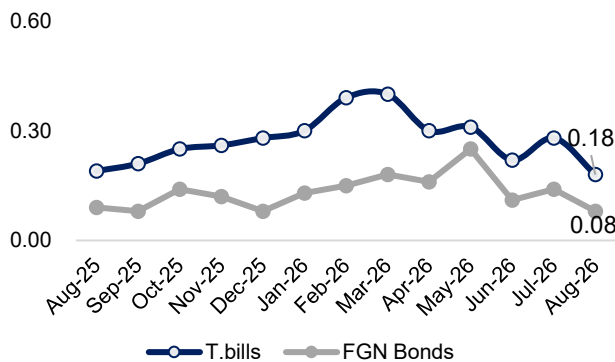
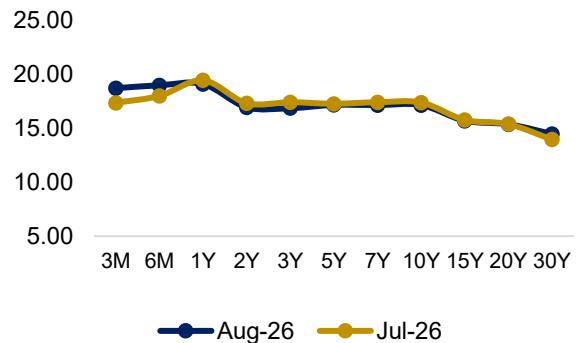


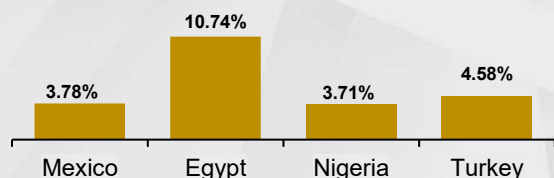
Chart 12: Sovereign Yield Curve (%)



The sovereign yield curve inverted in August 2026, driven by an increase in short-term yields relative to medium and long-term yields. While medium and long-term yields generally declined MoM, the 30Y yield increased, resulting in a widening of the yield curve spread¹. (See Chart 12)

During the same period, Nigeria's one-year (1Y) real (inflation-adjusted) yield stood at 4.62%, reflecting positive real returns. (See Chart 13)

Chart 13: One-Year Real Sovereign Yields as at Aug. 31, 2026[^]



Notes:

¹ - Refers to the yield spread between the 3M and 10Y sovereign FI securities

[^] - Adjusted with the most recent inflation figures (15.43%)

* - Other Bonds include Agency, Sub-national, Corporate, Supranational Bonds & Promissory Notes

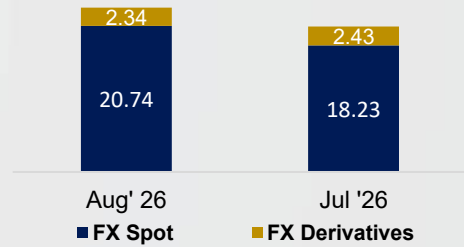
FX Market Turnover

The total turnover for all products traded in the FX market on FMDQ Exchange stood at \$23.09bn (₦31.26trn) in August 2026, comprising \$20.74bn (₦28.09trn) in FX Spot transactions and \$2.34bn (₦3.17trn) in FX Derivatives. This represents a 11.75% (\$2.43bn) MoM increase from July 2026 turnover of \$20.66bn. (See Chart 14)

The MoM increase in FX market turnover was driven by a 13.82% (\$2.52bn) increase in FX Spot market activity, while FX Derivatives transactions declined by 3.76% (\$0.09bn).

The decrease in FX derivatives turnover was driven by the 31.90% (\$0.12bn) decline in FX Forwards, offsetting the 1.46% (\$0.03bn) increase in FX Swaps transactions during the review period. .

Chart 14: FX Market Turnover (\$'bn)



FX Market Turnover and Percentage Contribution

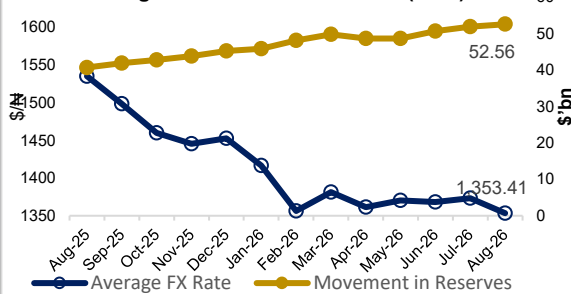
FX Spot
\$20.74bn (₦28.09trn) **89.96%**
\$18.23bn (₦25.04trn) – Jul. '26

FX Derivatives
\$2.34bn (₦3.17trn) **10.14%**
\$2.43bn (₦3.34trn) – Jul. '26

FX Spot Market

In August 2026, FX Spot transactions dominated the FX market, accounting for 89.96% of total activity. Further, FX Spot market turnover on FMDQ Exchange increased MoM by 13.82% (\$2.52bn) to \$20.74bn (₦28.09trn) from \$18.23bn (₦25.04trn) in July 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 decreasing by 1.46% (\$/₦20.02) to close at \$/₦1,353.41 in August 2026, from \$/₦1,373.43 recorded in July 2026. (See Chart 15)

Further, exchange rate volatility increased in August 2026, with the Naira trading within a range of \$/₦1,335.50 – \$/₦1,365.10 compared with \$/₦1,361.00 – \$/₦1,383.50 recorded in July 2026.

FX Derivatives Market

Total turnover in the FX derivatives segment was \$2.34bn (₦3.17trn) in August 2026, representing a MoM decrease of 3.76% (\$0.09bn) from July 2026 figures (\$2.43bn).

FX Swaps¹ remained the most actively traded product during the review period, recording a turnover of \$2.08bn (₦2.82trn) and accounting for 88.91% of FX derivatives turnover. FX Forwards recorded a turnover of \$0.26bn (₦0.35trn), representing the remaining 11.09% of total FX derivatives turnover.

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

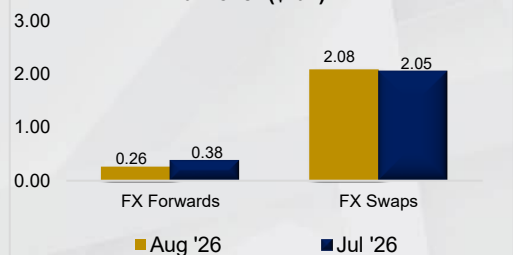


Table 7: Snapshot of FX Market Turnover (\$'bn)

Product	Aug. '25	Sep. '25	Oct. '25	Nov. '25	Dec. '25	Jan. '26	Feb. '26	Mar. '26	Apr. '26	May '26	Jun. '26	Jul. '26	Aug. '26
FX Spot	13.54	14.68	21.48	10.60	12.42	11.76	14.55	19.67	10.79	16.42	12.87	18.23	20.74
FX Forwards	0.02	0.03	0.10	0.01	0.10	0.07	0.32	0.03	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.38	0.26
FX Swaps	1.88	1.78	3.34	1.21	2.32	1.16	2.56	1.92	0.84	1.87	1.48	2.05	2.08

Notes:
1 – Includes Other FX Derivatives

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