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# Equity Market Wrap

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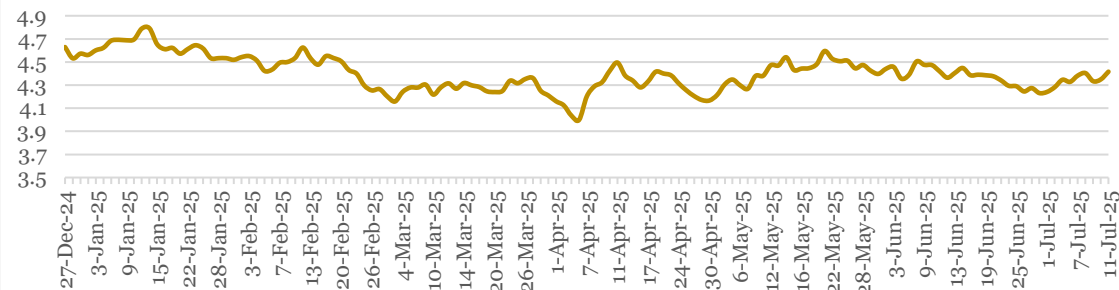
# Global Update

- In a major escalation of trade tensions, President Donald Trump has imposed a 35% tariff on Canadian imports, framing it as a response to previous Canadian trade actions. These new duties will come into effect on August 1, 2025, and are accompanied by broader tariffs ranging from 15% to 20% on products from other trading partners.
- Adding further pressure, the U.S. has announced a 50% import tax on copper, bringing it in line with existing duties on aluminum and steel and has signaled the potential introduction of a steep 200% tariff on pharmaceuticals soon. These aggressive trade measures are expected to strain relationships with key allies, disrupt global supply chains, and inject new uncertainty into commodity and equity markets.
- China's consumer prices edged back into positive territory in June, marking the first year-on-year increase in five months and suggesting a temporary easing of deflationary pressures. Data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed headline inflation at 0.1% y/y, up from -0.1% in May and slightly ahead of market forecasts, which had anticipated a flat reading.
- The modest uptick was underpinned by several factors, including mid-year online shopping festivals, enhanced government subsidies aimed at boosting consumption, and a recent easing of trade frictions with the U.S. A closer look at the figures reveals that non-food inflation ticked up to 0.1% y/y from zero in May. However, food prices continued to decline albeit at a slower pace of -0.3% in June from -0.4% in May.

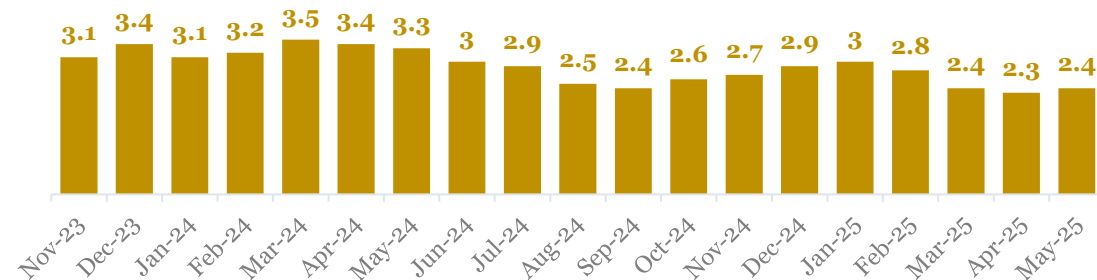
## Global Economic Data

	Current	Previous	Change
US GDP	2.00% (Q1-2025)	2.40% (Q4-2024)	0.40%
US Interest Rate	4.25% - 4.50% (Jun. 2025)	4.25% - 4.50% (May. 2025)	0.00%
US Inflation	2.40% (May. 2025)	2.30% (Apr. 2025)	0.10%
China GDP	5.40% (Q1-2025)	5.40% (Q4-2024)	0.20%
China Inflation	0.10% (Jun. 2024)	-0.10% (May. 2024)	0.00%

## US 10 Year Bond Yields (%)

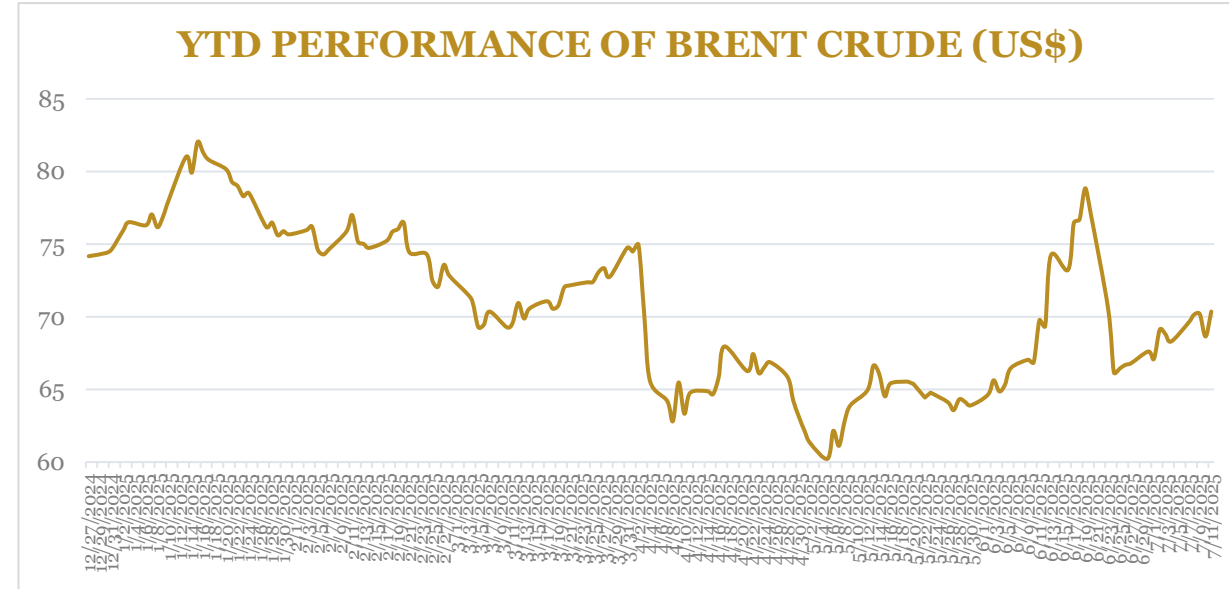


## US Inflation %



# Crude Oil Price Update

- Oil prices closed higher last week despite growing concerns over global trade tensions. The market was influenced by a mix of factors, including OPEC+'s move to increase output, looming diesel shortages in major markets, and the potential for new U.S. sanctions targeting Russian energy exports.
- On a week-on-week basis, Brent crude prices increased by **3.02%**, closing at \$70.36 per barrel, while WTI appreciated by **2.95%**, settling at \$68.45 per barrel.



Source: Investing.com, PSL Research

## Crude Oil Prices

	Current	Previous	Change
Brent Crude Oil(\$)	70.36	68.30	3.02%
WTI Crude Price (\$)	68.45	66.49	2.95%

# Domestic Update



Last week, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) instructed banks currently operating under regulatory forbearance to submit detailed Capital Restoration Plans. These plans must lay out a clear strategy for meeting capital adequacy standards, with an emphasis on streamlining costs, reducing risk-weighted assets, and realigning business models to ensure long-term stability. In a move to enhance oversight and transparency, the CBN also mandated that banks provide quarterly reports covering key performance indicators and compliance metrics. The directive marks a step toward more rigorous regulatory supervision, aimed at reinforcing the resilience of the financial sector.

The CBN PMI expanded for the sixth consecutive month to 52.3 points in June, with 25 out of 36 subsectors recording growth, signaling continued expansion in economic activity. However, the apex bank warns of inflationary risks in its June 2025 PMI report, as rising input costs continue to outpace output prices across key sectors - most notably in agriculture, with a 9.8-point cost gap. This suggests that firms may soon begin passing costs on to consumers.

Guaranty Trust Holding Company Plc (GTCO) has listed 2.29 billion additional ordinary shares on the Nigerian Exchange (NGX) at ₦70.00 per share, following its dual listing on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) on July 9, 2025. This raises its total issued shares to 36.43 billion from 34.14 billion. GTCO has set post-listing targets of at least 15% dividend yield and 25% return on equity (ROE), reflecting strong earnings confidence. Following the announcement, GTCO's share price surged by 14.06% week-on-week on the NGX.

Dangote Petroleum Refinery has reduced the ex-depot price of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) from ₦840 to ₦820 per litre, effective immediately. This is the second price reduction in nine days, highlighting the refinery's effort to lower fuel costs and stabilize prices in the downstream petroleum market.

The U.S. has limited most non-immigrant, non-diplomatic visas for Nigerians to single-entry, three-month permits, effective immediately. Aimed at aligning with U.S. security protocols, the move is expected to impact students, professionals, and tourists, while potentially straining U.S.-Nigeria relations and affecting trade, academic exchange, and remittances.

# Foreign Exchange Update

- The Naira weakened slightly last week, depreciating by 0.2% week-on-week to ₦1,531.00 per dollar, as rising demand outpaced available supply even with interest from foreign portfolio investors eyeing the OMO Primary Market Auction. In response, the Central Bank of Nigeria stepped in with an intervention of approximately \$50 million to support the market.
- On a positive note, Nigeria's gross external reserves rose for the first time in seven weeks, increasing by \$147.79 million to \$37.33 billion as of July 10.

## Fixed Income Market

- The Treasury bills secondary market remained bullish last week as investors moved to the secondary market to cover unsuccessful bids from the Primary Market Auction (PMA), causing average yields to decline by 136 basis points to 21.5%. At the Nigerian Treasury Bills (NTB) auction on Wednesday, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) offered ₦250 billion in total ₦100 billion for the 91-day, ₦20 billion for the 182-day, and ₦130 billion for the 364-day bills. Demand was strong, with total subscriptions reaching ₦1.33 trillion. Despite this, the CBN under-allotted, issuing just ₦48.18 billion, with stop rates falling significantly to 15.74% from 17.80% for the 91-day, 16.20% from 18.35% for the 182-day, and 16.30% from 18.84% for the 364-day tenors.
- Additionally, the CBN conducted an Open Market Operations (OMO) auction, offering ₦600 billion across two tenors. The 363-day instrument received strong demand, resulting in a ₦1.25 trillion allotment at a stop rate of 21.99%, from total subscriptions of ₦2.17 trillion.
- The FGN bond secondary market also recorded a bullish performance last week, driven by increased investor demand following the release of the Q3 2025 bond auction calendar. As a result, average yields across benchmark bonds fell by 72 basis points to 16.8%. According to the calendar, the Debt Management Office (DMO) plans to reopen the April 2029 and January 2032 bonds during the quarter, with approximately ₦60 billion expected to be offered across the two tenors.

## Equity Market

- The Nigerian equities market sustained its bullish momentum for a sixth consecutive week, with the NGX All-Share Index surpassing the 120,000-point threshold. The continued uptrend was supported by strong investor appetite across key sectors, including insurance, consumer goods, oil & gas, and banking. As a result, the NGX All-Share Index and Market Capitalization appreciated by **4.26%** and **4.54%** to close the week at 126,149.59 points and ₦79.803 trillion, respectively.
- The gains were largely fueled by strong performances from several heavyweight stocks. NGXGROUP led the rally with a remarkable **+54.85%** gain, followed by CADBURY (**+24.74%**), ZENITHBANK (**+21.22%**), and UBA (**+19.64%**). Other notable contributors included WAPCO (**+14.59%**), FIRSTHOLDCO (**+14.31%**), GTCO (**+13.10%**), NB (**+12.27%**), MTNN (**+10.49%**), ACCESSCORP (**+10.22%**), GUINNESS (**+10.00%**), DANGSUGAR (**+8.51%**), and OKOMUOIL (**+5.70%**). These robust gains more than offset losses recorded by a few lagging stocks, including OANDO (**-6.09%**), NNFM (**-4.17%**), ETERNA (**-3.49%**), PRESCO (**-3.29%**), TRANSCORP (**-0.20%**), and ARADEL (**-0.19%**).
- Sectoral performance last week was broadly positive, with the Insurance, Banking, Industrial Goods, and Consumer Goods sectors recording gains of **13.83%**, **12.49%**, **2.94%**, and **2.18%**, respectively. Conversely, the Oil & Gas sector was the only detractor, posting a decline of **0.72%**.
- We expect the market to be mixed to positive this week as investors take profits and reposition themselves in anticipation of upcoming robust corporate earnings.