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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Commodities fell sharply as markets turned risk-averse following the nomination of Kevin Warsh as US Fed chair, seen as hawkish and supportive of a stronger dollar. Gold dropped 9%, silver over 13%, oil nearly 5.5%, and copper about 5%. The sell-off was worsened by higher margin requirements on metal futures, easing US-Iran tensions, and weak demand for industrial metals ahead of China's Lunar New Year. Analysts view the decline as a short-term correction, not a structural downturn.

Source: Reuters

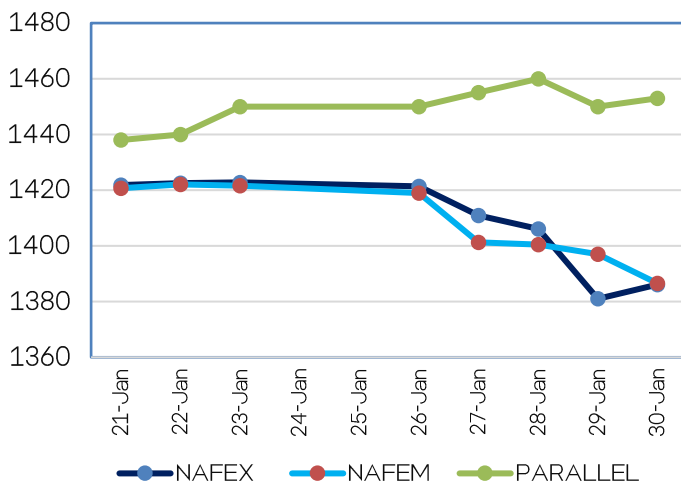
LOCAL NEWS

The naira closed the week stronger at N1,386.55 per dollar at the official market, its best level in nearly two years, appreciating 2.53% week-on-week. It also gained in the parallel market, closing at N1,452 per dollar, narrowing the spread between both markets. The performance reflects continued gains from Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) reforms, including the introduction of the Electronic Foreign Exchange Matching System (EFEMS), which improved transparency, price discovery, and market confidence inflows strengthened in 2025, with average monthly inflows rising to \$3.9 billion from \$2.6 billion in 2024, driven largely by foreign portfolio investments.

Source: THIS DAY

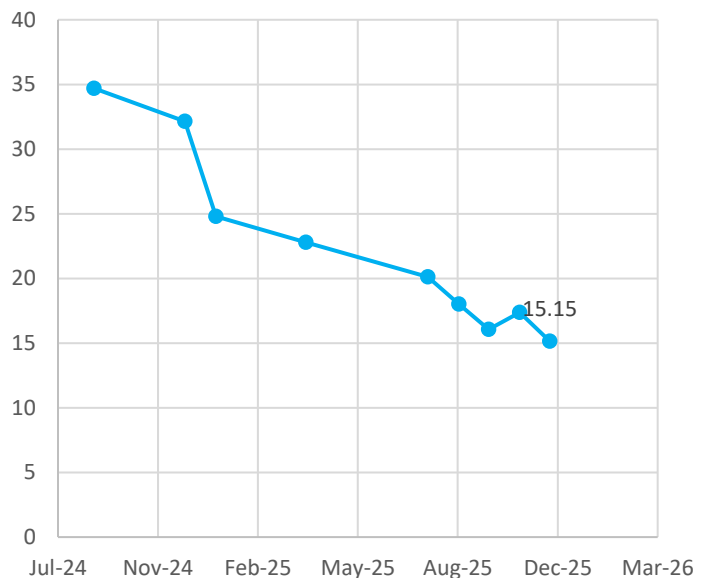
FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

At the NAFEX window, the naira closed at **1,386.14** and the NAFEM window closed at **1,386.55**



MACROS

Inflation Rate



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATORS	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
INFLATIONRATE (YoY%)	15.15%	17.35%
OIL PRICE (BRENT) (US\$/BARREL)	66.09	68.33
OIL PRODUCTION (MBPD)	1.90	1.8
FX RESERVE(USD MILLION)	\$46.18BN	\$46.11BN
MONETARY POLICY RATE	27	27

Source: Trading Economics, OPEC

BONDS

The FGN Bonds market experienced a relatively calm session, with cherry-picking across the curve as investors sought out for attractive levels on the mid dated bonds. We saw axes on the 2031s at 16.70/16.50 levels, with just few trades passing through due to wide bid/ask spread.

COUPON RATE- % p.a.	FGN BONDS	CLOSING YIELD (%)
16.29	17-Mar-27	16.15
19.30	17-Apr-29	17.35
18.50	21-Feb-31	16.55
19.00	21-Feb-34	16.91
13.00	21-Jan-42	15.98
15.70	21-Jun-53	15.21

MONEY MARKET

System liquidity opened with a positive balance of N1.87trn. (Opening balance was N110.1bn, Standing Deposit Facility was N1.76trn, and Standing Lending Facility was at Zero). The drop in liquidity was due to OMO bills settlement worth 3Trn.

MONEY MARKET RATES	30-JAN-26	29-JAN-26
Open Repo (OPR)	26.07	22.50
Overnight (O/N)	26.36	22.79

Sources: FMDQ

T-BILLS

The Treasury Bills market concluded the month on a quiet note, as attention was placed on the OMO auction. At the auction, N600bn was on offer with N2.108trn sold on the 354-day maturity and no sale on the 207-day bill. In the market, few activities were seen on the 7-Jan and 21-Jan bills, with a handful of trades passing through.

TYPE	SECURITY	DISCOUNT RATES (%)
NTB	19-Feb-26	16.25
NTB	5-Mar-26	16.41
NTB	9-Apr-26	16.50
NTB	11-Jun-26	16.67
OMO	24-Feb-26	24.67
OMO	3-Mar-26	23.21
OMO	14-Apr-26	20.05

COMMODITIES

	CURRENT RATE	PREVIOUS RATE
Wheat(\$/bu)	531.4	542.0
Cocoa(\$/Mt)	4200.0	4177.0
Gold(\$/t.oz)	4564.2	5163.7

Sources: FMDQ

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