

NIGERIA'S ECONOMIC REFORM JOURNEY:

Capital Markets and Investment Opportunities



WHO WE ARE

OUR JOURNEY (2000-2026)

2000-2002

- Started off as UBA Global Markets, a division of United Bank for Africa Plc (UBA Plc)

The company was incorporated as UBA Capital, a subsidiary of UBA Plc on the 14th of March 2002

2005 - 2007

- Established United Metropolitan Life, a joint venture with Metropolitan International Holdings
- Acted as Lead Arranger to the First Mortgage Securitisation in Nigeria involving a US\$130.6 million mortgage-backed bond

2012 - 2013

- Spun off from UBA Plc Group to become UBA Capital Plc
- Successfully Listed on the Nigerian Exchange on January 11, 2013
- Equity capital of N1.8 Billion raised by way of Rights Issue

2014 - 2016

- The company made a change of name from UBA Capital to United Capital Plc
- Acted as Lead Issuing House & Underwriter to the N30.50 billion bond, for a Nigerian Tier I bank and structured a US\$250 million Tranche 1 Crude pre-payment facility for the Democratic Republic of Congo-based Orion Oil
- Divested stake in United Metropolitan Life

2017 - 2018

- Participated as a local Book runner on the US\$300 million FGN Diaspora Bond
- Launched the \$10million Eurobond fund and ₦2bn Wealth for women fund
- The Company's total Shareholders' Funds stood at over ₦19.59 Billion

2020

- Expanded Operations to Ghana and Issued ₦20 billion in multi-tranche CPs
- Issued Series 15-year ₦10 billion bond, full commencement of consumer finance business and advised on \$1.1 billion acquisition of OML 17 by Heirs Oil and Gas

2021 - 2025

- Launched United Capital Infrastructure Fund (UCIF), United Capital Global Fixed Income Fund and UCEE Microfinance Bank
- Obtained license to conduct business in 8 countries in WAEMU Zone

2026

- Recapitalised all SEC-regulated subsidiaries 14 months ahead of deadline with zero external funding
- Secured investment banking licences in Rwanda and Ethiopia, becoming the first foreign investment bank authorised to operate in Ethiopia
- Grew our footprint to 12 African countries, strengthening our capacity to serve institutional and retail clients across the continent

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

 UCHE IKE Chairman, Non-Executive Director	 PETER ASHADE Group Chief Executive Officer	 SUNNY ANENE Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer
 AYODEJI ADIGUN Group Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer	 OLADIPUPO FATOKUN Independent Non-Executive Director	 OLULEKE OGUNLEWE Non-Executive Director
 SAMUEL NWANZE Non-Executive Director	 CHIUGO NDUBISI Non-Executive Director	 ROSE NAT ESHIETT Independent Non-Executive Director

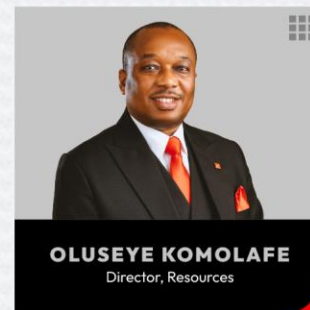
United Capital’s Board of Directors reflects a firm commitment to strong governance, regulatory compliance, and transparency, **with its composition fully aligned to SEC Code requirements and balanced for effective oversight**

The recent retirement of the former Chairman, after over a decade of service, marks a **smooth leadership transition in line with SEC directives on board tenure** and appointments, reinforcing adherence to governance best practice

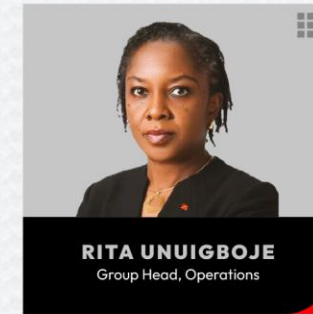
Looking ahead, the Board is set for further reorganisation to strengthen oversight, **with a clear focus on increasing gender diversity through the appointment of more women into the Board**

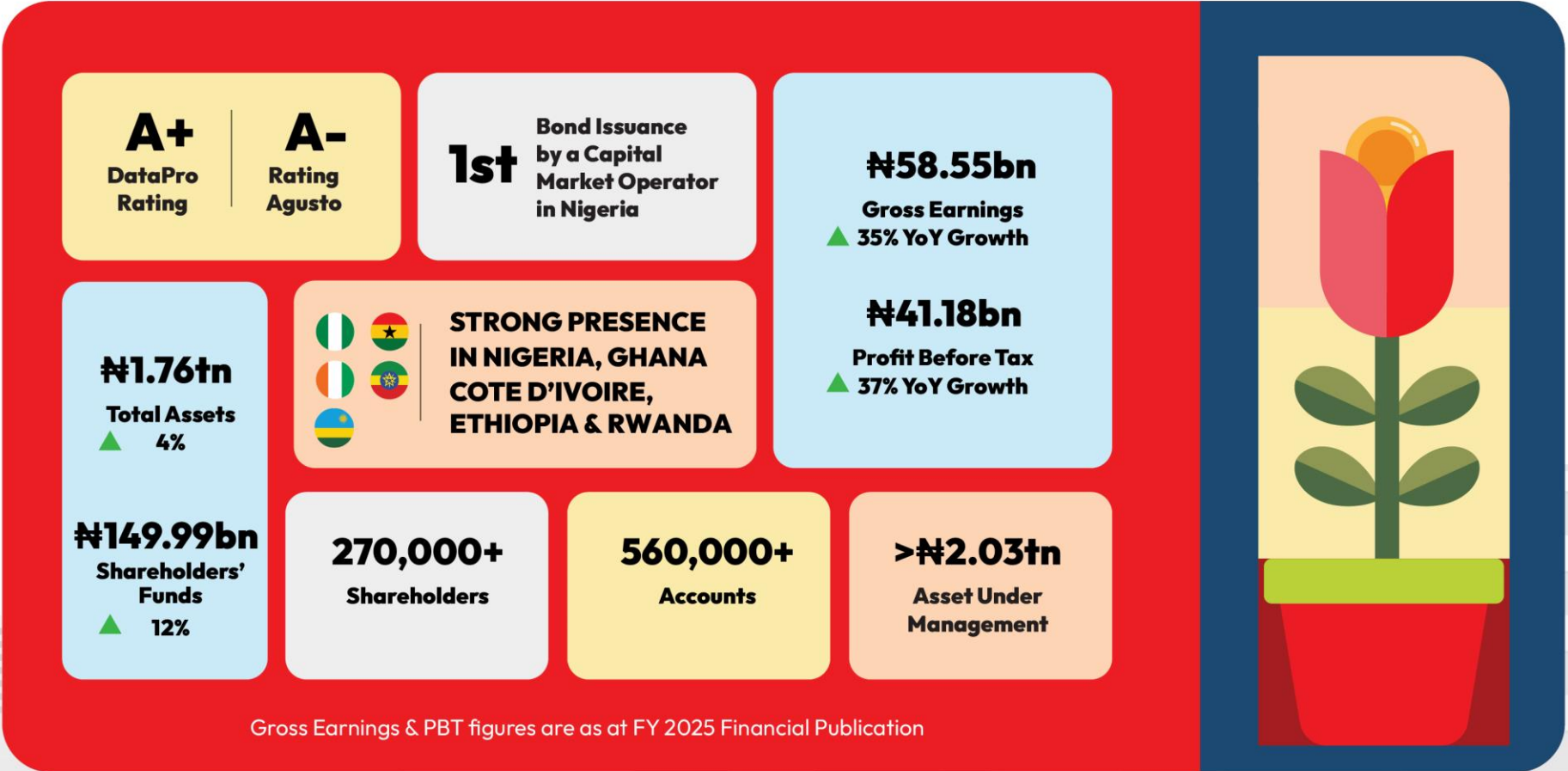
Overall, the Board remains fully compliant and forward-looking, driving stakeholder confidence, sustainable performance, and United Capital’s leadership in the industry

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM OF THE COMPANY (1/2)



EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM OF THE COMPANY (2/2)





Asset Management

- Portfolio Management
- Investment Advisory
- Wealth Management
- Mutual Funds

Wealth Management

- HNIs and Ultra HNIs Portfolio Management
- Global Investment Management Service
- Goal-based Investment Management
- Family Office
- Philanthropy Management
- Offshore Securities Trading

Trustees

- Private Trusts
- Public Trusts (Bond & Collective Investment Schemes)
- Corporate Trust (Debentures & Consortium Lending)

6 DECADES OF
FINANCIAL
LEADERSHIP

Investment Banking

- Debt & Equity Capital Market
- Project Finance
- Mergers & Acquisition
- Structured Finance
- Principal Finance

Infrastructure Fund

Securities

- Securities Dealing
- Equity Portfolio Management Service
- Designated Adviser to SMEs
- Stockbrokers to Primary Issues

Digital Bank

- Instant consumer loans
- Easy Loans for Salary Earners
- Asset Backed Loans
- Margin loans for equities investors

OUR AWARDS



**Best Trustee Company in
Nigeria (2024)**
NGX Made of Africa Awards



**Innovative Fund Manager of the
Year (2024)**
Business Day Banking and Financial
Institutions (BAFI) Awards



**Stockbroking Company of the
Year (2024)**
Business Day Banking and Financial
Institutions (BAFI) Awards



**Investment Management Firm
of the Year (2024)**
Business Day Banking and Financial
Institutions (BAFI) Awards



**Trustees Company of
the Year(2024)**



**Financial Services Group of the
Year 2024 (United Capital Group)**



**One of Africa's Fastest Growing
Companies (2024)**



**Financially Inclusive Fund
Manager (2024)**

NEED FOR THE REFORMS

Economic reforms became necessary to correct structural imbalances in the economy, restore macroeconomic stability, improve fiscal sustainability, attract investments, strengthen the exchange rate, and create a more conducive environment for sustainable economic growth and development.

Fuel Subsidy Burden

- Huge fiscal cost
- Leakages
- Smuggling

FX Distortions

- Large FX backlog
- Unmet obligations US\$6 – US\$7bn
- Multiple FX rates
- Investor apathy for Nigerian assets

Oil Sector Challenges

- Theft & vandalism
- Low output
- Underinvestment

Weak Revenue Base

- Oil dependence
- Narrow tax base

Infrastructure Gaps

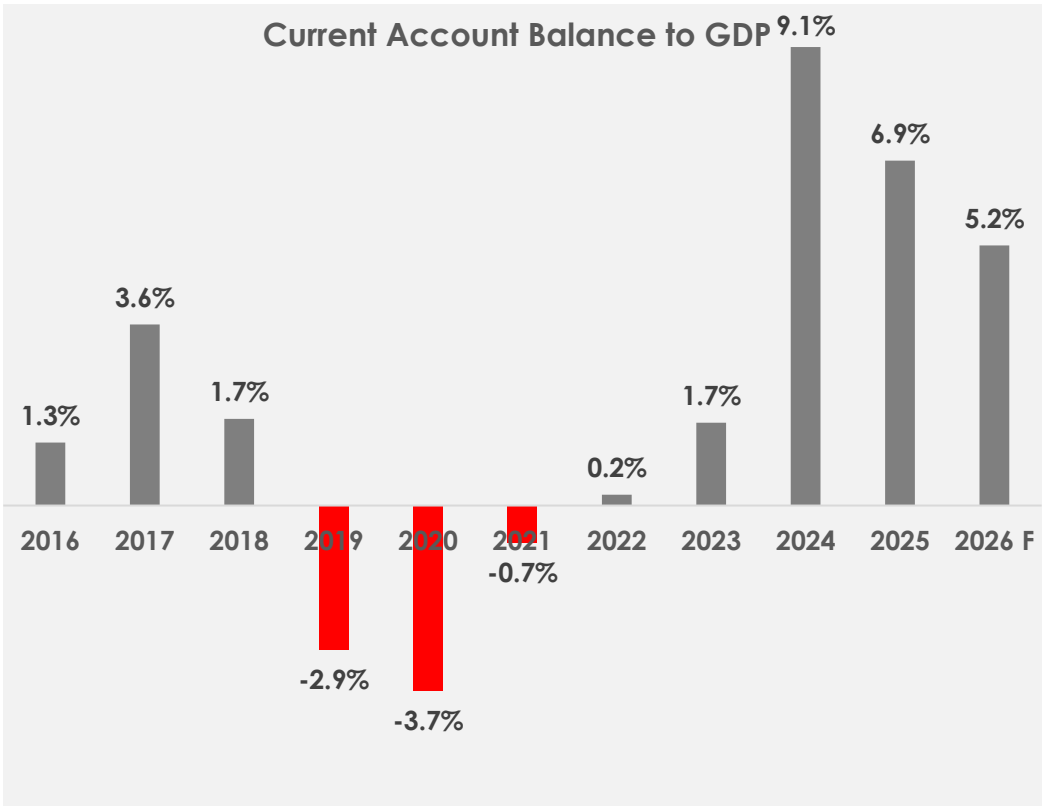
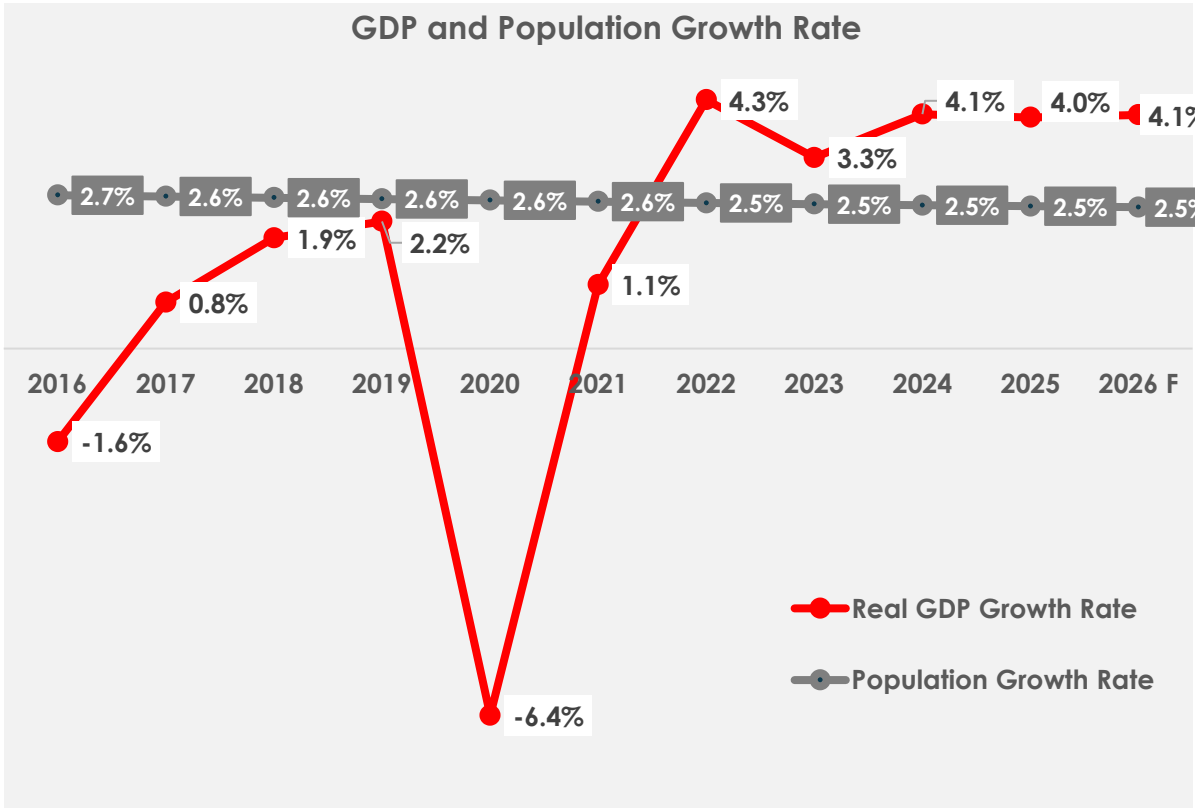
- Power shortages
- High business costs
- Old and weak infrastructure base

Low Investor Confidence

- High Inflation
- Policy uncertainty

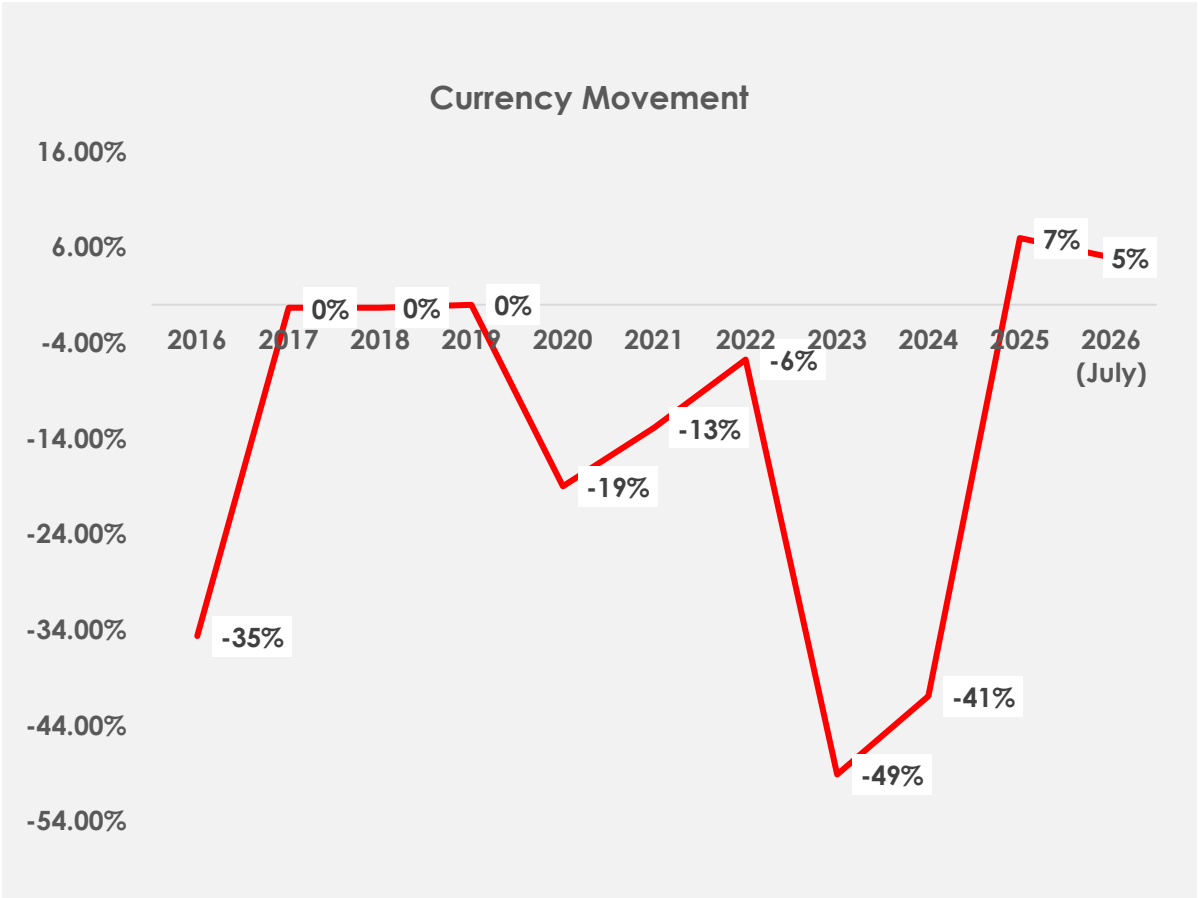
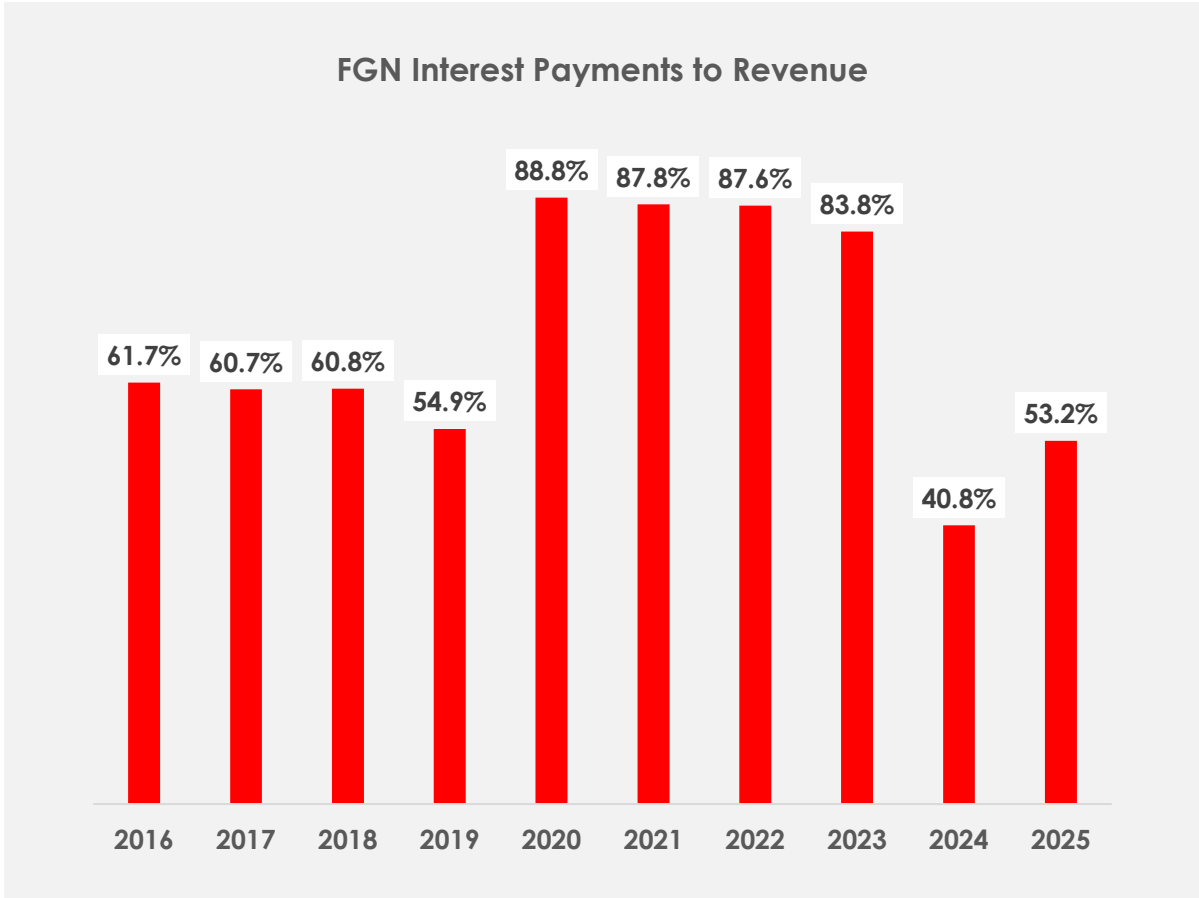
WEAK GROWTH AND EXTERNAL IMBALANCES DISTORT ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS United Capital

Weak GDP growth failed to lift the growing population out of poverty. A weak external sector pressured the currency, while an artificially strong exchange rate masked vulnerabilities and distorted economic fundamentals.



Sources: International Monetary Fund (IMF) and United Capital Research

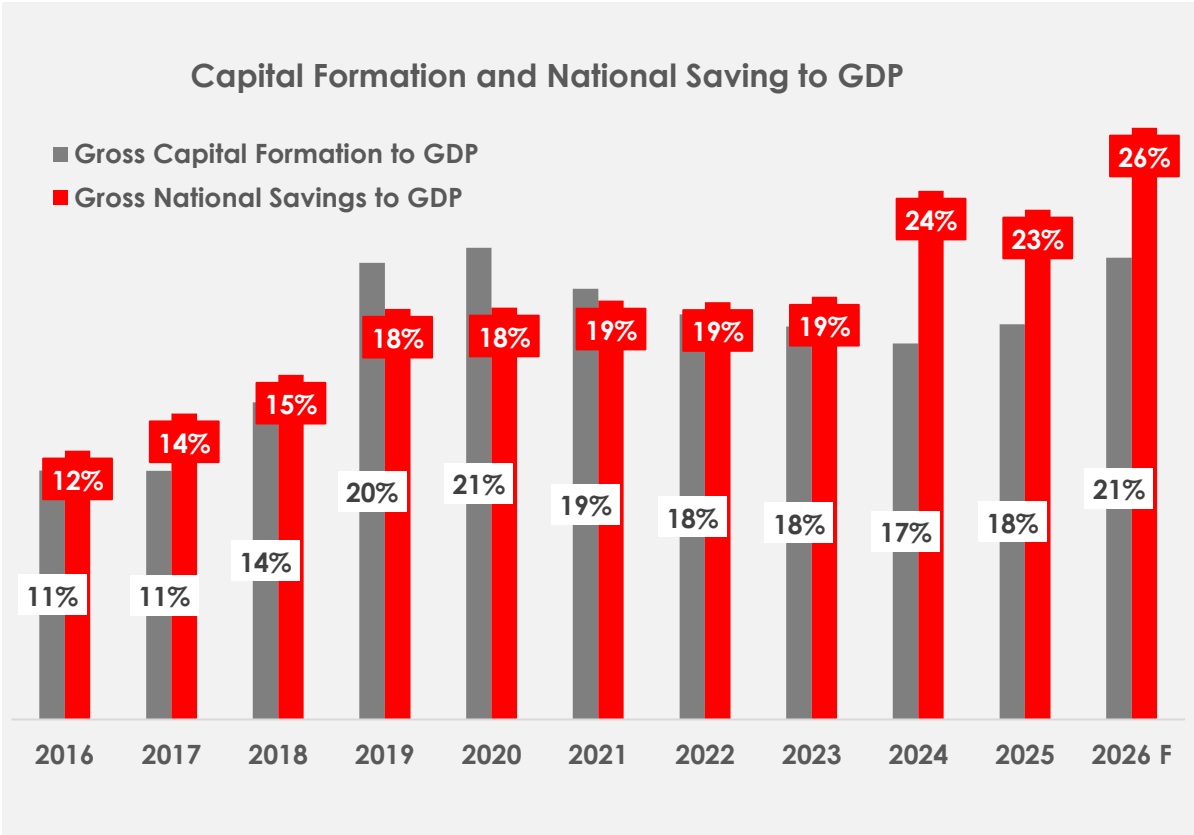
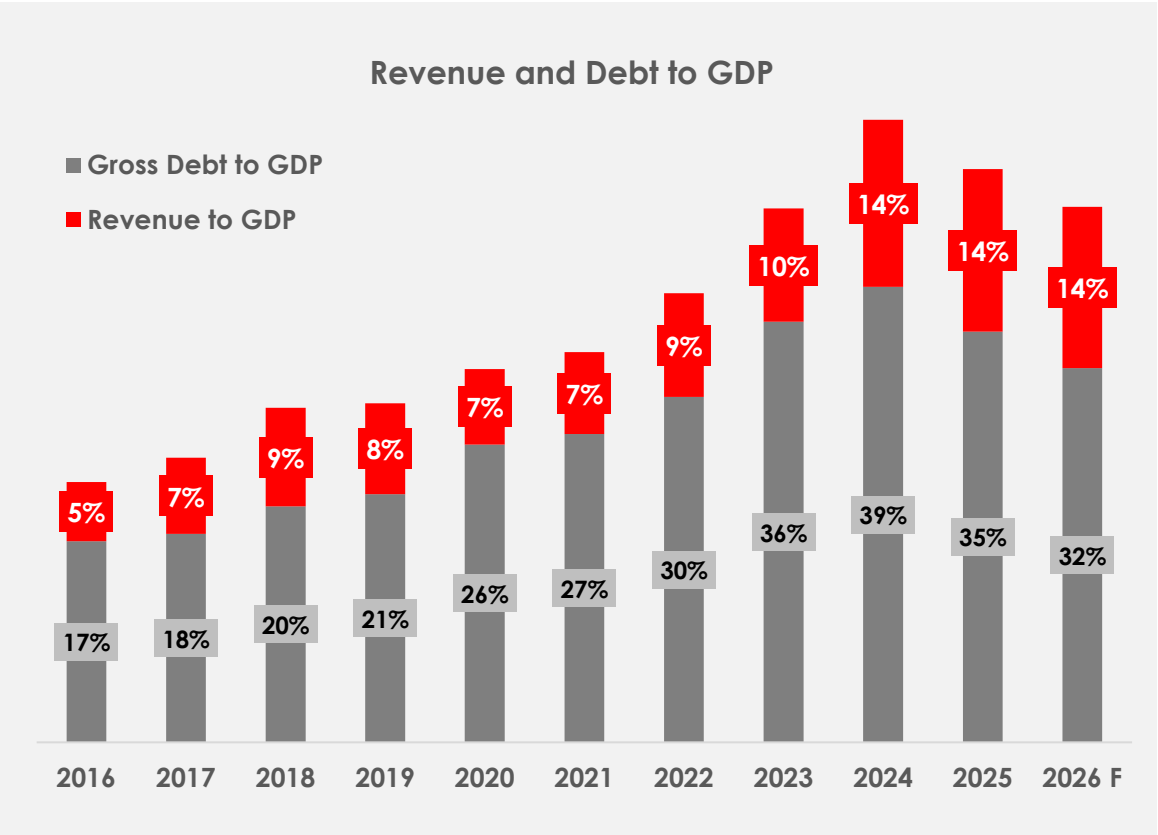
A large share of FGN revenue was spent on debt servicing, leaving limited funds for infrastructure and essential government spending. The Naira depreciated steadily against the US Dollar. Delays in Letter of Credit (LC) payments raised business costs, while investors struggled to access needed foreign exchange (FX).



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LOW REVENUE GENERATION AND RELATIVELY WEAK CAPITAL FORMATION

Revenue-to-GDP has increased from single to double digits and continues to improve, creating opportunities for sustainable infrastructure financing. National savings and capital formation are rising, signalling stronger wealth creation and investment. Significant capital has been mobilised for key sectors through government partnerships, while substantial scope remains to expand Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) for national development. The capital market has a critical role in mobilising long-term funding for infrastructure development.



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THE REFORMS

Oil & Gas

- Inefficient oil subsidy removal
- Fiscal incentives and streamlined approvals to boost investments and production
- Dangote Refinery came to life
- Job creation and export diversification

FX Reforms

- Clear backlog and restore confidence
- CBN cleared approximately US\$7bn in FX backlog inherited from previous periods
- FX rate harmonisation
- Improved market transparency, enhanced FX liquidity, and supported capital inflows

Banking Recapitalisation

- Strengthens banks' lending capacity and resilience
- To boost economic growth and capital markets
- Over ₦4.65trn raised
- Attracted about ₦1.28trn (27.45%) from foreign investors boosting market confidence

Insurance & Pension Reforms

- Increase insurance penetration and underwriting capacity
- Increase industry solvency and risk absorption
- NAICOM cleared 43 insurance and reinsurance companies
- Attracted over ₦300bn in fresh capital into insurance sector
- Increase national long-term savings and investments
- Support capital market growth

ISA 2025

- Strengthens investor protection
- Deepens capital market growth
- Strengthens regulations
- Enhances market transparency
- Regulates digital assets

Power and Solid Minerals

- Power Sector Reform - Decentralised electricity regulation to promote investments, expanding power generation and distribution
- Solid Minerals Reform: Local value-addition policy to promote processing minerals in Nigeria before export
- Example: Nasarawa Lithium processing plant

Tax Reforms

- Block revenue leakages
- Improved non-oil revenue generation to strengthen fiscal sustainability
- Simplifies taxation and improves transparency
- Attracts investment and enhances capital market efficiency and growth

Value Addition

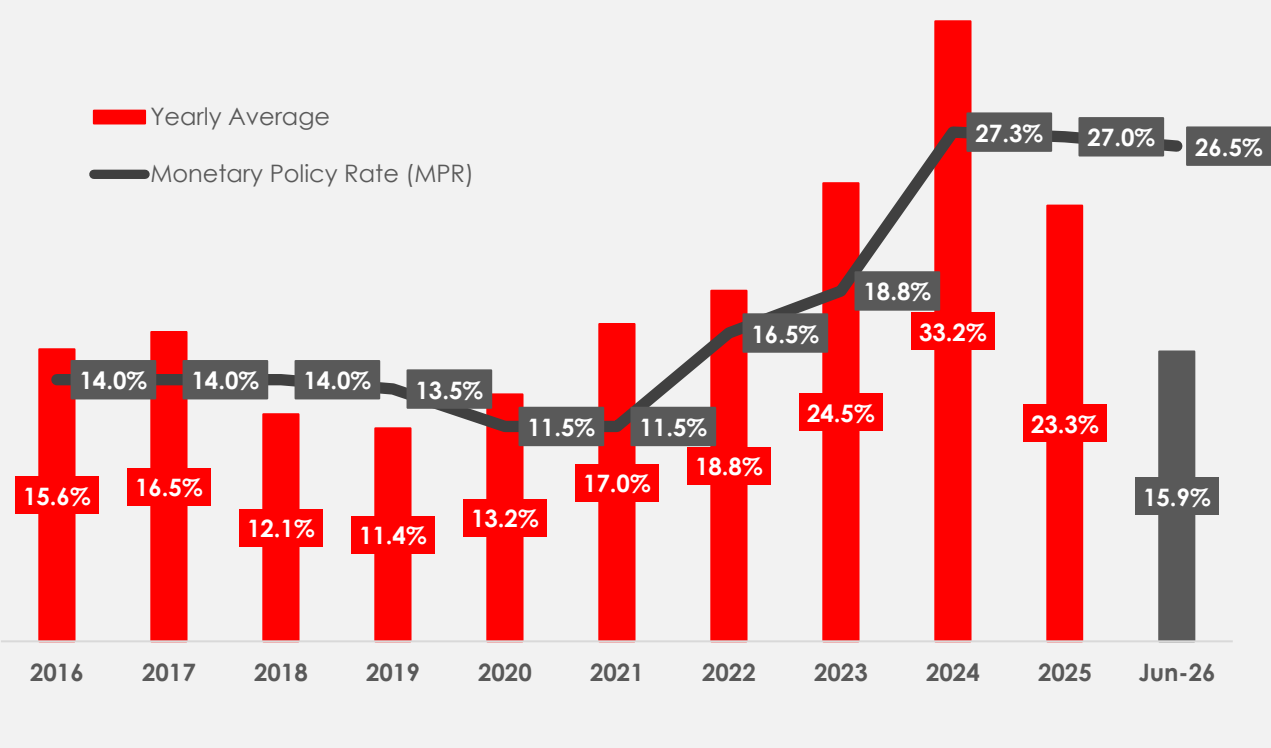
- Promotes local investments in processing of agricultural raw materials and natural resources before export
- Encourages linkage between agricultural and manufacturing sectors
- Promotes local manufacturing, job creation, and export diversification

OUTCOMES AND ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

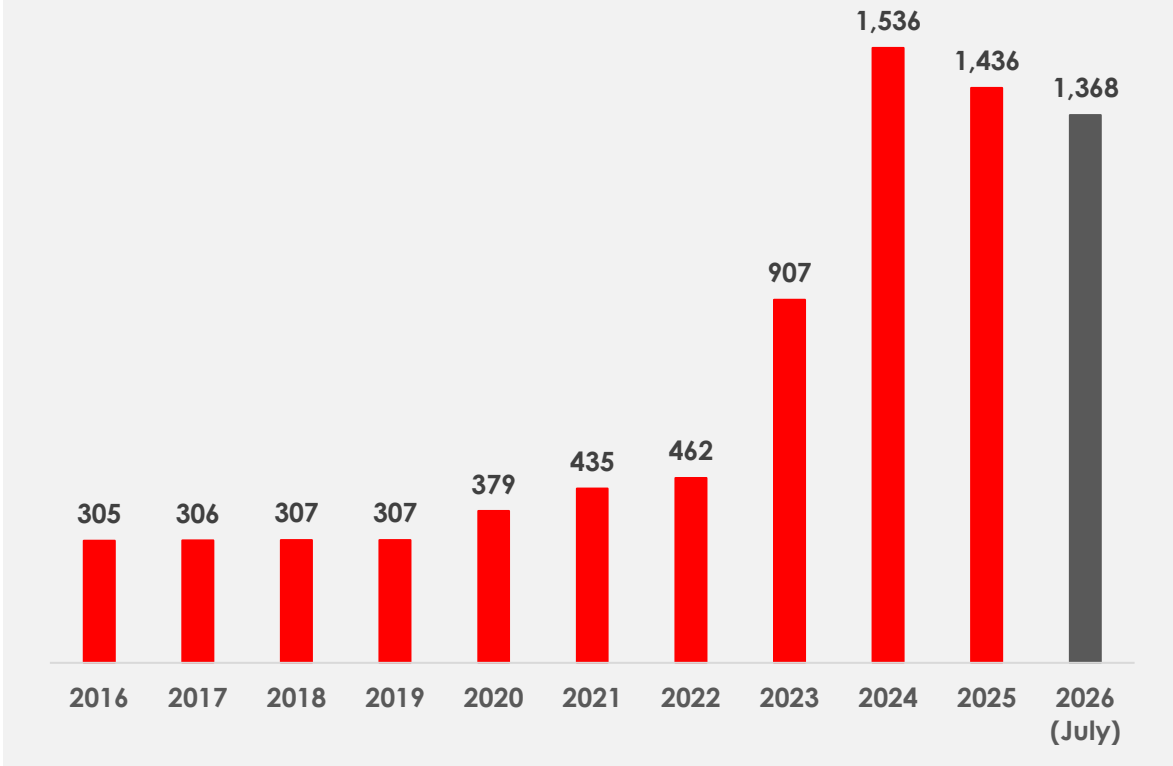
INFLATION RATE AND MONETARY POLICY REMAIN TIGHT

Subsidy removal initially accelerated inflation, but price pressures have moderated due to tight monetary policy and exchange rate stability. The Monetary Policy should remain restrictive to further curb inflation and sustain attractive fixed income yields. Inflation is expected to ease gradually for the rest of the year, settling around 15% as harvest output improves. The exchange rate is also likely to strengthen, supported by higher remittances and a better external trade balance.

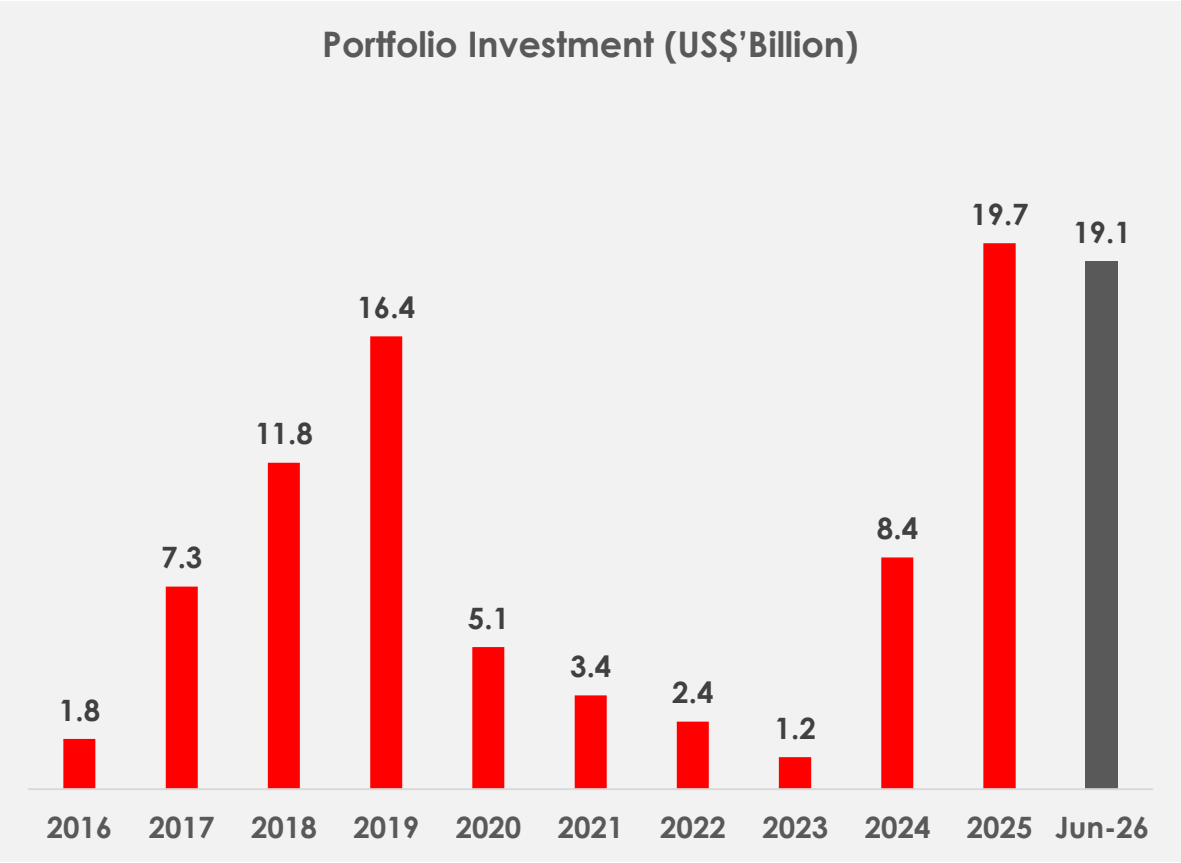
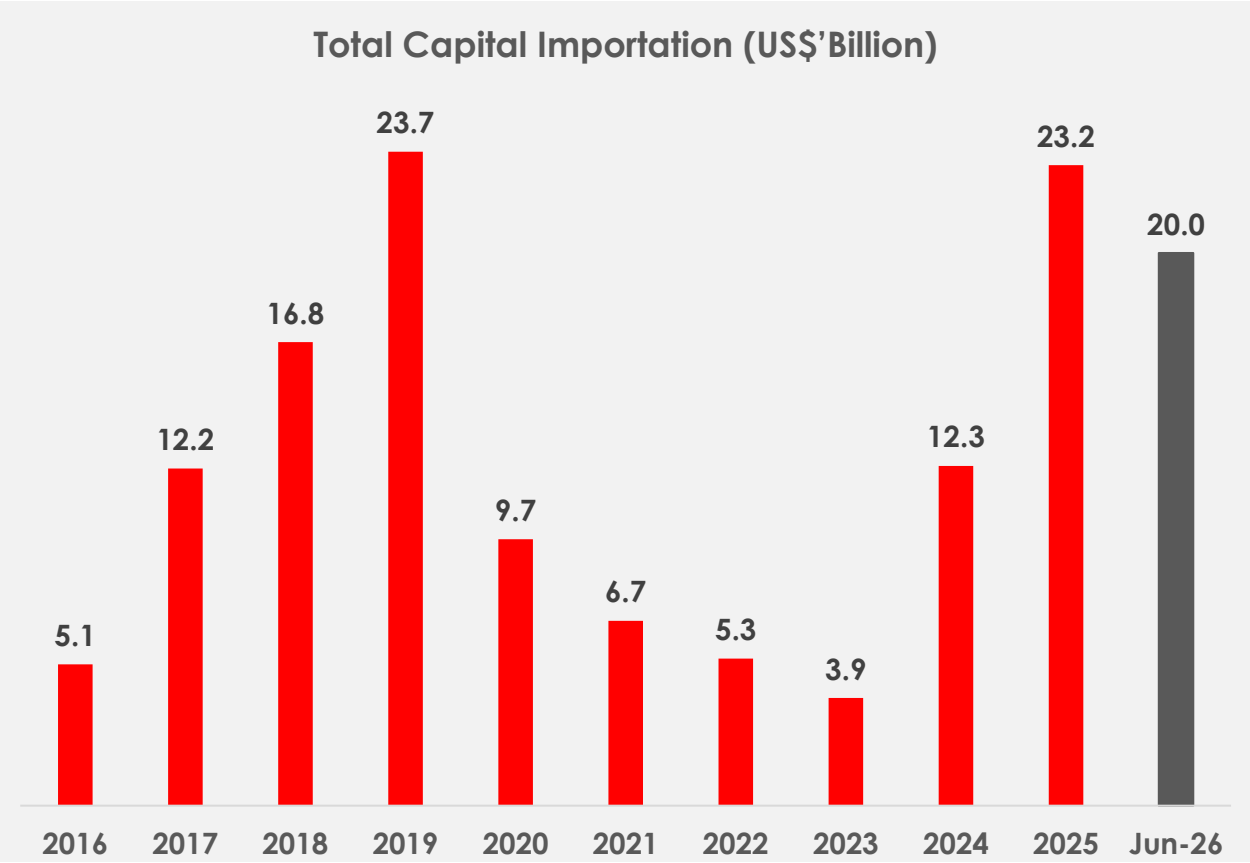
Inflation Rate & Monetary Policy Rate



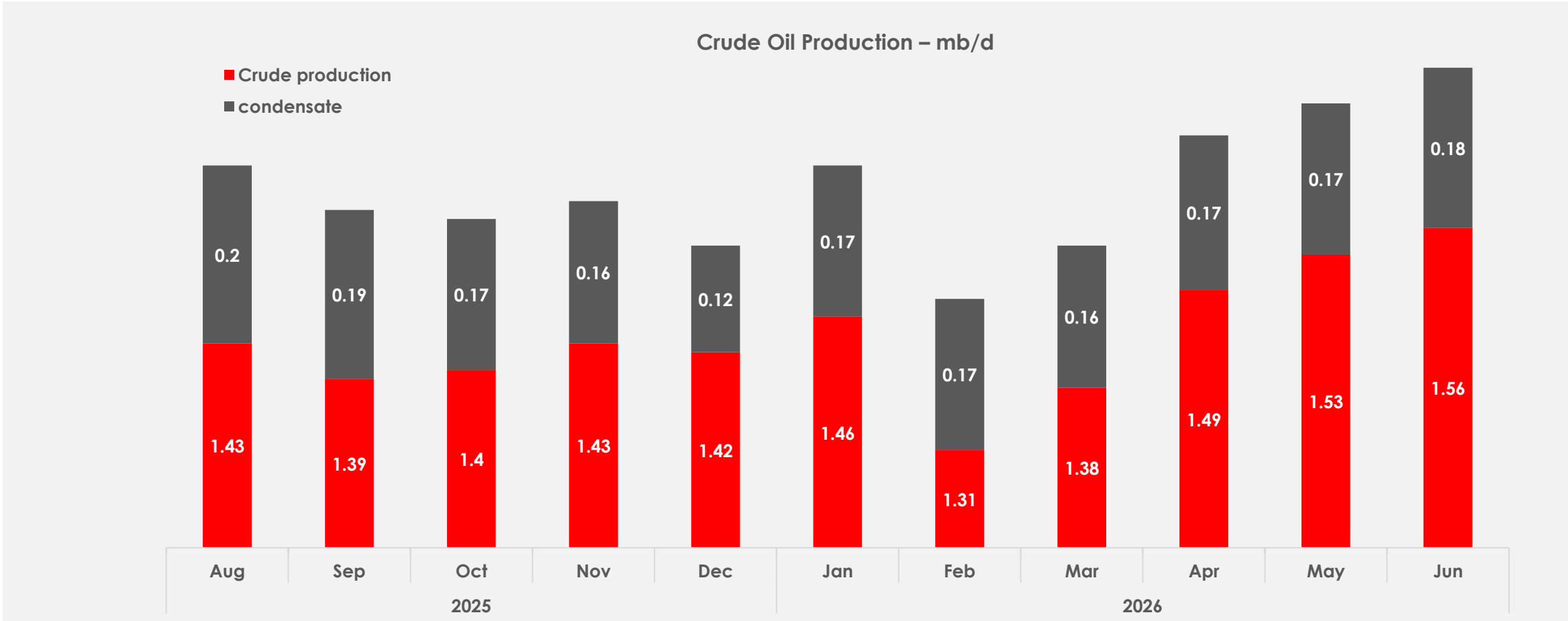
Exchange Rate (US\$/N)



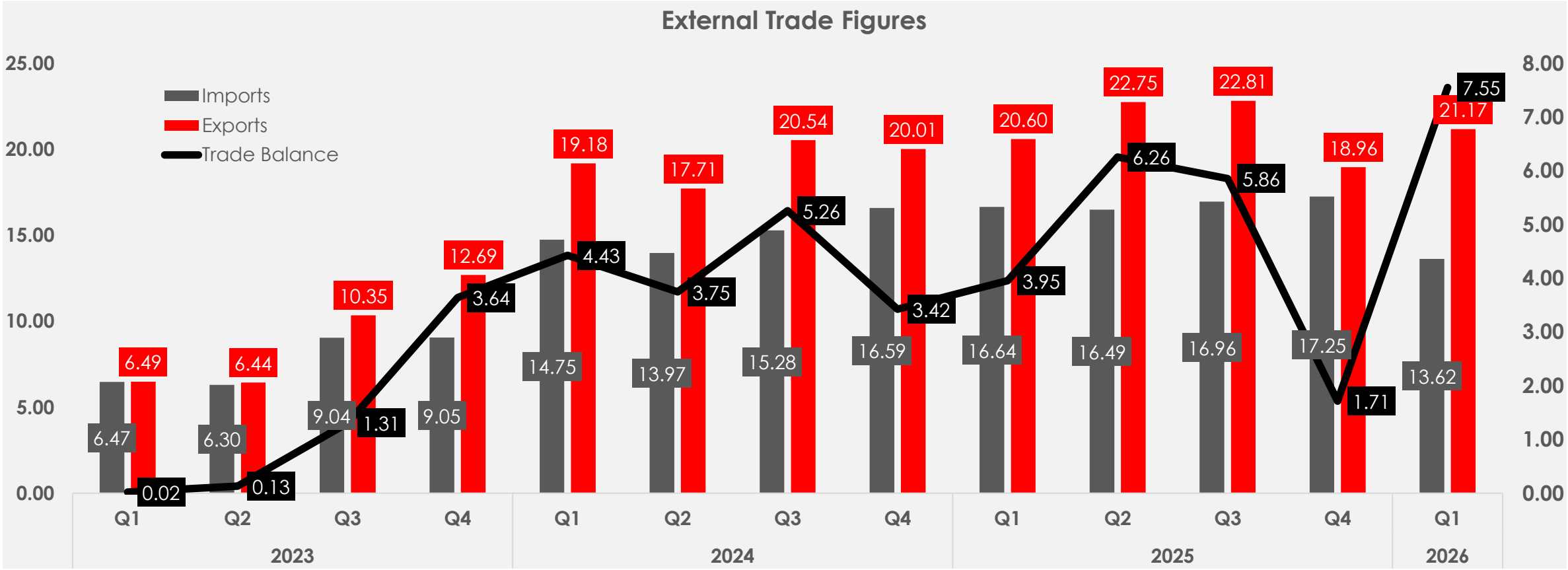
Capital importation is rising, driven by attractive fixed-income yields, improved FX stability, and stronger investor confidence following recent economic reforms. While the increase is largely driven by portfolio flows rather than FDI, it supports short-term exchange rate stability.



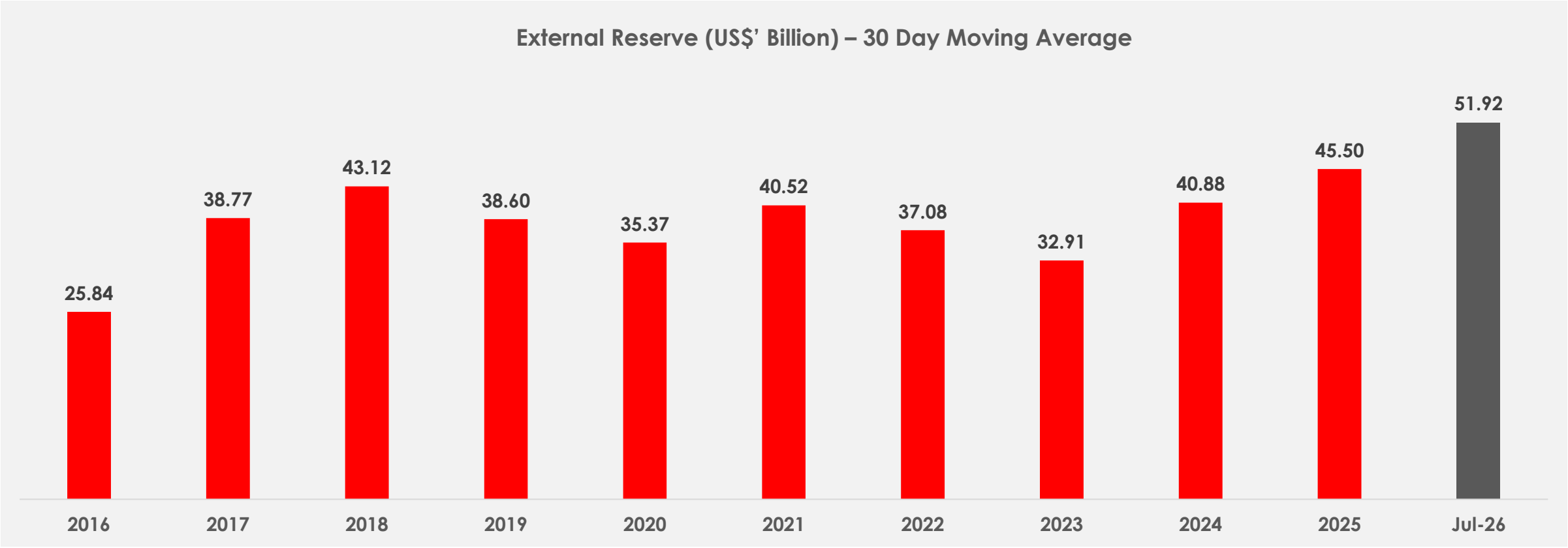
Nigeria's crude oil production is rising because of better pipeline security, reduced oil theft, improved operational efficiency, infrastructure investments, and ongoing sector reforms, which have enabled the country to produce above its OPEC quota.



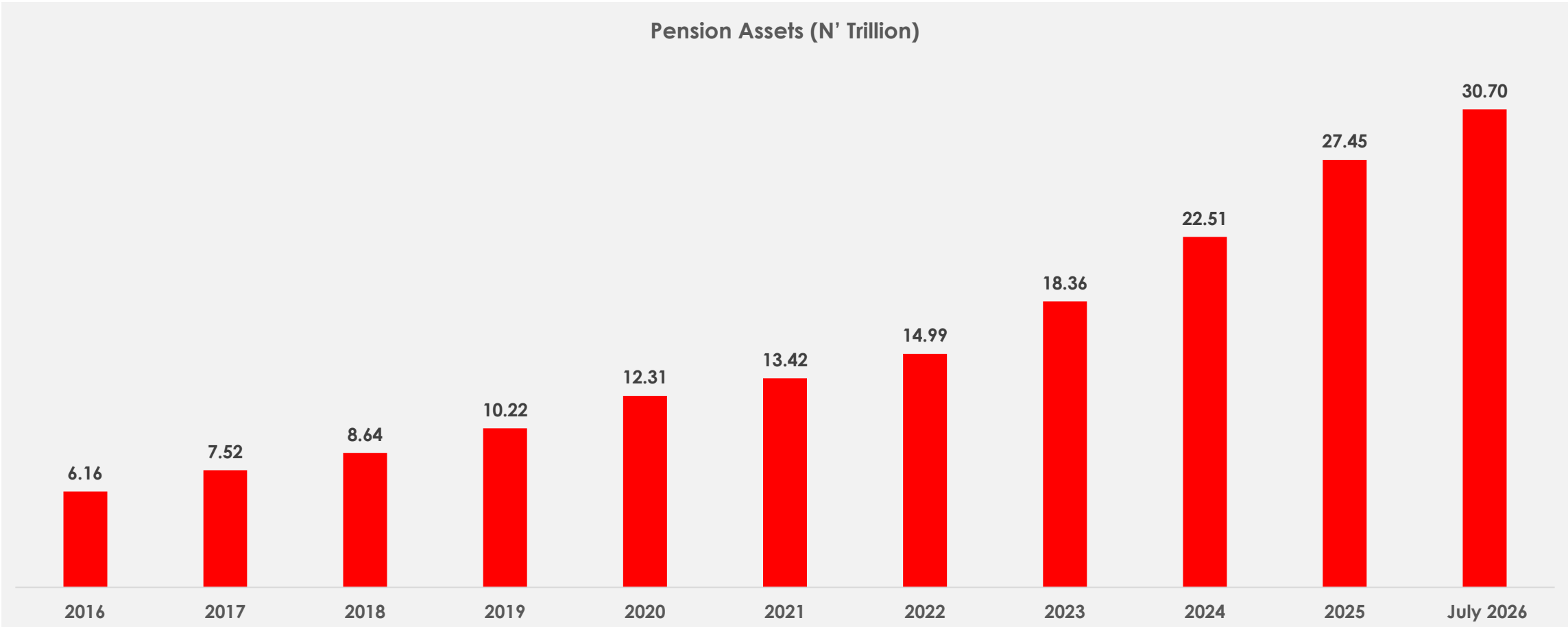
Nigeria's trade balance has grown over the past three years due to exchange rate reforms, higher crude oil production, rising non-oil exports, reduced imports, increased local sourcing by businesses, and lower petroleum product imports. Together, these factors have driven exports above imports and produced sustained trade surpluses. This is also positive to exchange rate stability.



Nigeria's external reserves increased due to stronger oil receipts, rising foreign capital inflows, persistent trade surpluses, FX market reforms, and remittance inflows. The growth in reserves supports exchange rate stability, boosts investor confidence, strengthens debt-servicing capacity, and provides protection against external economic shocks. We expect it to close the year at US\$53.25bn – enough to cover over 12 months of imports.

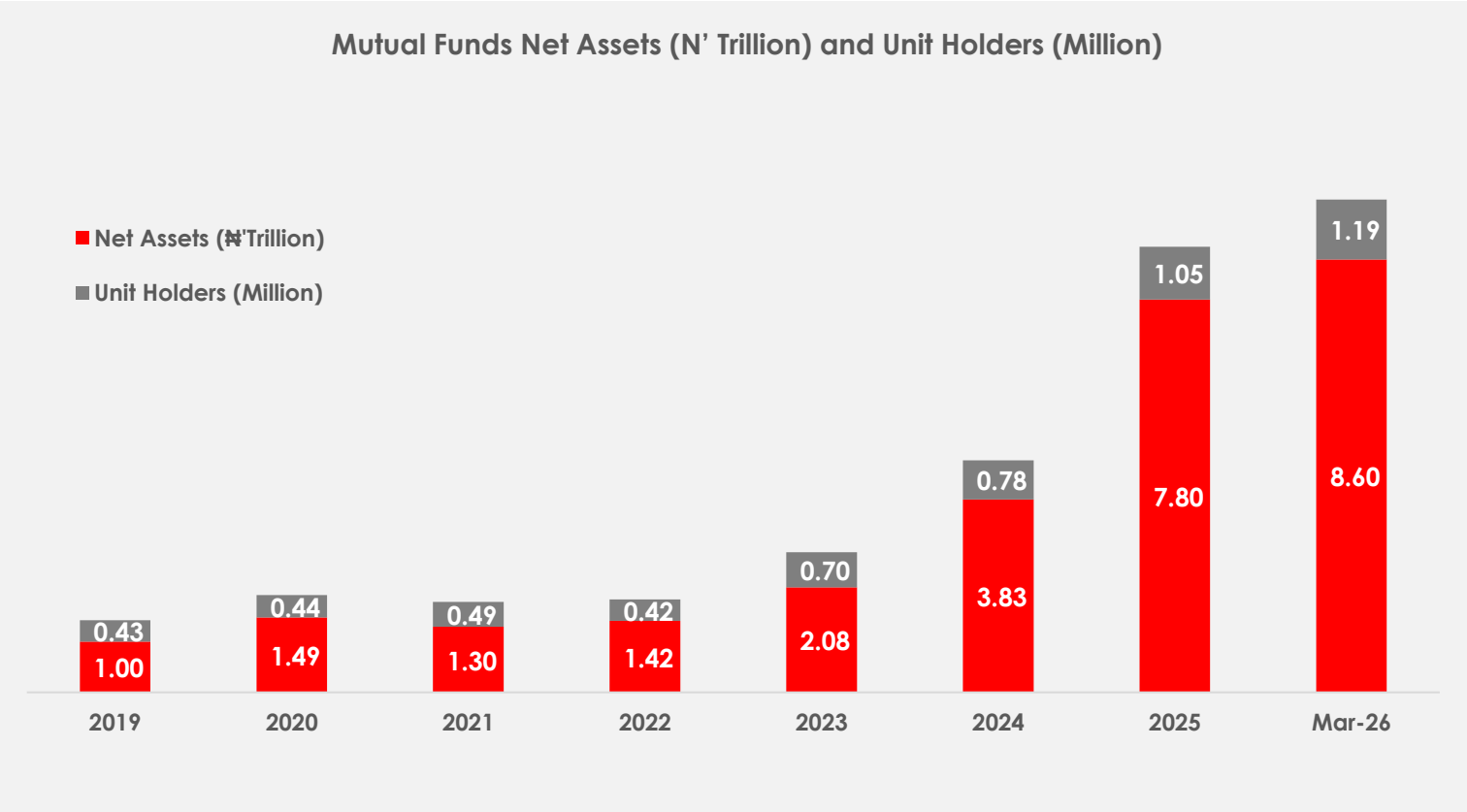


Nigeria's pension assets have grown over the last three years due to increasing pension contributions, expanding enrollment, attractive fixed income yields, positive equity market performance, and stronger pension sector regulation. The growth improves retirement security, deepens the capital market, provides long-term funding for economic development, and enhances overall financial system stability.

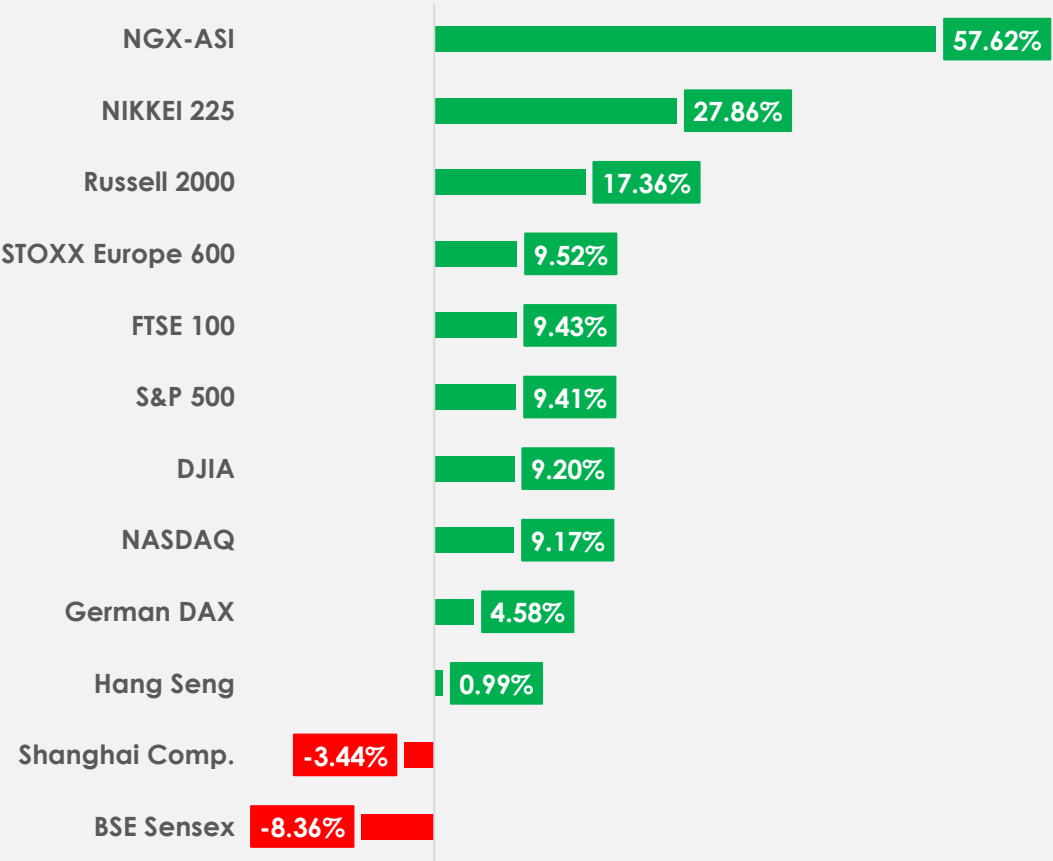


FINANCIAL MARKETS PERFORMANCE

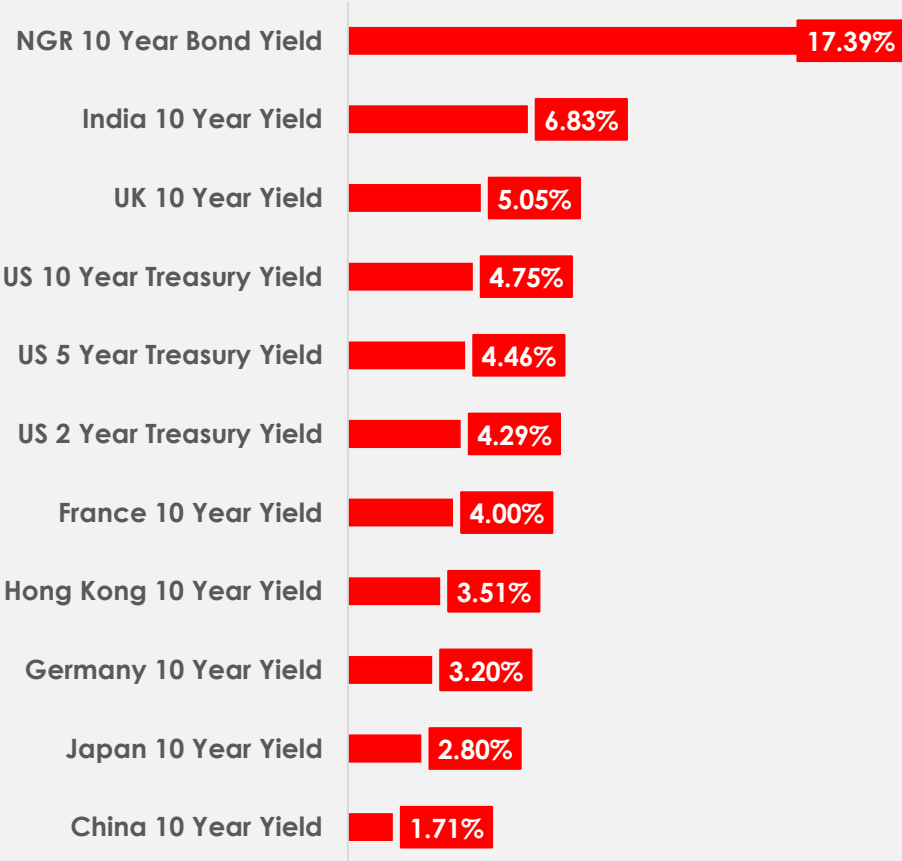
- The notable increase in mutual fund net asset value reflects growing investor confidence, greater participation in formal investment products, and deeper financial market development.
- This trend highlights how economic and financial sector reforms are creating wealth and investment opportunities for Nigerians.
- As at March 2026, only 1.19mn unit holders held mutual funds.
- Given Nigeria’s population of over 230mn, more participation can deepen the market.



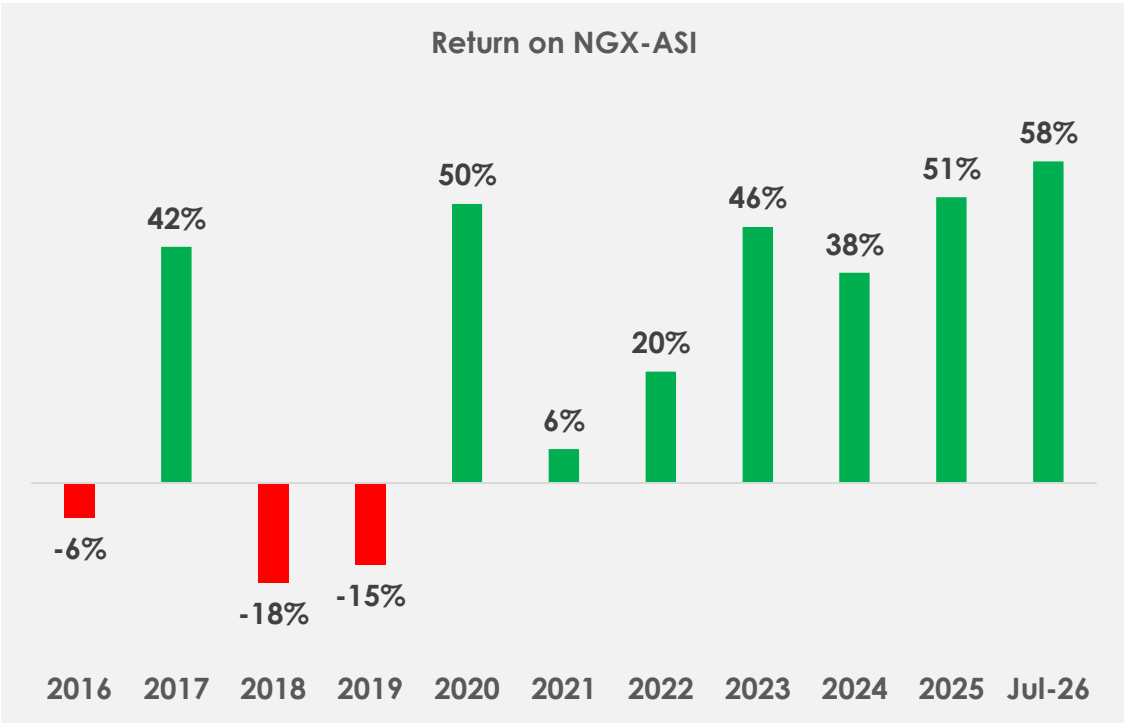
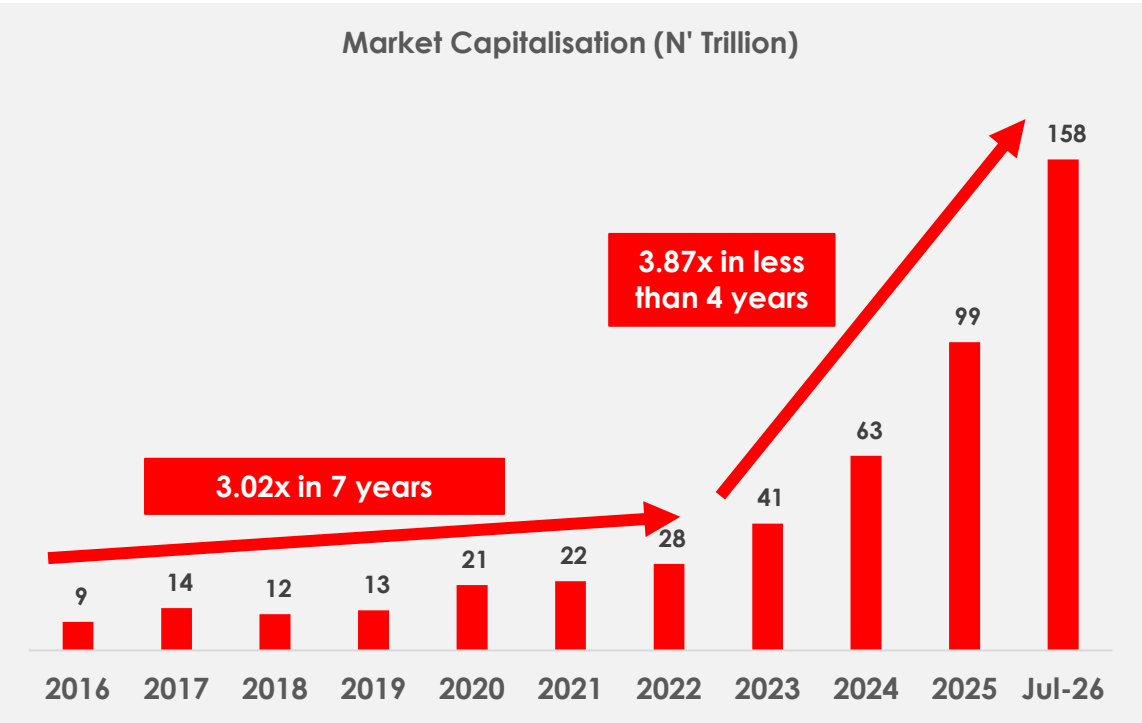
Global Equities Market Performance YTD – End July 2026



Government Bond Yields Performance YTD – End July 2026

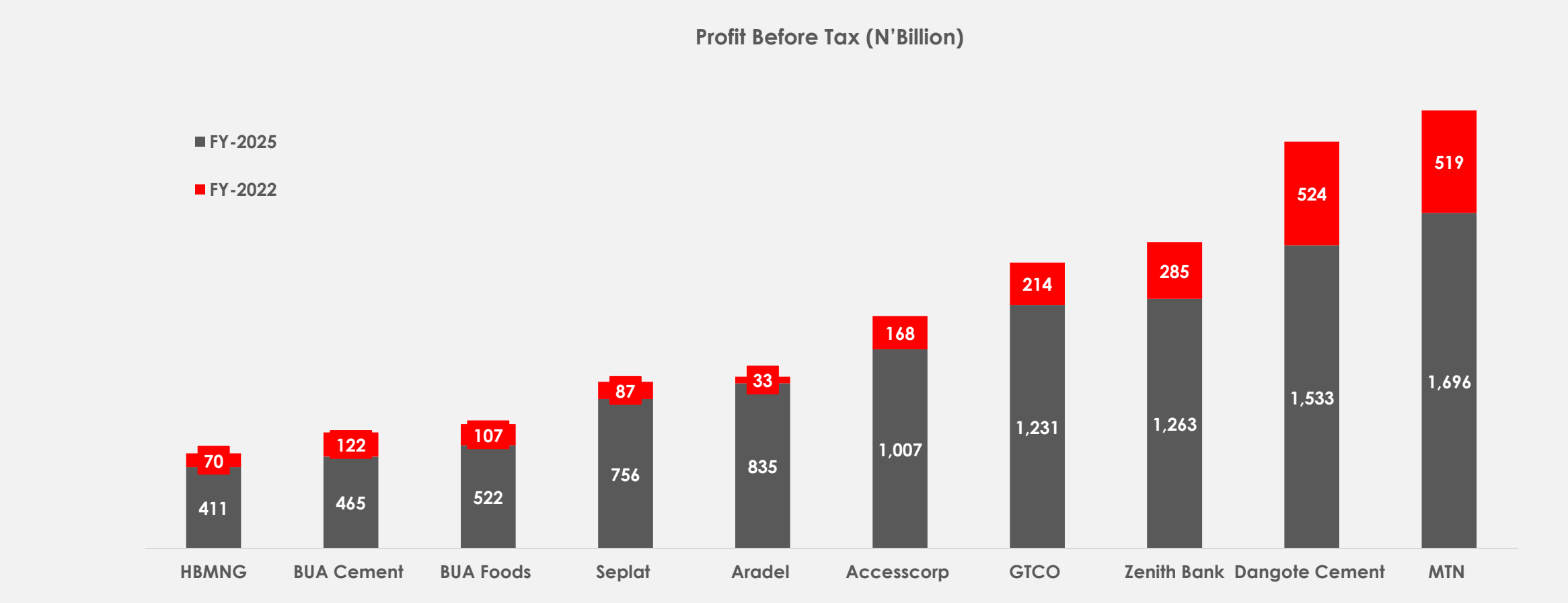


Market capitalisation has grown significantly, rising 3.87x in less than four years following the reforms, versus 3.02x over the previous seven years. The market has recorded uninterrupted annual growth of over 38% since 2023.



EXCEPTIONAL PROFITABILITY GROWTH - LEADING LARGE-CAPITALISATION STOCKS United Capital

The reform has been a major catalyst for improved corporate profitability, and its full impact is yet to be realised. Supported by stronger earnings, companies are announcing record dividend payouts and other shareholder-friendly corporate actions. These developments are driving improved valuations and underpinning sustained growth in equity prices.



Securities and Exchange Commission

- Initiate laws that promote investor protection, regulatory reforms, digitalisation initiatives, and approval of innovative products and market framework – 364-Day Commercial Papers
- Its reforms have strengthened confidence and participation in the capital market

Nigerian Exchange Group

- Provides the primary securities trading platform in Nigeria
- Improved market efficiency through technology upgrades, new products, enhanced market data services, and increased listings

Central Securities Clearing System

- Responsible for the clearing, settlement, and custody of securities transactions
- Supports market integrity and liquidity by ensuring efficient post-trade processes and recently introduced initiatives such as enhanced investor onboarding and faster settlement systems

FMDQ Group

- Operates Nigeria's leading fixed income, currency, and derivatives market
- Expanded the corporate bond, commercial paper, and debt securities markets, providing alternative funding channels for government and corporates

NASD

- Operates the over-the-counter (OTC) securities market for unlisted public companies
- Increases access to capital for companies not listed on NGX and broadens investment opportunities for investors

Central Bank of Nigeria

- Strengthening financial system stability, creation of a stable financial environment and efficient market infrastructure
- Promotion of New Financial Instruments – Sukuk; Green finance Initiatives; Derivatives Market Repo etc

GDP Growth Rate 4.1% - 4.5%	Inflation Rate: H2 Average 15.25%	Inflation Rate: FY Average 15.38%	External Reserves (US\$' Billion) 53.25
Exchange Rate (US\$/NGN) 1,360	NGX – ASI: H2 Growth 11.60%	NGX – ASI: FY Growth 64.53%	NTB Yields 364-Day - 20.86%

One Group, Endless Possibilities

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