

Global Markets:

United States

- Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) in the US rose to 49.1% in September from 48.7% in August.
- This signals continued contraction but slight improvement.
- The S&P 500 and other major indices retreated from record highs on Thursday but still closed in the green amid government shutdown concerns.

United Kingdom

- United Kingdom (UK) GDP grew by 1.4% year-on-year (y/y) in Q2 2025 compared to 1.7% in Q1 2025.
- UK Manufacturing PMI fell to 46.2 points in September from 47 points in August.
- This indicates continued contraction in the UK's economy.
- Stoxx 600 index rose by 0.5%, with other indices all finishing positive.

Asia

- China's manufacturing PMI rose to 51.2 in September from 50.5 in August.
- This marks the 2nd consecutive month of expansion.
- September's reading represents the fastest improvement since November 2024
- The SCHOMP appreciated by 1.43% despite the Golden Week Holiday.

Oil Markets

- Crude oil market was mixed in the week under review.
- This is due to oversupply from Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC+).
- Also, weak demand growth, particularly from China's shift to electric vehicles impacted crude oil performance.

Outlook:

Markets will focus on US jobs report, and shutdown. In UK, modest gains may continue if UK's services data stays firm. Similarly, Asian markets could pick up as Chinese traders return from the Golden Week holiday, supported by stronger manufacturing activity. Oil prices are expected to stay under pressure, with OPEC+ oversupply and softer Chinese demand, as traders monitor inventory trends and production signals.

Global Market Snapshot

Market	Index	Weekly
US	S&P 500	1.08%
US	DIJ	0.59%
US	NASDAQ	1.60%
Germany	DAX	2.88%
France	CAC 40	2.36%
Europe	STOXX 600	2.36%
UK	FTSE 100	1.54%
Brazil	IBOV	(1.03%)
India	SENSEX	0.69%
China	SCHOMP	1.43%
S/Africa	JALSH	1.30%
Kenya	NSEASI	2.25%
Ghana	GGSE	3.03%
Nigeria	NGX	1.02%
BRVM	ICXCOMP	0.15%

Sources: Bloomberg, United Capital Research

Crude Oil	Current	Week to Date
Brent	64.35	(8.24%)
Bonny Light	69.94	(4.66%)

Note: Figures are as at Thursday, October 02 2025

African Markets:

Ghana

- Ghana's y/y inflation rate dropped to 9.4% in September 2025 from 11.5% in August.
- This reflects the lowest inflation level recorded in four years.
- Also, it marks the 9th consecutive month of decline, signalling improved price conditions.
- With a 10.7% year-end target, Ghana could be closer to single-digit inflation by 2026.

South Africa

- South Africa's seasonally adjusted Absa PMI rose to 52.2 in September 2025 from 49.5 in August.
- This marks its highest level since October 2024 and only the second expansion this year.
- Domestic demand led the rebound as global demand faltered under tariffs and trade hurdles.

Mozambique

- The Banco de Moçambique lowered its key interest rate (Mimo) to 9.75% from 10.25%.
- This is a record low rate for Mozambique.
- The Central Bank could consider further rate cuts, if inflation data suggests further rate cuts.

Outlook:

South Africa's PMI expansion and the expected Financial Action Task Force (FATF) grey list exit for South Africa and Nigeria should boost market sentiment. Mozambique's rate cut to 9.75% signals aggressive easing to spur growth. Overall, African markets are gaining momentum on stronger fundamentals. This is expected to bolster investor interest in African markets. Nevertheless, global trade tensions and commodity volatility remain key risks to sub-Saharan African markets.

Pan African Monitor

Market	Index	Mcap (\$'bn)	WTD (Local)	YTD (Local)
BRVM	325.2	12639.12	0.2%	18.2%
Egypt	36900.7	44.80	2.0%	15.4%
Ghana	8365.9	10.79	3.0%	59.7%
Kenya	178.8	21.69	2.3%	44.9%
Mauritius	2476.0	8.50	0.6%	5.7%
Morocco	18460.1	106.83	(4.6%)	30.4%
Namibia	1929.0	142.03	1.4%	3.3%
Nigeria	143584.1	61.68	1.02%	38.9%
South Africa	108089.9	1210.34	1.3%	26.5%
Tanzania	2478.0	8.97	0.2%	16.3%
Tunisia	12348.5	10.07	1.3%	24.5%
Global Market	4774.8	132906.00	1.2%	17.2%
Frontier	1361.8	--	(0.3%)	37.0%
Emerging	1843.8	--	0.2%	21.8%

Currency vs USD		Spot Rate	WTD	YTD
Angola	AOA: Kwanza	918.7	0.0%	(0.4%)
Cameroun	XAF: Franc	558.5	(0.4%)	(13.2%)
Gabon	XAF: Franc	558.5	(0.4%)	(13.2%)
Ghana	GHS: Cedi	0.1	(1.1%)	27.0%
Guinea	GNF: Franc	8674.5	0.0%	0.4%
Kenya	KES: Shilling	129.2	(0.0%)	0.2%
Liberia	LRD: Dollar	181.5	0.0%	14.2%
Mauritius	MUR: Rupee	45.3	(1.1%)	(3.6%)
Morocco	MAD: Dirham	9.1	0.3%	(10.0%)
Namibia	NAD: Dollar	17.3	(0.4%)	(8.2%)
Nigeria	NGN: Naira	1455.2	(2.2%)	(8.2%)
Sierra Leone	SiLL: Leone	23379.8	(1.1%)	(2.2%)
South Africa	ZAR: Rand	0.1	0.4%	9.3%
Tanzania	TZS: Shilling	2460.0	0.4%	1.4%
Tunisia	TND: Dinar	2.9	(0.4%)	(8.9%)
Uganda	UGX: Shilling	3465.0	(0.6%)	(5.7%)
Zambia	ZMK: Kwacha	23.7	(0.1%)	(14.7%)
WAEMU	CFA: Franc	558.5	(0.4%)	(13.2%)

Commodities		Spot Rate	WTD	YTD
Brent Crude	USD/bbl.	64.35	(8.2%)	(13.8%)
Gold	USD/ t oz	3880.80	2.2%	46.9%
CNG (Gas)	USD/MMBtu	3.40	7.2%	(6.3%)
Coffee	USD/lb.	379.70	0.4%	18.7%
Copper	USD/lb.	4.95	3.8%	23.0%
Cocoa	USD/MT	6443.00	(6.7%)	(44.2%)

Countries	10Yr Bond Yield	Inflation	Real Return	Policy Rate
Angola	23.0%	18.9%	0.1%	19.0%
Cameroon	6.0%	3.3%	1.2%	4.5%
Chad	0.0%	2.7%	1.8%	4.5%
Congo	0.0%	8.1%	16.9%	25.0%
Congo DRC	0.0%	0.8%	3.7%	4.5%
Cote d'Ivoire	7.2%	0.8%	4.5%	5.3%
Egypt	21.8%	12.0%	9.0%	21.0%
Gabon	0.0%	2.0%	2.5%	4.5%
Ghana	19.0%	9.4%	12.1%	21.5%
Kenya	13.5%	4.6%	4.9%	9.5%
Mauritius	5.6%	4.8%	(0.3%)	4.5%
Nigeria	16.2%	20.1%	6.9%	27.0%
South Africa	9.2%	3.3%	3.7%	7.0%
Tanzania	13.7%	3.4%	2.4%	5.8%

Sources: Bloomberg, United Capital Research

Note: * indicates that the figures are as at Thursday, September 25 2025

Domestic Economy:**Nigeria's External Position Strengthens as Surplus Hits \$5.28bn**

- Nigeria's current account surplus rose to \$5.28bn in Q2-2025 from \$2.85bn in Q1.
- Similarly, external reserves climbed to \$42.33bn as of September 29.
- Stronger external buffers and higher reserves may boost investor confidence and improve foreign exchange stability.

Money Supply Climbs to ₦119.5tn in August

- Broad money supply (M3) rose to ₦119.5tn in August 2025 from ₦117.4tn in June. July figure not available.
- This expansion could stimulate economic activity if the growth in money supply is directed to the productive sectors.

Equity Market:

- NGX-ASI rose by 1.02% week on week (w/w), closing at 143,584.1 points.
- Market capitalisation rose to ₦91.14tn due to buy interest.
- The Nigerian equity year-to-date return stood at 39.50%.

Money Market:

- The Nigeria Treasury Bills (NTBs) market rallied, with yields continuing to drop due to strong demand and the easing of monetary policy.
- Open Repo Rate (OPR) and Overnight Rate (OVR) settled at 24.50% and 24.88% respectively.
- Open Market Operations (OMO) yield closed at 21.07% for the 278-day paper.

Outlook:**Equity Market**

The Nigerian equity market could sustain its bullish momentum on the backs of strong buy interest, positive earnings expectations, and the anticipated FATF grey list exit.

Fixed Income Market

The fixed income market could be supported by excess system liquidity. This could keep NTB yields on a downward path. Overall, yields are expected to continue on a downward trend barring any surprise policy shifts.

Domestic Macro Variables

GDP	4.23%
Inflation	20.12%
Interest Rate	27.00%
Liquidity Rate	30.00%
External Reserves	\$42.35bn

Index	Close Price	Chg	YTD
NGX-ASI	143,584.1	1.02%	39.50%
Banking	1,526.7	1.17%	40.77%
Consumer Goods	4,071.7	0.97%	44.67%
Industrial Goods	5,077.7	1.66%	42.15%
Insurance	1,212.8	(2.0%)	68.91%
Oil & Gas	2,585.2	5.68%	(4.7%)

Fixed Income Market Statistics

NTBs	Yield	Weekly Chg
OPR	24.5%	0.0%
O/N	24.9%	0.0%
3m	17.6%	0.1%
6m	17.9%	0.3%
12m	18.3%	(0.5%)

Bond	Yield	Weekly Chg
3yrs	16.56%	(0.35%)
5yrs	16.20%	(0.30%)
7yrs	16.16%	(0.29%)
10yrs	16.21%	(0.43%)

Stocks	Current Price (N)	Target Price (N)	Upside
United Bank For Africa	43.00	60.0	40%
Access Holdings	26.50	35.0	32%
Mutual Benefits Assurance	3.65	4.7	29%
Dangote Cement	525.10	670.0	28%
BUA Cement	160.00	200.0	25%
Lafarge Nigeria	126.50	157.0	24%
AIICO Insurance	4.03	5.0	24%
Okomu Oil Palm	1020.00	1250.0	23%
First City Monument Bank	10.70	13.2	23%
International Breweries	13.50	16.0	19%
Zenith Bank	69.40	80.0	15%

Sources: Bloomberg, NGX and United Capital Research

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