

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%) | |
| Cameroon | 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 | SLL: 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% | |

Source: [Blackbook.unitedcapital.com](http://blackbook.unitedcapital.com)

Note: * indicates that the figures are as at 31st March, September or 30th June.

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% |
| Okomo 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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