

Global Markets:

United States

- Consumer sentiment in the US dropped slightly to 55 points in October 2025, compared with 55.1 points in September 2025.
- This marked the 2nd consecutive monthly decrease, pushing sentiment to its lowest level since May 2025.
- With government data paused, JPMorgan, Goldman Sachs, and others estimate jobless claims rose to about 235,000, likely from temporary layoffs during the shutdown.
- US stocks rallied, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq hitting new highs despite the ongoing government shutdown as at Thursday.
- Fresh tariffs on China however, changed market direction on Friday.

Euro Area

- Euro Area retail sales edged up by 0.1% month-on-month in August 2025.
- The slight increase is due to higher sales of food, drinks, and tobacco which offset the marginal decline in non-food products.
- This indicates partial recovery from a revised 0.4% decline in July 2025.
- FTSE 100 rose by 0.19% and Stoxx 600 index climbed by 0.15%.

Asia

- Japan's nominal wage growth slowed to 1.5%, while real wages fell by 1.4% for the eighth month, missing forecasts of a 2.6% increase.
- Wholesale prices climbed by 2.7%, putting pressure on the Bank of Japan to raise policy rates.
- The World Bank raised China's 2025 growth forecast to 4.8%, but warned of slowing momentum.
- The SHCOMP appreciated by 1.32% despite the just ended Holiday.

Oil Markets

- Crude oil market closed the week in the green territory.
- This was due to the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC+) announcing a smaller-than-expected increase in production, which helped ease market fears of an oversupply.

Outlook:

The major mover of the market next week is the new tariff President Trump announced on China late Friday. According to the announcement, the US will impose an additional 100% tariff on Chinese goods from November 2025. Equity markets may fall while bond market yields may rise. Oil prices may consolidate as traders weigh OPEC+ supply restraint, Chinese demand, and geopolitical risks.

Global Market Snapshot		
Market	Index	Weekly
US	S&P 500	(2.43%)
US	DJI	(0.86%)
US	NASDAQ	1.07%
Germany	DAX	0.95%
France	CAC 40	(0.50%)
Europe	STOXX 600	0.15%
UK	FTSE 100	0.19%
Brazil	IBOV	(1.73%)
India	SENSEX	1.19%
China	SHCOMP	1.32%
S/Africa	JALSH	0.42%
Kenya	NSEASI	(3.48%)
Ghana	GGSE	1.04%
Nigeria	NGX	2.37%
BRVM	ICXCOMP	1.96%

Sources: Bloomberg, United Capital Research

Crude Oil	Current	Week to Date
Brent	65.22	1.07%
Bonny Light	69.94	(4.66%)

Note: Figures are as at Thursday, October 09 2025

African Markets:

Ghana

- The Bank of Ghana has submitted a draft bill to regulate digital assets.
- It was developed to strengthen Know Your Customer (KYC), anti-money laundering, and market integrity standards.
- This clear digital asset framework could boost investor's confidence and attract foreign investments.

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

- The Democratic Republic of Congo's Central Bank cut its main interest rate by 7.50% on October 07, 2025 to 17.5%.
- This is its first rate cut since January 2022.
- Policymakers expect inflation to fall toward the 7% target within 12 months.
- The decision was driven by a stable exchange rate outlook and strong growth prospects for next year.

Kenya

- The Central Bank of Kenya reduced its benchmark lending rate for the 8th consecutive time, lowering it from 9.50% to 9.25%.
- This is aimed at supporting growth as inflation stays within target range.
- Policymakers signalled further room for monetary easing, reflecting confidence in the country's stable inflation outlook.

Outlook:

African Central Banks are shifting toward a more growth-oriented stance, adopting accommodative policies aimed at stimulating their economies. Ghana's new digital asset bill is expected to attract significant institutional investors and reinforce West Africa's position as a rising fintech hub. In the DRC, a bold 7.50% rate cut to 17.5% is likely to spur credit expansion and investment. Also, Kenya's rate cut may foster a positive outlook for equities, credit markets, and foreign capital inflows.

Pan African Monitor				
Market	Index	Mcap (\$'bn)	WTD (Local)	YTD (Local)
BRVM	332.5	21.20	2.0%	20.5%
Egypt	37376.9	41.29	0.8%	25.7%
Ghana	8498.1	13.57	1.0%	73.8%
Kenya	172.6	21.69	(3.5%)	39.8%
Mauritius	2479.5	8.50	0.1%	2.8%
Morocco	18599.5	106.83	(2.5%)	26.4%
Namibia	2011.9	142.03	1.4%	12.0%
Nigeria	146,988.04	61.68	2.37%	42.8%
South Africa	110243.3	1210.34	0.4%	31.1%
Tanzania	2512.6	8.97	1.4%	16.3%
Tunisia	12311.2	10.07	(0.1%)	23.7%
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	566.9	(0.2%)	(13.4%)
Gabon	XAF: Franc	566.9	(0.2%)	(13.4%)
Ghana	GHS:Cedi	0.1	2.0%	29.0%
Guinea	GNF: Franc	8673.0	0.0%	0.3%
Kenya	KES: Shilling	129.2	(0.0%)	(0.2%)
Liberia	LRD: Dollar	182.5	0.4%	14.2%
Mauritius	MUR: Rupee	45.5	0.4%	(3.1%)
Morocco	MAD: Dirham	9.2	0.5%	(9.6%)
Namibia	NAD: Dollar	17.2	(0.1%)	(8.7%)
Nigeria	NGN: Naira	1466.7	(2.2%)	(4.5%)
Sierra Leone	SLL: Leone	23127.5	(0.6%)	(2.8%)
South Africa	ZAR: Rand	0.1	0.4%	9.8%
Tanzania	TZS: Shilling	2455.0	0.0%	1.2%
Tunisia	TND: Dinar	2.9	1.5%	(7.6%)
Uganda	UGX: Shilling	3428.3	(0.7%)	(6.7%)
Zambia	ZMK: Kwacha	22.6	(5.3%)	(18.7%)
WAEMU	CFA: Franc	566.9	(0.2%)	(13.4%)
Commodities		Spot Rate	WTD	YTD
Brent Crude	USD/bbl.	65.22	1.1%	(12.6%)
Gold	USD/ t oz	4012.35	2.0%	51.9%
CNG (Gas)	USD/MMBtu	3.19	(5.3%)	(12.2%)
Coffee	USD/lb.	379.23	(2.9%)	18.6%
Copper	USD/lb.	5.12	0.7%	27.1%
Cocoa	USD/MT	5941.00	(4.0%)	(48.5%)
Countries		10Yr Bond Yield	Inflation	Real Return Policy Rate
Angola	10.5%	18.2%	0.8%	19.0%
Cameroon	8.0%	3.3%	1.2%	4.5%
Chad	0.0%	2.7%	1.8%	4.5%
Congo	0.0%	8.1%	(3.6%)	4.5%
Congo DRC	6.0%	0.8%	16.7%	17.5%
Cote d'Ivoire	7.2%	0.8%	4.5%	5.3%
Egypt	20.2%	11.7%	9.3%	21.0%
Gabon	0.0%	2.0%	2.5%	4.5%
Ghana	16.3%	9.4%	12.1%	21.5%
Kenya	13.5%	4.6%	4.7%	9.3%
Mauritius	5.6%	4.4%	0.1%	4.5%
Nigeria	15.7%	20.1%	6.9%	27.0%
South Africa	9.1%	3.3%	3.7%	7.0%
Tanzania	13.5%	3.4%	2.4%	5.8%

Sources: Bloomberg, United Capital Research

Note: * indicates that the figures are as at Thursday, October 09 2025

Domestic Economy:

Nigeria's Purchasing Managers' Index Upsurge in September

- Nigeria's Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) rose to 54.0 in September 2025 from 51.7 in August.
- It's the year's highest level, marking nine straight months above 50 and signaling sustained private sector growth.
- The consistent rise in PMI points to a stronger Gross Domestic Product (GDP) performance in Q3 2025.

World Bank Raises Nigeria's 2025 Growth Forecast to 4.2%

- The World Bank raised Nigeria's growth forecast to 4.2%, citing stronger macro stability and reforms driving non-oil growth.
- United Capital Research revised Nigeria's growth forecasts to 5.11% (Q3), 5.78% (Q4), and 4.66% for FY 2025, reflecting stronger economic momentum.
- Stronger GDP growth boosts business activity and investor confidence.

Equity Market:

- NGX-ASI rose by 2.37% week on week (w/w), closing at 146,988.04 points.
- Market capitalisation rose to ₦93.30tn due to buy interests.
- The Nigerian equity year-to-date return stood at 42.81%.

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 24.85% respectively.
- Open Market Operations (OMO) yield closed at 20.99% for the 271-day paper.

Outlook:

Equity Market

The Nigerian equity market could sustain its bullish momentum on the back of strong buy interest and positive earnings expectations. Improved stability and reforms could further attract foreign inflows, though there could be profit-taking due to short-term gains.

Fixed Income Market

The market remains supported by high liquidity, and strong demand, keeping NTB yields on a downward path. Investors might position ahead of further decline of yields.

Domestic Macro Variables			
GDP			4.23%
Inflation			20.12%
Monetary Policy Rate			27.00%
Liquidity Rate			30.00%
External Reserves			\$42.57bn
Index	Close Price	Chg	YTD
NGX-ASI	146,988.0	2.37%	42.81%
Banking	1,520.4	(0.4%)	40.19%
Consumer Goods	4,157.0	2.10%	47.71%
Industrial Goods	5,292.3	4.23%	48.15%
Insurance	1,257.5	3.7%	75.13%
Oil & Gas	2,660.2	2.90%	(1.9%)
Fixed Income Market Statistics			
NTBs	Yield	Weekly Chg	
OPR	24.5%	0.0%	
O/N	24.9%	(0.0%)	
3m	17.5%	(0.1%)	
6m	17.8%	(0.1%)	
12m	18.2%	(0.1%)	
Bond	Yield	Weekly Chg	
3yrs	16.11%	(0.45%)	
5yrs	16.11%	(0.09%)	
7yrs	15.91%	(0.25%)	
10yrs	15.71%	(0.50%)	
Stocks	Current Price (N)	Target Price (N)	Upside
United Bank For Africa	42.80	60.0	40%
Access Holdings	26.00	35.0	35%
PZ Cussons Nigeria	38.15	50.7	33%
BUA Cement	159.00	200.0	26%
AlliCo Insurance	4.00	5.0	25%
Mutual Benefits	3.80	4.7	24%
Transcorp	46.10	57.0	24%
Okomo Oil Palm	1020.00	1250.0	23%
Lafarge Nigeria	129.95	157.0	21%
First City Monument Bank	10.90	13.2	21%
Dangote Cement	575.00	670.0	17%
Zenith Bank	48.50	80.0	17%

Sources: Bloomberg, NGX and United Capital Research

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