

Weekly Investment Views

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Global Markets: United States

US inflation edged slightly higher to 3% in September, up from 2.9% in August, marking the first increase since January 2025, though still below analysts' 3.1% forecast. In response to persistent economic pressures, the Federal Reserve lowered the federal funds rate by 0.25%, bringing it to a range of 3.75%–4%. Nevertheless, the ongoing nearly one-month US government shutdown delayed key data releases. US equities turned bearish last week, largely driven by mixed tech earnings and lingering uncertainty from the government shutdown.

Euro Area

In the Euro Area, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) slowed to 2.1% in October from 2.2% in September, edging closer to the European Central Bank's (ECB) 2% target. The ECB opted to keep its three main interest rates unchanged, with the deposit facility at 2%, the main refinancing rate at 2.15%, and the marginal lending rate at 2.40%. European equities showed modest gains, with the FTSE 100 rising 1.89% and the Stoxx 600 Index edging up 0.07%

Asia

Asian markets displayed mixed signals. Japan's Services Producer Price Index (PPI) rose 3% year-on-year in September, up from 2.7% in August, reflecting higher prices businesses charge each other for services. In China, industrial profits accelerated 21.6% year-on-year in September following a 20.4% gain in August, marking the fastest growth pace in nearly two years. Strong corporate earnings and Beijing's renewed policy support bolstered the Shanghai Composite Index, which appreciated 1.64%. Crude oil markets closed the week in the red, pressured by a stronger US Dollar, disappointing Chinese economic data, and increased output from major global producers.

Global Market Snapshot		
Market	Index	Weekly
United States	S&P 500	1.25%
United States	DJI	1.69%
United States	NASDAQ	(6.04%)
Germany	DAX	(0.38%)
France	CAC 40	(1.30%)
Europe	STOXX 600	0.07%
United Kingdom	FTSE 100	1.89%
Brazil	IBOV	2.10%
India	SENSEX	(0.73%)
China	SHCOMP	1.64%
South Africa	JALSH	(0.97%)
Kenya	NSEASI	3.45%
Ghana	GGSE	(0.44%)
Nigeria	NGX	(0.97%)
BRVM*	ICXCOMP	2.07%

Sources: NGX, Various Sources and United Capital Research

Oil Markets:

Oil prices fell this week, pressured by a stronger US Dollar, disappointing economic data from China, and increased output from major global producers.

Weekly Commodities Price Monitor				
Commodity	Unit Price	Price (US\$)	Weekly Change	YTD
Oil Crude – Bonny Light	US\$/bbl	64.64	(2.05%)	(12.4%)
Oil Crude – Brent	US\$/bbl	65.93	(2.09%)	(13.2%)
Gold	US\$/toz	4035.6	(2.7%)	52.80%
CNG (Gas)	US\$/MMBtu	3.95	20.30%	9.00%
Coffee	US\$/lb	387.65	(5.5%)	21.20%
Copper	US\$/lb	5.18	(0.6%)	26.20%
Cocoa	US\$/MT	6278.76	(0.8%)	(45.6%)

Sources: Various Sources and United Capital Research

Outlook:

The market expects the simultaneous release of flash Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) data for US, Euro Area, UK, and Japan on Friday, November 21, 2025. These data could shape market direction next week. These data releases will heavily influence market expectations regarding the likelihood of interest rate adjustments by major Central Banks like the Bank of England (BoE) and potentially the Bank of Japan (BoJ). Similarly, there will be various speeches from regional Fed presidents throughout the week. Ultimately, investors may analyse these speeches for any new hints on the path of US interest rates.

African Markets:

Ethiopia

Ethiopia made significant strides in debt management, cutting its foreign debt from US\$23 billion to US\$4.5 billion, an 80% reduction driven by reforms and restructuring initiatives. The government is negotiating with creditors to convert more commercial loans into concessional terms, with approximately US\$4–4.5 billion already renegotiated or converted.

South Africa

South Africa's fiscal performance improved in September, with the National Treasury reporting a budget deficit of R15.36 billion (US\$887 million), a notable decline from the R38.35 billion shortfall recorded in August.

Uganda

Uganda saw coffee exports surge 59% year-on-year in September to roughly 844,949 60-kg bags, fueled by a strong harvest in the Central and Eastern regions. The agriculture ministry projects an additional 15% rise in coffee production in the coming crop year.

Pan African Stock Market Monitor				
Market	Index	Market Cap (\$'bn)	WTD (Local)	YTD (Local)
BRVM	337.34	23.34	2.07%	24.80%
Egypt	3949.66	59.62	0.70%	25.80%
Ghana	8228.5	15	(0.44%)	69.80%
Kenya	188	23.53	3.50%	49.80%
Mauritius	2464.4	7.37	12.80%	1.70%
Morocco	19547	112.43	0.80%	38.00%
Namibia	2011.5	142.53	(1.4%)	7.90%
Nigeria	150026.6	61.78	(0.97%)	49.70%
South Africa	109669.8	13.47	(0.97%)	30.40%

Tanzania	2533	8.94	1.40%	14.50%
Tunisia	12536	9.9	0.60%	27.40%
Global Market	4343.6	132906	(8.4%)	15.50%
Frontier	1389.9	--	(0.8%)	35.40%
Emerging	1381.4	--	0.20%	25.20%

Sources: NGX, Various Sources and United Capital Research

Currency Performance in Select African Countries				
Currency vs USD	Signs	Spot Rate	Weekly Change	YTD
Angola	AOA: Kwanza	921.6	2.00%	0.80%
Cameroun	XAF: Franc	571.1	(0.80%)	11.40%
Gabon	XAF: Franc	571.1	(0.80%)	11.30%
Ghana	GHS: Cedi	10.9	1.20%	(25.90%)
Guinea	GNF: Franc	8695	(1.00%)	0.40%
Kenya	KES: Shilling	129.2	0.00%	0.20%
Liberia	LRD: Dollar	183	0.00%	(4.80%)
Mauritius	MUR: Rupee	45.5	0.10%	3.10%
Morocco	MAD: Dirham	9.3	(0.30%)	8.60%
Namibia	NAD: Dollar	17.3	0.20%	8.20%
Nigeria	NGN: Naira	1436.58	(1.04%)	6.46%
Sierra Leone	SLL: Leone	23153	0.00%	(1.20%)
South Africa	ZAR: Rand	17.3	0.40%	8.10%
Tanzania	TZS: Shilling	2460	0.90%	(1.40%)
Tunisia	TND: Dinar	3	(0.30%)	7.50%
Uganda	UGX: Shilling	3485	(0.70%)	5.10%
Zambia	ZMK: Kwacha	22.1	1.60%	20.70%
WAEMU	CFA: Franc	569.4	(0.20%)	11.10%

Sources: NGX, Various Sources and United Capital Research

Key Rates in Select African Countries				
Countries	10Yr Bond Yield	Inflation	Real Return	Policy Rate
Angola	11.80%	18.20%	0.80%	19.00%
Cameroon	9.50%	3.30%	1.20%	4.50%
Chad	0.00%	2.70%	1.80%	4.50%
Congo	9.50%	8.20%	(3.70%)	4.50%
Congo DRC	0.00%	1.70%	15.80%	17.50%
Cote d'Ivoire	7.20%	(0.20%)	5.50%	5.30%
Egypt	20.40%	11.70%	9.30%	21.00%
Gabon	0.00%	2.00%	2.50%	4.50%

Key Rates In Select African Countries				
Countries	10Yr Bond Yield	Inflation	Real Return	Policy Rate
Ghana	29.90%	9.40%	12.10%	21.50%
Kenya	13.10%	4.60%	4.70%	9.30%
Mauritius	5.60%	4.40%	0.10%	4.50%
Nigeria	15.60%	18.00%	9.00%	27.00%
South Africa	8.90%	3.40%	3.60%	7.00%
Tanzania	13.50%	3.40%	2.40%	5.80%

Sources: NGX, Various Sources and United Capital Research

Outlook:

With inflation trending lower in some African countries, Central Banks across Africa may hint at rate cuts or at least a pause in tightening, which could support investment. For instance, South Africa's government announced to lower its inflation target to 3% from the 4.5%. Consequently, the market could closely monitor South African Reserve Bank (SARB) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)'s decision on Thursday this week.

Domestic Economy:

Strengthened Trade Investment and partnership

Nigeria strengthened trade and investment ties with Indonesia at the fourth Nigerian–Indonesian Investment and Trade Forum in Jakarta, exploring opportunities in energy, manufacturing, agriculture, health, and technology. The government also intensified partnerships with German investors, targeting technology transfer, skills development, and legal migration pathways to support the country's \$1 trillion economic ambition by 2030. Infrastructure development advanced as the Federal Executive Council approved over N400 billion for road projects nationwide. These projects are expected to improve market access, facilitate trade in agriculture and manufacturing, and support GDP growth through increased activity in construction, cement, steel, and transport sectors.

Equity Market:

The Nigerian Exchange All Share Index (NGX-ASI) fell by 2.99% week on week (W/W), closing at 149,524.81 points. Market capitalisation also dropped to ₦95.00tn due to profit taking. The Nigerian equity year to date return stood at 45.27%.

Nigerian Equity Market Performance			
Index	Close Price	Weekly Change	YTD
NGX-ASI	149,524.81	(2.99%)	45.27%
Banking	5,891.14	(1.09%)	64.92%
Consumer Goods	1,409.88	(3.85%)	30.00%
Industrial Goods	3,916.98	(4.33%)	39.18%
Insurance	2,773.07	(4.80%)	2.25%
Oil & Gas	1,138.08	(7.56%)	58.51%

Sources: NGX, United Capital Research

Fixed Income and Money Market:

The Nigerian Treasury Bills (NTBs) traded mixed amid cautious investor sentiment. Short-tenor bills attracted moderate demand, while longer tenors saw mild profit-taking. Open Repo Rate (OPR) and Overnight Rate (OVR) settled at 24.50% and 24.85% respectively. Open Market Operations (OMO) yield closed at 18.41% for the 250-day paper.

Fixed Income Market Statistics		
	Yield	Weekly Change
OPR	24.50%	0.00%
O/N	24.90%	0.05%
90-Day	16.20%	(0.26%)
182-Day	17.20%	(0.14%)
364-Day	18.40%	(0.19%)
Bond Market		
Bond	Yield	Weekly Change
3yrs	15.90%	(0.24%)
5yrs	15.83%	0.16%
7yrs	15.70%	0.10%
10yrs	15.58%	0.00%

Sources: FMDQ, United Capital Research

Outlook:

Equity Market

The equity market may be cautious and mixed due to profit taking. Investors may consider sector specific rotation based on Q3 earnings. Ultimately, investors could patiently anticipate Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)'S next move on interest rates particularly as investors continue to weigh the impacts of President Trump's recent comments on Nigeria

Fixed Income Market

Inflation rate, liquidity position and security concern could remain the major drivers of yields in the money/fixed income market. Yields may continue to compress further as investors seek to lock in on current rates ahead of a potential interest rate cut by the MPC.

Stock Recommendation			
Stocks	Current Price (N)	Target Price (N)	Upside
United Bank for Africa	40.05	60	50%
Access Holdings	24.45	32	31%
AIICO Insurance	3.91	5	28%
Zenith Bank	63	80	27%
FCMB	10.75	13.2	23%
Nestle Nigeria	1915	2350	23%
Lafarge Africa	140	170	21%
Aradel Holdings	782	950	21%
Okomu Oil Palm	1080	1250	16%

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