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Macroeconomic and Capital Market Update: July-2025 at a Glance

▶ Growth and Monetary Policy

Nigeria's economy continued to show resilience in early 2025, with GDP growing by 3.13% year-on-year in Q1 2025—an improvement from 2.27% in the same period of 2024. According to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), which now uses 2019 as the new base year, growth was driven mainly by the non-oil sector, which expanded 3.19% and accounted for 96.03% of total GDP. The services sector was the key driver, growing by 4.33% and contributing over half (57.50%) of total GDP. In contrast, the oil sector slowed to 1.87% y/y despite higher crude production (1.62 million barrels/day). Agriculture grew only 0.07%, while manufacturing and construction recorded modest gains.

At its July meeting, the Central Bank of Nigeria's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) maintained the Monetary Policy Rate at 27.50% for the third consecutive time this year, aiming to sustain the disinflationary trend and manage price pressures. Other key parameters remained unchanged:

- Cash Reserve Requirement (CRR): 50% for Deposit Money Banks; 16% for Merchant Banks.
- Asymmetric Corridor: +500bps/-100bps around the MPR.
- Liquidity Ratio: 30%.

▶ Capital Market

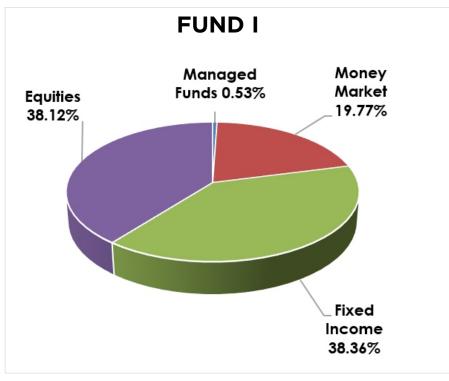
The Nigerian equity market recorded its strongest monthly performance of 2025 in July. The NGX All-Share Index (ASI) surged 16.57%, to an all-time high of 139,863.52 points, why market capitalization rose by ₩12.47 trillion to ₩88.43 trillion. Trading activity reached ₩907.5 billion in value—boosted by significant block trades, including First Bank HoldCo.

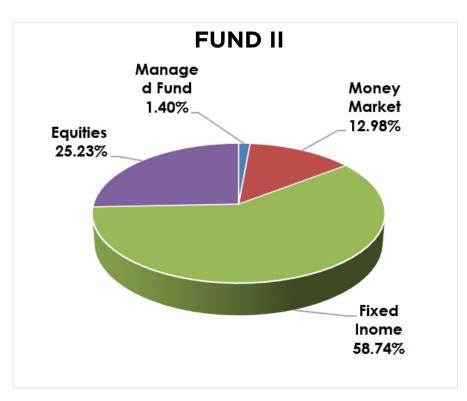
Year-to-date, the NGX posted an impressive 35.9% return, nearing 2024's full-year gains. The rally was broad-based, with Industrial Goods, Banking, and Insurance leading performance, while Oil & Gas saw more modest growth. Top gainers included UAC of Nigeria (+96%) and Tripple Gee (+88.44%).

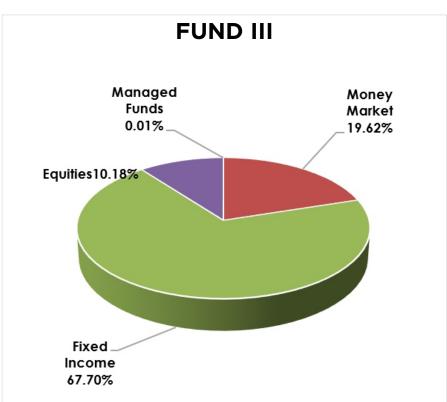
INDEX PERFORMANCE										
	Dec 25	Jun - 25	Jul - 25	M/M	YTD					
Market Capitalization	62,763,276,924,058.00	75,951,254,128,199.00	88,424,671,098,168.30	16.42%	40.89%					
NGX ASI	102,926.40	119,978.57	139,863.52	16.57%	35.89%					
NGX Pension	4,521.13	5,798.71	6,905.18	19.08%	52.73%					
NGX Banking Index	1,084.52	1,280.41	1,610.53	25.78%	48.50%					
NGX Insurance Index	718	755.52	889.53	17.74%	23.89%					
NGX Industrial Index	3,572.17	3,638.15	4,885.21	34.28%	36.76%					
NGX Consumer Index	1,731.67	2,635.86	2,929.38	11.14%	69.17%					
NGX Oil & Gas Index	2,712.06	2,437.47	2,479.47	1.72%	-8.58%					

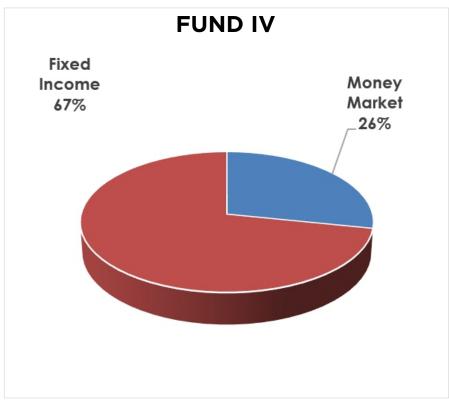
Fund Returns								
FUND	Dec - 25	Jun - 25	Jul - 25	% Change (M/M)	% Change (YTD)			
FUND I	1.9802	2.2695	2.4556	8.20%	24.01%			
FUND II	5.8673	6.4739	6.844	5.72%	16.65%			
FUND III	2.3163	2.5111	2.5724	2.44%	11.06%			
FUND IV	5.7456	6.194	6.3114	1.90%	9.85%			
FUND V	1.662	1.7835	1.8004	0.95%	8.33%			
FUND VI ACTIVE	1.4612	1.6304	1.7824	9.32%	21.98%			
FUND VI RETIREE	1.054	1.1312	1.144	1.13%	8.54%			

Funds' Asset Allocation as of 31st May 2025









▶ Pension Enhancement Update - 4th Cycle Success

We are pleased to inform you that the **4th cycle of pension enhancement** was implemented on June 17, 2025. As a result, our monthly pension payout increased from **\\$97,113,292.45** in **June 2025** to **\\$115,380,305.61** in **July 2025**.

Out of **2,514** retirees as of June 2025, **1,870** qualified for this enhancement. This milestone reflects our continued commitment to improving the retirement experience for our valued customers and ensuring you enjoy a more secure and comfortable future.

▶ Faster Benefits, Better Service

Good news! The **National Pension Commission (PenCom)** has made it even easier and faster for beneficiaries to access pension death benefits.

Effective 1 August 2025:

- Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) including Fidelity Pension Managers must process and approve death benefits within two (2) working days after verifying required documents:
 - o Letter of Administration (LOA) from a competent court.
 - o Death Certificate from the hospital or National Population Commission (NPC).
 - o Confirmation that all RSA remittances for deceased employees of treasury-funded MDAs are reconciled.
- Pension Fund Custodians (PFCs) will then credit the beneficiary's account within 24 hours of receiving the PFA's instruction.
 This policy means less waiting time and faster access to your rightful benefits.

► Fund I: The Fast Lane to Growth

If you're under 50 and ready to give your retirement savings an extra push, Fund I could be your perfect match.

Why choose Fund I?

- **Higher Growth Potential** up to **75% invested** in variable income assets.
- Long-Term Advantage ideal for those who have more time before retirement to ride out market ups and downs.
- **Zero Switching Cost** moving to Fund I comes at no extra charge.

Who can join?

RSA holders **below 50 years old**.

If you're ready to take the **fast lane to higher returns**, send us an email at **customercare@fidelitypensionmanagers.com** to make the switch today.



► Recharge Your Mind & Body

Digital Detox - Give Your Mind Breathing Space

How to do it:

- Start with small breaks—schedule 30-60 minutes daily with no screens (phones, TV, or laptops).
- Replace screen time with activities like reading, journaling, walking, or chatting with loved ones.
- Keep devices out of your bedroom or switch them to "Do Not Disturb" mode before bedtime.

Benefits:

- Reduces stress and mental fatigue.
- Improves focus and creativity.
- Enhances your sleep quality by calming your mind before bed.

Sleep Like a Pro - Make Rest Your Superpower

How to do it:

- Stick to a consistent bedtime and wake-up time—even on weekends.
- Avoid caffeine, heavy meals, or sugary snacks at least 3 hours before bed.
- Create a calming bedtime routine: dim the lights, listen to soothing music, or do light stretching.

Benefits:

- Boosts memory and concentration.
- Strengthens the immune system.
- Improves mood and emotional resilience.





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