

Weekly Market Recap

Market Performance

Most African bonds recorded gains (in USD terms) across both hard and local currency segments.

The Africa Eurobond Index rose **+1.51% YTD**, led by **Senegal (+8.9%)**, **Gabon (+8.4%)** and **Zambia (+2.6%)**.

The African Local Currency Bond Index climbed **+4.53% YTD** in USD terms, with **Zambia (+20.7%)**, **Nigeria (+11.4%)** and **South Africa (+7.1%)** leading on strong FX.

Weekly Commentary

African local markets delivered a positive week, with all ten markets posting gains in total returns. Performance was driven mainly by strong bond rallies in Kenya, Zambia (+2.87%) and Ghana (+2.48%), while Nigeria (+1.38%) also recorded solid gains supported by currency strength. This came despite the US Dollar strengthening by 0.91% during the week amid rising Middle East tensions.

Kenya (+2.92%) led the performance, driven by a sharp rally in local bonds (+2.90%) while the shilling remained stable. The Government raised USD2.25bn in international markets through 7-year and 12-year notes, using part of the proceeds to buy back existing Eurobonds and smooth its maturity profile. Recent rating improvements from Moody's and Fitch, alongside confirmation of an upcoming IMF mission to Nairobi, helped reinforce investor confidence, even as fiscal challenges persist.

Ghana (+2.48%) saw strong bond gains (+2.64%) despite mild currency weakness. The Government made GHS10bn (USD909m) cash coupon payment under its Domestic Debt Exchange Programme (DDEP), the sixth since restructuring began, reinforcing its commitment to honour revised debt terms and signalling improving fiscal stability.

Nigeria (+1.38%) benefited from a 0.94% appreciation in the Naira alongside steady bond performance. Gross FX reserves rose to USD48.5bn, the highest level since 2009, supported by stronger inflows and Central Bank purchases. Capital importation increased to USD6.01bn in 3Q25, driven mainly by foreign portfolio investment into money market instruments and bonds. In addition, President Bola Tinubu signed an executive order to strengthen revenue transparency in the oil and gas sector.

In **Namibia**, the Bank of Namibia kept its policy rate unchanged at 6.50%, citing low inflation and the need to preserve the currency peg. Inflation eased to 2.9% y/y in January, while reserves rose to USD3.2bn, supporting external stability.

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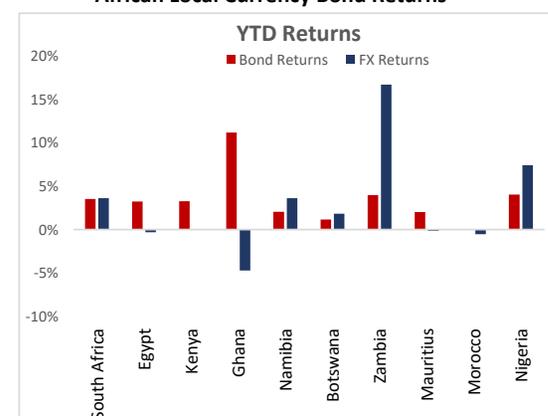
	Local Currency Yields					Economic Indicators				
	1-Yr	2-Yr	10-Yr	20-Yr	Δ 10yr yield	Policy Rate	GDP Growth Rate	CPI	C/A (% of GDP)	Fiscal Deficit
Egypt	23.3%	22.1%	19.8%	19.8%	-0.1%	19.0%	9.8%	11.9%	-5.3%	-7.1%
S. Africa	7.1%	6.8%	8.1%	8.7%	0.0%	6.8%	0.5%	3.5%	-0.6%	-5.0%
Nigeria	18.5%	16.0%	16.3%	15.3%	-0.6%	27.0%	13.2%	15.1%	9.2%	-3.9%
Ghana	9.2%	10.8%	13.4%	13.9%	-1.7%	15.5%	1.3%	3.8%	4.4%	-4.8%
Kenya	8.9%	9.7%	13.0%	13.1%	0.3%	8.8%	1.2%	4.4%	-3.6%	-4.9%
Namibia	7.6%	7.8%	9.7%	10.5%	0.0%	6.5%	-2.5%	2.9%	-15.3%	-3.9%
Botswana	10.5%	10.5%	11.3%	11.5%	0.0%	3.5%	10.9%	4.1%	-7.3%	-9.0%
Zambia	14.1%	15.1%	16.8%	17.3%	-0.2%	13.5%	0.0%	9.4%	-1.0%	-3.5%
Mauritius	4.5%	4.7%	5.5%	5.9%	0.0%	4.5%	1.0%	3.9%	-6.4%	-5.7%
Morocco	2.3%	2.3%	2.9%	3.6%	-0.1%	2.3%	1.1%	-0.8%	-1.6%	-3.9%

RETURNS

Africa Sovereign Eurobonds



African Local Currency Bond Returns



Country	Egypt	S. Africa	Nigeria	Ghana	Kenya	Morocco	Ivory Coast	Gabon	Senegal	Zambia
YTD	-0.5%	1.0%	1.9%	1.0%	0.8%	1.3%	1.4%	8.4%	8.9%	2.6%

Returns	South Africa	Egypt	Kenya	Ghana	Namibia	Botswana	Zambia	Mauritius	Morocco	Nigeria
Bond	3.5%	3.2%	3.2%	11.2%	2.0%	1.2%	4.0%	2.0%	0.0%	4.0%
FX	3.6%	-0.3%	0.0%	-4.7%	3.6%	1.8%	16.7%	-0.2%	-0.5%	7.4%
Total	7.1%	2.9%	3.2%	6.4%	5.7%	3.0%	20.7%	1.9%	-0.5%	11.4%

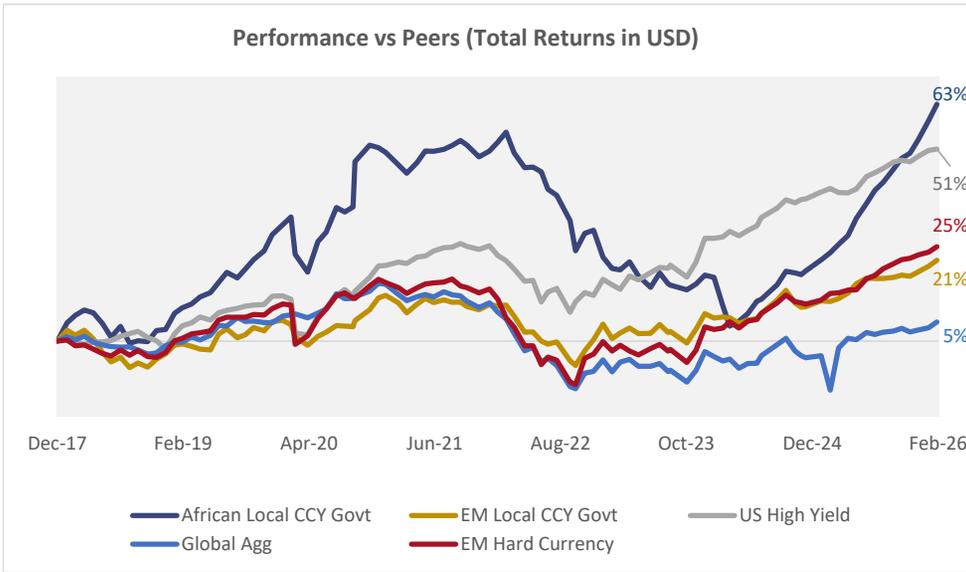
Chart 1: African Eurobonds YTD Performance

Source: Bloomberg, MCBM as at 23 February 2026

Chart 2: African Local Currency bonds and FX YTD Performance

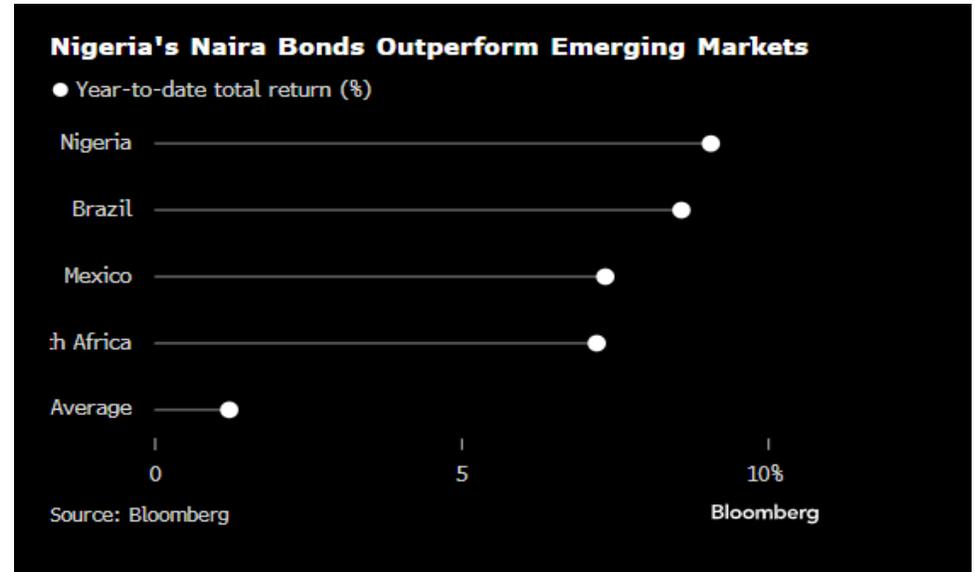
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Performance vs Peers (Total Returns in USD)



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Chart of the week



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 MTD: Month to date
 LCY: Local Currency
 GDP: Gross Domestic Product
 CPI: Consumer Price Index

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