



FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Guaranty Trust Holding Company Plc (GTCO) reported a relatively subdued financial performance for 2025, with gross earnings rising marginally by just 0.09% year-on-year to ₦2.150 trillion from ₦2.148 trillion. Despite this slow top-line growth, its core banking business remained resilient, as net interest income grew by 19.1% to ₦1.26 trillion, supported by a 23.2% increase in interest income. However, this was partly offset by a sharp 38.61% rise in interest expenses, reflecting the higher cost of funds in the current high-interest rate environment.

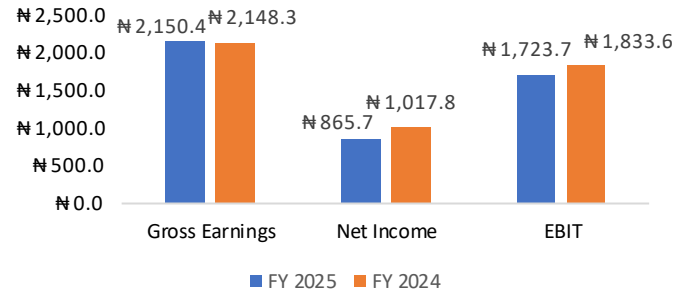
Profitability came under pressure during the year, as earnings before tax declined by 6% to ₦1.72 trillion. This was largely driven by a significant drop in gains from financial instruments and other operating income, which fell sharply to ₦63 billion from ₦501 billion recorded in the previous year. Consequently, net income declined by 14.9% to ₦865.75 billion, falling below the ₦1.02 trillion mark achieved in 2024. This weaker performance also impacted earnings per share, which dropped to ₦25.43 from ₦35.44, meaning shareholders earned less per share compared to the prior year.

Looking at key metrics, performance was mixed. Profitability ratios such as Return on Equity (25.02% from 37%) and Return on Assets (4.8% from 6.8%) declined, while cost efficiency weakened with cost-to-income rising to 28% from 22%. On the positive side, asset quality improved, as loan loss provisions dropped to 2.1% from 4.9%, and net interest margin remained stable at 15%.

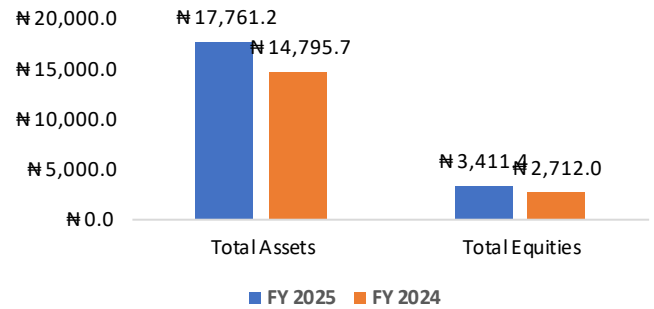
On shareholder returns, the board declared a final dividend of ₦11.76 per share (dividend yield at 10.44%), bringing the total dividend for the financial year to ₦12.76k (2024: ₦8.03K per share) which remains a strong incentive for income-focused investors.

We expect a mildly positive reaction from investors in the stock when market opens.

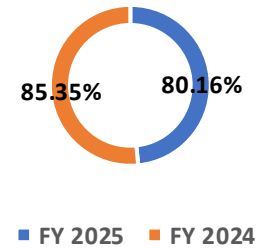
Snapshot of P & L (N'Mn)



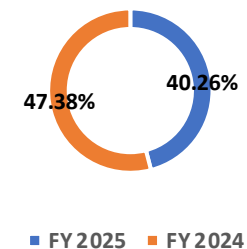
Snapshot of Balance Sheet (N'Mn)



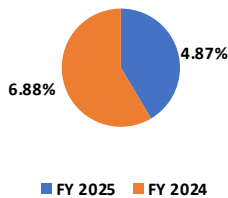
Operating Margins



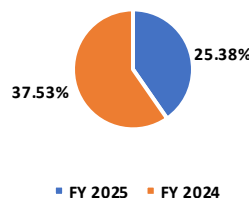
Net Income Margins



Return on Assets



Return on Equity





Guaranty Trust Holding Company Plc Statement of Profit or Loss	FY 25 (N'Mn)	FY 24 (N'Mn)	% Change		
Gross Earnings	2,150,368	2,148,337	0.09%		
Interest income	1,653,164	1,341,802	23.20%	Financial Statistics	
Interest expense	(392,577)	(283,215)	38.61%	Share price	N112.65
Net interest income	1,260,587	1,058,586	19.08%	52 Week High/Low	N127.50/N56.95
Fee and commission income	278,505	221,231	25.89%	Shares Outs. (Bn)	36.425
Fee and commission expense	(34,115)	(31,520)	8.23%	Market Cap (Bn)	4,103.30
Net fee and commission	244,390	189,711	28.82%		
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments	78,744	86,238	8.69%	Key Ratios	FY 25
Foreign exchange revaluation gain/(loss)	76,308	(1,948)	4016.26%	P/E Ratio	3.57x
Other operating income	63,647	501,015	87.30%	P/B Ratio	0.89x
Operating Income	1,723,676	1,833,602	6.00%	Earnings Yield	28.0%
Staff expenses	(101,045)	(85,398)	18.32%	Return on Equity	25.02%
Depreciation and amortisation	(89,521)	(58,033)	54.26%	Return on Assets	4.8%
Other operating expenses	(284,800)	(259,595)	9.71%	Cost of Funds	3.0%
Operating expenses	(475,367)	(403,026)	17.95%	Net Interest Margin	15%
Profit before impairment charges and tax	1,248,309	1,430,576	12.74%	Cost to Income	28%
Loan Provisions & Impairment Charges	(66,423)	(136,662)	51.40%	Loan-to-Deposit Ratio	24%
Net Impairment charge on other financial assets	49,196	(27,668)	277.81%	Loan Loss Provision Ratio	2.1%
Loss/Profit before tax	1,231,081	1,266,246	2.78%		
Income tax	(365,335)	(248,443)	47.05%	Corporate Actions	
Loss/Profit after tax	865,747	1,017,803	14.94%	Final Dividend	₦11.76
Basic Earnings per Share (in naira)	25.43	35.44	28.24%	Bonus	Nil
				Qualification Date	13 – April – 2026
				Closure Date	14 – April – 2026
				Payment Date	28 – April 2026
				AGM Date	28 – April – 2026
				Dividend Yield	10.44%
Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2025	31-Dec-2025	31-Dec-2024			
Cash and cash balances	5,456,595	4,673,048	16.77%		
Loans and advances	3,132,299	2,785,752	12.44%		
Investment securities	5,540,715	4,148,296	33.57%		
Pledged assets	119,009	114,570	3.87%		
Property Plant and Equipment	465,569	330,232	40.98%		
Other Assets	3,046,965	2,743,809	11.05%		
Total Assets	17,761,152	14,795,707	20.04%		
Managed funds	12,874,041	10,401,442	23.77%		
Borrowed funds	82,236	310,021	73.47%		
Current income tax liabilities	218,610	186,665	17.11%		
Other liabilities	1,174,886	1,185,561	0.90%		
Total Liabilities	14,349,772	12,083,689	18.75%		
Total shareholders' equity	3,411,380	2,712,018	25.79%		