



FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

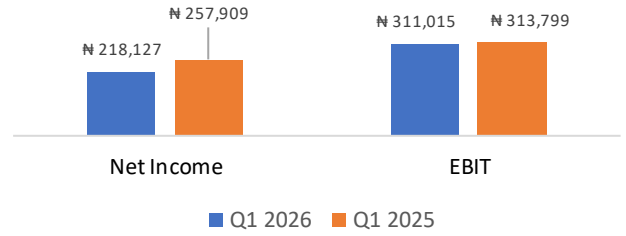
Guaranty Trust Holding Company Plc (GTCO) delivered a mixed but broadly resilient financial performance for the first quarter ended March 31, 2026. Interest income grew by 17.52% year-on-year to ₦467.0 billion from ₦386.0 billion in Q1 2025, driven by expansion in loans to customers and improved yields on earning assets. The core banking business remained a source of strength, as net interest income rose by 11.98% to ₦356.3 billion from ₦318.2 billion in the prior period. However, this growth was partially tempered by a sharp 39.75% increase in interest expenses to ₦110.7 billion from ₦79.2 billion, reflecting the continued elevated cost of funds as deposit repricing deepened in the high-interest rate environment. Interest expenses on customer deposits accounted for 92% of the total interest expense, rising 34% year-on-year.

Profitability told a tale of two lines. Profit before tax grew by just 0.88% year-on-year to ₦302.9 billion from ₦300 billion in Q1 2025, suggesting near-stagnation at the pre-tax level despite top-line income growth. The far more significant pressure came below the tax line: profit after tax declined by 15.42% to ₦218.1 billion, primarily due to higher tax liabilities, with income tax expense surging to ₦84.76 billion from ₦42.35 billion in Q1 2025. Earnings per share consequently declined to ₦5.89 from ₦7.83, in line with the reduction in profit attributable to equity holders, which stood at ₦215.3 billion compared with ₦254.4 billion in the prior period.

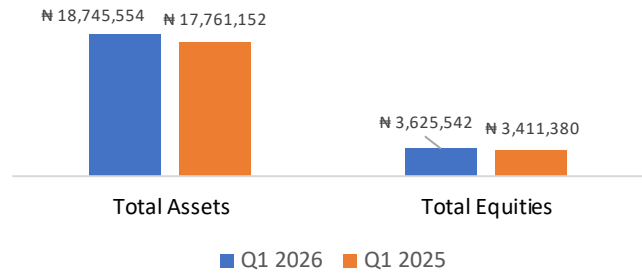
Looking at key metrics, performance was mixed. On the positive side, asset quality continued to improve, as loan impairment charges declined by 41.05% year-on-year to ₦7.95 billion, pointing to a cleaner and better-performing loan book. Net interest income after impairment rose by 14.33% to ₦348.3 billion, a strong indicator of underlying credit quality. On the cost side, operating expenses increased by 13.7% to ₦139 billion, outpacing the growth in net interest income and weighing on cost efficiency. On the balance sheet, total assets grew by 5.54% to ₦18.75 trillion, loans and advances to customers rose to ₦3.17 trillion, customer deposits expanded to ₦13.21 trillion, and shareholders' funds strengthened to ₦3.63 trillion — up 6.28% year-on-year, reflecting the group's continued capacity for balance sheet growth.

We expect continued positive but cautious sentiment around the stock, but the tax liability spike and EPS decline will temper the enthusiasm of earnings-focused investors until greater clarity emerges on the group's effective tax rate trajectory for the rest of 2026.

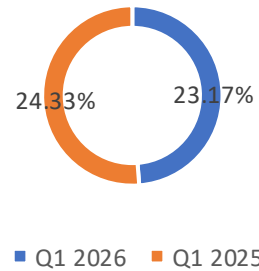
Snapshot of P & L (N'Bn)



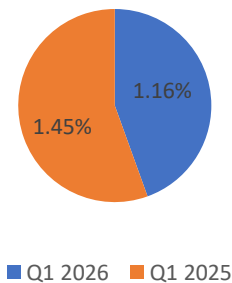
Snapshot of Balance Sheet (N'Bn)



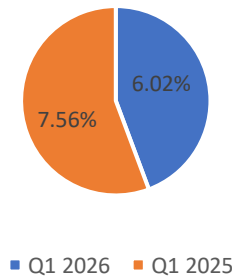
Loan-to-Deposit Ratio (LDR)



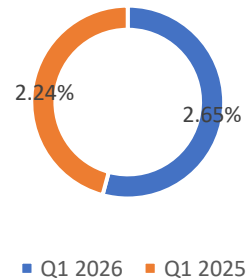
Return on Asset



Return on Equities



Net Interest Margins





Guaranty Trust Holding Company Plc Q1 2026 29 April 2026

MPR: 26.50%
 Mar'26 Inflation Rate: 15.38%
 FY 2025 Real GDP: 3.87%

Guaranty Trust Holding Company Plc	Q1 26	Q1 25	% Change
Statement of Profit or Loss	(N'Mn)	(N'Mn)	
Interest income	466,998	397,391	17.52%
Interest expense	(110,705)	(79,217)	39.75%
Net interest income	356,293	318,174	11.98%
Fee and commission income	80,306	74,989	7.09%
Fee and commission expense	(10,509)	(7,868)	33.56%
Net fee and commission	69,797	67,120	3.99%
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments	25,692	20,248	26.88%
Other operating income	(1,571)	30,684	105.12%
Operating Income	450,210	436,227	3.21%
Staff expenses	(31,887)	(27,482)	16.03%
Depreciation and amortisation	(26,302)	(17,731)	48.34%
Other operating expenses	(81,006)	(77,215)	4.91%
Operating expenses	(139,194)	(122,428)	13.70%
Profit before impairment charges and tax	311,015	313,799	0.89%
Loan Provisions & Impairment Charges	(7,949)	(13,484)	41.05%
Net Impairment charge on other financial assets	(175)	(59)	196.10%
Loss/Profit before tax	302,891	300,256	0.88%
Income tax	(84,765)	(42,347)	100.17%
Loss/Profit after tax	218,127	257,909	15.42%
Basic Earnings per Share (in naira)	5.89	7.83	24.78%

Financial Statistics

Share price	129.85
54 Wk High/Low	N136.5/N61.1
Shares Outs. (Bn)	36.55
Market Cap (Bn)	4,746.05

Key Ratios

	Q1 26	Q1 25
P/E Ratio	22.04x	8.78x
P/B Ratio	1.31x	0.65x
Earnings Yield	4.5%	11.4%
Return on Equity (ROE)	5.94%	7.46%
Return on Assets (ROA)	1.1%	1.4%
Cost of Funds	0.8%	0.6%
Net Interest Margin (NIM)	3%	2%
Cost to Income	31%	28%
Loan-to-Deposit Ratio (LDR)	23%	24%
Loan Loss Provision Ratio	0.3%	0.4%

Corporate Actions

Final Dividend	N/A
Bonus	Nil
Qualification Date	N/A
Closure Date	N/A
Payment Date	N/A
AGM Date	N/A

Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2026	31-Mar-2026	31-Dec-2025	
Cash and cash balances	6,628,659	5,456,595	21.48%
Loans and advances	3,171,456	3,132,299	1.25%
Investment securities	5,135,756	5,540,715	7.31%
Pledged assets	86,870	119,009	27.01%
Property Plant and Equipment	451,216	465,569	3.08%
Restricted Deposits & Other Assets	3,271,597	3,046,965	7.37%
Total Assets	18,745,554	17,761,152	5.54%
Managed funds	13,686,299	12,874,041	6.31%
Borrowed funds	16,509	82,236	79.93%
Current income tax liabilities	279,738	218,610	27.96%
Other liabilities	1,137,467	1,174,886	3.18%
Total Liabilities	15,120,012	14,349,772	5.37%
Total shareholders' equity	3,625,542	3,411,380	6.28%