

DAILY FOREX NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenya's shilling was unchanged on Friday and was forecast to weaken due to end-month dollar demand from merchandise and energy sector importers.

Top News:

- World shares paused to assess a record-busting month on Monday as the prospect of a vaccine-driven economic recovery next year and yet more free money from Central Banks eclipsed immediate concerns about the coronavirus pandemic.
- Crude oil prices fell on Monday, amid investor jitters ahead of a meeting of producer group OPEC+ to decide whether to extend large output cuts to balance global markets, but vaccine hopes helped keep them on track to rise more than a fifth in November

International Markets

USD: The dollar was down on Monday morning in Asia, heading towards its largest fall since July as lingering vaccine optimism and the possibility of further monetary easing by the U.S. Federal Reserve saw investors retreat from the safe-haven asset.

GBP: GBP/USD snaps two-day losing streak, wavers between 1.3330 and 1.3341 off late. UK's Raab sounds optimistic over Brexit deal, EU's Barroso is in London for negotiations. The UK to become the first western country to approve covid vaccine, Pfizer-BioNTech and AstraZeneca may gain initial approval. China's tussle with the West intensifies, UK bans Huawei's 5G kit installation from September 2021.

GBP/USD picks up bids around 1.333/40, up 0.31% on a day, while heading into London open on Monday. In doing so, the Cable cheers broad US dollar weakness, amid mixed catalysts at home, by keeping the week-start gap-up to 1.3313

EUR: EUR/USD rises to the level last seen on Sept. 1. Vaccine optimism keeps the anti-risk dollar under pressure. Euro's rise toward September highs may lose momentum if Germany's CPI prints estimates. EUR/USD reached near three-month highs early Monday, with the safe-haven dollar extending recent losses on continued expectations for a swift global economic recovery on potential coronavirus vaccine.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	108.60	114.50			
GBP/KES	145.40	153.35	GBP/USD	1.3390	1.3375
EUR/KES	130.20	137.50	EUR/USD	1.1990	1.1930
INR/KES		1.5500	AUD/USD	0.7440	0.7380
			USD/INR	73.45	73.70
			Commodities		
			Gold	1769	1803
			Brent Crude	47.28	47.84

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	6.730%	6.706%
182 Days	7.193%	7.152%
364 Days	8.151%	8.094%

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