

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was steady on Friday, and it was expected to weaken due to increased demand for dollars from general goods importers that was outpacing inflows from remittances and non-governmental organizations.

Top News

Oil prices rose on Monday as investors focused on a tighter supply outlook after Moscow issued a temporary ban on fuel exports while remaining wary of further rate hikes that could dampen demand.

Asia-Pacific markets Asia-Pacific markets are mixed as investors look toward inflation data from across the region this week. Singapore and Australia are expected to report inflation figures for August this week, while Japan will release inflation data for the Tokyo region. The capital region's inflation data is seen as a leading indicator of nationwide trends.

International Markets

USD: Wall Street finished the week on a lower note, mixed with the S&P 500, the Nasdaq, and the Dow Jones printing losses. Additionally, US equities plunged, led by the S&P 500 dropping to levels last seen in June. Wall Street finished the week on a lower note, mixed with the S&P 500, the Nasdaq, and the Dow Jones printing losses. Additionally, US equities plunged, led by the S&P 500 dropping to levels last seen in June.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair remains on the defensive below the mid-1.2200s during the Asian session on Monday. Market players await the release of the UK's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the second quarter and the US highly anticipated Core Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) Price Index data due on Friday.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair kicks off the new week on a subdued note and oscillates in a narrow trading band, around mid-1.0600s through the Asian session. Spot prices, meanwhile, remain well within the striking distance of the lowest level since March touched last Friday and seem vulnerable to prolonging the downward trajectory witnessed over the past two months or so.

INR: The Indian rupee is likely to weaken on Monday as elevated U.S. Treasury yields have kept the dollar well supported against its major peers and emerging market currencies. Non-deliverable forwards indicate rupee will open at around 83.06-83.08 to the U.S. dollar compared with 82.93 in the previous session.

Source: Reuters.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	146.40	151.40			
GBP/KES	179.30	185.90	GBP/USD	1.2280	1.2283
EUR/KES	155.80	161.80	EUR/USD	1.0688	1.0652
INR/KES		1.8300	AUD/USD	0.6440	0.6426
			USD/INR	82.61	82.92
			Commodities		
			Gold	1921.49	1,944.55
			Brent Crude	93.69	93.70

T-Bills Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous
91 Days	14.7866%	14.5151%
182 Days	14.9399%	14.4148%
364 Days	15.2214%	14.7282%

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