

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenya's shilling was steady on Thursday, with demand across several sectors including manufacturing and fuel retail firms soaking the limited supply of dollars,

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 129.40 – 133.00.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	129.40	133.00			
GBP/KES	163.80	167.20	GBP/USD	1.2567	1.2628
EUR/KES	140.10	143.00	EUR/USD	1.0764	1.0821
INR/KES		1.6053	AUD/USD	0.6525	0.6523
			USD/INR	83.2467	83.3650
			Commodities		
			Gold	2,253.7	2,216.45
			Brent Crude	87.87	85.83

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	16.7290%	16.7306%	-
182 Days	16.8877%	16.9137%	-
364 Days	16.9899%	16.9890%	-
KES INFLATION	6.60%	5.7%	30 th April 24
KES CBR	13.00%	12.50%	
FED RATE	5.50%	5.50%	
ECB RATE	4.50%	4.50%	
BOE RATE	5.25%	5.25%	
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	

Top News

Oil :Oil prices gained in early Asian trading on Tuesday, underpinned by signs of improved demand and escalating Middle East tensions that had sparked a rally in U.S. futures to a five-month high in the previous session.

Asia-Pacific markets: Hong Kong stocks led gains in Asia-Pacific markets as Xiaomi shares surged, while investors assessed economic data from South Korea and Australia.

International Markets

USD: The dollar rose on Monday on news that the U.S. manufacturing sector grew in March for the first time since September 2022, while the yen lingered below 152 per dollar over the threat of intervention by the Bank of Japan.

GBP: GBP/USD struggles to gain ground near 1.2545 on the stronger US Dollar. The US ISM manufacturing data unexpectedly expanded for the first time in nearly 18 months. The dovish stance of the Bank of England (BoE) drags the GBP lower against the USD. The GBP/USD pair remains on the defensive around 1.2545 during the early Asian session on Tuesday. The US Dollar Index (DXY) rises above the 105.00 mark, and the US Treasury bond yields edges higher sharply overnight following the upbeat US ISM data, which creates a headwind for the GBP/USD pair.

EUR: EUR/USD trades on a weaker note for the fourth consecutive day near 1.0730 on Tuesday. The US Manufacturing PMI climbed to 50.3 in March against 47.8 in the previous reading, better than expected. ECB's Stournaras said it could cut rates by a total of 100 basis points this year. The EUR/USD pair remains under selling pressure, reaching nearly weekly lows of 1.0730 on Tuesday during the early Asian trading hours. The uptick of the US Dollar Index (DXY) above the 105.00 mark and higher US Treasury bond yields weigh on the major pair.

INR: The Indian rupee strengthened 0.05% versus the U.S. dollar, and quoted at 83.37, as mild dollar sales from exporters helped the currency sidestep pressure on Asian peers.

Source: Reuters.

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