

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling fell against the dollar on Wednesday at the back of the U.S. central bank cutting interest rates by half a percentage point.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 127.00/130.00

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	127.00	130.00			
GBP/KES	168.00	172.10	GBP/USD	1.3258	1.3202
EUR/KES	141.40	145.00	EUR/USD	1.1163	1.1151
INR/KES		1.5605	USD/INR	83.31	83.40
			AUD/USD	0.6821	0.6788
			Commodities		
			Gold	2575.58	2568.72
			Brent Crude	71.90	73.21

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	15.7502%	15.7677%	-
182 Days	16.6248%	16.6255%	-
364 Days	16.8168%	16.8228%	-
KES INFLATION	4.40%	4.30%	30th Sept. 24
KES CBR	13.00%	13.00%	
FED RATE	5.50%	5.50%	
ECB RATE	3.75%	4.00%	
BOE RATE	5.25%	5.25%	
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	

Top News

Oil: Oil prices fell in Asian trading on Thursday after a larger-than-expected Federal Reserve interest rate cut sparked concerns about the U.S. economy.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asia-Pacific markets rose in choppy trading Thursday, as investors assessed the Federal Reserve's decision to cut interest rates by a half-percentage point.

International Markets

USD: The U.S. dollar rose broadly on Thursday, recovering from an earlier tumble in the immediate aftermath of the Federal Reserve's outsized interest rate cut that had been largely priced in by markets.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair finds some support near the 1.3150 region on Thursday and for now, seems to have stalled its retracement slide from the 1.3300 neighbourhood, or the highest level since March 2022 touched the previous day. Spot prices climb closer to the 1.3200 mark during the Asian session, albeit lack follow-through amid some follow-through US Dollar (USD) buying and currently trade with modest intraday losses.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair trades flat during the early European session on Thursday. The major pair initially edges higher to monthly highs of 1.1189 after a large rate cut by the Federal Reserve (Fed) at its September meeting and eases back to near 1.1120.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) loses ground amid the recovery of the US Dollar (USD) on Thursday. The downside of the INR might be limited after the US Federal Reserve (Fed) made a large rate cut at its September meeting, which might weaken the US Dollar (USD). Furthermore, the persistent Foreign Institutional Investor (FII) funds into Indian equities could further strengthen the local currency.

Source: Reuters.

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