

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was unchanged against the US dollar on Thursday.

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	169.10	173.20	GBP/USD	1.3346	1.3258
EUR/KES	141.90	145.50	EUR/USD	1.1201	1.1163
INR/KES		1.5629	USD/INR	83.18	83.31
			AUD/USD	0.6845	0.6821
			Commodities		
			Gold	2597.62	2575.58
			Brent Crude	74.65	71.90

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	15.7463%	15.7502%	-
182 Days	16.6157%	16.6248%	-
364 Days	16.8130	16.8168%	-
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%	

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Oil: Oil prices, which were little changed in early Asian trade on Friday, were on track to end higher for a second straight week following a large cut in U.S. interest rates and declining global stockpiles.

Asia-Pacific markets: Most Asia-Pacific markets were higher Friday with Japan's Nikkei 225 leading gains, after Wall Street soared overnight following the Federal Reserve's outsized rate cut.

International Markets

USD: The US Dollar was trading flat on Friday as the market digests the Federal Reserve's (Fed) 50-basis-point (bps) cut. The market overreacted to the news, intensifying expectations of further easing despite the Fed's efforts to indicate a gradual easing cycle.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair trades with a positive bias for the third straight day on Friday and hovers around the 1.3300 mark during the Asian session, just below its highest level since March 2022 touched the previous day.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair trades in positive for the third consecutive day near 1.1165 during the Asian trading hours on Friday. The bearish US Dollar (USD) after the US Federal Reserve (Fed) began its easing cycle with an unexpected 50 basis point (bps) rate cut at its September meeting underpins the major pair.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) extends its upside on the weaker US Dollar (USD) on Friday. The INR trades near the two-month highs, bolstered by likely portfolio inflows and an appreciation in the Chinese Yuan after the US Federal Reserve (Fed) began its easing cycle with an unexpected 50 basis point rate cut at its September meeting. Additionally, the USD sales likely from large foreign banks on behalf of custodial clients contribute to the local currency's upside.

Source: Reuters.

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