

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenya's shilling was steady on Thursday, as the Central Bank bought dollars to stabilize fluctuations in the market and bolster their reserves

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	171.10	174.30	GBP/USD	1.3430	1.3410
EUR/KES	142.50	145.30	EUR/USD	1.1196	1.1190
INR/KES		1.5565	USD/INR	83.31	83.36
			AUD/USD	0.6966	0.6898
			Commodities		
			Gold	2655.27	2667.04
			Brent Crude	72.44	71.44

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	15.7183%	15.7463%	-
182 Days	16.5888%	16.6157%	-
364 Days	16.7999%	16.8130%	-
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 edged higher on Monday on increasing concerns of potential supply disruptions from the Middle East producing region after Israel stepped up attacks on Iranian-backed forces.

Asia-Pacific markets: A surging yen steadied on Monday as Japan's incoming prime minister signaled monetary policy should remain accommodative, while the dollar slipped on commodity currencies underpinned by investor expectations of a turnaround in China's economy.

International Markets

USD: The dollar fell on Friday after a reading of U.S. inflation signaled price pressures continue to ebb, while the yen strengthened against the greenback after Shigeru Ishiba, seen as an interest rate hawk, was set to become Japan's next prime minister.

GBP: GBP/USD remains firm around 1.3385 in Monday's early Asian session. August US PCE inflation eased to within reach of the Fed target. The BoE is expected to cut interest rates once by the year-end. The GBP/USD pair holds positive ground near 1.3385 during the early Asian session on Monday. Expectations of further interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve (Fed) and the less dovish stance of the Bank of England's (BoE) less dovish rate cut bets provide some support to the major pair.

EUR: EUR/USD lacks any firm intraday direction and remains confined in a multi-day-old range. The mixed technical setup warrants caution before positioning for the near-term trajectory. Traders look to the flash German CPI for some impetus ahead of Fed Chair Powell's speech. The EUR/USD pair struggles to capitalize on Friday's modest rebound from the 1.1125-1.1120 support area and kicks off the new week on a subdued note

INR: Indian Rupee trades in negative territory in Monday's Asian session. The USD month-end flows and potential RBI intervention underpin the pair. Investors will monitor the Fed's Bowman speech on Monday. The Indian Rupee (INR) softens on Monday, pressured by month-end US Dollar (USD) demand from importers and likely interventions by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Source: Reuters.

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