

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was unchanged on Tuesday and is expected to strengthen helped by tea export dollar inflows.

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
<b>USD/KES</b>	127.00	130.00			
<b>GBP/KES</b>	166.50	170.50	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.3140	1.3145
<b>EUR/KES</b>	140.36	143.90	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.1082	1.1084
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.5544	<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6720	0.6761
			<b>USD/INR</b>	83.63	83.63
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	2490.72	2493.87
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	73.37	77.45

## Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
<b>91 Days</b>	15.7844%	15.7940%	-
<b>182 Days</b>	16.6327%	16.6686%	-
<b>364 Days</b>	16.8421%	16.8592%	-
<b>KES INFLATION</b>	4.40%	4.30%	30th Sept. 24
<b>KES CBR</b>	13.00%	13.00%	
<b>FED RATE</b>	5.50%	5.50%	
<b>ECB RATE</b>	3.75%	4.00%	
<b>BOE RATE</b>	5.25%	5.25%	
<b>RBI RATE</b>	6.50%	6.50%	

## Top News

**Oil:** Oil prices fell on Wednesday, extending the previous day's more than 4% plunge, on expectations the political dispute that has halted Libyan exports may be resolved and concerns over lower global demand growth.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asia-Pacific markets plunged on Wednesday, led by Japan's Nikkei 225 after U.S. tech stocks sold off and weak U.S. economic data sparked recession fears.

## International Markets

**USD:** The U.S. dollar reached a two-week peak with investors preparing for a week filled with crucial data, including the U.S. payrolls report due on Friday.

**GBP:** GBP/USD softened on Tuesday, briefly testing below 1.3100 as Cable struggles to hold onto a bullish stance amid a near-term bearish pullback. Greenback bidding picked up the pace after a fresh batch of US Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) figures failed to meet market expectations, reigniting investor concerns about the potential for a US recession.

**EUR:** EUR/USD tilted further into the low side bottom bids testing into two-week lows before settling the day near 1.1050 once again. Price action remains limited as markets gear up for one last US Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP) print this week, but a flop in US ISM Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) figures reignited fears of an impending recession.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) holds steady on Wednesday. Traders remain vigilant for potential interventions from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to prevent the INR from breaching the 84 mark, though this has yet to be officially confirmed. Meanwhile, a fall in crude oil prices to the lowest since January might underpin the local currency as India is the world's third-largest oil-consuming and importing nation.

Source: Reuters.

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