

# NEWSLETTER

## GLOBAL MARKETS

### Local Markets:

Kenyan shilling has remained relatively stable against the dollar in recent months, generally trading within a narrow range. The shilling's recent stability has been supported by robust diaspora remittances, healthy foreign exchange reserves and managed import demand.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.10/129.40

### Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	128.10	129.40			
GBP/KES	175.50	176.80	GBP/USD	1.3698	1.3785
EUR/KES	152.00	153.45	EUR/USD	1.1877	1.1965
INR/KES		1.4280	USD/INR	91.51	91.57
			AUD/USD	0.6960	0.7020
			Commodities		
			Gold	4632.66	5229.12
			Brent Crude	65.99	69.77

### Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	
91 Days	7.6326%	7.7274%	
182 Days	7.800%	7.7934%	
364 Days	9.2066%	9.2002%	
KES INFLATION	4.50%	4.50%	
KES CBR	9.00%	9.50%	
FED RATE	3.50%	3.75%	
ECB RATE	2.40%	2.65%	
BOE RATE	4.00%	4.25%	
RBI RATE	5.25%	5.50%	

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### Top News

**Oil:** Oil prices fell 4% on Monday as U.S. President Donald Trump said over the weekend Iran was "seriously talking" with Washington, signaling de-escalation with an OPEC member after risks of a military strike drove prices to multi-month highs.

**Asia-Pacific markets.** Asian stock markets fell on Monday, led by sharp declines in South Korean and Hong Kong shares, as an AI-driven sell-off gathered pace in line with weak Wall Street sentiment, while investors digested mixed signals from China's latest factory activity data.

### International Markets

**USD:** The US Dollar Index, which tracks the Greenback against a basket of currencies, meets with a fresh supply during the Asian session on Thursday and erodes a part of the previous day's modest recovery gains. Currently placed around the 96.00 mark, the index remains within striking distance of the lowest level since February 2022, set on Tuesday, and seems vulnerable to prolonging a nearly two-week-old downtrend.

**GBP:** The GBP/USD pair trades on a flat note near 1.3695 during the early Asian session on Monday. Traders weigh what a Federal Reserve (Fed) under Kevin Warsh might look like. The US ISM Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) report will be published later on Monday.

**EUR:** EURUSD edges modestly higher after opening with a downside gap, trading near 1.1840 during Monday's Asian session. However, the pair remains vulnerable to further downside as the US Dollar (USD) finds support following President Donald Trump's nomination of Kevin Warsh as the next Federal Reserve (Fed) Chair. Markets interpreted the appointment as signaling a more disciplined and cautious approach to monetary easing, lifting long-end Treasury yields and weighing on rate-sensitive assets after January's strong rally.

**INR:** The rupee gained 37 paise to 91.56 against the US dollar in early trade on Monday, a day after the Union Budget 2026-27 was presented, largely as crude oil prices retreated from their elevated levels.

**Source:** Reuters.

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