

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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## Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was barely changed on Friday as dollar supply from exports matched demand from the manufacturing sector and oil retailing companies.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.50/130.00

## Indicaopensrates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
<b>USD/KES</b>	128.50	130.00			
<b>GBP/KES</b>	162.35	164.70	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.2664	1.2705
<b>EUR/KES</b>	135.45	137.60	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.0571	1.0570
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.5465	<b>USD/INR</b>	84.06	84.12
			<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6490	0.6484
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	2587.60	2562.54
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	71.17	71.86

## Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
<b>91 Days</b>	12.7905%	13.4496%	-
<b>182 Days</b>	13.0585%	13.8400%	-
<b>364 Days</b>	13.8993%	14.4476%	-
<b>KES INFLATION</b>	2.700%	3.600%	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 24
<b>KES CBR</b>	12.00%	13.00%	
<b>FED RATE</b>	4.50%	4.75%	
<b>ECB RATE</b>	3.25%	4.00%	
<b>BOE RATE</b>	4.75%	5.00%	
<b>RBI RATE</b>	6.50%	6.50%	

## Top News

**Oil:** Oil prices edged up on Monday after fighting between Russia and Ukraine intensified over the weekend, although concerns about fuel demand in China, the world's second-largest consumer, and forecasts of a global oil surplus weighed on markets.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asia-Pacific stocks mostly rose Monday as markets kickstarted what ING calls a "quiet" week for economic data from the region. Key data this week from Asia will include China's loan prime rate, set to be released Wednesday.

## International Markets

**USD:** The dollar was looking to extend its bull run on Monday as lofty Treasury yields and a more restrained outlook for U.S. rate cuts burnished its attractiveness, though the risk of intervention had caused a pullback against the yen.

**GBP:** GBP/USD breaks its six-day losing streak, trading around 1.2630 during the Asian hours on Monday. The daily chart analysis shows the sellers' control weakens as the pair moves downwards within the descending wedge pattern. This signals a potential bullish reversal for the pair.

**EUR:** The EUR/USD pair trades around 1.0550 during Monday's Asian trading session, hovering near its yearly low of 1.0496, which was reached on November 14. Downside risks for the pair have intensified following cautious comments from Federal Reserve (Fed) officials and stronger-than-expected US Retail Sales data, broadly supporting the US Dollar (USD).

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) gathers strength on Monday amid the modest decline in the US Dollar (USD). However, the renewed Greenback demand from investors and weakening of the Chinese Yuan are likely to keep pressure on the local currency in the near term. Additionally, the unabated foreign fund outflows contribute to the INR's downside.

Source: Reuters.

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