

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was unchanged on Tuesday, as dollar inflows from exports matched demand from the manufacturing sector.

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

## Indicaopensrates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	128.50	130.00			
GBP/KES	163.00	165.40	GBP/USD	1.2715	1.2700
EUR/KES	136.05	138.20	EUR/USD	1.0618	1.0614
INR/KES		1.5465	USD/INR	84.06	84.08
			AUD/USD	0.6546	0.6531
			Commodities		
			Gold	2638.60	2623.91
			Brent Crude	73.26	73.38

## Benchmark Rates:

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

## Top News

**Oil:** West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the US crude oil benchmark, is trading around \$69.30 on Wednesday. The WTI price trades flat after Ukraine used US ATACMS missiles to strike Russian territory for the first time.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asia-Pacific markets were mostly lower Wednesday, following a mixed day on Wall Street amid mounting geopolitical tensions between Ukraine and Russia.

## International Markets

**USD:** The U.S. dollar slipped to a one-week low versus major peers on Wednesday, looking to extend a three-day decline from a one-week peak as the market catches its breath following the frantic rally in the wake of Donald Trump's election.

**GBP:** GBP/USD continues to gain ground for the third successive session, trading around 1.2690 during the Asian hours on Wednesday. The Pound Sterling (GBP) strengthens as markets price in less than a 20% chance of another rate cut from the Bank of England (BoE) this year, following the BoE Monetary Policy Report Hearings on Tuesday, where the central bank described interest rates as "moderately restrictive."

**EUR:** EUR/USD remains subdued as the US Dollar (USD) appreciates, possibly driven by the safe-haven flows amid escalating tensions in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. According to a Reuters report late Tuesday, Ukraine deployed US-supplied ATACMS missiles to strike Russian territory for the first time, signalling a significant escalation on the 1,000th day of the conflict. The EUR/USD pair trades around 1.0590 during the Asian trading hours on Wednesday.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) loses traction on Wednesday. The local currency remains under some selling pressure due to the renewed US Dollar (USD) demand from importers and rising geopolitical tensions after Russian officials said that Ukraine used US ATACMS missiles to strike Russian territory for the first time, while Russian President Vladimir Putin approved an updated nuclear doctrine.

Source: Reuters.

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