

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was unchanged on Wednesday, with some dollar sales by the central bank helping to match importer demand.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.80/130.30

## Indicaopensrates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	128.80	130.30			
GBP/KES	163.15	165.50	GBP/USD	1.2698	1.2600
EUR/KES	135.95	138.10	EUR/USD	1.0585	1.0509
INR/KES		1.5486	USD/INR	84.14	84.12
			AUD/USD	0.6512	0.6498
			Commodities		
			Gold	2632.55	2645.40
			Brent Crude	72.70	72.95

## Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	12.0340%	12.7905%	-
182 Days	12.2095%	13.0585%	-
364 Days	13.2949%	13.8993%	-
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:** Oil prices edged lower in Asian trading on Thursday, after a surprise jump in U.S. gasoline stocks ahead of the nation's Thanksgiving holiday sparked worry over demand in the top consumer of the motor fuel.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asia-Pacific markets traded mixed on Thursday after Wall Street rally stalled overnight and as investors assessed a surprise interest rate cut by South Korea.

## International Markets

**USD:** The dollar fell broadly on Wednesday in thin pre-holiday trade, digesting a slew of indicators that underscored U.S. economic resilience while investors assessed the risk that President-elect Donald Trump will start a tariff war no one will win.

**GBP:** GBP/USD holds losses as the US Dollar (USD) advances as the latest US inflation report indicated solid growth in consumer spending for October, but it also highlighted a stagnation in progress toward lowering inflation, keeping the Fed on alert. The GBP/USD pair edges lower to near 1.2660 during the Asian trading hours on Thursday. US markets may witness thin trading activity due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, to be followed by shortened trading hours on Friday.

**EUR:** EUR/USD edges lower to near 1.0550 during the Asian trading hours on Thursday. This downside of the pair could be attributed to the improved US Dollar (USD) amid the cautious mood surrounding the Federal Reserve's (Fed) interest rate decision in December, following Wednesday's robust inflation data. Markets may witness thin trading due to the US Thanksgiving holiday.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) edges lower to near a record low on Thursday. The month-end US Dollar (USD) demand from importers weighs on the local currency. Additionally, the speculation over aggressive trade policies under Donald Trump's presidency and the expectation that the Federal Reserve (Fed) might be cautious about further rate cuts could boost the USD against the INR in the near term.

Source: Reuters.

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