

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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## Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling gained slight ground against the dollar on Friday amid slow activity.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.40/129.90

## Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
<b>USD/KES</b>	128.40	129.90			
<b>GBP/KES</b>	161.50	163.90	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.2609	1.2514
<b>EUR/KES</b>	134.05	136.20	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.0471	1.0392
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.5330	<b>USD/INR</b>	84.74	84.76
			<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6281	0.6247
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	2628.00	2601.00
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	73.29	72.41

## Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
<b>91 Days</b>	9.9546%	10.4564%	-
<b>182 Days</b>	10.0216%	10.5485%	-
<b>364 Days</b>	11.5372%	11.9673%	-
<b>KES INFLATION</b>	2.720%	3.600%	-
<b>KES CBR</b>	11.25%	12.00%	-
<b>FED RATE</b>	4.25%	4.50%	-
<b>ECB RATE</b>	3.00%	3.25%	-
<b>BOE RATE</b>	4.75%	5.00%	-
<b>RBI RATE</b>	6.50%	6.50%	-

## Top News

**Oil:** Oil prices inched higher on Monday, along with other risk assets, after U.S. data showed cooling inflation, reviving hopes of further policy easing next year that will support global economic growth and oil demand.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asia-Pacific markets started the holiday-shortened Christmas week on a positive note, with investors awaiting the official announcement related to the merger of Japanese automakers Honda and Nissan.

## International Markets

**USD:** The dollar was steady on Monday after U.S. inflation data showed only a modest rise last month, easing some concerns about the pace of U.S. rate cuts next year, while the yen loitered near 156 per dollar, raising the possibility of intervention.

**GBP:** The GBP/USD pair kicks off the new week on a subdued note and oscillates in a narrow trading range above mid-1.2500s during the Asian session. Moreover, the fundamental backdrop warrants caution before positioning for an extension of Friday's bounce from the 1.2475 area, or the lowest level since May.

**EUR:** EUR/USD remains steady following the gains from the previous session, trading around 1.0430 during the Asian hours on Monday. This upside of the pair could be attributed to the decline in the US Dollar (USD) following the Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index (PCE) data from the United States (US).

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) remains weak after reaching an all-time low in the previous session on Monday. The persistent strength of the US Dollar, driven by the Federal Reserve's (Fed) hawkish tilt undermines emerging market currencies like the local currency.

Source: Reuters.

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