

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was steady against the dollar on Tuesday, data from the London Stock Exchange Group showed.

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

## Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
<b>USD/KES</b>	128.50	130.00			
<b>GBP/KES</b>	163.05	165.40	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.2720	1.2679
<b>EUR/KES</b>	135.15	137.30	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.0547	1.0519
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.5414	<b>USD/INR</b>	84.34	84.21
			<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6465	0.6494
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	2648.10	2640.34
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	73.77	71.95

## Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
<b>91 Days</b>	11.2500%	12.0340%	-
<b>182 Days</b>	11.3377%	12.2095%	-
<b>364 Days</b>	12.4903%	13.2949%	-
<b>KES INFLATION</b>	2.720%	3.600%	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 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 were little changed in early Asia trade on Wednesday as market participants weighed higher U.S. crude oil and fuel inventories as well as the likelihood of OPEC+ extending supply cuts.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** South Korean markets opened lower Wednesday, after a day of political upheaval in South Korea that saw President Yoon Suk Yeol impose and then lift a martial law decree within hours. Other Asia-Pacific markets were trading lower as investors digested events in South Korea.

## International Markets

**USD:** The U.S. dollar held its ground against other major rivals as traders pondered the chances of a Federal Reserve interest-rate cut this month. The dollar got some support on Tuesday after data showed U.S. job openings increased moderately in October while layoffs declined.

**GBP:** GBP/USD churned chart paper just south of the 1.2700 handle on Tuesday, roiling bids as Pound Sterling traders grapple with a significant lull in meaningful UK-centric economic data and broader markets gear up for a fresh pass of US Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP) data due at the end of the week. Bank of England (BoE) Governor Andrew Bailey is due to make an appearance early Wednesday

**EUR:** EUR/USD turned lower once again, grappling with the 1.0500 handle as Fiber flubs a bullish run at 1.0600. Several EU-centric datapoints are releasing on Wednesday, but most of the figures are final prints that are unlikely to move markets, and most investors are pivoting to face US Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP) jobs data due at the end of the week.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) trades on a flat note on Wednesday after reaching its all-time low in the previous session. The latest data released on Wednesday showed that the HSBC India Services Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) declined to 58.4 in November from 58.5 in October, lower than a preliminary estimate of 59.2. The downbeat Services PMI report has little to no impact on the Indian Rupee.

Source: Reuters.

For further enquiries, kindly call: Joseph Nyamache /Daniel Yegon, Direct Lines: +254 111 030 600/626/680/681,

**DISCLAIMER:** Even though care and caution has been taken in the preparation of the opinions, forecasts and provision of information contained in this report, the Bank does not take any responsibility or give any warranties as to their accuracy or completeness, nor does the bank assume liability for any losses arising from errors or omissions or the results obtained from the use of such information.