



# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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### Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was stable against the US dollar on Thursday, but traders expect it to weaken due to rising demand for dollars from importers across all sectors of the economy.

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>	157.99	160.30	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.2364	1.2364
<b>EUR/KES</b>	132.36	134.50	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.0339	1.0339
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.5211	<b>USD/INR</b>	85.53	85.58
			<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6219	0.6219
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	2675.44	2659.01
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	77.33	76.08

### Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
<b>91 Days</b>	9.5935%	9.8946%	-
<b>182 Days</b>	10.0253%	10.0216%	-
<b>364 Days</b>	11.3342%	11.4095%	-
<b>KES INFLATION</b>	3.000%	2.720%	-
<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 rose in early Asian trade and were on track for a third straight week of gains with icy conditions in parts of the United States and Europe driving up fuel demand for heating.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asia-Pacific markets mostly fell Friday, with investors assessing November pay and household spending out from Japan.

### International Markets

**USD:** The dollar looked set to extend its longest weekly winning streak in over a year on Friday, underpinned by rising bond yields and expectations of another strong set of U.S. jobs numbers.

**GBP:** GBP/USD remains subdued for the fourth successive day, trading around 1.2300 during the Asian session on Friday. The GBP/USD pair dropped to 1.2238 on Thursday, marking its lowest level since November 2023, as the Pound Sterling (GBP) struggled under mounting concerns about the United Kingdom's (UK) fiscal and inflation outlook, which weighed heavily on investor sentiment.

**EUR:** The EUR/USD pair trades with a mild negative bias around 1.0300 during the Asian trading hours on Friday. The Federal Reserve's (Fed) move to delay the interest rate cut continues to lift the Greenback and exert some selling pressure on the major pair. Traders brace for the US December Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP) report, which is due later on Friday.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) recovers some lost ground on Friday after reaching a record low in the previous session. The stronger US Dollar (USD) and higher crude oil prices continue to weigh on the local currency. This, along with relentless selling in domestic equities and outflow of foreign capital, might keep the INR under pressure in the near term.

Source: Reuters.

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