



# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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## Local Markets:

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

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.60/130.10

## Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
<b>USD/KES</b>	128.60	130.10			
<b>GBP/KES</b>	157.00	159.30	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.2240	1.2235
<b>EUR/KES</b>	132.25	134.30	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.0312	1.0330
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.5104	<b>USD/INR</b>	86.14	86.14
			<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6220	0.6211
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	2695.25	2677.32
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	82.04	80.08

## 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 gained for a second session on Thursday, supported by worries over supply amid U.S sanctions on Russia, a larger-than-forecast fall in U.S crude oil stocks, and an improving global demand outlook.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asia-Pacific markets climbed Thursday, after U.S. markets soared on the back of an unexpected decline in core inflation numbers in December and strong bank earnings.

## International Markets

**USD:** On Thursday the U.S dollar retreated as mildly softer U.S. inflation data fueled expectations of lower interest rates. The dollar index and dollar index futures steadied in Asian trade after tumbling from near two-year peaks in overnight trade, as consumer price index inflation data read a touch weaker than expected.

**GBP:** GBP/USD edges lower after two days of gains, trading around 1.2220 during the Asian hours on Thursday. The Pound Sterling (GBP) receives downward pressure following lower-than-expected inflation data from the United Kingdom (UK) released on Wednesday.

**EUR:** The EUR/USD pair holds steady around 1.0295 during the early Asian session on Thursday. The cooler-than-expected US Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation data for December raises the bet that the US Federal Reserve (Fed) could cut interest rates twice this year, which weighs on the Greenback. However, rising concerns over Eurozone economic growth might cap the upside for the major pair.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) trades in negative territory on Thursday. A surge in crude oil prices exerts some selling pressure on the local currency as India relies on overseas suppliers for almost 90% of its oil consumption. Furthermore, continued outflows from foreign investors and concerns about India's economic slowdown contribute to the INR's downside.

Source: Reuters.

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