



GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

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

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
USD/KES	128.40	129.90			
GBP/KES	160.90	163.20	GBP/USD	1.2561	1.2582
EUR/KES	133.05	135.20	EUR/USD	1.0391	1.0435
INR/KES		1.5218	USD/INR	85.36	84.87
			AUD/USD	0.6238	0.6240
			Commodities		
			Gold	2634.68	2603.85
			Brent Crude	74.82	74.60

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	9.8946%	9.9546%	-
182 Days	10.0216%	10.0216%	-
364 Days	11.4095%	11.5372%	-
KES INFLATION	2.720%	3.600%	-
KES CBR	11.25%	12.00%	-
FED RATE	4.25%	4.50%	-
ECB RATE	3.00%	3.25%	-
BOE RATE	4.75%	5.00%	-
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	-

Top News

Oil: Oil prices nudged higher on Thursday, the first day of trade for 2025, as investors returning from holidays cautiously eyed a recovery in China's economy and fuel demand following a pledge by President Xi Jinping to promote growth.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asian stocks traded mixed Thursday, with China stocks leading losses as several major markets resumed trading after New Year's Day holiday.

International Markets

USD: The U.S. dollar kicked off 2025 on the front foot on Thursday after a strong year of gain against most currencies, with the yen sliding toward its lowest level in more than five months as investors ponder U.S. interest rates staying higher for longer.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair remains on the defensive around 1.2510 on Thursday during the Asian session, pressured by the stronger US Dollar (USD) broadly. The prospect that the Federal Reserve will slow the easing cycle this year supports the Greenback against the Pound Sterling (GBP).

EUR: EUR/USD continues to lose ground for the fourth successive day, trading around 1.0350 during the Asian hours on Thursday. The Euro faces challenges as the European Central Bank (ECB) maintains dovish guidance on interest rates policy for this year.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) remains weak on Thursday. The reasons attributed to the weakening in the local currency are an increase in demand for US Dollar (USD) from importers, a higher 10-year US Treasury yield and concerns about India's slowing economic growth. On the other hand, the downside for the INR might be limited as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will likely continue to intervene in the currency market to curb volatility.

Source: Reuters.

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